



Re: Request for feedback.

Raising application fees:

IL-Solar strongly recommends against doubling the application fees. In addition to the millions in application fees collected by Energy Solutions, the state has awarded “Energy Solutions” doing business as Cohen Ventures, Inc. over 37+ million dollars.

COHEN VENTURES INC ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY
\$18,734,965.04

COHEN VENTURES INC ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY
\$17,292,168.00

COHEN VENTURES INC ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY
\$1,083,409.96

With over 37+ million expended and millions more in application fees, we feel if anything, the fees should be lowered, not doubled. There is really no more work to process a 25kW for \$250.00 than a 250kW ? (@\$2,500). Yet, the customer is penalized for applying for more? The goal of the program is to grow solar in Illinois. In addition, Energy Solutions has not come close to running as promised. Last year, it was announced that they would maintain a 2 week turn around on applications. It has consistently run 2+ months to process applications. Even when the program closed, they still maintained a 2+ month backlog. Aggregators have been told improvements would be made, yet remained undelivered. We strongly urge you to reconsider this proposal, we feel it will only harm the program.

Solar Add-Ons

With an increase in demand for add-on systems. (Customers that have solar under the ABP and would like to add). We request an accurate path for estimating how much monetary value the add-on contract will be. Currently, the website will only give them “new system” contract values and it is confusing and inaccurate. We believe the demand for “add on’s” will only continue to increase, as we have a list of people that would like to add, but no clear formula to help them.

Collateral

IL-Solar requests allowing collateral to be held from the first SREC payment be re-instated. By removing this payment option, it has collectively put the burden back on the customer to come up with more funds than really needed. Add the fact that Energy Solutions takes 2+ months to move an application between levels, it creates an unnecessary financial hardship. We are trying to increase solar by making it easier for some one to afford. By removing this option, you have done just the opposite.

Sharepoint

For over 2 years, IL-Solar has requested that invoices / communications be delivered inside the portal. SharePoint has been a nuisance, unsecure, and unreliable. We have been told that they are “working” on it, only to hear that every time we ask. Inside SharePoint, we have received other vendors information and have difficulties monthly accessing SharePoint. The prior vendor InClime was able to integrate it into the portal.

Collateral Draw Downs

IL-Solar requests that the collateral draw down formula be re-evaluated. We recommend allowing the excess first non-full calendar year credits be allowed to be used as buffer surplus credits to cover any short comings that may occur. Currently, these first-year credits are abandoned until the end of the contract. We also request that the “rounding” be re-evaluated. Currently, it is rounded down, some cases are only .01% below delivering, but are penalized.

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