



COMMUNITY SOLAR BIBLIOGRAPHY¹

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DEFINITIONS:

From U.S. Department of Energy:

The U.S. Department of Energy defines community solar as any solar project or purchasing program, within a geographic area, in which the benefits of a solar project flow to multiple customers such as individuals, businesses, nonprofits, and other groups. In most cases, customers are benefitting from energy generated by solar panels at an off-site array.

Community solar customers can either buy or lease a portion of the solar panels in the array, and they typically receive an electric bill credit for electricity generated by their share of the community solar system—similar to someone who has rooftop panels installed on their home. Community solar can be a great option for people who are unable to install solar panels on their roofs because they don't own their homes, have insufficient solar resources or roof conditions to support a rooftop PV system due to shading, roof size, or other factors, or for financial/other reasons. (Source: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/community-solar-basics>).

From Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA):

Community solar provides homeowners, renters, and businesses equal access to the economic and environmental benefits of solar energy generation regardless of the physical attributes or ownership of their home or business. Community solar expands access to solar for all, including in particular low- to moderate-income customers most impacted by a lack of access, all while building a stronger, distributed, and more resilient electric grid. (Source: <https://www.seia.org/initiatives/community-solar>).

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