

FLORIDA ENERGY & CLIMATE COMMISSION

Staff Analysis

Subject: Solar Rebate Ineligibility Letter

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Background

As part of the 2006 Florida Energy Act, the Solar Energy Systems Incentives Program provides rebates for the purchase and installation of solar energy systems in homes and businesses. Any resident of Florida who purchases and installs a new solar energy system from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2010, is eligible for a rebate on a portion of the purchase price of that solar energy system. The system must meet one of the following requirements: Two kilowatts or larger for a solar photovoltaic system ; or A solar energy system that provides at least 50 percent of a building's hot water consumption for a solar thermal system; or A solar thermal pool heater.

Solar Photovoltaic System Incentive Qualifications

A solar photovoltaic system qualifies for a rebate if:

1. The system is installed by a state-licensed master electrician, electrical contractor, or solar contractor.
2. The system complies with state interconnection standards as provided by the commission.
3. The system complies with all applicable building codes as defined by the local jurisdictional authority.

Solar Thermal System Incentive Qualifications

A solar thermal system qualifies for a rebate if:

1. The system is installed by a state-licensed solar or plumbing contractor.
2. The system complies with all applicable building codes as defined by the local jurisdictional authority.

If the system does not meet the criteria as defined by statute the application is deemed ineligible. Applicants are notified via certified letter of their ineligibility. This letter was signed by the Executive Director (or designee) and Office Clerk when the Energy Office was located at the Department of Environmental

Protection. Since the Energy Office was transferred to the Florida Energy & Climate Commission, the Commission must sign the ineligibility letter. Changes to the letter include change in agency name and address.

Summary of Action

As part of the Commission's delegation of authority to Executive Director to perform all functions to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the office, grant the Executive Director (or designee) and the Commission Clerk (or designee) signature authority to sign the solar rebate ineligibility letter.