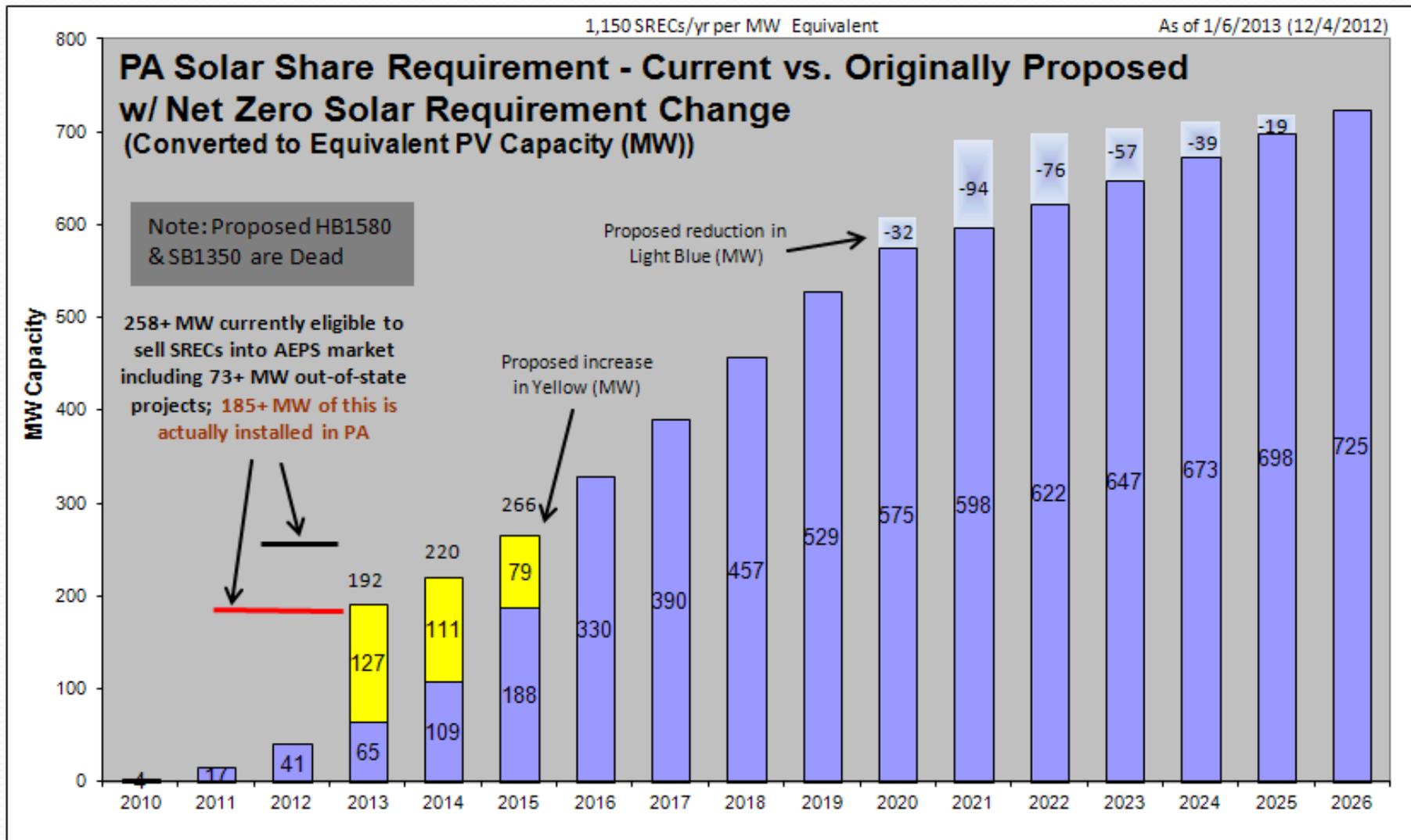


# Pennsylvania Update

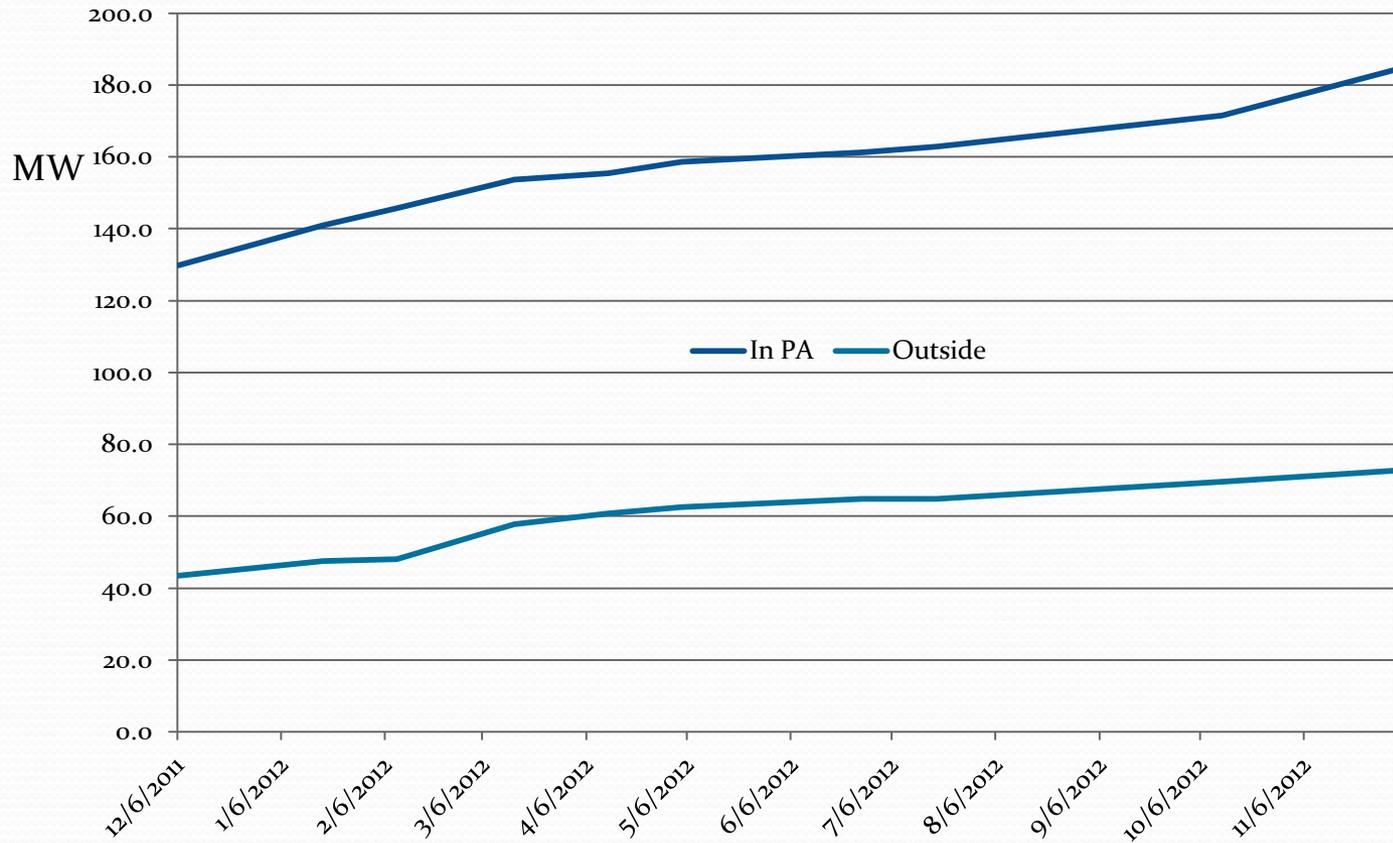
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# Solar Capacity in PA



