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## Publication of 2011 tariffs for photovoltaic systems

### **Kurth: „New notification web portal assists installation operators“**

The Bundesnetzagentur has published the new tariffs for photovoltaic systems in today's Federal Gazette. For photovoltaic systems due to be taken into operation in 2011 the tariff will drop by 13 per cent compared with current tariffs. This means that installation operators will receive between 21.11 and 28.74 cents for each kilowatt hour of photovoltaic electricity fed into the mains, depending on size and location of the installation.

Under the arrangements in the Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG) the Bundesnetzagentur annually determines the tariffs and degression for the upcoming year based on the data supplied by photovoltaic system operators on new installations. The EEG sets forth a range of threshold values for a higher or lower degression level. Since the 2010 tariffs were again decreased by the legislator, for calculating the degression for 2011 only the notifications of new photovoltaic systems in the period beginning of June to end of September 2010 needed to be taken into account and then extrapolated to the entire year in line with the EEG.

„In June 2010 alone more than 2,000 megawatts have been installed. This exceeds the level of the previous five months“, stressed Mr Matthias Kurth, President of the Bundesnetzagentur. The new installations notified for January to September 2010 added up to more than 5,250 megawatts. Compared with this, in the whole of 2009 newly installed photovoltaic systems provided about 3,800 megawatts.

In this connection Mr Kurth pointed out a new feature in the notification procedure. With immediate effect, photovoltaic system operators can forward their installation data online via the Bundesnetzagentur's new PV web portal. To date, the form for notifying this data had to be sent to the Bundesnetzagentur by mail, fax or e-mail.

„This modern and fast means of data transmission will facilitate matters tremendously for installation operators. I personally suggest that installation operators take advantage of the new PV portal. They will promptly receive confirmation of their registration with all the notified data. Installation operators not wishing to use the portal can continue to enter the data on their photovoltaic systems in the relevant form and send this form to us“, said Mr Kurth.

The portal is located under [www.bundesnetzagentur.de](http://www.bundesnetzagentur.de). The degression rates and tariffs calculated by the Bundesnetzagentur and the figures for the notified photovoltaic systems may be downloaded from the Bundesnetzagentur's web site.