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Re: Responses to Block Allocation and Closing Feedback Request.

Comments

Prevailing Wage

We feel that the excess burden of certified payroll and all that is involved with prevailing wage will only end up costing the taxpayer/consumer in the end. Unfortunately with the implementation of prevailing wage this will cost the taxpayer, the IPA, and everyone involved with the program unneeded excess work. Our company has filed multiple prevailing wage complaints dating back to early 2020 and the Illinois Department of Labor still has not responded. Now you compound thousands of jobs on top of this it will be impossible for everyone. All of our current employees/contractors make in excess of prevailing wage but if certified payroll needs to be implemented, it will only cost the consumer more. All jobs under the 25KW threshold should not be subject to prevailing wage. If they must, they should not require certified payroll.

Public Schools

We were glad to see the IPA identified a category for public schools. Most schools we have talked to about solar would like to own their own system and avoid PPA's and leases. Since schools cannot take any tax credits we hope that the IPA will address this by raising the srec value. The proposals I have seen from other companies only help private investors make a profit and have little value to the school. This is the IPA's chance to make it a fair playing field for the schools.

Utility fees

The current legislation addresses Coop's and municipalities excessive interconnection cost but not the larger utilities. Over the last year interconnection cost have skyrocketed. Any project that needs additional for the implementation of renewables has had excessive cost. The utilities informed us they do not have to give us a breakdown of cost. Also they have told us work that needs to be done then after the fact we find the work has not been done and we have been charged. This has become a major issue and needs to be addressed. At the least the utility needs to give a breakdown of cost.