



Summary: New Residential Energy Tax Credit (RETC) Temporary Rules for Renewable Energy Systems and Appliances

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How do the new rules affect you if your project is underway? Tax credit amounts for appliances purchased on or before August 13 are not affected. The following applies to solar photovoltaic (PV), solar water heating, active/passive solar space heating, wind, wood pellet stoves, and heat pumps. Please read the information below that fits your situation and note any deadlines. If you have further questions, see the contact information below.

Customers who completed their installation prior to August 13, 2010:

You are not impacted by the new rule changes and do not need to take any action prior to submitting your completed application.

The following applies to customers who have a signed contract on or before August 13, 2010, for installation which had not been completed by August 13, 2010, and who wish to proceed under the pre-July 1, 2010 rules.

- A copy of the contract, signed by all parties and dated on or before August 13, 2010, must be received by the Department (via regular mail or fax) no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 27, 2010.
- Projects with submitted contracts will have until December 31, 2010 to be completed.
- Completion shall be documented by providing the Department a copy of the approved final inspection, dated on or before December 31, 2010, as issued by the local jurisdiction.
- The Department **may** grant an additional 15 days for project completion in response to appeals related to unexpected hardship conditions. Appeals must be requested in writing and will be determined by the Department. All projects **must** be completed no later than Friday, January 14, 2011.

The following applies to customers with existing photovoltaic (PV) systems installed within the past 5 years who signed contracts for additional systems on or prior to August 13, 2010 which had not been completed by August 13, 2010.

- A copy of the contract, signed by all parties and dated on or before August 13th, 2010, must be received by the Department no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 27th 2010.
- Projects will have until December 31st, 2010 to be completed.

- Completion shall be documented by providing a copy to the Department of the approved final inspection, dated on or before December 31st, 2010, as issued by the local jurisdiction.
- The additional 15-day extension does not apply to additional PV systems as described above.

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