



What AIM and the Utilities Aren't Telling You About Solar Power

The utility companies and the Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM) are claiming that solar power incentives will “siphon” huge amounts of money from ratepayers over the next ten years.

What are they not telling you?

Solar power is a **crucial investment in our power infrastructure** with a huge payoff. Look at the math below from this official state report¹ to see how a strong solar program will save Massachusetts ratepayers more than **half a billion dollars** in the coming years.

Costs of Solar	Benefits of Solar	
\$1.5 billion solar incentives	\$949 million	Avoided transmission costs
	\$772 million	Avoided costs to build new dirty power plants
	\$87 million	Effects on energy market
	\$306 million	Other avoided costs and reduced environmental impacts
Total Cost: \$1.5 billion	Total Benefit: \$2.1 billion	
Net benefit: \$600 million		

These numbers don't even account for the health benefits of reduced pollution, or the larger economic impact of our state's vibrant solar industry. Why are AIM and the utilities hiding these numbers?

Because they are trying to stop Massachusetts's solar success, and are arguing against an immediate raise in **net metering caps**. Without a raise, our state's entire solar industry could collapse, along with 12,000 jobs.

Don't let AIM and the utilities dirty the water around our state's best clean energy source. Get the real facts at www.solarisworking.org.

¹ <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/doer/rps-aps/solar-consultants-report-final-task-3b-093013.pdf>, pg. 24