

## Tips for Comparing Community Solar Offers:

The New Mexico Community Solar Program is designed to make solar energy accessible to all New Mexicans while supporting the development of new solar projects within the state. By enrolling in community solar, you have the potential to save money on your electric bill and contribute to the mission of a cleaner grid in this beautiful region. It's an exciting opportunity!

To ensure that you can make an informed decision, we have thoughtfully compiled a set of questions for you. These questions will assist you in evaluating and comparing different community solar offers, empowering you to choose the best option for your needs.

You'll discover that most of the answers to these questions can be found on the Disclosure Form, a mandated form that must be provided to you before subscribing to a project. We strongly encourage you to take the time to thoroughly review this document and engage in discussions with the companies you are considering. Don't hesitate to ask them these important questions! Understanding all the terms and conditions is vital before finalizing any agreements.

### **Agreement Length**

- How long is the community solar agreement?
- Are there any penalties or fees for cancelling your subscription early?

### **Payment Terms**

- Will my payments increase over time? If so, how does the rate of increase compare to expected utility rate increases?
- Are there different payment plans available? If so, what are the options and terms?

### **Project Details**

- Is there a projected timeline for when the system will be operational? When can I expect to start receiving credits?
- System Size and Production
- What is the total size of the community solar system? How much electricity will the system generate each month and year?

- Is there a guarantee that your subscription will produce a certain amount of energy each month? What happens if the system underperforms?

### **Monitoring and Compensation**

- Can I monitor the output of the community solar project and my portion of it?
- How will I receive credits or savings on my electric bill after enrolling in community solar?
- Does the subscription agreement provide the subscription company access to my utility account?

### **Cost Savings**

- Can I expect to save money with this community solar subscription? If so, how much and based on what assumptions?
- Are there any upfront costs or additional fees? What are the recurring and non-recurring charges associated with the subscription?
- Is there a credit check when I enroll?

### **Company Reputation**

- What is the reputation of the subscription company? Have they successfully completed similar community solar projects in the past?
- Are there any customer testimonials or reviews available?
- Can my subscription be sold to another company? If so, how will I be notified?

### **Moving**

- What happens if I plan to move? Can I keep my community solar subscription within the same utility territory?
- What are the terms for ending the agreement early?

### **Issue Resolution**

- How can I address any issues or disputes that may arise during the process? Is there a designated contact person or customer support line?

### **Special Features**

- Are there any interesting aspects of the project such as it being locally owned, pollinator-friendly, or providing additional benefits to me as a subscriber?

**Remember** to request clear and detailed explanations during the interviews to ensure a comprehensive understanding of each offer. Use the subscriber offer template to organize notes and compare disclosure packages, particularly if considering multiple offers.

## Community Solar Offer Comparison Template:

To use this Community Solar Offer Comparison Template, simply fill in the details of each offer in the corresponding cells under the relevant categories. Duplicate the template for additional offers and use it alongside disclosure forms to compare the offers side by side, aiding in an informed decision-making process.

	Offer 1	Offer 2	Offer 3
Company Name			
Agreement Length			
Payment Terms			
Project Details			
Monitoring & Compensation			
Cost Savings			
Company Reputation			
Relocation			
Issue Resolution			
Special Project Features			