

Solar and Wind Rebate Program

A Solar and Wind Energy Rebate Program was administered by the Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT) and provided rebates for the purchase of certain solar and wind energy equipment. The rebate program is intended to incentive small solar and wind projects. The program, in the past, had been funded through assessments on electricity ratepayers in an amount of 0.005 cent per kWh or approximately \$450,000 per year in total ratepayer costs. The statutory authorization for the program was repealed effective December 31, 2010 (35-A MRS § 10112).

As a general matter, rebates provide a relatively straightforward and understandable incentive mechanism for customers who are considering the purchase of small solar or wind facilities. Rebates are a transparent incentive in that the amounts customers will receive and the total cost of the program are readily apparent.

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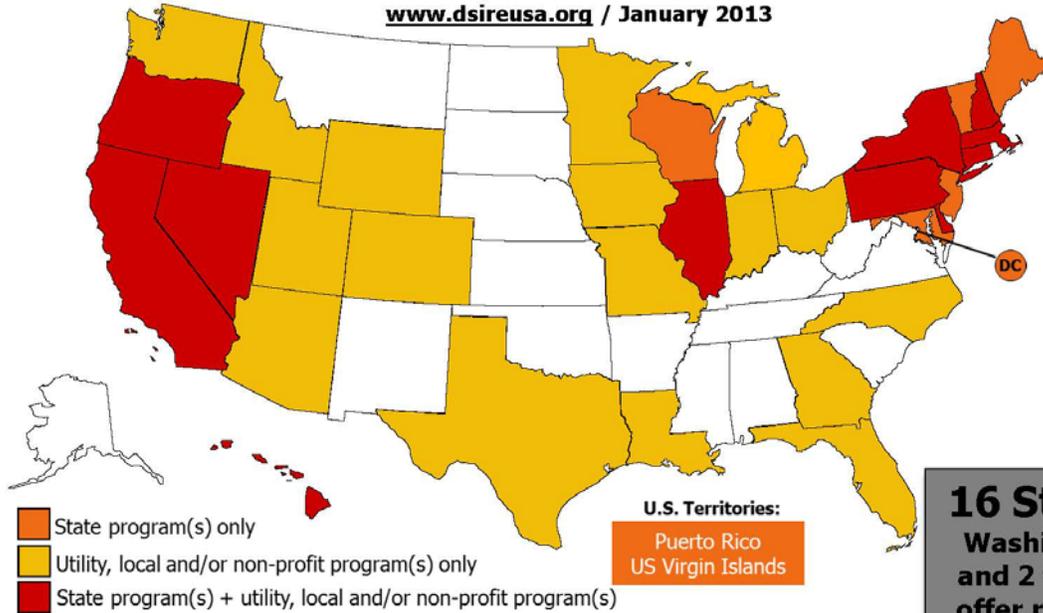
LD 1252 – An Act To Improve Maine’s Economy and Energy Security With Solar and Wind Energy

- Would reinstate funding for the solar and wind energy rebate program in an amount of 0.005 cent per kWh or approximately \$450,000 per year in total ratepayer costs



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Notes: This map does not include rebates for geothermal heat pumps, daylighting or other energy efficiency technologies.