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Fort Collins Utilities' Renewable Energy Programs Update

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Fort Collins Utilities offers solar incentive programs along with ongoing energy efficiency initiatives. Learn more about our programs at fcgov.com/renewables. If you're not already on our contact list, email utilities@fcgov.com and request to be added to our solar program distribution list.

Community Solar

The community solar project to be built on the Dreher Pickle Plant site (Riverside and Mulberry) has received approval through the Planning and Zoning review process. Construction starts in January with completion expected in second quarter 2015. This pilot program provides additional renewable energy options for Utilities customers who want the benefits of solar ownership without the research, construction and maintenance of a stand-alone system. It also benefits those who can't install onsite due to rooftop shading as well as rental homes and customers who live in an apartment or condominium.

Participating customers will receive solar energy credit on their utility bills and take advantage of rebates and tax incentives, while also having the flexibility of selling their system, or taking energy credits with them if they move within the utility territory. The program will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis with a limited amount of panels available for purchase.

To reserve panels and stay informed see FortCollinsCommunitySolar.com

2015 Small PV Rebate Incentives

Fort Collins Utilities will begin accepting applications January 5th for the 2015 rebate program. Confirmation of rebates will begin February 2nd in the order received. If applications exceed available funding, rebates will be awarded on the basis of a lottery. Funds totaling \$375,000 for approximately 80 residential and 7 commercial systems have been approved by City Council in the 2015 budget. The rebate amount will be \$1.00/DC-Watt up to 3kW for residences and 20kW for businesses. Updated information and application forms are posted at fcgov.com/solar-rebates.

Fort Collins Solar Power Purchase Program

15 projects totaling approximately 4MW in the Fort Collins Solar Power Purchase Program (SP³) are going forward. Three projects (Scotch Pines, RCD Plaza and CSU Braiden Hall) are now operating with the balance of sites to come online by June 2015. The objective of the SP³ is to procure new locally installed solar capacity to help meet the community's renewable energy commitments under the Colorado Renewable Energy Standard (RES). These projects will be



located on a commercial customer's property with Utilities purchasing the electric output of the project under an extended contract.

Efficiency Works Home Efficiency Loan Program (HELP)

Utilities offers low-cost financing for energy efficiency, solar PV and water conservation loans allowing Utility customers to conveniently repay the loan on their monthly utility bill. Loans up to \$15,000 can cover up to 100% of the project cost. Visit fcgov.com/financing for more information.

Green Energy Program

The Green Energy Program continues to offer customers the option to voluntarily subscribe to purchase clean, renewable energy for an additional 2.4 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). This option is for customers who are willing to pay a little more for their electricity to guarantee that it comes from clean energy sources. Learn more at fcgov.com/green-energy.

Fort Collins Renewable Energy Goals

Fort Collins renewable programs support City policy as outlined in the Climate Action Plan, <http://www.fcgov.com/climateprotection/>, and the Energy Policy, fcgov.com/utilities/what-we-do, as well as the Colorado Renewable Energy Standard (RES) with focus on local projects. The Colorado RES minimum requirements for Fort Collins are 6 percent renewable energy by 2015 and 10 percent by 2020.

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