

# UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMMUNITY SOLAR BILL

As an Illinois resident, you are set to receive the dual bill option. Each month, you will receive a bill from your utility company and a bill from Nautilus Solar Energy®.

#### **DUAL BILL TIMING**

Your utility will likely send you a statement just a few days after your billing period ends, while your Nautilus Solar bill from the same period may lag by 1-3 billing cycles. This delay reflects the time it takes to reconcile the solar credits transferred between your utility company and Nautilus.



**NOTE:** The billing period on your utility bill and the Nautilus Solar bill may vary slightly. The utility bill is based on the read dates of the electricity used. The Nautilus Solar bill is based on the electricity generation period of the solar farm.



### TIPS TO UNDERSTAND BILLING

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

Are You Saving Money With Two Bills? Yes. Solar energy credits, aka kWhs of energy, are deducted from your electricity charges on your utility bill. The deducted energy is charged on the Nautilus bill at a 10% discount.

Note: the 10% savings apply to the <u>solar energy</u> <u>produced</u>, not on your total electricity charges.

What Energy Rates Do We Use? We use Ameren Illinois and ComEd rates to monetize the solar energy sent into the electricity grid, ensuring you receive the right credits and savings.



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#### **DEFINITIONS**

- **Supply Charges**: The cost of supplying electricity for your usage.
- **Delivery Charges**: The cost of delivering electricity to your home through the power lines.
- Solar Credits: Financial incentives created as part of your state community solar program. These are measured in kilowatt hours (kWhs), which is the unit used to bill your electricity usage.

## **HOW DO SOLAR CREDITS WORK?**

Here's how solar credits work for community solar:



You subscribe to a Nautilus Community Solar farm in your area.



When you enroll, Nautilus calculates your share of the total energy your farm is expected to produce over the next 12 months.



Each month, the energy generated by your portion of the solar farm is fed into the local electricity grid, contributing to the overall energy mix.



Your solar credits are calculated into a dollar value and deducted from your utility bill. The credits appear on your monthly Nautilus bill minus a discount of 10%.



Your solar credits are based on solar energy produced, not your total usage. Nautilus doesn't affect your electricity delivery. You remain a customer of Ameren or ComEd and will always receive the necessary amount of electricity.

# **HOW IS MY SHARE OF THE COMMUNITY SOLAR FARM CALCULATED?**

Your share or "allocation" is calculated by:

**YOUR 12-MONTH** HISTORICAL USAGE

**ALLOCATION %** 

AVG ANNUAL COMMUNITY SOLAR FARM PRODUCTION

From here, we calculate your monthly solar credits:

**YOUR** ALLOCATION % X

**TOTAL SOLAR ENERGY** PRODUCED THAT MONTH

YOUR **SOLAR CREDITS** 



#### **Questions?**

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