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COMMUNITY SOLAR

Community solar refers to a solar array located within a community where multiple customers can subscribe to a portion of the solar array and receive a credit on their utility bill for their share of the power that the solar panels produce.

Today, more than 50% of American households and businesses do not have access to solar because they either rent, live in multi tenant buildings, or have roofs that are unable to host a solar system. Community solar provides anyone who pays an electricity bill equal access to the economic and environmental benefits of solar energy without the need to install a solar system on-site. It expands access to solar for all, providing energy choice for customers, all while building a stronger, distributed, and more resilient electric grid.

How Community Solar Works



- STEP 1** A community solar project generates clean, solar energy.
- STEP 2** Individuals, local businesses, schools, and others sign-up to receive energy from a number of solar panels, purchased up front or pay-as-you-go.
- STEP 3** Subscribers receive credit on their electric bill based on the energy produced by community solar panels.
- STEP 4** Community solar provides economic benefits to your community and savings on your utility bill.

Community Solar Works for New Mexicans

Subscribers can include homeowners, renters, Native American Pueblos and Tribes, school districts, government facilities, local businesses, industrial complexes, and more. Anyone with an electric bill can receive the benefits of solar without the upfront costs of installing solar panels on-site. Their community solar share will quietly and efficiently produce valuable credits with the goal of lowering electric expenses.

BENEFITS FOR NEW MEXICO*



3,760

New Jobs



\$517M

Economic Impact



\$3M

Yearly Tax Revenue

Benefits of Community Solar

SAVINGS: Create opportunities for people at all income levels and all communities to go solar and lower their energy bills, which is especially important for low-income families who pay a disproportionate amount of their income on energy bills.

JOBS: Create more jobs in New Mexico. The U.S. solar industry employs more than 250,000 people and the Bureau of Labor Statistics expects "solar installer" to be the fastest growing job in America over the next decade.

ECONOMY: Keep energy dollars invested in New Mexico's communities and economy. Analysis shows that each megawatt of community solar capacity built generates approximately \$1.87 million of total economic impact during construction, operation and maintenance.

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT: Reduce harmful pollution and the amount of water used in energy production, which will give us cleaner air to breathe, conserve our precious water resources, improve health for families and leave a better world for future generations.

EQUITY: Achieve Governor Lujan Grisham's bold clean energy agenda that is fair and equitable, because everyone deserves access to clean energy, clean air, and economic opportunity.

Help Make Community Solar Possible for the State of New Mexico.

Take action and visit, SOL-utionnm.org



VOTE SOLAR



*2021 Potential Economic Impact of Community Solar in New Mexico Report.

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