

Third-party residential solar electric systems

This page contains information for companies interested in offering third-party owned solar electric systems to Oregon residential customers of Portland General Electric and Pacific Power.

Incentives

Energy Trust sets incentive levels and caps for third-party owned residential solar electric systems independently of the incentives for residential cash-purchase systems. Funding is limited. Incentives are subject to change and availability of funding. As of April 5, 2012, the incentive rates for third-party residential are:

PGE customers: \$1.00/watt_{DC}, up to \$6,000

Pacific Power customers: \$0.75/watt_{DC}, up to \$5,000

How to get started

1. Before launching a product in Oregon, contact Kacia Brockman, Sr. Solar Program Manager, at 503-445-7623 to discuss your product and your plans.
2. Provide a copy of your proposed product pricing and draft customer contract to Energy Trust for review. Energy Trust will work with you to determine whether your product can meet Energy Trust program requirements.
3. Sign an umbrella agreement with Energy Trust. This will be a custom agreement between Energy Trust and the third-party system owner or service provider that establishes terms and conditions under which solar electric systems will be eligible for Energy Trust incentives. The agreement will address, among other things, Energy Trust's interest that the systems operate for 20 years.

Requirements

Determination of eligibility for incentives will be made according Energy Trust's [Program Guide for Solar Electric Allies](#) and the [Solar Electric Installation Requirements](#).

Systems must be installed by an approved Energy Trust solar electric trade ally contractor. A third-party service provider may [become a solar trade ally](#) or may deliver its product through other solar trade allies.

Incentive application process

1. Sign an umbrella agreement with Energy Trust that establishes terms and conditions for all subsequent solar electric installations.

2. Submit a site-specific incentive application for each residential installation. The application will be submitted online via PowerClerk by either the trade ally or the third party service provider and will include:
 - a. **Form 220S-PC Incentive Application – Residential Third-Party Owned**, signed by the homeowner, trade ally and system owner.
 - b. Site-specific shading analysis
 - c. Site-specific electrical wiring diagram
 - d. Site-specific physical layout diagram