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Taiwan PV association asking for higher feed-in tariffs

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The Taiwan Photovoltaic Industry Association (TPVIA) has proposed higher feed-in tariffs for grid-connected PV power generation than the rates tentatively set by a government energy agency ahead of an upcoming public hearing on such prices.

The PV pricing committee organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) is scheduled to hold its second public hearing on October 2. The TPVIA, representing the island's PV product makers, said their proposed rates are meant to let the committee know more about their opinions.

The TPVIA-proposed feed-in tariff rates are higher than the tentative rates set by the MOEA's Bureau of Energy by an average of 20% to achieve return on investment 7-10 years, in contrast to 20 years as estimated by the bureau, the TPVIA indicated. The TPVIA also is asking that feed-in tariff rates be differentiated based on PV types.

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