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Subject: Comments on "BPA's Renewable rate credit program

The City of Ashland would like to comment on the portion of this proposal that specifically deals with the New Facilities Rate Credit on the table on page 5-12, that designates a credit for a new photovoltaic(PV) system of \$ 500 per system. It is not clear if this is a total maximum credit of \$500 per system or per kW of installed system capacity. Our strong preference and recommendation would that it be per kW not per system. One reason for this is because the City will again be embarking on exploring ways to install another large PV system and making the credit per kW will help in our efforts to do this. It will also make a larger credit available for our customers that choose to install a system larger than 1kW.

In addition, along those same lines if a customer installs a .5 kW system on their home or business, can it be eligible for a \$250 credit? That question needs to be clarified in the final program design.

Finally, why is there a 20% cap on donations? What is the reason and rationale for this requirement? If there isn't a strong reason for this we would suggest that the provision be removed from the final program.

Thanks for listening to our concerns. We would be happy to discuss them in more detail if BPA would benefit from that.

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