

Failure to Extend Solar Tax Credits Puts Real Jobs in Jeopardy



MICHIGAN

A PV manufacturer has selected **Greenville, Mich.**, for six new manufacturing facilities. These plants will create 1,200 jobs in a community hard-hit by the economic downturn.

PENNSYLVANIA

An installation company in **Revere, Penn.**, lost a \$300,000 project because Congress has not extended the investment tax credit (ITC). It is looking to hire several installation crews, but is unsure of the market because of delays in passage.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Merrimack, N.H., is home to one of the largest PV equipment manufacturers in the world. The company will build their next factory in Asia if the solar tax credits are not extended.

MONTANA

Butte, Mont., is home to one of the largest polysilicon plants in the world, producing feedstock material for solar panels. Expansion of this plant, an investment of over \$1 billion, is on hold.

NEW JERSEY

Without the ITC, a start-up solar developer in **Red Bank, N.J.**, that targets large-scale commercial installations will likely go out of business and let go of their entire workforce. The company has projects lined up in excess of \$50 million that will evaporate.

WASHINGTON

A company in **Eastsound, Wash.**, estimates that 40 kW of proposed grid-tied PV projects would convert to sales within a year if the cap on the tax credit for residential systems were lifted. Another 20 kW of commercial installations are in the planning phases and will not be built if the credits expire.

TENNESSEE

A small company based outside **Knoxville, Tenn.**, will likely go out of business because of an expected downturn in solar demand if the ITC is not renewed. In 2007, the company had over half a million dollars in receipts.

CALIFORNIA

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. has proposed purchasing 553 MW of power from what will be the world's largest concentrating solar facility in the Mojave Desert. This represents an investment of \$1.5 to \$2.8 billion, an increased tax base in **San Bernardino County, Calif.**, and construction, operation and maintenance jobs. Without an extension of the ITC, this project is in jeopardy or faces significant delay.

If the tax credits are not extended, a **San Diego, Calif.**, company's revenues will decrease by \$60 million in 2009 and \$90 million in 2010. It has postponed plans to expand by 30 to 55 people and will have to let go of about 30 people starting in 2009.

ARIZONA

A new solar power plant located 70 miles southwest of **Phoenix, Ariz.**, scheduled to go into operation by 2011 will not go online without the tax credits. The 280 MW facility is expected to generate revenue of around \$4 billion, bringing over \$1 billion in economic benefits to the state of Arizona and enough electricity to power 70,000 homes.

UTAH

Utah's largest solar array installer reports that dozens of projects that could have been operating a year ago are being delayed due to the uncertainty of the ITC. The company will lose dozens of jobs if the tax credits are not extended.

COLORADO

A solar-electric dealer and installer in **Western Colorado** is doing about \$250,000 in gross sales annually. It estimates that a loss of tax credits will knock off at least 50 percent of its sales.

NEW MEXICO

A new solar manufacturing plant in **Albuquerque, N.M.**, will be forced to scale down its operation to 350 employees from a projected 1,500. The local economy is expected to lose \$400 million because of the cut-back.