

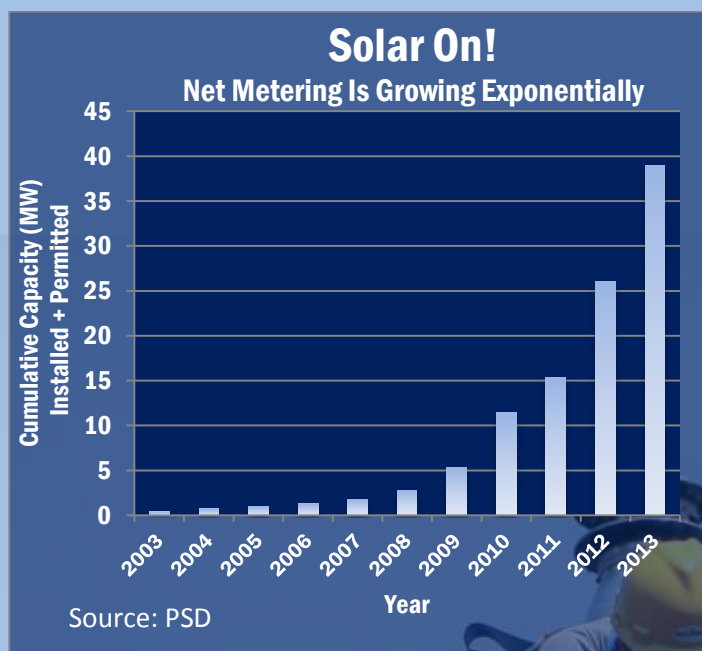
Why Vermont's largest nonprofit organization devoted to consumer protection and environmental advocacy is proud to

Support Solar Power

Solar is a responsible energy choice. Solar power provides cheap power to the electrical grid on hot summer days, when demand for electricity is high, displacing the grid's dirtiest, most expensive energy.

Solar is a clean, abundant and local source of energy. Solar allows Vermonters to generate their own energy cleanly and renewably, reduce their carbon footprint to address climate change, and help the state as a whole move away from dirty, dangerous fossil fuels.

Solar saves money. Thanks to increased distributed generation from solar and improvements in efficiency, in recent years Vermont has avoided nearly \$400 million in transmission line upgrades. Not having to build those transmission lines has saved all Vermont ratepayers money.



Net metering is taking off.
Let's give it room to grow.

For over forty years, VPIRG has been deeply involved in energy issues in the Vermont – working to stop dirty, dangerous and expensive projects and support clean energy solutions. Our approach to energy work is simple: so long as Vermonters are consuming energy, we have a responsibility to waste less and produce what we can in a sustainable way.

For more information, please visit www.vpirg.org.





Vermont's Most Successful Renewable Energy Program Net Metering

- 39 MW installed or pending (90% solar) since the program started, enough to power roughly 6,000 homes.¹
- Tripled the amount of solar installed in the state since 2011¹
- Propelling Vermont to 9th in the nation in installed solar power per capita²
- Created hundreds of jobs (1,300 at 46 solar companies)³
- Generated more than \$100 million in investment⁴

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- Raise the “cap” from 4% to 15% of a utility’s “peak load” demand.
 - (Effectively, ~3.5% of the State’s overall electricity usage)
- Keep solar payments at 20 cents/kWh for projects 15kW and smaller, and reduce the payment 5% to 19 cents for larger installations.
- Create a tracking mechanism that will ensure more thorough, publicly available records of installed net metered capacity.
- The Public Service Board will come up with a new net metering design for the legislature to review in 2016. This new program will be put in place starting in 2017.

¹ Public Service Department

² <http://www.vpirg.org/news/new-report-vermont-ranks-9th-in-the-nation-in-solar-power/>

³ <http://www.seia.org/state-solar-policy/vermont>

⁴ Vermont Renewable Energy Resource Center

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