

Community Solar Energy Pilot Program

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1. Utilities to establish a separate and transparent interconnection process with a queue on first come first serve basis.
2. Utilities to publish data and maps on where is the most feasible interconnections are located.
3. Utilities to encourage storage system by giving the project an extra incentive as priority in the queue.
4. BPU not to establish an escrow funds for decommissioning because projects will be more expensive to finance and difficult to develop.
5. BPU to limit project distance with a 25 mile zone radius for the community that's benefiting from the project. If the program is established to encourage communities to go solar then it needs to be visible for everyone to see it.
6. Customers should be able to participate in the solar community project with up to 100% of the their electrical load.
7. BPU to encourage floating solar projects and carports by having an additional incentive. These type of projects do not exhaust valuable lands that can be developed in the future.
8. There should be a 20% minimum participation of LMI in any community solar project.
9. Participating in the program should be simple with no contract requirements especially for duration longer than one year. There should be no upfront fees and participants can cancel by giving a 90 days cancellation notice. This will encourage LMI members to be part of the program without fearing of long-term commitment.

10. USF and other energy help program within the State should be used in conjunction with any community solar program. Recipients of these assistance should be required to participate in any project that's within their community. Because the new lower electric rate from the project will directly reduce the program contribution toward the energy assistance funds.

Thank you,

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