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## microFIT Program update: December 21, 2012

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The microFIT Rules indicate that the OPA will approve microFIT applications until the annual procurement target for the microFIT program is achieved and that an application that is not approved and given a status of "Pending LDC Offer to Connect" in the year in which it was submitted will be terminated and will need to re-apply in the following year.

Fri, 12/21/2012

The [Bi-weekly microFIT report](#) released on December 10, 2012, shows that there were approximately 19.8 MW remaining towards the 50 MW annual procurement target. In light of this progress, the OPA has decided to allow microFIT applications that have been submitted by December 31, 2012, and have not been terminated or set to "Pending LDC Offer to Connect" to remain active in the OPA's system into 2013 until further notice. Further details regarding pricing for 2013 will be provided in the new year.

## Version 2 of the microFIT Program launched on July 12, 2012

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Welcome to Version 2.0 of the microFIT Program. The microFIT Program is now accepting applications from new applicants. As part of this microFIT application window, the OPA will begin by awarding 50 MW of projects.

The OPA will review all applications that are submitted to ensure they are complete, eligible and contain all required information.

If your application is incomplete, it will not be accepted and will be terminated. Please ensure that you regularly monitor your My microFIT Home Page for updates to your application status.

You cannot make any changes to your application once it has been submitted to the OPA. If you have submitted an application and you later determine that there are errors on the application, a required prescribed form or the additional documentation that you have uploaded to your application, you may withdraw your application at any time. You must then submit a new, correct application that will receive a new time-stamp and reference number. Should you wish to withdraw your application, please send an email to [microFIT@powerauthority.on.ca](mailto:microFIT@powerauthority.on.ca) with your reference number in the subject line, outlining the details of your request.

As a reminder, **if your application was submitted by an applicant representative, it is the responsibility of the representative to provide login information and credentials for each listed applicant.** Please contact your representative directly if you have not received the login information required to access your application.

Please review the [FAQ](#) posted in the Resources section of our website for further information.

Please note that the Applicant Declaration Form has been updated as of November 20, 2012. [View the updated Applicant Declaration Form.](#)

## Relocation Options for Constrained microFIT Projects

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June 1, 2012

Fri, 06/01/2012

**The May 31 deadline to submit the Constrained microFIT Projects Form has now passed. Information regarding the Relocation Options will continue to be provided to the eligible Constrained Applicants who submitted the Form.**

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May 25, 2012

### Attention: Eligible constrained microFIT conditional offer holders

Please note: A new form has been developed for eligible constrained microFIT conditional offer holders which must be submitted along with the required supporting documentation by May 31, 2012 to remain eligible to participate in the relocation options.

In order to provide you with more time and flexibility to commit to one of the options, a new form has been developed to allow you to register your interest without having to select one particular option at this time. You must express your interest by submitting the new form along with all of the required evidence by May 31. **A response must be received by that date to remain eligible to participate in the relocation options. Following the posting of the final microFIT 2.0 Rules and Contract, you will have a reasonable period of time (the OPA anticipates 30 days will be provided) to choose your preferred option, provided that you have expressed interest to participate in the required manner by May 31, 2012.**

Please note: If you have previously submitted either Form A, B, C or D, you are NOT required to submit the new constrained microFIT projects form in order to be eligible.

### May 31 Submission Requirements

**Form:** In order to be eligible for any of the options described below, a Constrained Applicant must submit to the OPA the new form to indicate you are a constrained applicant wishing to participate in one of the relocation options. This form, together with any required supporting evidence, must be submitted on or before **May 31, 2012.**

**Supporting Evidence:** Along with the form, the following supporting evidence is required:

1. You must provide a letter or other written communication from the applicable LDC that demonstrates that you requested an Offer to Connect for the Constrained Project as of August 19, 2011, and the project was denied due to connection constraints.
2. If you are interested in the Built Project option, you must include evidence that the solar (PV) panels had been purchased as of August 19, 2011.

### Eligibility for the relocation options for Eligible Constrained microFIT applicants

Relocation options are available to Constrained Applicants, who meet the following criteria:

1. Submitted a complete microFIT Application before December 8, 2010, and received a Conditional Offer from the OPA that had not expired as of August 19, 2011.
2. Had requested an Offer to Connect as of August 19, 2011, and were notified by their LDC that connection capacity was not currently available at their proposed Connection Point (the Offer to Connect was denied).

### Options for Eligible constrained microFIT applicants

Constrained microFIT Applicants have the following options in relation to Constrained Projects:

**A. Individual Relocation:** You may request an amendment to the location of the Constrained Project to a new location in Ontario that is not connection constrained. The OPA will communicate the terms and conditions that will apply to the relocation of the Constrained Project at a later date based on the revised microFIT program which may differ from the microFIT Rules and microFIT Contract in effect when the original application was submitted.

**B. Assignment:** You may request an assignment of a Conditional Offer for a Constrained Project to another eligible Constrained Applicant. The OPA will communicate the terms and conditions that will apply to an Assignment of a Conditional Offer for a Constrained Project at a later date.

**C. Combined Project Option (up to 500 kW Project):** If you have more than one Constrained Project, you can apply for a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to develop a project with a maximum capacity of 500 kW, representing up to 50 of your own Constrained Projects. The price will correspond to the FIT Price Schedule in effect for the relevant technology on the date of the Conditional Offer. The OPA will communicate the terms and conditions that will apply to this option and the PPA at a later date.

**D. Built Project Option:** You may choose the Built Project Option for which the OPA is developing a process to remediate issues faced by Constrained Applicants who had purchased solar panels as of August 19, 2011. When the Built Project Option details are finalized, those who expressed interest in this option will be able to review the final details before choosing to participate in the option. If you decide not to participate once the details of the arrangement are available, you will be provided a reasonable period of time (it is anticipated that 30 days will be provided) from the date details of the option are provided to choose either relocation option A or C listed above. However, a Constrained Applicant must indicate interest in this option by May 31, 2012 and include the required evidence in order to be eligible

to participate in this option.

