

Massachusetts Municipal Light Plant Solar Program



Program Overview

The new Massachusetts Municipal Light Plant Solar Program, offered through the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) allows residential customers of municipal light plants such as the West Boylston Municipal Light Plant (WBMLP) to apply for a rebate for the purchase and installation of PV solar panels on their homes. WBMLP's goal is to install approximately 73 kW of new renewable solar energy in West Boylston.



Installation Requirements

Eligible solar installations must be 10 kW or less, with less than 20% shading, and facing between 90 and 270 degrees. Municipal light plants are permitted to overlay their own regulations regarding solar installations over the state's program parameters.



Rebate Information

The program includes a solar rebate of up to \$1.20/watt (WBMLP and DOER each contribute \$.60/watt), capped at 50% of total installed costs or a maximum \$6,000 total rebate. Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) earned from the installations will be owned and retired by WBMLP so the environmental benefits can help all of West Boylston's customers.



Tax Credits

Federal tax incentive is a 30% total installed tax credit in 2019, with a five-year carryover provision. Incentive is 26% in 2020 and 22% in 2021.

State tax incentive is a 15% credit of the net expenditure for a renewable energy system, up to \$1,000, with a three-year carryover provision.



How to Apply

Interested customers must obtain pre-approval from WBMLP, then submit an application with the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), WBMLP's joint action agency. The form can be found online at www.mmwec.org. Customers may call 413-308-1400 to check application status.

Applications will be accepted from May 20, 2019 through March 30, 2020. Installations must be completed by April 30, 2021. Rebates are subject to availability.



Step One

Obtain pre-approval from WBMLP and submit application to MMWEC. Upon successful review, MMWEC will forward it to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER).



Step Two

After the DOER evaluates the application, customers will be notified of their rebate status.



Step Three

Upon approval, customers have one year to schedule and complete installation of their solar panels. The rebate will be paid to the customer by MMWEC.