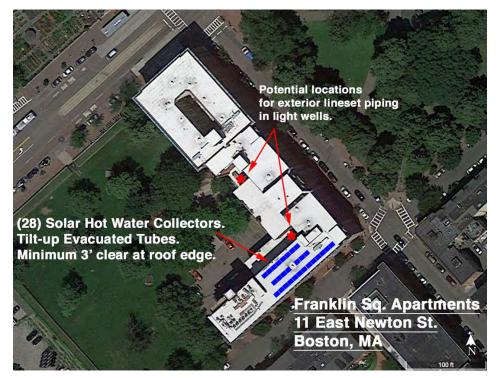
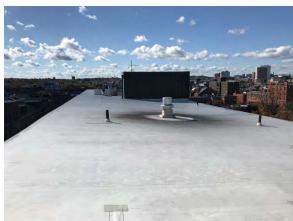
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View SW- Existing Roof



Example similar installation (5'-6" height overall.)



View NE- from St. George St.



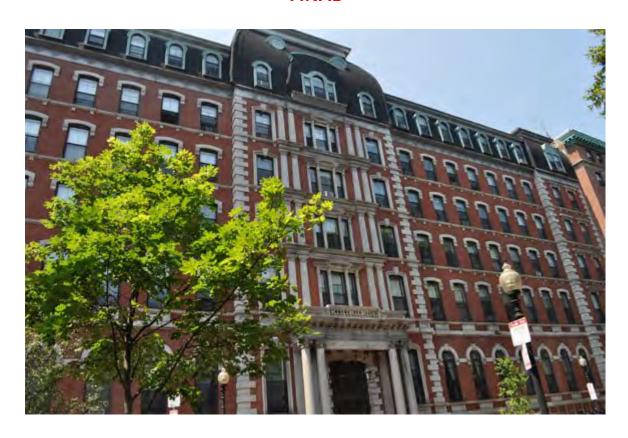
View SW- from E. Newton St.



# Commonwealth Solar Hot Water Commercial Program Solar Hot Water Feasibility Study

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**FINAL** 



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## A. Current Building Conditions

#### **Roofing and Structural Information:**

Franklin Square Apartments was originally built in 1923 and rehabilitated in 2012. The roofs were installed in 2012 and are under warranty.



View facing north



View facing west.

#### **Existing Hot Water Heating System:**

The existing system consists of (2) 119 gallon Vaughn indirect HW tanks (2003) connected to a dedicated RBI gas-fired boiler (2009.) See photo below:



#### **Load Profile:**

The building includes 193 apartments housing 225 residents with 90% elderly. Based on our experience with low-income elderly populations, hot water usage will average 10 gallons at 120°F per day per occupant.

#### B. Solar Hot Water Design Specifications

#### 1. Solar Thermal Collectors.

Design calls for (28) Apricus ETC-30 evacuated tube collectors. Collectors location will be determined by structural analysis. See below for optional locations:





Typical mounting detail.

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#### 2. Tank Size, Type, and Location.

Design calls for (1) Custom EverStor EPDM-lined insulated solar storage tank. Size to be 1450 gallons. There is adequate space for the solar tank in the mechanical room. See specification attached and photo below:



Area for Solar Tank in Basement Mech. Room



Typical EverStor Tank w/ controls

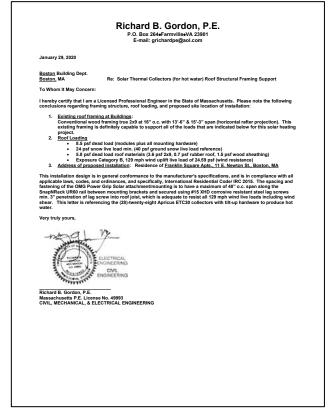
#### 3. Pipe runs.

A combination of hard copper and corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) will be used. The new pipe will run from the collectors across the roof to a lightwell down to the mechanical room and the new tank. Pipe run distances are not beyond the capacity of standard pumps.



#### 4. Structural Design.

Roof approved for proposed loading by Structural engineer. See below:



#### 5. Control System.

Standard Resol BX controller. 20A, 120VAC 50-60 Hz power branch circuit required. The control unit, pump and monitoring unit shall be located near the buffer tank. The system can be restarted manually or automatically should the unit shut down due to a power outage. All electrical equipment must adhere to 70 National Electrical Code.



