



Happy Birthday America! (and a Happy July 4th to you).

Just a quick holiday greeting and a moment to announce the newest change at the state level (State of Michigan that is).

The new Net Metering rules became effective May 27, 2009. You are no longer required to get a 2nd meter. Your application fee is limited to \$100 (utility can no longer just charge whatever they want). Your credits if you over-produce can carry over indefinitely (instead of expiring in 1 year). There are limits to how many can participate and at what size installations can participate, but for the majority of installations these limits will not affect them. For more information go [here](#) or [here](#).

For the past week the Shelby Solar and Wind web site has been undergoing a series of updates, changes, and additions. These are ongoing so feel free to visit and see what's new. The next update will be to the solar page of the products section (later this weekend or early next week). There are some pilot programs (in Michigan) that will pay net metered SOLAR installations for their production, receive a check every year for the next 12 to 20 years! This is in addition to the federal income tax credit and if you qualify, the USDA energy grant. Details to come soon.

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