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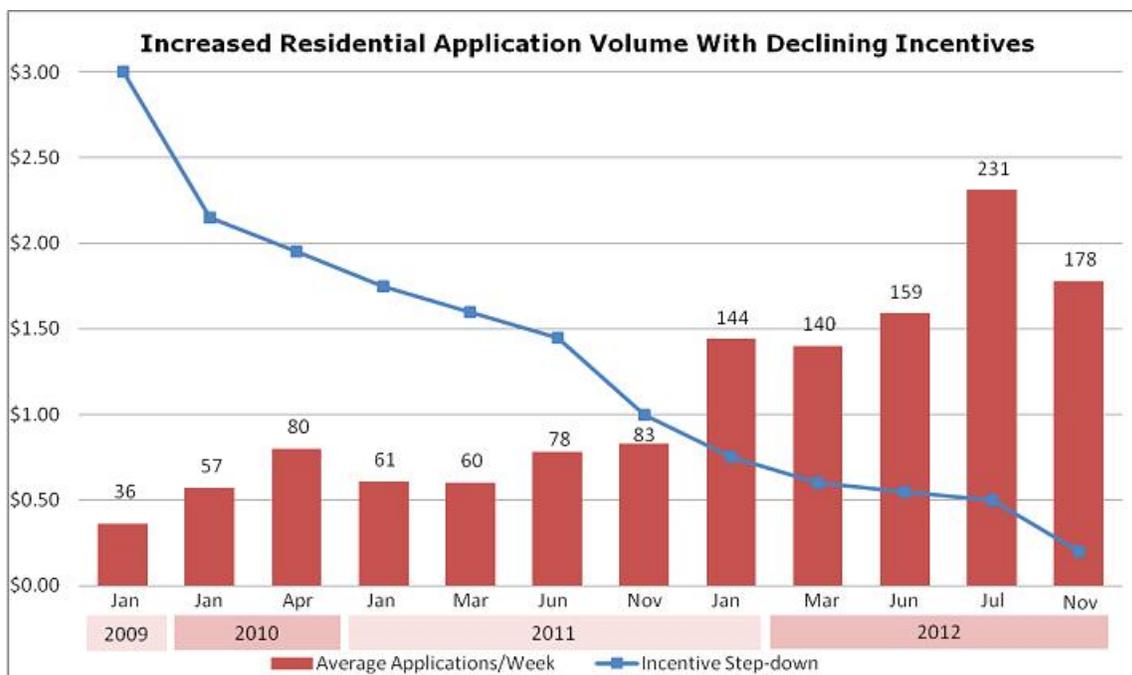
Commission Highlights A More Fiscally Responsible Approach to Growing Solar in Arizona

Solar Installations Rise As Direct Utility Incentive Costs Fall

PHOENIX, AZ—The Arizona Corporation Commission welcomed a report issued by the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) that shows Arizona was second only to California in the capacity of solar installations in the Third Quarter of 2012. SEIA’s Solar Market Insight Report 2012 Q3 showed Arizona saw 192 MW of installed solar capacity in the third quarter, just below California’s 194 MW. This achievement comes as a direct result of the Commission’s approach of reducing incentives as demand for solar increased. This shows that Arizona’s responsible approach to increasing the adoption of solar while protecting the ratepayer from untenable surcharges is yielding success.

“Taking the lead and surpassing California in installing the most solar capacity in the Nation wouldn’t be that hard for a Commission that is willing to raid ratepayers’ pocketbooks to make it happen. What the larger and more crucial task is—and what the current Commission has done—is to facilitate the growth of Arizona’s solar industry, while lowering the costs to Arizona ratepayers,” said Chairman Gary Pierce. “Quite simply, the policies adopted by this Commission over the last two years have put Arizona in the position of getting more solar at less cost. And that truly does benefit Arizona and our economy.”

Under the budget adopted by the current Commission in 2011, 42 MW of residential grid-tied solar was installed in APS’ service territory in 2012 alone—more than was installed in the prior two years combined. In 2010 and 2011, APS saw a cumulative 41 MW of residential grid-tied solar installed in its service territory and paid a total of \$93 million in direct utility incentives to get it. Whereas, in 2012, APS spent only \$31 million in direct utility incentives to obtain the 42 MW of residential grid-tied solar.



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