

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO. 09-0149

WHEREAS, The GoSolarSF solar incentive program began its second year on July 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is dedicated to installing solar energy systems that will reduce the City's business and residential reliance on energy created by fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, An increase in private demand combined with appropriate measures to attract investment in the City's solar manufacturing and installation industries could reduce the overall cost of solar energy over the long term as costs of importing such manufacturing technology and expertise are reduced or eliminated in favor of a competitive in-City market; and

WHEREAS, The GoSolarSF program has been successful in providing solar incentive payments for San Francisco homes, businesses and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, It has become clear that the incentive funding will likely be depleted before the end of the fiscal year if the current incentive payment levels are not reduced; and

WHEREAS, the ability to automatically lower incentive levels when pre-determined budget thresholds are reached will make GoSolarSF more efficient and effective by providing continuous solar incentive funding throughout the entire fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, There is currently not a sell-back credit option for excess solar power, and

WHEREAS, Requiring solar incentive recipients to donate the project's associated renewable energy credits will help the City of San Francisco comply with anticipated state-mandated renewable energy portfolio requirements and will give San Francisco credit for reducing its local carbon footprint; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby (1) authorizes the General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to reduce the basic incentive amount to \$1000, the Workforce Development incentive to \$2,500; and change the cap on the Nonprofit Residential incentive to \$100,000, and (2) authorizes the General Manager to implement further incentive reductions when necessary in order to provide continuous incentive funding, and (3) authorizes the General Manager to implement a program modification requiring solar incentive recipients to remit to the City of San Francisco the renewable energy credits associated with the solar project, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the program changes authorized by this resolutions will be effective for applications received by the SFPUC or the Mayor's Office of Housing on and after September 14, 2009.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of _____ *September 8, 2009*



Secretary, Public Utilities Commission