

## Community Solar Frequently Asked Questions

### [What is Community Solar?](#)

A community solar project is a single site solar installation that is shared by multiple consumers (termed “subscribers”). Each subscriber receives credits for their share of the electricity generated by their community solar installation (termed “net metering credits”). These net metering credits reduce the amount of electricity billed to the subscriber’s account each month to yield cost savings. With community solar, subscribers can reduce their monthly bills with solar without installing or maintaining any equipment on their property.

### [What is the CS<sup>2</sup> Residential and Small Commercial Program?](#)

The CS<sup>2</sup> Program is a program developed by the north shore communities of Deerfield, Glencoe, Highland Park, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Northbrook and Skokie to provide a simple and effective way for residents to support renewable energy development in northern Illinois while reducing the cost of electricity.

### [What is the Illinois Future Energy Jobs Act \(FEJA\)?](#)

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.

### [How does Community Solar work?](#)

Community solar projects generate electricity, and that power is delivered into the electric grid of the utility. Consumers can sign up (“subscribe”) to a community solar project and receive monthly net metering credits based on the size of their subscription. ”). These net metering credits reduce the amount of electricity charged to the subscriber’s account each month to yield cost savings.

### [What are the benefits of Community Solar?](#)

It 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. The CS<sup>2</sup> 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.

### [How does the billing work?](#)

The CS<sup>2</sup> Program uses a two-stage subscription billing process.

First, 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 invoice examples below show you how this works.

Issued **7/21/20** Account # **1234567890**

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 Español **1.800.95.LUCES (1.800.955.8237)**  
 Hearing/Speech Impaired **1.800.572.5789 (TTY)**  
 Federal Video Relay Services (VRS) **Fedvrs.us/session/new**

**Total Amount Due by 8/5/20 \$221.22**

**2. ComEd calculates the value of your share of the electricity generated by your community solar farm (net metering credits)**

**METER INFORMATION**

Read Dates	Meter Number	Load Type	Reading Type	Previous	Present	Difference	Multiplier	Usage
6/23-7/21	111111111	General Service	Total kWh	37498	39396	1898	x 1	1898

**RENEWABLE COMMUNITY SUPPLY DETAILS** This is where the community solar net metering credits appear on your ComEd statement.

Generation Period	Project Name	Phone Number	Generation kWh	Rate	Total
6/1 - 7/1	Community Solar Project	312.000.1234	252.21	-0.05668	-\$14.30

**CHARGE DETAILS**

Residential - Single 6/23/20 - 7/21/20 (29 Days)

<b>SUPPLY</b> <b>\$118.05</b>	<b>UPDATES</b>
Electricity Supply Charge 1,898 kWh X 0.05168 \$98.09 Transmission Services Charge 1,898 kWh X 0.01305 \$24.77 Purchased Electricity Adjustment \$9.49 Renewable Community Supply Credit <b>-\$14.30</b>	ComEd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRICE TO COMPARE: The ComEd electric supply price to compare is 6.473 cents per kWh. This price does not include a monthly purchased electricity adjustment factor that may range between +\$0.005 and -\$0.005 per kWh. For more information and supplier offers visit <a href="https://www.pluginillinois.org/fixedrate.aspx">https://www.pluginillinois.org/fixedrate.aspx</a>. For more information on ComEd bill line items go to <a href="https://www.comed.com/UnderstandBill">ComEd.com/UnderstandBill</a>.</li> <li>COMED COVID-19 RESPONSE: For information, visit <a href="https://www.comed.com/Coronavirus">ComEd.com/Coronavirus</a></li> <li>DON'T GET SCAMMED: We will never ask for personal information about your ComEd account or demand payment using prepaid cash cards. Learn more: <a href="https://www.comed.com/ScamAlert">ComEd.com/ScamAlert</a></li> <li>WAYS TO PAY: Looking for ways to pay your bill? Visit <a href="https://www.comed.com/PAY">ComEd.com/PAY</a></li> <li>ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION CONSUMER DIVISION: The Consumer Services Division is available at 800-524-0795 to help resolve disputes with ComEd. However, customers should contact ComEd before seeking assistance from the ICC.</li> <li>Past due balances are subject to late charges.</li> </ul>
<b>DELIVERY - ComEd</b> <b>\$86.39</b>	
Customer Charge \$11.43 Standard Metering Charge \$4.58 Distribution Facilities Charge 1,898 kWh X 0.03586 \$68.06 IL Electricity Distribution Charge 1,898 kWh X 0.00122 \$2.32	
<b>TAXES &amp; FEES</b> <b>\$16.78</b>	
Environmental Cost Recovery Adj 1,898 kWh X 0.00038 \$0.72 Renewable Portfolio Standard 1,898 kWh X 0.00189 \$3.59 Zero Emission Standard 1,898 kWh X 0.00195 \$3.70 Energy Efficiency Programs 1,898 kWh X 0.00132 \$2.51 State Tax \$6.26	
<b>Service Period Total</b> <b>\$221.22</b>	

