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South Hadley Electric Light Department Participating in New MLP Solar Incentive Program

(South Hadley, MA) -- May 13, 2019 - The South Hadley Electric Light Department (SHELD) is participating in the state's new Municipal Light Plant Solar Program.

The program allows residential customers of participating light plants, like SHELD, to apply for a rebate for the purchase, installation, and usage of solar panels on their homes. It includes a solar rebate of up to \$1.20 per watt, capped at 50% of total installed costs.

Eligible solar installations must be 10kw or less, with less than 20% shading, and facing between 150 and 270 degrees. Other restrictions may apply.

SHELD is one of 17 members of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), its joint action agency, participating in the program. Applications for rebate reservations must be made by June 30, 2020. Projects must be completed by April 30, 2021.

Homeowners interested in applying for the rebate can find an application and more information on the MMWEC website, www.mmwec.org. Customer rebates are expected to be issued within 90 days of project completion.

"SHELD is committed to offering renewable opportunities for our customers in accordance with our strategic initiative of enhancing the quality of life in South Hadley," said SHELD General Manager Sean Fitzgerald. "We are pleased to participate and match the state offered solar rebate program in our service territory."

The program is administered by the state Department of Energy Resources and succeeds the state's now closed SREC II solar incentive program.

Rebates will be available until current funding is depleted; future funding has not been secured yet.