

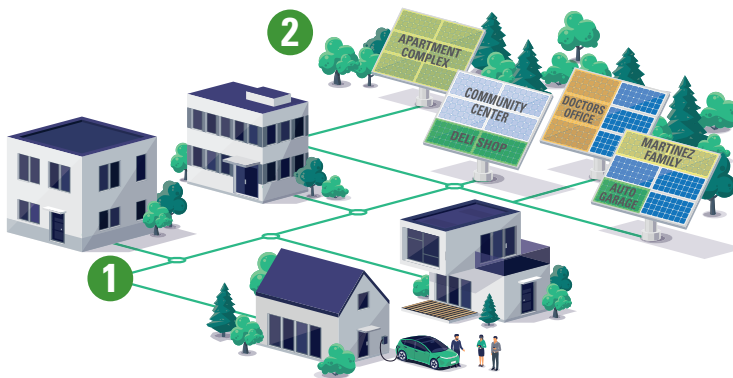
# Understanding Your Bill



## Community Solar (off-site)

As a community solar customer, you benefit by receiving a monetary credit that can be applied to any charge on your Ameren Illinois bill for electric service. This guide will help you understand how your participation in community solar is reflected on your monthly bill from Ameren Illinois.

### How Community Solar Works



#### 3 MONETARY CREDIT CALCULATION

$$600 \text{ kWh} \times \$0.07 \text{ (PTC)} = \\ \$42.00 \text{ Solar Credit}$$

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YOUR ELECTRIC BILL	
Utility Charges	\$100
<b>Solar Credits</b>	<b>\$ 42</b>
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>\$ 58</b>

- 1 Energy customer subscribes to a Community Solar project in the Ameren Illinois service territory.
- 2 The Community Solar facility converts sunlight into electricity (kWh). It is measured as it flows onto the Ameren Illinois grid.
- 3 Ameren Illinois multiplies the solar kWh generation by the Price to Compare (PTC)\* to calculate a monetary solar credit that will be used to pay for charges on your monthly bill.  
**For example, 600 kWh x 7 cents (PTC) = \$42.**
- 4 The subscriber receives their bill showing how many solar kWh were produced and the solar credit applied to the Delivery, Supply, and/or Taxes and Other Charges sections of their bill.

If the total bill exceeds the solar credit, the subscriber pays the difference. If the credit is more than the total bill, the remaining balance will be put on the subscriber's account to apply to future bills.

\*The PTC is determined seasonally and can be found in a designated section on your bill or at [PlugIn.Illinois.gov](http://PlugIn.Illinois.gov).

# Sample Bill

This example shows how the financial credits produced by your monthly subscription show up on your bill, as well as how your subscription fee will appear on our bill if your developer asks us to bill it for them.

Electric Service Residential Billing Detail - Rate Zone I					09/15/2023 - 10/16/2023 (31 days)	
<b>Electric Meter Read for 09/15/2023 - 10/16/2023 (31 days)</b>						
READ TYPE	METER NUMBER	CURRENT METER READ	PREVIOUS METER READ	READ DIFFERENCE	MULTIPLIER	USAGE
Total kWh	71876886	6882.0000 Actual	6088.0000 Actual	794.0000	1.0000	794.0000
<b>Usage Summary</b>						
1 Total kWh		794.0000	Summer kWh			384.0000
Non-Summer kWh		410.0000	Off-Site Gen kWh			-845.0000
Off-Site Gen Summer kWh		-409.0000	Off-Site Gen Non-Sum kWh			-436.0000
Smart Meter      Community Solar						
<b>Electric Delivery</b>						
6	CHARGE DESCRIPTION	USAGE	UNIT	RATE		CHARGE
	Customer Charge					\$5.21
	Ameren Illinois Meter Charge					\$5.22
	DS-1 Residential Delivery	384.00	kWh	@ \$ 0.06008000		\$23.07
	Service	410.00	kWh	@ \$ 0.03517000		\$14.42
	NM Off-Site Gen Credit Applied-Delivery					-\$47.92
						<b>Electric Delivery \$ 0.00</b>
<b>Electric Supply</b>						
	Purchased Electric Summer	384.00	kWh	@ \$ 0.06018000		\$23.11
	Ameren Illinois Purchased Elec Non-Summer 0-800 kWh	410.00	kWh	@ \$ 0.06249000		\$25.62
	BGS-1 Basic Generation	794.00	kWh	@ \$-0.00404128		-\$3.21
	Service	794.00	kWh	@ \$-0.00163517		-\$1.29
	Transmission Service Charge	794.00	kWh	@ \$ 0.02022000		\$16.05
	NM Off-Site Gen Credit Applied-Supply					-\$60.28
						<b>Electric Supply \$0.00</b>
<b>State and Local Taxes and Other Mandated Charges</b>						
	Customer Generation Charge					\$0.22
	Clean Energy Assistance Charge	794.00	kWh	@ \$ 0.00183000		\$1.45
	Renewable Energy Adjustment*	794.00	kWh	@ \$ 0.00458000		\$3.64
	EDT Cost Recovery	794.00	kWh	@ \$ 0.00133750		\$1.06
	Electric Environmental Adjustment	794.00	kWh	@ \$ 0.00106740		\$0.85
	Energy Efficiency Programs Charge	794.00	kWh	@ \$ 0.00315000		\$2.50
	Energy Transition Assistance Charge*	794.00	kWh	@ \$ 0.00072000		\$0.57
	Illinois State Electricity Excise Tax					\$2.62
	NM Off-Site Gen Credit Applied-Other					-\$12.91
						<b>Total Taxes and Other Charges \$0.00</b>
<b>Renewable Generation</b>						
	CHARGE DESCRIPTION	USAGE	UNIT	RATE		CHARGE
	Off-Site Generation Summer Credit	409.00	kWh	@ \$-0.07541000		-\$30.84
	2 Off-Site Gen Non-Summer Credit 0-800 kWh	412.78	kWh	@ \$-0.07639000		-\$31.53
	Off-Site Gen Non-Summer Credit > 800 kWh	23.22	kWh	@ \$-0.06626000		-\$1.54
	NM Prior Off-Site Gen Carryover Credit					\$-479.40
	3 Vermilion-Res - Comm Solar Subscr Fee	\$63.91		@ 80.000000%		\$51.13
	NM Off-Site Gen Credit Applied-Subscription					-\$51.13
	4 Total NM Off-Site Gen Credit Applied					\$172.24
	5 NM Current Off-Site Gen Carry Fwd Credit					\$371.07
						<b>Renewable Generation \$0.00</b>
<b>Total Electric Charges</b>						<b>\$ 0.00</b>
*Includes mandated charges and programs, and other changes resulting from the 2021 state energy law.						
<b>Details From Your Electric Supplier</b>						
ELECTRIC SUPPLY PRICE TO COMPARE: The Ameren Illinois supply price to compare is shown below. This price does not include a purchased electricity adjustment factor, a value expected to fluctuate but remain small for the foreseeable future. Learn more about the components involved in getting electricity to you as well as other electric supply topics at <a href="http://PlugIn.Illinois.gov">PlugIn.Illinois.gov</a> .						
October-May	0-800 kWh	> 800 kWh				
Cents per kWh	8.107	7.094				

