

## **Triennial Plan VI RFI Comment**

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There is a need to help support rural, underserved, low income communities receive electricity at affordable rates. There's a move now in Maine. That some towns, or CSA'S, not for profit organizations, are beginning to build small solar PV farms, 1-2Megawatt and offer entry into these farms at costs very competitive and well below the cost of paying companies to do roof or ground mounted PV systems at individual dwellings. Memberships into these is no different Than actually owning your own array on your own roof or ground mount and it works exactly as net metering would. You do not need to be close to the farm either. There is two perfect examples going on now: Norway Me through Center for Ecologically Based Economy and in Alfred, Maine at Wolf Pine Farm.CSA. These models could be duplicated all over Maine and making it even more affordable with Efficiency Maine Trust. Maybe Green Bank involved by providing financial assistance to all not for profits that will duplicate this model and require that a certain portion of memberships are for low income. The reason why this model will work for CMP/Versant is that they do not have to upgrade local sub-stations if solar farms remain below a certain Megawatt.