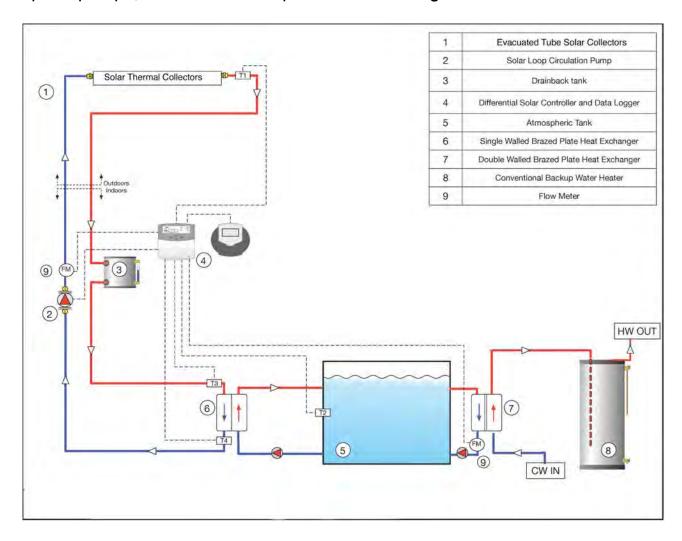
#### 6. Performance Monitoring.

System measures the temperature of the cold water 'in' and the hot water 'out'. This and the mass (flow) gives the solar contribution to DHW System. Hardware to include Resol BX Controller, V40 flowmeters, and D12 Datalogger and monitoring system. Unit is ethernet enabled, MassCEC rebate and MA DOER compliant. Internet enabled data logging of collector loop 'production' and domestic HW 'consumption' required. Ethernet line with connection to "always on" internet service required (by owner.)



#### 7. Solar Circuit.

Closed loop 40% glycol 60% water system, with "drainback" stagnation control. System diagram as indicated below. System to include variable speed pumps, and external flat plate heat exchangers.



#### 8. Thermal Insulation.

The piping and fittings will conform to ASTM and ASME standards with either 3/4" EPDM (rubber) or 1" of fiberglass insulation. On the exterior piping, the CSST lines will have a UV proof film or be sleeved in schedule 40 PVC.

#### 9. Heat Rejection.

No heat rejection necessary given solar fraction, and stagnation control (drainback system.)

#### 10. Code Requirements, Warranties, etc.

1 year system maintenance and monitoring required. 10 year collector, 20 year tank, and 4 year labor and 'balance of system' warranties required. Contract will be "design-build" and general conditions, all trades, equipment, fittings, appurtenances, soffits and finish work, engineering, permitting, rigging/hoisting, rubbish removal etc. need be included in bid price. See preliminary cost estimate/proposal Exhibit D.

In addition, the following reference standards must be adhered to:

#### **IAPMO Codes:**

Uniform Solar Energy Code, 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code, 2009

Uniform Mechanical Code, 2009

#### **ASHRAE Manuals:**

ASHRAE 90003 Active Solar Heating Design

ASHRAE 90336 Active Solar Heating Systems Oper. & Maint.

ASHRAE 90342 Active Solar Heating Systems Installation

ASHRAE 93 Methods of Testing

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

7-05 Minimum Design Loads for Buildings

Massachusetts Building Code, 8<sup>th</sup> edition.

70 National Electrical Code Chapter 2

National Roofing Association (NRCA)

#### C. Project Economics

#### 1. Energy Production, etc.

For detail on system production and solar fraction please see attached Exhibit B. TSOL Report.)

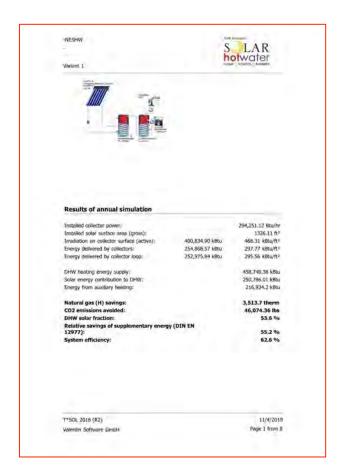
## 2. Financial Analysis

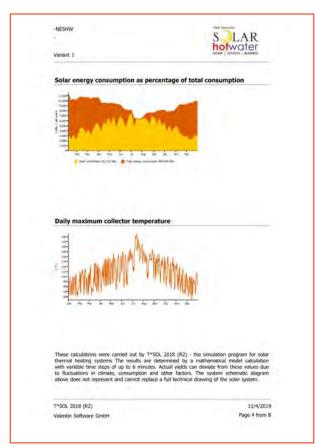
For detailed financial analysis, please see attached Exhibit A.

