

# COMMUNITY SOLAR BILLING EXPLAINED

### FOR MINNESOTA SUBSCRIBERS XCEL ENERGY

As a Minnesota household or business, you are currently on the dual bill option. Each month, you will receive a bill from your utility and a bill from Nautilus Solar Energy®.

### Tips for Understanding Your Xcel Energy Statements & Solar Credits

- An Xcel utility bill consists of electricity supply charges, delivery charges, and often your natural gas bill. Nautilus Solar does not impact your monthly natural gas charge.
- On page 2 of your utility bill, you can find your electricity charges detailed. This accounts for your delivery charges as well as any usage not covered by your Nautilus bill. Without Nautilus, another 504.52 kWh would have been charged (at the standard supply rates) on this utility statement.

#### **Locating Solar Credits On Your Utility Bill**

In the example to the right, under 'Summary of Current Charges', you can see a line item called 'Other Recurring Charges'. <u>This deduction reflects the energy generated by your solar farm during this period</u>.

In this case, we can see that **504.52 kWhs** were covered by their share of the solar farm. This portion of energy is deducted from the utility bill. Instead, this energy is charged on the Nautilus Solar bill **minus the 10% discount**.

The remaining **320 kWhs** not covered by Nautilus are billed as normal through Xcel Energy. In this example, the customer owes **\$27.42** to Xcel Energy for usage not covered by this month's allocation of solar credits.

#### On this Xcel bill, the customer owes the following:

\$54.64 for their electricity delivery and excess supply charges

- -\$43.07 for solar credits generated by Nautilus Solar Energy®
- + \$69.08 for their natural gas charges
- = total of \$80.65 owed to Xcel Energy



DESCRIPTION	USAGE UNITS	RATE	CHARGE
Service & Facility			¢7.10
Usage Charge	320 kWh	\$0.085700	\$27.42
Trans Cost Adj	11.63	8.30%	\$0.97
Trans Cost Adj	15.79	5.08%	\$0.80
ECA Q1	11.63	31.45%	\$3.66
ECA Q4	15.79	30.83%	\$4.87
Demand Side Mgmt	15.79	10.97%	\$1.73
Demand Side Mgmt	11.63	10.14%	\$1.18
Purch Cap Cost Adj	11.63	3.62%	\$0.42
Purch Cap Cost Adj	15.79	5.80%	\$0.92
Trans Elec Plan	11.63	1.29%	\$0.15
Trans Elec Plan	<b>15.</b> 79	0.75%	\$0.12
Renew. Energy Std Adj			\$0.49
Colo Energy Plan Adj			\$0.49
Energy Assistance Chg			\$0.81
Subtotal			\$51.13
Franchise Fee		3.00%	\$1.51
Sales Tax			\$2.00

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## UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMMUNITY SOLAR STATEMENT

Now that you understand how to locate solar credits on your Xcel Energy utility bill, we can now look at the Nautilus statement for your solar credits.

Remember, solar credits are not free. They are a way for residents and businesses to pay for a portion of their energy consumption at a discount while also producing clean, renewable energy.

#### **BILL EXAMPLE**

This customer generated **504.52 kWh** from their share of the solar farm (deducted from Xcel). We can calculate the solar credit cost using the standard rate from the utility as seen on the Xcel bill.

In this example, 504.52 kWhs x \$0.085360 = **\$43.07**.

But Nautilus customers **save 10**% on the solar credits generated by their share of the solar farm, totaling a **savings of \$4.31**.

With this discount, the customer only owes **\$38.76** to Nautilus Solar, instead of the **\$43.07** deducted by the utility.

#### WITHOUT NAUTILUS

Total Electricity Charges without Nautilus: \$97.71
Total Electricity Charges with Nautilus: \$93.40



#### WHEN YOU'LL RECEIVE YOUR STATEMENTS

Your utility will likely send you a statement just a few days after your billing period ends. Your invoice for the same period from Nautilus Solar Energy may lag by 1-2 months. This delay reflects the time it takes to reconcile the solar credits transferred between your local utility company and Nautilus as part of the community solar program.



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