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Comments: Dear AEMC

Regarding rule change ERC0311 I feel solar owners should not pay a solar tax.

South Australia has the answers for solar input.

Apparently the solar tax is to discourage solar being exported to the grid when demand is low. Now in South Australia the NetWork company has installed in some transformers in the grid so they can raise or lower the output voltage. Meaning that at mid-day in some suburbs where there is too much solar being exported the NetWork company can curtail solar exports. No need for a tax on non exported solar. Meaning as the evening comes and demand in the suburb increases the voltage in the transformers is varied and solar starts exporting again.

The beauty of this is the curtailment of solar exports can be limited to only suburbs that present a problem.

Also there is rules being made so inverters can be turned off remotely, once again no solar export so no tax is required.

I expect inverter manufacturers will develop inverters that still send solar to power the house but solar exports will be curtailed when the inverter is told to stop exporting solar. I understand some inverters already have this capability.

So you see unwanted solar exports are already being controlled.

A regulating body sets the NetWork companies charges, and NetWork companies divide costs to consumers. Solar exports are already being controlled so there should no solar tax on solar exports which is going to be curtailed according to the wishes of NetWork companies and the AEMO.

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