**1. ComEd applies your net metering credits to your monthly energy supply cost**

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Then, after you have received your net metering credits from ComEd, MC Squared Energy Services, LLC. will bill you for 80% of the net metering credits – leaving you with 20% of all net metering credits. Your monthly bill from MC Squared Energy Services, LLC will also report how your participation impacts the environment each month.



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AUTOPAY Scheduled - \$11.44 will be processed using your card on file on July 18, 2020

Statement Date: Jul 8, 2020

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Account Information:

CUSTOMER NAME

175 WEST JACKSON  
CHICAGO IL 60606

Utility Account Number:

1234567890

Electric Distribution Company:

ComEd-IL  
1-877-426-6331

Bill Account Number:

65524-68001

<b>Total Amount Due by July 18, 2020</b>	<b>\$11.44</b>
Previous Balance	\$4.00
Payments Received - Thank you!	-\$4.00
Balance Remaining	\$0.00

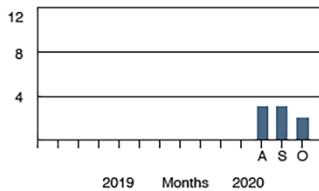
<b>Billing Period - June 1, 2020 to July 1, 2020</b>	
Solar Credits Received 252.21 kWh x 0.05668	\$14.30
<b>Discount Plan 20% Savings</b>	<b>-\$2.86</b>

**Total Charges \$11.44**

**Total Amount Due \$11.44**

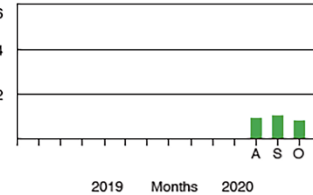
Questions about Your Bill?	Phone 1-888-232-6332	Online www.mc2energyservices.com	Email custcare@mc2energyservices.com
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kWh - Average Per Day



**Your Savings**  
This month you saved **\$2.86**  
Your cumulative savings **\$7.65**

Energy Credit Savings



Message Center		
Your Impact	Monthly Solar Credits	Clean Impact CO2 Equivalent
Your participation as a Community Solar Subscriber helps reduce harmful Carbon Dioxide (CO2) emissions.	252.21 kWh	100.05 pounds coal emissions

Thank you for being a Subscriber to Dukane Community Solar Project. Your subscription supports the development of renewable energy resources.

Is Community Solar available now?

Most community solar projects in Illinois are still under development and expected to be placed into operation in late 2020 through 2022.

When will the CS<sup>2</sup> Program start?

The CS<sup>2</sup> Program was launched in October 2020. North Shore residents can sign up now to reserve space on one of the community solar projects participating in the CS<sup>2</sup> Program. Once community solar projects are completed, residents on the reservation list will be informed that they can enroll in a subscription on a first come-first served basis. There is no cost to place your name on the reservation list, and you can remove your name at any time.

What do you mean that solar subscriptions will be first come-first served basis?

Each community solar project can support approximately 300 residential and small commercial accounts. Residents on the waitlist will be contacted as new community solar subscription opportunities become available through mc<sup>2</sup> as subscription agent for the project developer.

### **Do I Need to Receive Electricity Supply Service from ComEd?**

Yes, accounts must receive electricity supply from ComEd or Ameren utility to be eligible for the CS<sup>2</sup> Program. If accounts are currently served by a retail energy supplier, the CS<sup>2</sup> Program staff can assist you in enrolling your accounts with their local electric utility on the default supply rate by the time their assigned solar farm is placed in service to avoid cancellation fees.

### **What are Renewable Energy Credits?**

Renewable Energy Credits (REC's) are attributes generated by Community Solar projects. Under the Illinois Shines program, Community Solar owners sell the RECs generated from our Community Solar farms to Illinois utilities to help the state of Illinois reach required renewable energy targets set by The Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard.

### **What is Illinois Shines?**

Illinois Shines, or the Adjustable Block Program, is a state-administered program for new solar PV systems. You can learn more about Illinois Shines by reading [this brochure](#).