# Solar Capacity In and Out of PA

	MW	Systems
Total Installed in PA	184.51	6,573
Total Outside of PA	72.83	1,931
Total Combined	257.34	8,504



# Summary of Current Topics

- ***DEP Announces Temporary Reactivation of Sunshine Solar Rebate Program***  
- Funding Available for Previously Submitted, Future Projects for a Limited Time
- PA Rep. Greg Vitali recently introduced two solar related legislative bills :  
HB100 and HB200 100; followed by Committee Hearing
- SunShot Program – Western PA Rooftop Solar Challenge, coordinated by PennFuture – going for second round of DOE funding
- Governor Corbett’s energy plan
- Net Metering Update

# *DEP Announces Temporary Reactivation of Sunshine Solar Rebate Program*

- The PA DEP recently announced that it has received \$7.25 million in funding from the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to complete the agency's Sunshine Solar Program; the program had been in a waiting-list phase since August 2011 because the demand exceeded available funds;
- The funding is **supposedly** enough to provide rebates for all projects currently on the waiting list and an estimated 400 additional installations this year;
- \$7,500 for a residential system (maximum 10 KW) to \$52,500 for a small commercial system (maximum 100 KW); Additional rebates are available for systems w/UPS; Solar thermal rebates are also available;
- The remaining funds will be disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis
- Existing applications in the system that were approved for construction must be completed by June 1, 2013; applications submitted after that date will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. **The program will close after this final round of funding expires, or by December 31, 2013, whichever comes first.**;
- Contractors with projects on the waiting list have received direct notification from DEP outlining this change and are encouraged to participate in a related **webinar on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 2 to 3 p.m.** (*see MSEIA website for more info on this*)

# Two Solar Related Bills Introduced

- PA State Rep. Greg Vitali, D-Delaware, Democratic chairman of the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, recently introduced HB100 and HB200, followed by a House Democratic Policy Committee hearing;
- HB100 consists of increasing the amount of electricity that electric distribution companies like PECO must obtain from all renewable sources (Tier 1) to 15% by 2023 (currently, this is set at 8%);
- HB200 consists of providing \$25 million per year to the PA Sunshine solar program, which provides rebates to homeowners and small businesses that install solar systems

# SunShot Program

- PennFuture was awarded funding from DOE's SunShot Program last year, which consisted of a collaborative team in the western part of Pennsylvania, calling the project – Western PA Rooftop Solar Challenge; This group consisted of:
  - Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture)
  - City of Pittsburgh
  - Allegheny County
  - Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
  - CONNECT (Congress of Neighboring Communities)
  - SUNWPA (Solar Unified Network of Western Pennsylvania)
- The group recently finished development of a model solar ordinance and permitting practices, as well as - *A Municipal Guidebook for Solar Zoning and Permitting*;
- They worked with 24 municipalities, inspectors, code officials, professional planners, SUNWPA, and attorneys who specialize in Pennsylvania MPC and UCC to develop these ordinances; Most of the municipalities are in the process of adopting the models;
- DOE very recently issued a request for proposals for SunShot II - a second phase of grant money for the continuation of a small number of these projects in the country;
- PennFuture has asked PASEIA to get involved in this next phase

# Governor Corbett's Energy Plan

- The Governor's energy plan is intended to focus on accurately reflecting the tremendous and diverse energy resources we have here in Pennsylvania, and how these resources position the Commonwealth well with respect to economic development, job creation, career opportunity and enhancing our quality of life;
- The PA Department of Environmental Protection is currently working with the firm Commonwealth Economics on an "Energy Analysis"; The Energy Analysis is aggregating information from a variety of different sources, including the U.S. Energy Information Administration, with respect to various energy resources we have in the Commonwealth;
- The Office of the Governor requested from the broad spectrum of the energy industries to provide information that would help them with getting an accurately perspective of the breadth and diversity of PA's energy portfolio;
- They sent out a template of questions to PASEIA to represent the solar industry.