



## The SunWatts Solar Water Heating 2016 Incentive Program Overview

Solar water heating can save as much as \$400 per year in energy bills!

SSVEC will pay an incentive of 25 cents for every kilowatt-hour saved over traditional water heating in the unit's first year of operation based on the OG-300 rating.

The SunWatts Solar Water Heating Incentive Program is easy. Just follow these steps.

(1) You must be an SSVEC member and the unit must be sited in SSVEC's service territory. **SouthWest Gas customers who have gas water heaters are NOT eligible for SunWatts Incentives.** Check with SW GAS for Incentives

(2) A Sun Watts Incentive reservation form must be completed and submitted to SSVEC. The member will be placed on the reservation list on the date the reservation form is received by SSVEC. The member will then have 6 months to complete the project or the reserved funds will be released and you would have to reapply..

(3) **Install a qualifying solar water heating system.** All solar water hearing systems must meet the system and installation requirements as outlined by the OG-300 rating of the national Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (SRCC).

OG-300 minimum standards include:

1. Solar collector meets SRCC Standard 100, "Test Methods and Minimum Standards for Certifying Solar collectors." The solar collector must also be rated according to SRCC Document RM-1, "Methodology for Determining the Thermal Performance Ratings of Solar Collectors."
2. For passive systems (ICS, self-pumping and thermosypon), the system must meet SRCC TM-1 standard, (SDHW System and Component Test Protocols."
3. All components must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
4. Documented proof that the system meets SRCC minimum standards for reliability, safety, operation, servicing and installations.
5. Installation must be completed in a professional, workmanlike and safe manner.

(4) Signing the Incentive request gives SSVEC the rights to count the green output of your solar water heating system as part of SSVEC's renewable energy portfolio.

(5) Once the unit is installed and operational, you own it and are responsible for it. As the owner of the system, you are solely responsible for normal system repairs to the unit, including labor.

(6) To receive your Incentive, you must submit the following to SSVEC:

- A signed SunWatts Solar Water Heating Incentive Request Form. (see reverse side of this sheet)
- Copies of receipts of purchase of your solar water heating unit.
- Signed W-9 IRS form

Please mail completed form(s) to: SSVEC, Member Services Department, 311 E. Wilcox Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.

**Keep a copy for your records.**

Each year, SSVEC must report to the Arizona Corporation Commission how many kilowatts of renewable (i.e., green) energy it produces. By signing the enrollment form and receiving the Incentive, you are giving SSVEC the authorization to count the 'green' output of your solar water heating system as part of SSVEC's total 'green' energy generation portfolio. This does NOT affect your ability to claim state and federal tax credits for your system.

SSVEC reserves the right to refuse payment of a Incentive based on the following, including but not limited to: failure to meet the qualifications as set forth in this handbook, incomplete enrollment materials, insufficient system testing or certification, installation and/or testing/certification of PV by an unlicensed electrician.

For a complete list of OG-300 standards, visit: [www.solar-rating.org](http://www.solar-rating.org).



# 2016 Solar Water Heater Incentive Request Form

After you have installed your Solar Water Heating systems complete this form and send it to Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SSVEC). We will verify the OG-300 rating and issue an incentive. Incentives are typically processed within 30-60 days of receiving this form.

By signing this form I affirm that a Solar Water Heating system has been installed at this address replacing an electric, propane, or non-Southwest Gas\* water heater.

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed)

Customer Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing, I am assigning my rights associated with environmental credits to SSVEC.**

### Solar Water Heater Unit Specifications:

Installer:	
Manufacturer/ Company	
System Name	
System Model	
System Number	

**Please include a copy of the invoice for your purchase.**

**Completed Incentive form and invoice must be received within 60 days of installation.**

Please return this form to your local SSVEC office or mail to:  
SSVEC, Member Services Department, 311 E. Wilcox Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

\* Southwest Gas has a program to provide incentives for solar water heating.