



Dear Member:

Thank you for inquiring about your New Hampshire Electric Cooperative's (NHEC) 2010 Solar Hot Water Rebate Program. Below are important points you need to know in order to expedite the processing of your rebate. Please read carefully!

- **All projects must be pre-approved before installation begins. Rebates will not be awarded retroactively for systems that did not receive pre-approval.**
- Rebates are available on a first come, first-serve basis. There are a limited number of rebates available in 2010. The rebate is 25% of the installed cost up to \$1,500.
- Receipt of your completed application with supporting documents (see checklist) will put you in the queue for a rebate. If your project is pre-approved, NHEC will send a pre-approval letter to you.
- To receive 2010 program year rebates, your project must be installed and operating and all paperwork received by NHEC no later than December 31, 2010.
- By receiving a rebate, you will be giving NHEC rights to your Renewable Energy Certificates. These certificates are used to help the Cooperative reach its Renewable Energy Portfolio requirements. See [http://www.nhec.coop/renewable\\_energy\\_certificates.php](http://www.nhec.coop/renewable_energy_certificates.php)
- You may also be eligible for a State of NH rebate for residential projects. Go to [www.puc.nh.gov](http://www.puc.nh.gov) Sustainable Energy division for more information. You may also be entitled to a federal tax credit up to 30% of the cost of installing a small renewable energy project. Members should consult their own tax advisor to determine eligibility for these credits.
- NHEC does not guarantee energy performance of your system.
- System installation orientation and tilt requirements: The system must be oriented between 165° and 225° (solar south being 195° in NH). The system must be tilted between 25° and 60° degrees above the horizon. You should have a clear view of the southern sky above 25° and above and the eastern and western sky above 12°.

All documents should be mailed to: NHEC Solar Hot Water Program, 579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, NH 03264. Please call 1-800-698-2007 if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S (NHEC) 2010 SOLAR HOT WATER REBATE PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST (please keep for your records)**

Please send in the following documents, which constitute your rebate application (important note- applications must be pre-approved before installation of your system begins):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ GENERAL INFORMATION FORM (to be filled out by member)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS (to be signed and initialed by member)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ MINIMUM DESIGN AND ESTIMATED PRODUCTION CALCULATION FORM (filled out by either installer or member)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ PHOTOGRAPHS AS DESCRIBED BELOW (taken by member or installer)  
  
Photographs of home or building taken at 1 PM during Daylight Savings Time (summer) or 12 PM during Eastern Standard Time (winter) where system will be installed. Take pictures as follows:  
A. facing the building with south behind you  
B. with the building to your back, facing south  
C. from the south side of the building, facing east  
D. from the south side of the building, facing west
5. \_\_\_\_\_ PROPOSAL OR CONTRACT FROM INSTALLER (to be signed by member and installer)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ SYSTEM DESCRIPTION (to be provided by installer to member)  
A. Location, orientation, and tilt of collectors, etc.  
B. Shading Analysis (Solar Path Finder or Similar Tool)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ EQUIPMENT LIST (to be provided by installer to member. May be included in contract)

**Please send in the following once your system is installed and is operating:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S (NHEC) 2010 SOLAR HOT WATER REBATE PROGRAM COMPLETION FORM (to be filled out by installer and member)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ GRANTING OF RIGHTS TO RECS FORM (to be signed by member)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ FINAL CONTRACT WITH FINAL PRICING (signed by member and installer).



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Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials \_\_\_\_\_



## NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S (NHEC) 2010 SOLAR HOT WATER REBATE PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. Rebates

Subject to these terms and conditions, NHEC will award rebates to eligible NHEC active members for the installation of new commercially available Solar Hot Water systems including the panels or evacuated tubes, pumps, rack, permits, wiring, storage tank, plumbing, labor, and associated equipment installed by a qualified installer. Adding panels onto an existing system or replacing equipment does not constitute an eligible project. All installations must comply with local, State of NH, and National codes. Do it yourself installations do not qualify. Application for the Solar Hot Water system must be submitted on or after February 1, 2010. Application must be received and pre-approved prior to the beginning of installation of the system.

