

Powering West Virginia's energy freedom with solar Power Purchase Agreements

What is a solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)?

- Widely available method to finance solar installations for both commercial businesses and tax-exempt entities like governments and nonprofits
- Legal in 26 states, including Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Georgia
- Currently not available in West Virginia

How does it work?

- Tax-paying third-party developer installs, owns, and operates a solar array on a customer's property
- Customer agrees to purchase electricity produced by the array at a fixed rate (typically lower than that of the local utility) for a specific time period, usually 15 years

Who can utilize a solar PPA?

- Schools
- Churches
- Hospitals
- Nonprofit organizations
- Farms
- Commercial businesses and manufacturers
- Communities and municipalities

What are the benefits?

- Install solar with zero upfront cost
- Lower electric bills from day one
- Lock in long-term affordable electricity rates
- Avoid utility rate increases
- Stabilize monthly budget expenditures

How will solar PPAs help West Virginia?

- Broaden access to affordable solar energy
- Expand local economic development throughout the state
- Create good local jobs
- Attract employers to locate and invest in West Virginia

How can I help?

West Virginians should have the right to produce their own energy! Sign the petition to urge your legislators to legalize solar PPAs in our state: www.solarunitedneighbors.org/westvirginiappa

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