

**Sundermeyer, Susan**

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**From:** Taylor, Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2009 1:17 PM  
**To:** Sundermeyer, Susan  
**Subject:** FW: Consumers Energy AR Tariff - Michigan Solar

Susan:

Please file in EW-2009-0324.

Thanks

Mike

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**From:** Vaughn X. Prost [mailto:vxp@prostbuilders.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2009 10:27 AM  
**To:** Taylor, Michael  
**Cc:** 'PJ Wilson'; hrentz@movre.com; info@missourisolarliving.com  
**Subject:** Consumers Energy AR Tariff - Michigan Solar

Michael,  
 See the attached e-mail from my partner in Michigan. The largest utility in the State, Consumers Energy, has great "Feed in tariff" Program that will kick off solar and economic development in the State of Michigan by requiring the solar manufacturer be from Michigan or the installers are to be Michigan residents. This is the way to create jobs locally and economic development activity for all residents in the State of Michigan. In Missouri on Jan. 1, 2010 we need a fair REC determined so solar installers can start to really sell solar systems! More on that later.  
 Best,  
 Vaughn

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**From:** Steve Ellebracht [mailto:srellebracht@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2009 5:22 PM  
**To:** Vaughn Prost  
**Subject:** Fw: Consumers Energy AR Tariff Inquiry E-mail Address

Vaughn, we are making progress on this project. Lots of e-mails going back and forth. This is an example.  
 I will keep you updated.  
 Steve

--- On **Mon, 6/8/09, PO Box: AR Tariff Inquiries** <ar\_tariff\_inquiries@cmsenergy.com> wrote:

From: PO Box: AR Tariff Inquiries <ar\_tariff\_inquiries@cmsenergy.com>  
 Subject: Consumers Energy AR Tariff Inquiry E-mail Address  
 To: spcskinner@sbcglobal.net, srellebracht@yahoo.com  
 Cc: "David F Ronk Jr" <dfronk@cmsenergy.com>, "Thomas J Begin" <tjbegin@cmsenergy.com>  
 Date: Monday, June 8, 2009, 4:48 PM

Ted & Steve,

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Our external e-mail address for the Experimental Advanced Renewable Program ("EARP") is [AR\\_Tariff\\_Inquiries@cmsenergy.com](mailto:AR_Tariff_Inquiries@cmsenergy.com). I have added your information to the list of interested parties that will be contacted after the process for enrolling customers has been implemented.

In general, the EARP is a program that offers a firm price for energy produced by a Solar PV system for up to term of up to 12 years. For residential systems, the price is proposed at \$0.65/kWh if the system is available in 2009 and \$0.525/kWh if the system is available in 2010. For Commercial systems, the rate is proposed at \$0.450/kWh for systems available in 2009 and \$0.375 for systems available in 2010. To qualify for the EARP payments, the Solar PV system must be connected such that all of the energy is fed directly to the utility grid through a meter separate from the customers electric service. It must also be manufactured with Michigan materials or installed with Michigan Labor.

Please note that while EARP has been approved, we can not offer the EARP rates for Solar Energy until August 27th. Consumers is in the process of developing the specific technical guidelines and procedures for participants who will be involved in our program. If you have any questions about EARP in the mean time, please feel free to contact me at (517) 788-0614 or [AR\\_Tariff\\_Inquiries@cmsenergy.com](mailto:AR_Tariff_Inquiries@cmsenergy.com).

Sincerely,

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