

## YOU CAN NOW GO SOLAR WITHOUT INSTALLING PANELS ON YOUR PROPERTY

Community Solar lets you share in the benefits of solar power, even if you can't, or prefer not to, install solar panels on your property.

#### **HOW IT WORKS**



Decide how many shares of solar power are right for you. If you'd like more Community Solar later and it is available, you can select additional shares.

Please download and complete the on-line Subscription Enrollment Form and either mail or bring the agreement to the office, along with the upfront lease fee of \$300 per share, as well as the one-time administrative fee of \$25. Your account will be charged a \$5 monthly fee per share. The maximum number of shares allowed per member is 3.



Once the member has completed the Subscription Enrollment Form and paid all applicable fees, He or She will start receiving solar energy credits on the monthly electric bill. The amount of credit received will be based on the number of units the member subscribes to.



3 shares



One-time Administrative Fee: \$25

**Exit Fee:** \$25 Fee charged if member leaves the program before a 2-year period has expired.

| # of<br>Shares | Up-Front<br>Charge for 1<br>kW or 1 Share | Monthly<br>Charge per<br>Share |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 share        | \$300                                     | \$5.00                         |
| 2 shares       | \$600                                     | \$10.00                        |
| 3 shares       | \$900                                     | \$15.00                        |

Maximum of 3 units per member

#### **Estimated Monthly Production Per Share**

| # of<br>Shares | Approximate kilowatt-hours | Approximate<br>Credit 10 Cents<br>per kWh |
|----------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1 share        | = 150 kWh                  | = \$15.00                                 |
| 2 shares       | = 300  kW/h                | = \$30.00                                 |

Kilowatt hour is a measure of electrical energy equivalent to a power consumption of 1,000 watts for 1 hour.

#### HOW MUCH DO I NEED?

= 450 kWh



= \$45.00

The average residential member uses approximately 1,200 kWh per month.

| # of   | <b>Approximate</b> | Percent of an                 |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Shares | kilowatt-hours     | average home's<br>monthly use |

1 share = 150 kWh = 12.5% 2 shares = 300 kWh = 25% 3 shares = 450 kWh = 37.5%

Please note: these figures are only averages; solar energy production will fluctuate month to month based on weather and time of year.





#### REASONS TO GO COMMUNITY SOLAR

- It's hassle free. No holes in your roof. No system to set up and maintain.
- The co-op assumes all liabilities and maintenance of the solar system.
- No burdensome homeowner association restrictions.
- Subscriptions are transferrable.
- Community Solar creates clean energy that's environmentally friendly.

#### WHAT IS COMMUNITY SOLAR?

Solar communities are groups of solar panels installed at one location. They offer you a solar energy option. This means you get a credit on your bill for the solar energy generated without needing to have equipment attached to your home.

#### **HOW DOES COMMUNITY SOLAR WORK?**

You subscribe to the output from the co-op's Community Solar site for a two year period. Choose the number of shares you would like. You can add more shares at any time, as long as they are available.

Once energy production begins, each month you will receive credit for a portion of the production from the Community Solar farm, based on the number of shares you have chosen.

You pay a portion of the cost per share upfront, and the remainder of the cost is paid in a monthly charge. The output of those shares is credited back to you on a cents-per-kilowatt-hour (kWh) basis. You pay a one-time fee to cover administrative costs.

#### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any residential member, whose account is in good standing, may participate in the Community Solar program on a first-come, first-saved basis.

### AM I BUYING A PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY SOLAR FARM OR JUST THE ENERGY FROM IT?

You are subscribing to the energy produced by the solar farm in shares of kWh.

#### ARE THERE PARTICIPATION TERM LIMITS?

The overall program term is 20 years. The minimum term participation is 2 years, and requires a 30-day notice of cancellation.

### IS THERE A LIMIT TO HOW MANY SHARES I CAN CHOOSE?

The minimum subscription is 1 share. The maximum is 3 shares.

# HOW DOES THIS COST OF COMMUNITY SOLAR COMPARE TO INSTALLING A SOLAR POWER SYSTEM ON MY HOUSE?

While the cost of installing solar panels on your home varies greatly from house to house, the pricing for our Community Solar program is in line with the average cost of putting solar panels on the home — without having equipment installed on your property.

## IF MY SOLAR SUBSCRIPTION PRODUCES MORE ENERGY THAN I USE, DOES THE CO-OP BUY IT BACK?

If your subscription produces more energy than your home consumes in one month, the extra solar energy goes into a "bank" on your account that will be used in the next month or months.

#### **HOW DO SOLAR TAX CREDITS WORK?**

Applicable tax credits are figured into the Community Solar program pricing.

### WHAT IF THERE IS STORM DAMAGE TO THE COMMUNITY SOLAR FARM?

If the Community Solar arrays are damaged during a storm, you will receive a proportionate share of the energy produced by any non-damaged panels while repairs are made.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF I MOVE?

If you move to another home served by the co-op, the solar energy subscription moves with you. If you move out of the co-op's service area, the subscription can remain at the current location or be re-marketed by the co-op. However, the upfront charge paid when beginning the program is not refundable.

## Call 803-276-1121 or visit MySCsolar.com for more information.

Disclaimer: This is a general description of the Community Solar program, but the terms of the program are governed solely and exclusively by the Subscription Agreement you will sign if you choose to participate in the program.