

Solar and Battery Coalition Request to Participate

The Solar and Storage Coalition (SSC) files this request to participate in the Austin Energy 2022 Base Rate and Value of Solar Review. SSC members¹ are both Austin Energy customers and service providers to Austin Energy customers across multiple customer classes. It also includes real estate developers that have installed or wish to install solar and storage. SSC's authorized representatives are also Austin Energy customers.

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SSC's member companies operate, maintain, and install solar and batteries throughout the United States, including within the Austin Energy service territory.

SSC's initial list of issues are as follows, but SSC reserves the right to raise additional issues and questions throughout the proceeding.

1. Should the value of solar tariff be amended to include permitting, inspection, and installation timelines? Should these processes be improved and guaranteed within the tariff to include options such as third-party electricians, disconnect switches, and national standards for online permitting?
2. Should the value of solar tariff be amended to add subcategories, such as a multi-customer microgrid rate, a solar plus storage rate, solar leasing options, a standard offer for community solar projects?
3. Should there be rebate for home storage included in the value of solar tariff?
4. Can electric school buses charged by solar have financing options or rebates included as a value of solar subcategory?
5. How does the customer charge impact the adoption of solar within the Austin Energy service territory?
6. Should Austin Energy offer additional program options that interact with the ERCOT market, such as 4CP, time of use, a 24x7 carbon free energy rate, etc?
7. Should the value of solar tariff include a low-income program? How are low-income customers identified and enrolled in programs?
8. How does the value of solar tariff interact with the energy efficiency program?
9. Should Austin Energy create a standard process to bury distribution and transmission lines?
10. How is affordability measured?
11. Does Austin Energy's choice of service vehicles impact easements, and could those easements be modified in the utility invested in different vehicles?

¹ Members include: Crosswaters East, Sunnova, Sunrun, Tesla, and Eric Goff

12. How are easements shared with other uses, such as urban trails and recreational facilities?
13. Does the utility's billing system allow for a wide variety of rate options?