To participate in one of these relocation options, applicants must send an email to [microFIT@powerauthority.on.ca](mailto:microFIT@powerauthority.on.ca), along with the new form and the supporting evidence. Please include "Constrained microFIT Projects Form" and your microFIT reference number in the subject line. **We must receive this information by May 31, 2012.**

**If the form is not submitted by May 31, 2012, the Constrained Applicant will no longer be eligible to participate in the above options.**

Please note that Constrained Applicants with Conditional Offers that expired after or are set to expire after August 19, 2011, will be permitted to participate in the relocation options.

If you have already connected your project or you are **not** having difficulty connecting your project, you don't need to take any action in relation to the relocation options. If you have questions about these options, please send an email to [microFIT@powerauthority.on.ca](mailto:microFIT@powerauthority.on.ca) with your microFIT reference number in the subject line, or call the OPA's customer service centre at 1-888-387-3403.

The [April 5, 2012, ministerial directive](#) on the FIT Review results is available here.

## Results of the microFIT Program review now available

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April 5, 2012

Thu, 04/05/2012

The OPA is pleased to move forward with the revised microFIT Program, which incorporates the results of the two-year FIT Program review. The objective of the review was to ensure the long-term sustainability of the program.

The microFIT Program has been very successful to date, with more than 12,000 projects connected and delivering electricity to the grid across the province. The program changes will build on the success of the clean energy economy while delivering ratepayer value.

During the consultation period, more than 3,000 Ontarians contributed their views on the way forward for the FIT and microFIT programs. We appreciate this feedback. The changes to these programs reflect the input gathered through this consultation process.

Key changes to the microFIT Program include:

- Solar prices have been reduced to reflect decreased costs in equipment.
- As a first step, the FIT and microFIT program rules will provide for the awarding of 50 MW of microFIT and 200 MW of small FIT contracts as soon as possible.
- Individuals and farmers may only have one project and may not have multiple applications active at one time, whether or not the project or application is in respect of separate properties.
- The requirement that the applicant must own the land where the project will be located remains, except for microFIT applications from the following categories that meet the requirements of the eligible participant schedule: municipalities, universities, schools and colleges, hospitals and long-term care homes, social housing or affordable housing, and Aboriginal communities. These applicants will be able to lease the land on which their project is located.
- Ground-mounted solar projects or wind projects that have a nameplate capacity of 3 kW or less will be prohibited from locating on lands that are used for residential purposes or lands abutting lands that are used for residential purposes. On commercial or industrial land, the project may not be the main, primary or only purpose for which the property is used.
- Applicants need to have received and accepted an Offer to Connect from their local distribution company within 90 days of the OPA reviewing an application. The applicant must construct their project and obtain the Electrical Safety Authority Connection Authorization within 180 days of receiving their application approval notice.
- The OPA will no longer be issuing conditional offers, but application approval notices.
- Existing microFIT applications that were submitted on September 1, 2011, or later will be subject to the new microFIT Program Rules and pricing and must complete a revised application form.

Click on the following link for the [Ministry of Energy news release](#).

Click on the following link for the [FIT Program Two-Year Review Report](#).

Click on the following link for the [April 5, 2012, FIT Program directive](#).

Click on the following link for the [new microFIT pricing schedule](#).

[Instructions for new and existing microFIT applicants](#) are available.

Archived News Release

## Moving Clean Energy Forward, Creating Jobs

### McGuinty Government Takes Steps to Ensure Successful Renewable Energy Program

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Ontario is moving ahead with its clean energy program, taking immediate steps to ensure the long-term sustainability of renewable energy while creating more jobs, lowering prices and giving communities a greater say.

Following the first review of Ontario's signature Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) Program, the government will act quickly to implement all the recommendations, which include:

- Creating more jobs sooner by streamlining the regulatory approvals process for projects while maintaining the highest environmental protection standards.
- Reducing prices - for solar projects by more than 20 per cent and wind projects by approximately 15 per cent.
- Encouraging greater community and Aboriginal participation through a new priority point system, which will also prioritize projects with municipal support.
- Reserving 10 per cent of remaining capacity for projects with significant participation from local or Aboriginal communities.
- Developing a Clean Energy Economic Development Strategy to leverage Ontario's significant expertise and strengths to become a global leader in the sector.

Ontario's clean energy strategy has attracted significant renewable energy development, leveraging more than \$27 billion in new investment and economic opportunities. More than 20,000 clean energy jobs have been created and the province is on track to create 50,000 jobs, while helping build a healthier future

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for all Ontarians.

Building a clean energy system is part of the McGuinty government's plan to create and support jobs for Ontario families while ensuring we have the electricity we need to power our homes, schools, hospitals and our economy.

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Have a question about clean energy projects in your community; contact the Renewable Energy Facilitation Office (REFO), 1-877-440-7336 (REFO).

## Background Information

- [Moving Clean Energy Forward](#)
- [Support For McGuinty Government's FIT Recommendations](#)

## Additional Resources

- [Read the Two-Year Review](#)
- [Read Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan](#)
- [Learn more about renewable energy in Ontario](#)

## Quotes

“Having a clean energy strategy that supports healthier families, a healthier environment and a healthier economy is part of our plan to create and support jobs today and tomorrow. I want to thank Ontarians for the thoughtful feedback and insight they provided to help us move forward. It's clear Ontario's clean energy sector is evolving and the province is positioned to become a global leader in clean energy knowledge and products.”

Chris Bentley  
Energy Minister

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