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Dear Solar trade ally:

This letter announces Energy Trust of Oregon's response to the overwhelming number of solar electric incentive requests received prior to the November 9 incentive reduction.

On October 19, we announced that we would reduce incentives for residential and commercial solar electric systems, effective November 9. During that three-week period, we received more than 290 incentive applications totaling more than 14.5 MW of capacity. For comparison, prior to October 19, we had received 11.7 MW of solar electric applications during the entire history of the program.

Unfortunately, the amount of funding requested exceeded the budget resources available to the solar electric program for 2009 in Pacific Power territory.

Because Energy Trust solar incentives are subject to availability of funding and offered on a first-come, first-served basis, incentive applications were reviewed for completeness and time-stamped in the order they were received at Energy Trust. The Pacific Power budget became fully subscribed at 1:11 p.m. on Friday, November 6, 2009.

Complete incentive applications for projects in Pacific Power territory received prior to 1:11 p.m. on Friday, November 6 will be accepted at the former, higher incentive rates. Fifty-five projects are affected by this cutoff. Trade allies associated with these projects will be contacted directly by the Solar program staff. **Applications received after the cutoff time of 1:11 p.m. will be eligible for the new, lower incentive rates, pending approval of sufficient funding in our 2010 budget on December 18, 2009.**

Energy Trust's budget for Portland General Electric customers is sufficient to meet the requests we received. **Therefore, all complete applications for projects in PGE territory received before November 9, 2009, will be eligible for the former, higher incentive rates.**

Due to the demand on our budget, we must ensure that projects for which we are reserving incentive funds will be completed. **Therefore, all projects will be required to demonstrate progress toward completion by meeting new interim milestones.**

Trade allies will be notified by email of the status of their applications as quickly as possible in the next few weeks. This notification will detail the new interim milestones necessary for projects to maintain an incentive reservation.

Please note that in the meantime, **we are continuing to accept new applications for residential and commercial projects in PGE territory at the new incentive rates.** We will also accept Pacific Power project applications at the new incentive rates, but we will not be able to approve them until we know we have sufficient funding in our 2010 budget.

We appreciate your patience as we work through the deluge of applications. Thank you for your cooperation and your ongoing participation in Energy Trust's solar electric program. If you have questions, please feel free to call Kacia Brockman over this weekend or any of us next week.

Sincerely

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