Community Solar Rate Application

Customer's Printed Name:_____

Address:_____

Address Account Number: _____-_____

Date of Application: ____ /_____ / _____

A. Program Description

1) The City of Columbia Water & Light Community Solar Program (CSP) will make available nine-hundred and ninety nine kilowatts (999 kW) of solar-generated power to electric customers of Columbia Water & Light (CWL). The one megawatt of power will be divided into one and a half (1.5) kilowatt-hour (kWh) blocks. One hundred (100) of these blocks will be reserved for an Income Eligible Community Solar Program (IECSP).
2) CWL, at its sole discretion, may adjust these limits at any time based on observed outcomes and operations and maintenance costs.
3) CWL reserves the right to suspend acceptance of new participants in the Community Solar Program at any time.

B. Eligibility

1) The CSP will be available to residential electric CWL customers.
2) The customer must be in good standing with CWL. Good standing is defined as a utility customer who has not had more than two late payments or been shut off in the previous twelve months or for as long as the applicant has been a customer if it has been less than twelve months.
3) Eligibility information for the IECSP can be found in section F.

C. Term of Participation and Participation Limits

1) The Term shall begin on the customer's next monthly billing cycle following the date this application is signed as accepted by CWL and will continue in effect until December 2044, through automatic annual renewals, unless the customer has communicated their intent to discontinue participation in the program.
2) The term of participation may be extended beyond January 2045 at the sole discretion of CWL. If the term is extended, all parties will be notified.
3) The customer and/or CWL may terminate the customer's participation in this program at any time by providing the other party with 30 days' written notice. Following the 30 day written notice, termination will be effective on the customer's next monthly billing cycle and the customer rate will be changed to the most applicable rate.
4) The allocation for community solar is one block, which is 1.5 kW.
5) Customers may participate if they will enter or have entered into an Interconnection & Net Metering application with CWL for distributed solar powered generating equipment.

6) CWL, in its sole discretion, may adjust these limits at any time based on observed customer participation rates and program outcomes.
7) If estimated production of the block of solar will provide more than 100 percent of the customer's annual energy usage, CWL reserves the right to limit a customer's participation in the program.

D. Fees, Rates, and Billing

1) Participating customers will pay a $27 application fee and two ongoing monthly fees: a solar subscription fee (SSF) and a utility operations fee (UOF). The application fee will be paid through the utility bill.
2) The combined cost of the SSF and UOF will be $25. This fee includes $14.23 per month for the SSF and $10.77 for UOF. The SSF will remain the same for the entire term of participation; however, the UOF may change over time. The monthly payment may include blended costs from various solar fields. A portion of the cost to participate will be used to help offset the cost of IECSP customer participation.
3) Customers' bills will be credited based on the amount of solar production from the solar fields. This credit will be applied only to the electrical energy usage at the residence. Any solar production beyond the monthly energy usage will be credited to the customer for future electrical energy usage. The solar credit will not offset community solar participation costs including application fee, SSF, UOF, taxes, customer base charge, or other utilities fees or charges.
4) Solar credits can be carried over and applied to the next billing cycle except for the March billing, in which any credits remaining after the March billing will be removed without compensation to the customer.
5) All applicable taxes for electrical service and usage will be calculated on total electrical consumption before any solar credits are applied to the electrical energy usage.
6) All solar energy production will be credited at the current lowest tier of the effective residential rate. This value may fluctuate over time.
7) All other terms and conditions of CWL electrical rates will remain in effect.
8) CWL may, at its sole discretion, modify billing to move monthly solar energy production from actual production to estimated production. This change will not increase customers' annual cost for participating in the Community Solar Program.
9) During a customer's Term of Participation:
   a) If the applicable electrical rates are decreased, customers will be billed at the lower electrical rates and solar credits will be adjusted to be credited at the lowest tier of the adjusted residential rate.
   b) If the customer's electrical rates change because of a rate increase affecting operational costs, the customer will receive an offsetting solar credit for the amount of the electrical rate increase associated with the customer's contracted solar-energy level. This credit will not be applicable to other customer charges.

