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### **PUC Caps Commercial Solar Pool Rebates to 50% and Boosts Multi-Family Hot Water Rebates**

**Palm Springs, CA -- (March 3, 2015) –** It was an expected move by the PUC to amend its California Solar Initiative rebate program for solar thermal systems with the goal of increasing installation of both solar commercial pool and domestic systems in California. The rebate program administered through the utilities -- So Cal Gas, PG&E and Center for Sustainable Energy (SDG&E) -- will cut commercial pool rebates to 50% of system costs effective immediately and retroactively increase the rebates for domestic hot water systems in commercial building effective now and to include those applications with confirmed CSI reservations.

The CSI rebate calculator approved by the California Public Utilities Commission determines the amount of rebate based on the dollar incentive provided for annual therms displaced using solar. Previous rebate amounts for Step 1 were 19.23 for low income multi-family and 14.53 for general market projects. These are now increased to 24.89 for low income and 20.19 for general market Step 1 levels. The Step 1 through Step 4 levels are the fund implementation levels the PUC has approved and which will prescribe rebate amounts as the funds are depleted.

“Incentive funds are limited,” explains Peter Dunbar, owner and Director of Sales at SunUp Solar Systems in Palm Springs. “We continually monitor the CSI program fund levels and also assist our clients in obtaining the rebates under both the commercial pool and domestic hot water programs. This announcement by the PUC is extremely good news for owners of multi-family properties and will shorten the payback on many systems to just a year or shorter. It is also still good news for commercial pool owners since having 50% of the system paid will continue to make sense until the available funds are exhausted.”

### **About SunUp Solar Systems:**

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