

# Community Solar Farm

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. **What is a community solar farm?**

A community solar farm is a collection of solar panels that produce electricity for a group of individuals or businesses. Each person or business receives a share of the electricity produced by the solar farm in order to off-set electricity produced by other non-renewable sources.

### 2. **Why does Pee Dee Electric want to have a solar farm?**

Pee Dee Electric values clean, renewable energy and as your electric cooperative, we constantly look for ways to take a balanced approach towards energy production and generation. Solar energy is one of the cleanest and most affordable renewable energy sources available. By grouping solar panels together, costs can be shared and power output can be maximized.

### 3. **Why should I invest in a solar panel?**

A community solar farm gives all members an opportunity to benefit from this clean energy source because it's built and maintained at a central location by experts in the field. This eliminates common barriers that prevent people from installing solar panels on their property such as trees, roof size and house location.

### 4. **How much does it cost to participate in the community solar project?**

The cost to purchase the output from one solar panel is \$525. A member can purchase the output from up to 15 panels.

### 5. **Can I finance the cost a solar panel?**

The cost of solar panels must be paid for in full prior to receiving credit on your monthly bill. No financing is available.

### 6. **How much credit will I receive on my bill each month?**

The amount of credit you receive will be based on the projected annual output of the solar farm as a whole. At the end of the year, we will compare the amount credited to your bill each month with that of the actual amount of output from the solar farm. Any variance will be applied to the member's bill during the following year.

### 7. **What happens if the sun isn't shining? Do the solar panels still work?**

The solar panels continue to work even when the sun is not shining or during inclement weather; however, the output is limited.

### 8. **What happens if I decide to no longer participate in the community solar farm?**

If a member decides to no longer participate in the community solar farm, or is no longer served by Pee Dee Electric, the cooperative will purchase the output rights back from the member.

### 9. **Who is responsible for maintaining the solar farm and all of the equipment?**

Pee Dee Electric is responsible for all maintenance and repairs of the community solar farm and all of the equipment pertaining to the solar farm.

### 10. **If I forget to pay my electric bill on time and/or my service gets disconnected will I still be able to participate in the solar farm project?**

A member must be *in good standing* according to Pee Dee Electric's Service Rules and Regulations in order to participate; i.e. no more than two delinquent billings, no involuntary disconnections, no returned checks within the previous 24 months, and no violation of meter tampering.