PSE Community Solar

Overview

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Program overview

- Community Solar is a way for PSE electric customers to share the benefits of 100% local solar power.
- Customers subscribe to shares of a local solar array and receive credits on their electric bills for energy produced.
- 30% of shares are reserved for income eligible customers to subscribe at no cost.
- Partnerships with site hosts make it possible for PSE to build solar installations in the communities we serve.
- 3 sites are currently operational in Olympia, Sammamish, and Bonney Lake, with 3 additional large arrays in Kittitas County.



Site Host Partnerships



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- The Pine Lake Community Solar was installed in Spring 2022 in partnership with Issaquah School District.
- The 175 kW AC solar array offers approximately 119 shares for subscription.
- Currently working with other municipalities on new sites.
- Always looking for new site hosts.

Benefits for site hosts

- Support community sustainability goals for carbon reduction.
- Generate solar energy at your site at no cost. PSE owns and maintains system.
- Partner with PSE on promotional opportunities.
- Compensation for PSE's use of the site in the form of a lease and easement.



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Site Host Application



- Application on PSE.com to submit sites for Community Solar, distributed solar, or battery storage projects.
- Applications will be reviewed on a continuous basis.
- Public entities interested in Community Solar are welcome to apply.
- We will also be reviewing other types of properties, including commercial or privately owned.



Site Evaluation Criteria



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Rooftop or ground space

- Ideal space/size is 20,000 square feet or above (min. of 10,000 square feet)
- Southern exposure that is unshaded
- Rooftop must have a minimum of 25 years of useable life remaining
- Site must be within 300 feet of PSE's distribution system (utility transformer, pole, vault, etc.)
- Accessible to PSE equipment and system 24/7
- More detail will be included on site application website



Questions?

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