Community Solar Garden Subscriber Disclosure Checklist for Minnesota Residential Pay-As-You-Go Subscriptions

This standard document is intended to enable potential Community Solar subscribers in Xcel Energy territory to:

1. Clearly understand where (and whether) a given Community Solar Operator discloses the below-listed relevant terms and conditions in their residential pay-as-you-go subscription agreement; and
2. Identify additional relevant questions they the subscriber may want to ask before signing a residential subscriber agreement.

1 The Community Solar developer presenting this standard form is expected to fill in the relevant page number for their developer-specific residential subscriber agreement. If the clause is not in the contract the developer will put “N/A” or “None”.

2 Note, Subscribers and potential Subscribers may also file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General.
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Additional Questions to Ask

• Does the Operator base its solar-production estimate on a methodology, if so, what methodology do they use?

• What landscaping practices does the Operator plan to use under the solar panels (gravel, turf grass, native pollinator mix)?

• Does the Operator’s subscriber agreement guaranty a certain level of solar production? A certain level of net-energy-bill savings?

• Does the Operator plan to use a NABCEP-certified solar professional to perform or supervise the construction of the Community Solar garden, along with any upgrades or repairs?

• Does the Operator plan to maintain the Community Solar garden according to industry standards (incl. manufacturers’ maintenance recommendations for solar panels, inverters, and other components)?

• Is there a penalty fee if I cease to be a customer of Xcel Energy (e.g., move residence outside of Xcel Energy’s service territory)?

• Please note: Potential Subscribers may also request a copy of the standard Solar*Rewards Community contract (between the Operator and Xcel Energy) for review, or access this standard contract online via Xcel’s Rate Book, Section 9 at Sheet Nos. 69-88.