RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

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WELCOME! ON OUR WEBSITE YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION ASSISTING:

Municipalities and individuals assess opportunities

- Guidance – including financial value
- Case studies – highlighting Illinois projects; options for community solar

Lawyers advise, draft, and negotiate

- Guidance on issues and risks – highlighting Illinois laws
- Sample agreements
- Options for drafting
QUICK GUIDE
NEED INFORMATION ON - 1:

• Introductory Information?
  Tab: General - Guides to Community Solar

• Financial Value of Solar Panels?
  Tab: General - Community Solar Business Case Calculators

• Communities’ Experiences?
  Tab: General - Case Studies

• State Framework?
  Tab: General - Provisions for Community Solar in Illinois

• Marketing to Users?
  Tab: Lawyers - Rules for Design & Participation
QUICK GUIDE
NEED INFORMATION ON - 2:

• Site Agreements? Tab: **Lawyers** - Site Lease, Easement, and License Agreements

• User agreements? Tab: **Lawyers** - Community Solar Participant Agreement

• Loans for users? Tab: **Lawyers** - Financing Community Solar

• Selling and transmitting energy? Tab: **Lawyers** - Distributed Generation Interconnection Agreements

• Ordinances and requests for proposals? Tab: **Lawyers** - Developing Community Solar Projects

• Illinois Laws? Tab: **Lawyers** - Illinois Laws, Regulations, and Programs
GENERAL RESOURCES: GUIDES TO COMMUNITY SOLAR

• General information on community solar projects
• Guides to walk you through community solar projects
• Options, business models, toolkits, and financing
• Benefits for communities and users

Closely related tabs
General – Community Solar Business Case Calculator
General – Case Studies
Lawyers – Developing Community Solar Projects
GENERAL RESOURCES: COMMUNITY SOLAR BUSINESS CASE CALCULATOR

• Financial value of various locations and options
• Make financially informed decisions - costs/returns estimates for subscribers, cities and developers

Closely related tabs
General – Guides to Community Solar
General – Case Studies
General – Provisions for Community Solar in Illinois
GENERAL RESOURCES: CASE STUDIES

• Learn from Illinois and other communities’ experiences
• Lessons learned include:
  – Zoning and construction
  – Financial costs and returns
  – Timelines
  – Benefits for residents

Closely related tabs
General – Case Studies
Lawyers – Illinois Laws, Regulations and Programs
GENERAL RESOURCES: PROVISIONS FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR IN ILLINOIS

- Future Energy Jobs Act of 2016
  - Incentives for community solar
  - System and subscriber characteristics
  - Rights for subscribers
  - Jobs and health benefits
- Illinois Power Agency’s Procurement Plan
- Cook County’s community solar initiative

Closely related tabs
General – Case Studies
Lawyers – Illinois Laws, Regulations and Programs
RESOURCES FOR LAWYERS: RULES FOR DESIGN & PARTICIPATION

• Guides on designing and marketing subscriptions
• Securities law issues
• Guides for low- to moderate-income consumers

Closely related tabs
Lawyers – Community Solar Participant Agreement
Lawyers – Developing Community Solar Projects
Lawyers – Illinois Laws, Regulations and Programs
RESOURCES FOR LAWYERS: SITE LEASE, EASEMENT, & LICENSE AGREEMENTS

- Guides to issues for municipal or private property
- Model agreements
- Options for provisions

Closely related tabs
Lawyers – Developing Community Solar Projects
Lawyers – Distributed Generation Interconnection Agreements
RESOURCES FOR LAWYERS: COMMUNITY SOLAR PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

- Guides to issues for agreements with users of solar energy
- Consumer protection
- Model agreements
- Options for provisions

Closely related tabs
Lawyers – Rules for Design and Participation
Lawyers – Financing Community Solar
Lawyers – Illinois Laws, Regulations and Programs
RESOURCES FOR LAWYERS: FINANCING COMMUNITY SOLAR

- Guides to agreements for user payments and loans
- Model financing agreements
- Options for provisions

Closely related tabs
General – Guides to Community Solar
Lawyers – Rules for Design and Participation
Lawyers – Solar Participant Agreement
Lawyers – Illinois Laws, Regulations and Programs
RESOURCES FOR LAWYERS: DISTRIBUTED GENERATION INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS

• Issues in transmitting and selling energy
• Standard agreements for Commonwealth Edison and Ameren Illinois

Closely related tab
Lawyers – Illinois Laws, Regulations and Programs
RESOURCES FOR LAWYERS: DEVELOPING COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECTS

- Guidance for ordinances in Illinois
- Models of requests for proposals and other documents
- Options for provisions

Closely related tabs
Lawyers – Rules for Design and Participation
Lawyers – Site Lease, Easement and License Agreements
Lawyers – Illinois Laws, Regulations and Programs
RESOURCES FOR LAWYERS: ILLINOIS LAWS, REGULATIONS, & PROGRAMS

• Future Energy Jobs Act of 2016 – community solar provisions
• Illinois Commerce Commission regulations
• Illinois Power Agency’s Renewable Energy Procurement Plan

Closely related tab
General – Provisions for Community Solar in Illinois
PARTICIPATE TAB

1. Please share your experiences
   – Discussion boards
   – Add resources to the site

2. Request guidance and services
   – Connect to lawyers and projects

3. News feeds
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Win Four Ways with Community Solar Power Projects:

* Revenues for municipalities

* Clean, cheaper, reliable electricity

* Attractive, proud communities

* Pro bono opportunities for lawyers serving communities and the environment