

FAQ's – Community Solar

Q: When Did Community Solar Start in Palatine?

A: The Board passed a resolution of support on October 17, 2022.

Q: What is Community Solar?

A: A community solar project is a single site solar installation shared by multiple subscribers. Community solar allows “subscribers” to receive net metering credits on their electricity bill and support the development of new renewable energy resources without needing to install equipment on their property. Community solar projects in Illinois are defined as no larger than 2,000 kW in peak capacity per site.

Q:How does Community Solar Work?

A: Community solar projects generate electricity, and that power is delivered into the electric grid of the utility. The community solar project signs up subscribers and each subscriber receives monthly net metering credits based on the size of their subscription, how much the community solar project generates, and the subscriber’s electricity supply arrangement. Each subscription is tied to a specific community solar project.

Q: What are the Benefits?

A: Community Solar is an easy way to support clean energy generation located within Illinois. Supporting these types of projects helps reduce the dependence on fossil fuels and support clean energy generation. In addition, you do not have to invest in a solar asset on your rooftop, which may not be right for everybody. You will receive a net metering credit on your monthly ComEd electric utility bill for your share of the generation created by these projects.

Q: How does Billing Work?

A: When you join the waitlist and a community solar project becomes available to accept new subscribers, you will be notified by the Program Administrator -mc² - with an opportunity to enroll. After successfully completing the enrollment process, you will receive the net metering credits on your monthly ComEd electric utility bill for your share of the generation created by your Community Solar project under the utility’s default electricity supply tariff service.

The net metering credits, based on your subscription, will appear on your monthly utility bill and will be credited against your total electricity utility costs. mc² then bills you for 80% of the net metering credits to your credit card and you save 20%. The program does not have upfront costs, will not lock you into a long-term contract, and will provide savings if the subscriber follows a few simple steps.

Q: How do I participate?

A: First, register here to join the community solar waitlist. When it's your turn to enroll, you will receive an email from MC Community Solar informing you of your eligibility. This enrollment notice will be customized to your account and will provide a personal savings estimate. After receiving this email, you have five days to enroll before the next person

on the list is selected. On the email, click the green "Click Here to Enroll" button to start receiving savings as a subscriber. If you'd like to pass on the offer, click the gray "Click Here to be Removed from the Waitlist" button.

Q: What information do I need to get enrolled?

A: When you are ready to enroll online, you will need your ComEd account number handy and a credit card or bank account number for the MC Squared billing.

Q: How did Palatine become involved?

A: On October 17, 2022, the Village Council voted to enroll the Village in the Community Solar Clearinghouse Solutions Program through an agreement with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus of Chicago and approved a subscription agreement with MC Energy Services of Chicago to participate in a community solar project.

Q: Is a credit check needed?

A: No credit check needed.

Q: Is there an enrollment, termination, or subscription fee?

A: No, there are no fees!

Q: Is this an opt-out program?

A: No, this is a voluntary program, so if you would like to participate, you subscribe yourself (opt-in).

Q: Does this program put solar panels on my roof?

A: No, this program allows you receive net metering credits from your share of green energy generated by a solar farm.

Q: What is the Illinois Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA)?

A: FEJA refers to legislation passed in 2016. FEJA made many changes to how energy policy works in Illinois, including enabling community solar. FEJA also includes new state administered programs called the *Adjustable Block Program* and *Solar for All* that help support community solar development, however community solar projects are not obligated to participate in these state programs.

Q: What do you mean that solar subscriptions will be first come-first serve?

A: Each community solar project will have capacity for a limited number of initial subscriptions (approximately 300 +/- residents) per project. Residents on the reservation list will be contacted as new community solar subscription opportunities become available through mc² as subscription agent for the project developer.

Q: Who is eligible for the Community Solar program?

A: Residential rate class, watt-hour and small commercial rate class (0-100 kW) customers are eligible.

Q: How do I reconcile my bill?

A: A Renewable Community Supply Credit will appear on your monthly ComEd electric utility bill for your share of the actual solar generation created by the Community Solar project. This monthly community solar credit can be found listed within the "Supply" portion of your ComEd bill statement, reducing your monthly electricity utility supply costs.

RENEWABLE COMMUNITY SUPPLY DETAILS					
Generation Period	Project Name	Phone Number	Generation kWh	Rate	Total
9/1 - 10/1	Lena Solar 1 Llc	312.300.5657	267.1746	-0.05924	-\$15.83

CHARGE DETAILS			MISCELLANEOUS	
Residential - Multiple 9/24/21 - 10/25/21 (31 Days)			Service Period Total	\$16.16
 SUPPLY			Community Supply Generation Credit	-\$0.00
Electricity Supply Charge	171 kWh X 0.06424	\$10.99	Thank you for your payment of \$28.68 on October 20, 2021	
Transmission Services Charge	171 kWh X 0.01353	\$2.31	Total Amount Due	\$16.16
Purchased Electricity Adjustment		-\$0.86	UPDATES	
Renewable Community Supply Credit		-\$15.83		

MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (mc²) will separately bill you for 80% of the monthly community solar credit received, as the program subscription fee, using the credit/debit card that was provided during the secure on-line enrollment process. The net result is a savings of 20% of the solar generation credits to you!

The community solar subscription invoice from mc² will be sent after the monthly generation data from the community solar project is reconciled and validated with ComEd which means that there could be up to a one-month lag of the subscription fee invoice depending on your meter read cycle timing. To reconcile the net savings for a specific month, please refer to the billing period listed on your recent mc² subscription fee invoice and compare to the corresponding generation period listed on your ComEd electric utility bill. An example is shown below.

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Statement Date: Nov 16, 2021

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**Total Amount Due
by December 2, 2021** **\$12.66**

Previous Balance \$0.00

Balance Remaining \$0.00

Billing Period - Sep 1, 2021 to Sep 30, 2021

Solar Credits Received 267.1800 kWh X 0.05924 \$15.83

Discount Plan 20% Savings \$-3.17

Total Charges **\$12.66****Total Amount Due** **\$12.66**