1 First, take note of your usage in the **Usage Summary** section. Your meter tracked a total of 794 kWh used in the billing cycle. Your community solar subscription produced 409 Off-Site Gen Summer kWh and 436 Off-Site Gen Non-Summer kWh, totaling 845 kWh. That's great news because you will see a monetary credit on your bill.

2 Next, skip down to the **"Renewable Generation"** section. The first few **Off-Site Gen Credit** lines are the monetary credits generated this billing cycle (\$30.84+\$31.53+\$1.54=\$63.91). The **NM Prior Off-Site Gen Carryover Credit (\$479.40)** accounts for **previous months** when your bill for electric service was lower than your available community solar credits, thus "banking" credits to use for future bills. Your total credits equal \$543.31. (\$63.91+\$479.40= \$543.31) This is the amount in your account that can be applied to this current bill.

3 These lines show how your **subscription fee** was calculated this month, and that it was paid from your community solar credits. Fees are determined by your solar provider.

4 Your **Total NM Off-Site Gen Credit Applied** line shows what amount of this month's monetary credit (\$63.91) and funds from your bank (\$479.40) were used to pay your current bill of \$172.24. Your current bill is what your total charges (delivery, supply, taxes, and subscription fee) equal this billing cycle. You had more than that amount in your bank to cover the total cost of the bill.

5 The **NM Current Off-Site Gen Carry Fwd Credit** line shows what monetary credits, if any, that you have left on your account **for future bills** after paying this bill. In this example, \$371.07 is saved in your account for future bills, and there's no expiration date on these credits unless you stop being an Ameren Illinois customer for more than 12 months. (\$543.31-\$172.24= \$371.07)

6 The combined previous and current credits first get applied to your **delivery** service charges, then your **supply** service charges, and finally your **taxes and other charges** – if you still have credits left over.\*

■ Here's where you find the "Price to Compare" for this month. The Price to Compare equals the Electric Supply Charges + Transmission Service Charge and is published by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

■ The rate per kWh varies during the summer period and non-summer period. In the non-summer months, a slight discount is applied for all usage over 800 kWh.

\* If your supplier issues their own bill for their services, your community solar credits won't be applied to those charges.

# Community Solar FAQ

## **What is Ameren Illinois' role in Community Solar?**

As your energy delivery company, we want to make it easy for you to assess the benefits of any energy supply option, including solar and other renewable sources. Ameren Illinois helps to connect the community solar facility to the electric grid. We also work with developers to ensure that the appropriate amount of financial credits are applied to the monthly bills of their subscribers. While we don't sell subscriptions to community solar facilities, we do track how much solar generation you receive in order to calculate the savings you'll see on your monthly energy statement.

## **Why does my bill sometimes reference "Summer" and "Non-Summer"?**

Your rates change during certain times of the year based on the relative level of demand on the electric system. Our non-summer months are between October 1 and May 31. The summer months are any day between June 1 and September 30.

## **Can I be on hourly pricing programs like Power Smart Pricing or Real Time Pricing and still get community solar credits?**

Absolutely! Your bill will be calculated the same way. Each credit can be found as a line item in the Delivery, Supply and Taxes sections of your bill.

## **I get supply service from a third-party Retail Electric Supplier. Does that affect how I get community solar credits?**

The solar credits will go towards anything that appears on your Ameren Illinois bill regardless of your supplier. As long as your third-party supply charges appear on an Ameren Illinois bill, there is no difference.

## **How will my monthly Budget Billing payment amount be affected?**

Budget Billing is designed to provide you with consistency so there won't be any immediate change to your monthly payment amount. However, your subscription will generate monetary credits that will be used to pay some or all of your monthly Budget Billing payment amount. If your monthly charges for service change in future months, your subscription will continue to provide monetary credits to pay those charges. Adjustments occur every four months to ensure that your payments more accurately reflect your energy usage.

## **Who do I call with questions about my bill?**

Residential customers should call **1.800.755.5000** and business customers should call **1.800.232.2477**. If you have questions about the solar generation you have subscribed to, please contact your solar provider.

