Proposed Residential Solar Water Heating Pilot Program

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Pilot objectives

- Develop more precise estimates of the energy savings and coincident peak impacts achieved with residential solar hot water systems as compared to electric hot water systems
 - w Quantify the impacts of household demographics on savings
 - Determine the seasonal impacts and incoming water temperature impacts on potential savings
- Develop better estimates of the net participant costs of installed solar water heating systems
- Identify any participant issues/perspectives on solar water heating technologies that may impact its success or adoption in NC (comfort, maintenance, overall satisfaction, etc.)



Pilot overview

- \$1,000 incentive
- Up to 150 participants
- Participant pool representative of all regions
- Eligibility
 - w PEC customers with electric hot water
 - w Single-family homes
 - w Primary residence



Tentative timeline

- NCUC filing mid-October 2008
- Select vendors & participating customers February 2009 – April 2009
- Install monitoring equipment May 2009 July 2009
- Monitoring phase July 2009 July 2010
- Evaluation phase mid-point evaluation in January 2010; final evaluation in August 2010



Questions?

