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**Public Comment**

Hello EERMC, When Newport Solar recently submitted comments on RIE's proposed Connected Solutions incentive, we were under the impression that it was \$275/kw. The RIE proposal now is \$200/kw, making our points even more imperative. Cutting the incentive rate in half will undoubtedly reduce participation. Homeowners will not be inclined to manage a complex arrangement with the utility where they are owed money and would have to reconcile a complicated equation to verify their payment for so little money.

This is especially true with the reputation the program has garnered from the botched payment roll out in the first year of the program. Some payments came as virtual credit cards that were not of much value to some participants, and several months late; six months in some cases.

As we stated in our comments, a reasonable reduction in incentive of +/-15% per program block would be a much better managed decrease in incentive that would see continued meaningful participation.