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## The Current Feed-in Tariff



When it was confirmed that the Government had lost its High Court appeal and the industry predicted a 'PV Gold Rush', might have been a little premature.

It has been announced that the Government intends to take its appeal to the Supreme Court. If it does win the right to have its case heard in the Supreme Court then it may yet mean that the reduced tariff of 21p from December 12<sup>th</sup> 2011 can be applied whilst the appeal process plays out yet again.

By going down the Supreme Court route the Government is able to draw out the process still further and minimise the financial impact of having to pay out at 43.3p on all installs registered for the FiT (Feed in Tariff) after 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012.

In light of this the Government has warned the industry against assuming that the 43.3p rate remains in place until March 3<sup>rd</sup>

<http://www.businessgreen.com/bg/news/2141616/huhne-warns-solar-firms-promote-feed-tariff>

I will endeavour to keep everyone informed as things progress, but you can also keep up to date with this issue by visiting these useful sites:

<http://www.businessgreen.com>

<http://www.decc.gov.uk/>

In the meantime bear in mind that the 43.3p rate until March 3<sup>rd</sup> is by no means guaranteed.

If the reduction in the feed in tariff goes ahead, there will be an obverse affect on the income you are likely to recover from your installation. But with panel prices dropping off recently and with electricity prices continuously rising, we believe that there is still a great opportunity to reduce or even eliminate your electricity bill, due to the pay back being offered, even at its reduced rate, whilst also doing your bit for the environment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any photo-voltaic related queries.

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