

Solar Energy

Several Owners at the Highline Club are considering solar energy as a way to be more environmentally friendly and to reduce, potentially, energy bills. Leo Haas, chair of the Architectural Control Committee, has been researching the topic of solar energy. In the discovery process several other communities were talked to as well as providers of solar energy.

“Solar gardens” are being developed. These are areas where multiple solar panels reside. People purchase individual panels that are part of a solar garden located away from an owner’s property. The energy is produced off site as part of a large solar project. The Owner would have no maintenance cost; the company maintains the panels and other necessary parts. In our case for example, there would be no equipment on the Highline Club property.

Individuals own the panels, and they can sell them or transfer them to another property or to the new owner of a property in the Excel service area. Energy (electricity credits) would be credited to individual accounts. Credit for the energy produced by the owned panels would appear on energy bills. Long term, individual electric costs could be reduced. Potentially, rebates and other benefits are possible.

The specific cost of the solar equipment is not available at this point. However, a company, The Solar Collective, has stated it will be at least competitive with other available solar programs.

It cost nothing to send in a release, which will allow the company to access your Excel bill to develop a proposal for you. If you are interested in pursuing this, you can complete a release to receive a bid (quote) for what it would take to produce up to 120% of your current electrical usage. There is no obligation if you choose to send in the release. It just allows The Solar Collective to develop a quote.

To find out more about this concept, go to www.Coloradocommunitysolar.com. The Solar Collective and Excel Energy have developed this website. If you decide not to go ahead you could, at the very least, become aware of some of the inventive and creative things going on in the area of solar energy.

Disclaimer: Our management company, the Highline Club Association, and the Highline Board make no recommendation regarding this product/process. The information is being made available for each Owner to decide for herself or himself what course of action she/he might want to take.

REMINDER: You must submit an Architectural Control or a Landscape application to the management company prior to beginning any work you plan to do on the exterior areas of your property. You must receive in writing approval from the Board for any exterior work. The application must be completed and submitted to the management company two (2) weeks prior to the board meeting at which approval is requested.

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