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## Cooperative Solar FAQ

### Q. What is Cooperative Solar?

A. Cooperative Solar will be a community solar farm owned by Farmers RECC and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. It will be built in Winchester by fall 2017, and will provide renewable energy without the headaches of installing and maintaining solar panels at private homes and businesses.

### Q. Where will the farm be built?

A. At the headquarters of Farmers RECC's power supplier, East Kentucky Power, adjacent to Interstate 64 and U.S. 60. Thousands of motorists will see the farm daily as they pass it on I-64.

### Q. How large will Cooperative Solar be?

A. Cooperative Solar will have more than 32,000 photovoltaic panels covering 60 acres, making the installation one of Kentucky's largest solar farms. Construction will begin this spring.

### Q. How can members participate?

A. For a one-time payment of \$460 per panel, participating members will receive a 25-year license for one of the panels. That means they will get credit on their monthly power bill for the value of the energy generated by their share of the solar farm. And they can monitor panel performance online.

### Q. When can members participate?

A. The Kentucky Public Service Commission approved the project in November, but the PSC must approve tariffs for the co-ops before they can begin marketing licenses.

### Q. Why do businesses want to participate?

A. Many businesses have sustainability goals that can be met through Cooperative Solar.

### Q. What are additional advantages for joining?

A. In addition to getting bill credits, participating members will also get:

- Renewable power that is much more cost effective than private solar panels.
- No worries about maintenance or hassles from bolting panels to their roof.

### Q. Are there other reasons members might want to participate?

A. Many co-op members are interested because:

- They rent or face deed restrictions that prevent the private installation of panels.
- Their roof is shaded by trees or doesn't get good exposure to the sun.

### Q. What else should we tell members who ask about Cooperative Solar?

A. Please make sure our members know that:

- To download information and get ongoing news, go to [www.cooperativesolar.com](http://www.cooperativesolar.com).
- By joining, our members can show their commitment to the environment.
- **Farmers RECC** is leading the way on renewable energy and embracing technologies of the future.

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