

# Solar Subscription

## Kansas Central



### How does the Solar Subscription program work?

Solar Subscription is a hassle-free, high-impact way for Evergy customers to support clean energy through solar power, without the need to install solar panels on your home, apartment or business. Through a monthly subscription fee that is only somewhat above your regular energy charges, you can subscribe to solar panel shares of up to 100 percent of your 12-month energy usage.

- You can purchase a portion of the energy generated by Solar Subscription at a fixed rate for the 20-year life of the program, the minimum of five years, or anywhere in between.
- The solar energy system is divided into shares, each share generating about 150 kWh/month (or about 15% of the average residential customer's usage).
- You can purchase as many shares as your average usage allows.
- The rate you pay for your solar shares is fixed, which means as standard electricity rates can fluctuate from year to year, the price you pay for your solar shares will never go up.
- The overall impact to an average residential bill will be about a \$10-\$12 increase per share, for businesses and churches, the impact on your bill will be about \$15 more per share.

### How do I enroll?

Please visit [evergy.com/SolarSubscription](https://www.evergy.com/SolarSubscription) and complete the Participation Agreement. Participants will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Who is eligible to participate?

All Evergy Kansas Central residential and non-residential customers are eligible to participate. Customers must complete a Participation Agreement and have an account that is not delinquent or in default at the time of application. The Solar Subscription program is not available to restricted rate schedules or net metering or parallel generation customers.

### How many kW shares can I sign up for?

One share (1 kW) will generate about 150 kWh per month. You can purchase as many shares as your average usage allows. After you submit your request to participate, we will review the amount of shares you want to purchase and contact you if you have signed up for too many shares according to your usage history, and your number of shares will be adjusted accordingly.

### What is the participation period?

The minimum participation period is five years. You may participate up to the full 20 years of the program and enjoy the price stability for this full period.

### Do I have to live in the same city as the solar array?

No. There is no geographic restriction on participation as long as you live within Evergy Kansas Central's service territory.

### What if the solar shares are sold out and I want to participate?

Once you complete the online Participation Agreement, you are enrolled in the program. If the program is at capacity, Evergy will maintain a wait list of enrolled customers. Once shares become available you will be active in the program in the order the enrollment was received. You can notify Evergy at any time if you would like to be removed from the wait list.

### What if I decide I no longer want to participate or I want to reduce my shares?

Because you pay a premium for the power now for the benefit of price stability over time, you should have a greater benefit the longer you participate in the program. However, you can choose to leave the Solar Subscription program or decrease the amount of shares you have any time after the first five years. Participation is for a minimum of five years unless you leave the Evergy Kansas Central territory. If you leave the program your shares will be added back to the pool; they are not transferable.

### Can I increase my subscription after I sign up?

If your usage levels allow for more shares and available shares remain, you may purchase more. If no shares are available, you will be added to a waiting list and Evergy will contact you when more shares become available.

### What if I move within Evergy Kansas Central territory?

You will carry your program subscription with you anywhere in Evergy Kansas Central's territory.

### What happens if my monthly energy usage drops below the level of my subscription?

If your energy usage drops, we will lower the amount of your subscription to match your new usage. Your number of shares will be adjusted. You will not be refunded for the premium payments you made up to this point.

### How is my bill calculated?

Your Solar Subscription charge will appear on your monthly bill the month after the solar production occurs. Your share of solar production is subtracted from the energy your household consumes for the billing month. Should the solar amount for a given month be larger than your metered energy consumption,

the net energy will be zero for that month. Any remaining energy consumption will be billed under the rates associated with your standard rate schedule, including all applicable riders and charges. For example, if your household uses 1000 kWh/month and you have one share in the Solar Subscription program, your portion of the array will generate about 150 kWh/month. 150 kWh will be billed at the Solar Subscription rate and the remaining energy you use (1000 - 150 = 850 kWh) will be billed at your standard rate. While the standard rate may change over time, the portion of your energy that comes from the Solar Subscription program will be fixed for the term of your participation in the system (up to 20 years).

### **How will this appear on my bill?**

All customers have a basic service fee on their bill as well as a variable charge for the amount of energy used. The basic service fee will remain on your bill. The energy use portion of your bill will be divided into two parts: one showing the kWh generated by your shares in the program, and the remainder billed at the standard rate. Business customers will also continue to see a demand charge and any other applicable charges, such as power factor costs. Small business and church customers will receive a 150 watt credit per share towards their demand.

### **How much can I expect my bill to increase?**

The cost per share (1 kW) for a residential customer is \$29.63. After the kWh usage generated from your shares is subtracted from your usage, the impact on your bill will be an increase of about \$10-\$12 per share at current rates. This may decrease over time if regular rates increase and the Solar Subscription portion of your bill remains the same. The estimated cost for an average household to receive about 15 percent of their electricity from the solar array would be an additional \$10 per month. A subscription to 1 kW of solar energy would provide an average of 150 kWh of energy per month. One share has a fixed cost of \$29.63, which would be offset by savings from avoiding other fuel and energy costs on your bill. Program costs vary for other rate classes. For small business and church customers, the bill impact is estimated to be an additional \$15 per month for the average customer.

### **Is it possible the cost per kW will decrease?**

Not for customers subscribed to the current 1.2 MW solar array. However, if we build future community solar arrays and the prices to build are less than this one, the cost per kW may be less.

### **Will the fixed portion of my bill be the same every month?**

Yes. Your fixed price per share will be the same every month. However, your share of the solar array will generate more in some months and less in others, just like solar panels on a rooftop. This variation will be reflected in the kWh usage portion of your bill. Solar panels also degrade slightly over time

so you may notice a slight drop in total energy generated over the life of your program participation.

### **Is there an administrative fee to sign up for this program?**

No. There is no administrative fee for this program.

### **When did the Solar Subscription program begin?**

The solar array in Hutchinson, Kansas went online in June of 2017. This community solar program is the first for Evergy and our customers.

### **Do I own the Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for my portion of Solar Subscription?**

The RECs are retired on your behalf, confirming the energy produced is from a renewable source. However, you do not own the RECs and cannot take them outside of the program.

### **Does participation in this program qualify me as a net metering or parallel generation customer?**

No. While this program is similar to net metering, you will not be considered a net metering or parallel generation customer as a participant. Additionally, customers receiving Net Metering or Parallel Generation service are excluded at this time from subscribing to the Solar Subscription program.

### **Is the renewable energy I support through the Solar Subscription program delivered directly to my home?**

No. The power from solar energy sources is mixed with power from conventional generation sources in Evergy's energy grid, so it cannot be delivered directly to your home. However, your subscription supports the deployment of additional renewable energy resources by Evergy and makes a positive environmental impact throughout our region. With your participation in Solar Subscription, you take a leadership position in supporting solar growth and green energy in Kansas and Missouri.

### **Whom should I contact if I have questions about this program?**

Please direct all questions to [renewables@evergy.com](mailto:renewables@evergy.com).

