SOLAR STANDARD OFFER PROGRAM

Commercial Customers Empower Community Solar

The Solar Standard Offer Program is an innovative initiative by Austin Energy to increase local solar adoption on commercial properties. This program allows property owners to lease roof or parking space to solar developers, creating new revenue streams without upfront capital investments. The energy produced supports Austin Energy's Community Solar program and contributes to Austin's carbon-neutrality goals.

Compensation For Solar Generation

Commercial Solar Standard Offer projects installed after April 2026 can receive the Solar Standard Offer payment rate with the support of Austin Energy's Guaranteed Minimum Price incentive. The payment rate is determined by ERCOT pricing, and the incentive is applied to ensure a minimum price for qualified project generation.

Through the incentive, Solar Standard Offer System Owners can receive a minimum price of:

- $0.11 per kilowatt-hour of generation for systems less than 1 MW
- $0.08 per kilowatt-hour for of generation for systems over 1 MW

The above incentivized rates apply for the first 10 years of operation, after which solar generation will receive compensation based on the variable market-adjusted payment rate. The Guaranteed Minimum Price Incentive applies a compensation floor, but there is no payment rate price cap.

Customer Sited Solar systems 50 kW-ac and above are distribution interconnected on the utility side of the meter.

Site Host in Austin Energy territory can benefit by leasing their space to solar system owners or by owning the systems themselves.

System Owners benefit by receiving the Standard Offer Rider rate for solar generation.

Austin Energy pays the System Owner the available Guaranteed Minimum Price for 10 years, followed by the Solar Standard Offer rate for the life of the system.

The generation and environmental attributes are routed to Austin Energy's Green-e certified **Community Solar Program**, available to residential customers through subscription.

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