To receive 2010 program year rebates, your project must be completely installed and operating and all documentation received by NHEC no later than December 31, 2010.

Each capital credit account can participate one time in each of NHEC's 2010 Social and Environmental Responsibility Programs.

Program definitions:

Qualified Installer: a sole proprietorship; company; corporation; limited liability company; or other organization authorized to conduct business in the State of NH that is normally commercially engaged in the installation of Solar Hot Water systems.

Solar Hot Water System: any commercially available Solar Hot Water system that is 100 kW or less in capacity. The system includes the solar panels or evacuated tubes, inverter, mounting racks, labor, storage tank, wiring, permits, and other equipment as needed.

Do it yourself installation: any other type of installation project.

To the extent that funds are available, the following rebates will apply:

<b>Total Rebate</b>
25% up to \$1,500 per project

System Requirements:

- a. System must have an azimuth of between 165 degrees and 225 degrees (magnetic)
- b. System must have a tilt of between 25 degrees and 60 degrees above the horizon
- c. System must have a site shading efficiency of 80% or more.

## 2. Member Eligibility

Funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Systems must be installed in NHEC's service territory (at an active member account) and NHEC reserves the right to limit each member to one rebate. Energy produced must be used at the member's home or business.

## 3. Completed Application

Receipt by NHEC of the completed application will put the member in the queue for a rebate. A completed application includes the following:

- a. General Information Form
- b. Rebate Terms and Conditions Form (this document)
- c. Granting of Rights to RECs Form
- d. Photographs of home or building taken at 1 PM during Daylight Savings Time (summer) or 12 PM during Eastern Standard Time (winter) where system will be installed. Take photographs as follows:
  - i.. facing the building with south behind you
  - ii.. with the building to your back, facing south
  - iii.. from the south side of the building, facing east
  - iv. from the south side of the building, facing west
- e. Proposal or Contract from installer signed by member and installer
- f. System Description from Installer
  - i. Location, orientation, and tilt of collectors, etc.
  - ii. Shading Analysis (Solar Pathfinder or similar tool)
- g. Equipment List from installer

## 4. Pre-Approval and Pre-Installation

Before installation work begins, pre-approval from NHEC is required for all projects. After an application is pre-approved by NHEC, the member will receive written notification of the maximum pre-approved rebate. NHEC reserves sole discretion to approve or disapprove of any Solar Hot Water system proposed. NHEC reserves sole discretion to determine if an installer is qualified or an installation is qualified as described above.

The following are required in addition to other requirements listed herein:

- a. The project must be deemed feasible regarding payback, energy savings, practicality, etc. by a qualified installer.
- b. The system will remain installed for at least 10 years
- c. The building that the system serves must be "on the NHEC electric grid" for a period of five years after completion of the project. Failure to do so will result in member paying NHEC the rebate amount within 60 days of going "off grid."

Submission of an application does not entitle member to program participation. Participation can only occur after NHEC has given written pre-approval.

## 5. Monitoring and Evaluation Follow-up Visits and Dedicated Solar Hot Water Meter

NHEC reserves the right to make a reasonable number of follow-up visits after the actual project completion date and filing of Project Completion Form. Such visits will be at a time convenient to the member. The purpose of these visits is to provide NHEC with an opportunity to review operation of the system. The scope of the review of the design and installation of the system is limited solely to determining whether program conditions have been met. It does not include any

safety review. NHEC will also conduct an annual review of this dedicated electric utility meter and may require entry into your building.