#### 3. Incentives.

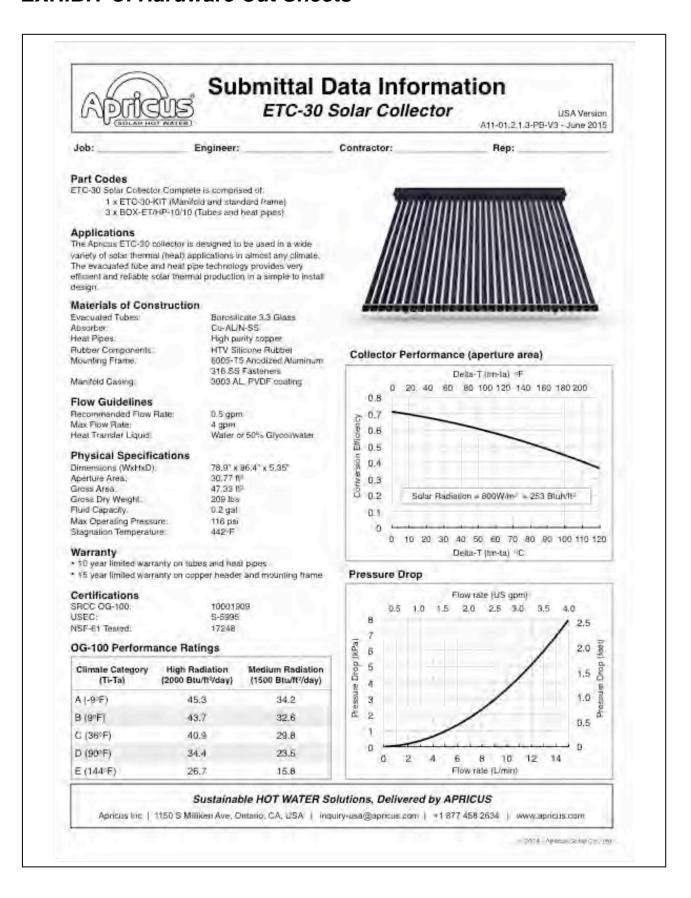
The owner is a for-profit entity but federal tax incentives are not available given the choice to opt for the MassCEC Commonwealth Solar Hot Water Commercial Affordable Housing rebate. A rebate "adder" is available for an approved monitoring system (+\$1,500.) MA DOER large system Alternative Energy Certificates (AECs) will be available for this system after installation. Total estimated incentives are shown in Exhibit A. Financial Analysis.

# EXHIBIT B. TSOL Energy Analysis





#### EXHIBIT C. Hardware Cut Sheets





# PRODUCT OVERVIEW



## **Product Highlights**

- High Efficiency Evacuated Tube Solar Thermal Collector
- Suitable for Residential and Commercial Projects
- Steam-back and Drain-back Compatible Header Design
- Cyclone Rated, Marine Grade Mounting Frame and Fasteners
- Comprehensive 15 Year Limited Warranty\*

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Integrated Solar Thermal Storage

ES' SERIES NON-PRESSURIZED
SUBMITTAL SHEET

JOB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_
LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: NESHW, Inc.

CONTRACTOR: TBD

ES MODEL NUMBER: ES600-1000 (600 gallon min)



- Non- pressurized (NP) storage tank for solar thermal energy buffer mass
- Allows less than 2 degrees per day heat loss at 130F tank temp and 68F ambient (6" insulation variant)
- 4" or 6" rigid polyurethane insulation (top and sides), 4" (bottom)
- Surface mounting of all piping and electrical subsystems
- .060" EPDM liner
- Temperature rating:
  - o 180F (constant)
  - o 195F (intermittent)
- · NSF-61 approved external heat exchangers (field installed) required for potable water heating

#### Specification

The ES series non-pressurized (NP) commercial storage tanks shall be fabricated by Everstor Inc. The external frame shall be  $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 2  $\frac{1}{4}$ " CRS steel tube, welded throughout. Frame to be primed and painted metallic silver. The cladding to be stucco embossed aluminum sheet. Insulation to be either 4" or 6" in thickness comprised of 2" rigid sheet of polyurethane board. Lid shall be 6" polyurethane board with EPDM applied on 5 sides. Lid gasket material to be 1" closed cell EPDM foam. Tank frame walls shall be configured with removable hardware for field assembly.

# **Typical Commercial Installation**





