



Rooftop Solar Challenge II – Model Permitting and Zoning for Residential Solar PV in New Hampshire – Stakeholder Meeting

The NH Office of Energy and Planning, with Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont, is participating in a regional grant awarded to the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) by the U.S. Department of Energy to lower the "soft costs" associated with residential rooftop solar PV systems. New Hampshire will focus on reducing the costs related to residential permitting and zoning and the utility interconnection process, and we need your input. As part of this effort GDS Associates, Inc., with Resilience Planning & Design, has been tasked with developing the following tools for potential use/adoption:

- A NH-specific model solar PV zoning and permitting document
- A guide to the utility interconnection processes
- Educational resources including training for use by municipalities

These will be rolled out in conjunction with workshops to be completed by the end of February 2015.

Please join us for the second of two stakeholder sessions on residential solar PV permitting, zoning and interconnection in New Hampshire on Monday, November 17th at the Local Government Center (NHMA, 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord, NH) from 2:30pm-4:00pm. This session will build upon the topics covered at the first stakeholder meeting and present an overview of the draft NH-specific model zoning and permitting document which was developed with input from that event. You will have an opportunity to provide feedback on recommendations developed from the first session, including:

- Making information available (for municipalities, residents, installers, utilities, etc.)
- Simplifying permit application submission and review processes
- Simplifying system review & inspection requirements
- Summarizing interconnection requirements
- Formalizing best practices
- Access to training & other resources for use by municipalities, residents and system installers

Your feedback will be used to help guide development of a final New Hampshire-specific residential solar PV model permitting and zoning document along with its associated training and resources.

We will have call in and web capabilities for those who wish to participate remotely.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 12th to autumn.curilla@gdsassociates.com



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