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VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM?

OMU's Voluntary Community Solar Program is a community solar project. The solar site is located at 412 Joseph Lessard Court in Osage, Iowa. Under the program, eligible customers may participate by choosing to purchase units of Solar Array capacity in return for the right to receive a production-related credit on their monthly utility bill.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

OMU's Voluntary Community Solar Program is open to all OMU electric customers with accounts in good standing, as defined by OMU's policies. Customers electing to participate in the program will be required to complete an OMU Voluntary Community Solar Program Customer Agreement.

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WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND NOT SIMPLY PURCHASE MY OWN PANELS FOR MY RESIDENCE?

Purchasing units in OMU's Voluntary Community Solar Program offers multiple advantages:

- Customers choose their level of investment. By purchasing a Program unit, there is no large up-front cost of adding solar panels to personal property.
- Customers have no ongoing maintenance costs. OMU will own, operate and maintain the solar panels and other equipment associated with the Solar Array.
- When a customer chooses to participate in OMU's Voluntary Community Solar Program, they are actively supporting a renewable energy source, helping to preserve the environment for future generations.
- The Solar Array provides one point of connection, for solar energy produced, to OMU's electric distribution system. This helps keep the overall cost to OMU of maintaining the electric distribution system down, ultimately having a positive impact on future electric rates charged to customers.

WHAT EXACTLY AM I PURCHASING? DO I OWN PART OF THE SOLAR PANEL?

Participating customers are not purchasing physical equipment, but rather the right to receive a production-related credit associated with their share of the output produced by the Solar Array.

HOW WILL THE MONTHLY CREDIT ON MY UTILITY BILL BE CALCULATED?

The solar array is expected to have a capacity of approximately 792 kilowatts. To allocate this capacity, the Solar Array output is divided into total units. Each unit represents the output of about one-half of a solar panel, or 143 watts. On a monthly basis, the kWh produced by the Solar Array will be metered in kilowatt hours (kWh). On a monthly basis, the kWh produced by the Solar Array will be allocated equally to each unit.

The kWh value is the output per unit ("OPU") and will be calculated by OMU each month.

The production-related credit ("PRC") for each billing period will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{PRC (in dollars)} = \text{Number of Customer's Units} \times \text{OPU (kWh)} \times \text{Solar Rate Credit (\$/kWh)}$$

The initial Solar Rate Credit is \$0.076 per kWh, subject to review and adjustment as part of a regular OMU electric rate case.

CAN I PURCHASE A UNIT OF SOLAR CAPACITY AND DONATE TO AN ORGANIZATION?

Anyone can purchase a unit of solar capacity on behalf of any OMU eligible electric customer. OMU recommends individuals contact the OMU customer they wish to make the purchase on behalf of and work with that customer on the details of the donation. OMU is not making any representation about the taxable consequences, if any, of this type of arrangement.

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