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CPUC'S SOLAR INITIATIVE REACHES MILESTONE OF CONSUMER-INSTALLED POWER

SAN FRANCISCO, January 10, 2013 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced that the California Solar Initiative (CSI) has reached a milestone of 1,000 megawatts (MW) of installed power, enough to power 100,000 homes and businesses and avoid building two power plants.

The CSI program has a budget of \$2.4 billion over 10 years, and a goal of reaching 1,940 MW of installed power by the end of 2016.

At the end of 2012, the CSI program had installed 1,066 MW in its general market and affordable housing photovoltaic programs, helping to reach 55 percent of the 1,940 MW goal, with an additional 332 MW (17 percent of total goal) in pending projects.

The CSI rebates decrease over time to help create a self-sustaining solar industry. In most parts of the state the rebates are up to 92 percent lower than they were at the start of the program in 2007, but participation in the program continues to increase year over year.

Said CPUC President Michael R. Peevey, "California has the most customer-side solar installations of any state in the nation. This is a tremendous milestone for California and a testament to the success of the California Solar Initiative."

Added Commissioner Mark J. Ferron, "As we pass this significant milestone, I'm encouraged that the adoption of rooftop solar is accelerating. I hope that many more consumers utilize the CSI

program to go solar so that they, as well as the State of California overall, can realize the benefits from the Greening of the Grid.”

The CSI’s Single-family Affordable Homes (SASH) Program has installed solar systems on more than 2,000 low income homes throughout the state, while the Multifamily Affordable Solar Housing (MASH) Program has installed more than 17 MW of solar on affordable housing residences, with another 12 MW in pending applications.

Since its inception in 2007, the CSI has consistently seen record levels of demand for solar rebates and has seen a more than 25 percent reduction in solar system costs. Weekly program demand data, including new rebate applications, installed systems, and system costs can be found at www.CaliforniaSolarStatistics.ca.gov.

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