### LOOKING INTO YOUR ELECTRICITY CHOICES WILL PAY OFF

**RELIABILITY**  
Is this a consistent energy source?
- **Traditional Electric Company**: Yes
- **Solar Panels¹**: Yes, if properly maintained
- **Community Solar**: An off-site local solar farm where electricity is shared and delivered to subscribers home or business by their utility company.

**AVAILABILITY**  
Is this service available for Homeowners, Renters, and Businesses?
- **Traditional Electric Company**: Yes
- **Solar Panels¹**: Yes, with panel limitations²
- **Community Solar**: Yes

**POWER GENERATION**  
What percent of my home or business can be powered?
- **Traditional Electric Company**: None
- **Solar Panels¹**: 100% (with battery purchase)³
- **Community Solar**: 100%

**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
What financial costs am I responsible for?
- **Traditional Electric Company**: Nothing upfront. Simply pay for your energy usage as you go.
- **Solar Panels¹**: Upfront costs are typically financed so you’re responsible for those payments plus on-going maintenance⁴
- **Community Solar**: Nothing upfront. Simply pay for your energy usage as you go.

**MONTHLY COSTS**  
Per kWh
- **Traditional Electric Company**: Rates set by your Electric Company and often directed by state regulations
- **Solar Panels¹**: Minimal if you stay hooked up to the utility company power lines to avoid power outages
- **Community Solar**: 10 – 25% off the electric charges from your Electric Company

**RISING COSTS**  
Inflation Protection
- **Traditional Electric Company**: No
- **Solar Panels¹**: Yes
- **Community Solar**: Yes

**LIFESPAN**  
How long will the energy source last?
- **Traditional Electric Company**: Indefinite
- **Solar Panels¹**: 30-35 years. Batteries, if installed, last 5-15 years⁵
- **Community Solar**: Minimum 30-35 years – batteries not required!⁶

**RECOMMENDATION**
- **Traditional Electric Company**: 😐
- **Solar Panels¹**: 😐
- **Community Solar**: 🌟 BEST CHOICE

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**Disclaimers:**

1. Some states and utility companies allow for ‘net metering’ where you can return any energy produced above your needs to the local utility grid for a fee. It is your responsibility to investigate.

2. Solar panel limitations can include roofs condition, direction a roof faces, whether you own the roof, and more.

3. When energy demand is higher than production or what your batteries can provide (if installed), then the local electric company provides the necessary energy at their going rate.

4. The cost to generate electricity for your home or business is lowest once the solar panel installation costs are paid off.