#### **6. Schedule for Rebate Payment**

NHEC expects all rebates to be paid 30 days after the Monitoring and Evaluation Follow-up visit and project completion. This visit may take 30 days or more to schedule. Project completion includes:

- a. receipt of all Application documentation
- b. completed installation of the Solar Hot Water system and the system is operating
- c. receipt of the Completion Form
- d. receipt of the final contract with final pricing (if changed from the original contract)
- e. Monitoring and Evaluation follow-up visit as deemed necessary by NHEC
- f. NHEC's acceptance of the above, all in accordance with the specifications outlined elsewhere in the Terms and Conditions

#### **7. Changes in or Cancellation of the Program**

NHEC may change and/or cancel the program requirements, rebates, and/or Terms and Conditions at any time without prior notice to members. In the event of a program change, pre-approved applications will be processed to completion under the Terms and Conditions in effect at the time of pre-approval.

#### **8. Publicity of Member Participation**

NHEC may wish to publicize your participation in the program, the results, the amount of rebates paid to participants, and any other information which reasonably relates to participation in this program without compromising your reasonable expectations of confidentiality.

#### **9. Installation/Completion Schedule Requirements**

Rebate funding will be held in queue for a period of four months from the date of application to the date of project completion. All projects must be completed on or before December 31, 2010. All documentation must be received by NHEC on or before December 31, 2010.

#### **10. Limitation of Liability and Indemnification**

NHEC's liability under these Terms and Conditions will be limited to paying the rebate amounts specified herein. NHEC and any of its affiliates, consultants, or contractors shall not be liable for any consequential or incidental damages or for any damages in tort (including negligence) caused by any activities associated with these Terms and Conditions or in the Program.

The member shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless NHEC from and against all liabilities, losses, claims, damages, judgments, penalties, causes of action, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, attorney's fees and expenses) incurred by or assessed against NHEC arising out of or relating to performance of these Terms and Conditions.

#### **11. No Warranties**

NHEC does not qualify, endorse, guarantee, nor warrant any particular manufacturer, product, or installer and provides no warranties, expressed or implied, for any product or services. The member's reliance on warranties is limited to any warranties that may arise from, or be provided by installers, contractors, vendors, etc. NHEC merely maintains a list of installers and equipment. It is the member's responsibility to determine if an installer is qualified to perform the work needed for the project and the equipment specified by the installer is appropriate for the project.

Member acknowledges that neither NHEC nor any of its consultants or affiliates are responsible for assuring that the design, engineering and construction of the system is proper or complies with any

particular laws, codes, or industry standards. NHEC is not providing design and/or system technical advice and shall not be considered as doing so. Member should seek design and/or system technical advice from the qualified installer.

NHEC makes no representations of any energy and/or demand performance results to be achieved by the system.

**12. No Advice on Taxes, Property Tax Exemptions, or State of NH Rebates**

Members may qualify for a federal tax credit, a local property tax exemption, and/or a State of NH Rebate. NHEC's actions, comments, or written materials shall in no way be considered tax advice, advice on property tax exemptions, or advice on State of NH Rebates. Members should consult a tax advisor for a federal tax credit qualification determination. Members should consult your municipal officials for determination of a local property tax exemption. Members should consult the appropriate State of NH agency for determination of qualification of a State of NH rebate.

**13. ISO-NE Forward Capacity Market Payments, Renewable Energy Credits, Regional Green House Gas Initiative Payments , Etc.**

Member agrees in perpetuity to forgo applying directly or indirectly for any ISO-NE Forward Capacity Market payments or credits, any Renewable Energy Credits or payments, any Regional Green House Gas Initiative payments or credits, and any other environmental or energy credits or payments resulting from this project. NHEC reserves the right to apply for the above-mentioned payments and/or credits and to receive such payments and/or credits for its own use.

Member reserves the right to apply for and receive local, state, and/or federal tax credits, deductions, and/or exemptions.

**14. Member Designation of NHEC as Recipient of Renewable Energy Certificates**

Member designates in perpetuity NHEC as the recipient of its Renewable Energy Certificates resulting from this project so that NHEC can receive such Certificates directly from the issuer. Member designates in perpetuity NHEC as the recipient of any Regional Green House Gas Initiative payments or credits, and any other environmental or energy credits or payments resulting from this project.

