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The California Energy Commission (CEC) seeks input and comments on how the CEC's Solar Equipment Lists are used by participants. The information will help the CEC determine whether to make any modifications. To facilitate information gathering and to better identify use cases, staff developed the questions below and seeks feedback from stakeholders by April 14, 2023.

Background

The CEC developed the Solar Equipment Lists under Senate Bill 1 (Murray, Chapter 132, Statutes of 2006) to establish criteria and standards for solar incentive programs under the California Solar Initiative, such as the New Solar Home Partnership Program (NSHP). The lists include photovoltaic modules, inverters, meters, and related solar energy equipment that meets national safety and performance standards. The lists are available online at <https://solarequipment.energy.ca.gov/Home/Index>.

These lists provide information and data that facilitates research, modeling, and utility grid connection services for consumers and state and local programs. Given the widespread use of the data, the CEC seeks input about how stakeholders utilize the Solar Equipment Lists and the type of value they provide.

Request for Information

Feedback is requested on the questions below. Stakeholders are not required to respond to every question in this request for information (RFI) but are encouraged to respond specifically to those questions closest in line with their knowledge and experience.

1. What entity, if any, do you represent or are you affiliated with?
2. What is your/your organization's primary use of the Solar Equipment Lists?

3. How often do you download or reference the Solar Equipment Lists from the Solar Equipment Lists website at <https://solarequipment.energy.ca.gov/Home/Index?>
 - a. Less than 1 time per month
 - b. 1 to 3 times per month
 - c. More than 3 times per month
 - d. Other - please explain:
4. Please provide information on how the Solar Equipment Lists assist you/your organization with everyday business needs:
 - i. How do they integrate with your operations?
 - ii. How would you describe the value of the lists to your efforts?
 - iii. If applicable, approximately how many interconnection applications/permits to operate do you process, on a monthly basis, using the data on the Solar Equipment Lists?
5. Roughly how much time do you save on a weekly or monthly basis by using the data on the Solar Equipment Lists, as opposed to not having the lists as a reference?
6. Is there a format that would improve the effectiveness of the lists or ability to use them?
7. Can you substitute the data from the Solar Equipment Lists with another data source? How would your program(s) be impacted without this resource?
8. As an equipment manufacturer (if applicable), what are the benefits of having your equipment listed on the Solar Equipment Lists?
9. Please share any other feedback you would like us to consider.

Submitting Comments to the CEC Docket

Written comments must be submitted by **April 14, 2023, at 5 p.m. PST**. Written comments, attachments, and contact information (for example, address, telephone number, email address) will become part of the public record, with access available via any internet search engine.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page](#), available at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=18-SOLAR-01>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached in a format consistent with California Code of Regulations, Title 20 section, 1208.1. The maximum file size is 10 MB.

Written materials may also be submitted by email. Include the docket number 18-SOLAR-01 and "Solar Equipment Lists RFI" in the subject line and send to docket@energy.ca.gov.

If preferred, a paper copy may be submitted to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit
Re: Docket No. 18-SOLAR-01
715 P Street
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Direct questions on the subject matter of this RFI to the Solar Equipment List hotline at solarequipment@energy.ca.gov or call 916-654-4120.

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Availability of Documents

All records for the process will be accessible in the [Solar Equipment Lists Program Implementation](#) docket 18-SOLAR-01, available at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=18-SOLAR-01>. When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those on the Solar Equipment subscription list. To receive these notices subscribe at the [Solar Equipment Lists webpage](#), available at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/solar-equipment-lists>.