

36. To what extent is distributed generation supplying the energy needs of Michigan customers?

Michigan will have approximately 50 MW of renewable distributed generation in 2015. DTE Electric's SolarCurrents program will bring approximately 7 MW of customer-owned and 15 MW of Company-owned solar projects and 6.4 MW of landfill gas generation projects online through 2015. Consumers Energy will bring approximately 5.25 MW of customer-owned solar and contracts for approximately 9.8 MW resulting from its small project request for proposals online through 2015. Both of these Company's customer-owned pilot programs provide payments or electric bill credits for generation produced by the customer's photovoltaic installation over a long term contract. Through 2011 Michigan had over 6.1 MW of customer-owned grid-tied renewable energy projects enrolled in net-metering programs.

Source:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/NetMeteringReport_Aug2012_396259_7.pdf

<http://www.consumersenergy.com/content.aspx?id=4844>

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