Member agrees to the conditions set forth in the NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S (NHEC) 2010 SOLAR HOT WATER REBATE PROGRAM GRANTING OF RIGHTS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES (RECS) TO NHEC, NAMING NHEC AS DESIGNEE OF RECS, ATTESTATION OF MEMBER REGARDING BUILDING CODES, AND MEMBER DISCLOSURE TO FUTURE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY THE TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECS TO NHEC agreement and will sign said agreement.

**15. Miscellaneous Items**

The Parties agree that no failure or delay in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder will operate as a waiver thereof, nor will any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire without regard to its conflicts of laws principles and any legal action will be adjudicated at a New Hampshire State court or New Hampshire administrative body of competent jurisdiction.

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of these Terms and Conditions will not affect the validity or enforceability of its other provisions. Following a determination by a court or an administrative body of competent jurisdiction that any provision of these Terms and Conditions is invalid or unenforceable, the remaining Terms and Conditions shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms.

Member agrees to disclose these Terms and Conditions to future purchasers of the property at which the project is located.

**16. Paragraph Headings and Paragraph Numbering**

Paragraph headings, paragraph numbering, and other headings are for information only and are not made a part of these Terms and Conditions.

**17. Entire Agreement**

These Terms and Conditions set forth the entire agreement between the Parties. No other prior or contemporaneous written or oral agreement and no subsequent oral agreements between the Parties will be binding on the Parties.

By signing below and initialing the other pages, member and NHEC agree to the terms and conditions contained herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Printed Name (if Business, Print Name of Business)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of NHEC Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
NHEC Representative Printed Name

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S (NHEC) 2010  
SOLAR HOT WATER REBATE PROGRAM COMPLETION FORM**

Member Name:	
Member Account Number:	
<b>Installer must fill out the information in this block (please initial)</b>	
<p>_____ the system has been installed in compliance with the applicable requirements of the local codes authority, State of NH codes, and National Codes.</p> <p>_____ installation of the system is complete and the system is operating as designed.</p> <p>_____ the final contract signed by the member and installer with final pricing is included with this form (if changed from the original contract)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	
Signature of Installer:	Date:
Member Signature:	Date:

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Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE’S (NHEC) 2010 SOLAR  
HOT WATER REBATE PROGRAM  
GRANTING OF RIGHTS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES (RECS) TO NHEC,  
NAMING NHEC AS DESIGNEE OF RECS, ATTESTATION OF MEMBER REGARDING  
BUILDING CODES, AND MEMBER DISCLOSURE TO FUTURE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY  
THE TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECS TO NHEC**

**In exchange for receiving a rebate from NHEC, member agrees to the following:**

Member forgoes in perpetuity applying directly or indirectly for any ISO-NE Forward Capacity Market payments or credits, any Renewable Energy Certificates or payments, any Regional Green House Gas Initiative payments or credits, and any other environmental or energy credits or payments resulting from this project. NHEC reserves the right to apply for the above-mentioned payments, certificates and/or credits and to receive such payments, certificates and/or credits for its own use.

Member designates in perpetuity NHEC as the recipient of its Renewable Energy Certificates resulting from this project so that NHEC can receive such Certificates directly from the issuer. Member designates in perpetuity NHEC as the recipient of any Regional Green House Gas Initiative payments or credits, and any other environmental or energy credits or payments resulting from this projects.

Member reserves the right to apply for and receive local, state, and/or federal tax credits, deductions, and/or exemptions.

Member attests that the project is installed and operating in conformance with any applicable building codes, if any.

Member will disclose this agreement to future purchasers of the property at which the project is located.

By signing below, member agrees to the terms listed herein.

Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Installed (completion): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Project (Wind, Solar Hot Water, Solar PV, other): \_\_\_\_\_

If other, describe:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Printed Name (if Business, Print Name of Business)