

Free Solar PPA Checklist

Questions to Ask Before Signing a Solar Power Purchase Agreement in DC

ABOUT YOUR HOME

1. How old is your roof? (Very old = company may not install. Needs to last through contract)
2. Does your electrical panel need upgrades? (Company usually handles for free PPAs, but ask first)
3. Will the company upgrade your panel for free? (Get in writing)

ABOUT THE CONTRACT

4. How long is the contract? (Usually 20-25 years - make sure you're comfortable)
5. What happens if you want to end it early? (Early termination fee?)
6. Can you transfer the contract if you move/sell your home?
7. Is the contract assumable by a new homeowner? (Important for resale)

ABOUT OWNERSHIP & SREC INCOME

8. Who owns the solar system? (Should be the company, not you)
9. Who gets the SREC income? (Company keeps it - that's why it's free for you)
10. Can you buy the system later? (Buyout option and price?)
11. Is there a buyout after year 10? (Some contracts allow this)

ABOUT COSTS & GUARANTEES

12. Is there truly ZERO upfront cost? (No deposit, no installation fee)
13. Are there any monthly fees beyond electricity savings? (Monitoring, maintenance?)
14. What's the production guarantee? (System must produce X% of estimate)
15. What if your roof needs replacement during contract? (Who pays to remove/reinstall?)

ABOUT MAINTENANCE & WARRANTY

16. Who handles maintenance and repairs? (Should be company, not you)
17. What's covered under warranty? (Panels, inverter, wiring, etc.)
18. What if something breaks in year 18? (Is it still covered?)
19. Who replaces the inverter when it fails? (Usually fails after 10-15 years)

ABOUT YOUR SAVINGS

20. What's the guaranteed savings? (In writing, not just estimates)
21. How does your bill change month 1 vs month 12? (Account for seasonal changes)
22. What if your electricity usage drops? (Do you still save the same amount?)
23. Is there an annual rate increase? (Some PPAs escalate 2-3% per year)

ABOUT INSTALLATION & LOGISTICS

24. When will installation happen? (Timeline and any disruptions?)
25. Does your HOA need to approve? (Get this in writing before signing)
26. Are there any permits needed? (Company should handle)

27. What if you need solar removed temporarily? (Roof replacement, etc.)

RED FLAGS TO WATCH

- 28. They won't put guarantees in writing
- 29. They pressure you to sign without time to review
- 30. Contract doesn't explain what happens after year 20
- 31. They can't explain their company's credentials/licenses
- 32. No mention of what happens if the company goes out of business

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