E. Expected Energy Production

1) Based on the production data collected from the CWL solar fields, customers can anticipate an annual output of approximately 3,276 kWh with a monthly average of 273 kWh.
2) The solar production will vary, and these given production numbers from item 1 (above) are estimates based on the best information available.
3) Customers acknowledge that once solar energy is transmitted onto the CWL electric distribution system, it is physically impossible to distinguish solar energy from energy produced by other means. Customer agrees that participation in the CSP helps support the use of renewable energy in the CWL service territory, but energy actually delivered to customer's electric service address will be from a mix of energy sources.

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F. Income Eligible Community Solar Program

1) One hundred (100) blocks of the Community Solar Program will be reserved for the IECSP.
2) The solar allocation for IECSP is one (1) block, which is 1.5 kW per account for one year.
3) The IECSP will be available to residential electric CWL customers who meet the income eligibility limits of 80 percent of area median income. Income eligibility will be verified by a partnering organization with CWL.
4) The customer must be in good standing with CWL. Good standing is defined as a utility customer who has not been shut off in the previous twelve months or for as long as the applicant has been a customer if it has been less than twelve months.
5) The Term shall begin on the customer's April monthly billing cycle following the date this application is signed by CWL and will continue in effect through the March billing cycle of the following year. At the end of the March billing cycle, the customer rate will be changed to the most applicable rate, as their participation in the IECSP is for one year.
6) Fees, Rates, and Billing will follow the guidelines given in Section D, except for items 1 and 2.
    a) There will be no application fee for the IECSP. There will be one ongoing monthly fee reflected on a customer's bill, consisting of an SSF and a UOF.
    b) The subscription fee will be $23.46, which includes $12.69 per month for the SSF and $10.77 for the UOF. The solar subscription will remain the same for the entirety of the term of participation; however, the UOF may change over time. The monthly payment includes blended production and capital costs from various solar fields.
7) The customer and/or CWL may terminate customer's participation at any time following the requirements given in Section C.
8) After participating in the IECSP for one year, a customer may be added to the queue to participate in the IECSP again. Preference will be given to customers who have not previously participated, followed by a first-come, first-served basis in the applicant queue. If a customer participates in the IECSP again, solar credits from the previous participation will not carry over.

G. Terms of Service

1) Services rendered under this application are subject to CWL's standard rules and regulations.
2) The customer shall not have right, title, or interest in any CWL solar fields.
3) The Solar Renewable Energy Credits from the CSP will remain with CWL.
4) If the customer relocates to another address that receives electrical service from CWL's electric distribution system, the Customer may transfer participation to the service point of the new address upon request by the customer, provided that the customer maintains good standing with CWL. Requests for transfer should be sent to either:
    - Mail: Utility Services Division, City of Columbia Utilities, PO Box 6015, Columbia, MO 65205
    - Email: Renewables@CoMo.gov

5) If customer's electric service with CWL is discontinued for any reason other than a transfer under Item 4 (above), then customer's participation shall terminate on the date electric service is discontinued.
6) CWL makes no representations regarding the availability of energy from the solar farms and shall have no liability for the failure of the solar farms to produce solar energy for any reason. CWL disclaims all warranties regarding the availability of energy from the solar farms, including the warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.
7) Customers participating in the Community Solar Program must execute the Columbia Water & Light Community Solar Program Application, and it must be signed and approved by CWL prior to taking effect.

H. Acknowledgements Regarding application

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By signing below, the customer acknowledges that they understand and agree to the terms of this application. This application will not be construed to imply a contract, joint venture or partnership between the two parties.

Customer

Printed Name:
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Signature:
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Date:
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City of Columbia Water & Light Representative

Printed Name and Title:
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Signature:
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Date:
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