# ORCAS POWER & LIGHT COOPERATIVE MEMBER SERVICE POLICY 18 COMMUNITY SOLAR

#### 18. COMMUNITY SOLAR

## 18.1. OVERVIEW

- 18.1.1. Projects consist of solar Photovoltaic (PV) arrays, in which the energy produced by the array at one location is virtually distributed proportionately to participants at a different location.
- 18.1.2. Program means a Community Solar array interconnected with, and administered by, OPALCO.

#### 18.2. PROJECT AVAILABILITY

- 18.2.1 Projects are considered for interconnection and distribution if:
  - 18.2.1.1 Projects must be consistent with all OPALCO agreements including but not limited to Pacific Northwest Generating Cooperative (PNGC), Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and other regulatory agencies.
  - 18.2.1.2 Projects must have a signed interconnection agreement with OPALCO, including Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

### 18.3 MEMBER PARTICIPATION

- 18.3.1 Projects must be approved and in line with the most recent version of the Community Solar Guidelines available from OPALCO.
- 18.3.2 Any active member of OPALCO in good standing can opt in to participate in the Program.
- 18.3.3 Members must sign a Community Solar Participation Agreement (PA) prior to receiving any incentives, or billing energy credits, if available.
- 18.3.4 Oversubscription to an OPALCO program will be handled with a maximum investment to be determined based on overall member interest and consideration for maximum member participation.
- 18.3.5 Existing members, or non-members, may purchase and assign a subscription to the program in order to benefit a separate existing member. The beneficiary will be bound by the same guidelines outlined in the PA.
- 18.3.6 Members participating in the program that become inactive before the program term expires may transfer the benefits of the program to another active member, within the guidelines of the PA. If no eligible account is specified when the existing account becomes inactive, the subscription will be reassigned to the OPALCO Energy Assist Program.
- 18.3.7 In addition to the Participation Agreement, each member's participation must also follow the Community Solar Guidelines and respective Project Outline and Specifications.

#### 18.4 GENERATION

**18.4.1** OPALCO reserves the right to use any generated energy produced by the Community Solar Array in any method reasonable as deemed by OPALCO.

## 18.5 METERING AND DISTRIBUTION

- 18.5.1 OPALCO will monitor and record energy generated on an electric production meter.
- 18.5.2 The production meter is considered the point of generation.
- 18.5.3 The energy produced will be distributed to each participant based on their proportionate contribution to the project.
- 18.5.4 Production units will be posted in whole kilowatt hours (kWh) monthly, and rounded production will be credited on the following billing period.

### 18.6 ENERGY CREDIT RATE

- 18.6.1 The Energy Credit Rate means a billing credit the Participant is eligible to receive on their electric bill based on the amount of electric energy produced by that portion of the Project selected by the Participant.
- 18.6.2 The Energy Credit Rate will be determined in advance by the Board of Directors.

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