## **About Tecta Solar**



Tecta Solar is a division of Tecta America. Tecta America is the largest commercial roofer in the US, with 3,000 employees, \$420 million in 2011 Sales.

We are the general contractor for our installations – our employees do the installations. Subcontract electrical work locally.

Commercial and small utility-scale projects: 200 kW to 10 MW. Customers are industry, municipalities, real estate developers, schools.

To provide a full solar package:

- PPAs structured
- Tax and financial leasing, debt placement
- Incentive capture,
- SREC monitization (selling only for our own projects)
- Operate and maintain

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# **Incentive Types**



Policy/Regulation/ Incentive	Description	No. of States offers	
Renewable Portfolio Standard Solar Set-aside (SRECs)	Law for utilities to procure certain amount of specific type of technology such as solar or DG. Leads to the creation and trade of SRECs.	16 states + DC	
Tax Credit	Reduce tax payment by % of PV system cost	22 states + DC	
Net Metering	Allow to bank excess electricity on the grid and reduce bill	43 states + DC	
Rebate	Partial refund to purchased systems	15 states + DC	
Sales Tax Exemption	Elimination of the sales taxes owed for purchased systems	21 states	
Property Tax Exemption	Elimination of the property taxes owed for purchased systems installed on house/building	30 states	

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# National Weighted Average System Prices Falling





SEIA Market Research

# SRECs bridge some gaps



SRECs provide a material part of the gap in returns.

# But if well-structured and well-facilitated, a good RPS program can LOWER the overall cost of capital.

To do that, RPS programs can be run to enhance certainty of value.

#### Need of systems owners:

Lower cost of capital to lower customer power prices, while making a decent riskadjusted return

- Lenders are reluctant to lend against uncontracted SREC revenue
- Tax-equity is reluctant to provide funding against uncontracted revenue

- Contracting for retail power is a 2-3 year forward market, yet solar required a 15 to 20 year commitment to capture full value. Mismatches result, as solar needs long term contracts, and EDC's are used to short term.



## **Returns as a function of SRECs**

## **Internal Rate of Return - IRR**



State	Washington D	Marylan	Massachusett 🔽	Maryland at Marke 🔽	New Jerse 💌	Virginia 💌
		5-year				
forward at 5-year forward at			5 year			
SREC Assumptions	60% of ACP	\$160	\$120	35% of ACP	forward at \$90	Spot at \$10
Insolation Factor	1226	1227	1209	1227	1185	1274
IRR	18.9%	10.1%	8.8%	7.6%	5.6%	1.7%
Avoided Cost of power	0.134	0.118	0.145	0.118	0.139	0.077

# **Certainty through RPS**



### Certainty: Liquidity, Transparency, Long Term Value, Simplicity:

- 1. **Some liquidity:** serves as a reference for the whole market, provides comfort that there is validation of values, highlights changing risks and rewards. Liquidity requires speculative buyers to stand equivalent to others.
- 2. **Transparency:** How many facilities, where, when allow prediction of supply. Purchases and sales of SRECS validates Prices and Quantities: High, low and average of monthly deliveries is not enough. Volume is meaningful in a retail vs.. wholesale market where aggregation is expensive. Don't need to know buyers and sellers.
- 3. Long Term Value: Long and medium term contracts are to be encouraged!
  - NJ "SREC Loan Programs"
  - MA SREC Auction mechanism soft 'floor' price is intended
  - Utility tenders > 5 years are helpful. Spot/ Near term tenders are not.
- **4. Simplicity:** Lenders and tax investors can only accommodate so much complexity. Conditionality of processes, thresholds, participation is challenging to convert to cash flows.

## Uncertainty is always repriced to the worst case scenario

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