# AMEREN'S NEW COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM

MAKING YOUR
PARTICIPATION IN CLEAN
ENERGY EASY

#### INTRODUCTION

Are you interested in solar but don't own your home or have a suitable roof for solar?

Now, you can get solar energy through your utility! All Ameren residential and small business customers can now participate in Ameren Missouri's "Community Solar" program and get up to half of their monthly electricity from a solar farm.

<u>Visit Ameren's website</u> to subscribe for the program today! Signing up takes five minutes or less.

## WHO IS THE PROGRAM FOR?

Ameren's Community Solar program is perfect for renters, or for homeowners and small businesses that don't have the option of putting solar panels on their own roofs.



### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Ameren's Community Solar program can help make your bills more stable and even protect you against future rate increases. Electricity bills vary based on your household usage, the seasons, and the current electricity rates. It can be frustrating when you don't know how much your bill is going to cost on a month-to-month basis. Ameren's rates are expected to increase, but your solar rate under the program will remain consistent for as long as you participate (up to 25 years). In addition to taking the guesswork out of your electric bill, the program is an easy and accessible way to invest in renewable energy in your area, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and benefiting the environment. Be a part of something big!

## How Does the Program Work?

- 1. Make a small down-payment that will guarantee your participation in Community Solar.\* Your down payment is only \$25 (plus municipal taxes) for every "block" of solar you subscribe to. Solar "blocks" are sold in 100 kWh bundles. You can subscribe to Community Solar for up to half of your monthly energy usage. For example, a typical residential home consumes about 1000 kWh per month, and thus could subscribe to up to five (5) blocks.
- 2. Construction of the Community Solar Project will begin at Lambert International Airport once the solar program is fully subscribed. The program will likely be fully subscribed before the end of 2018.
- 3. Once the project is completed, your solar subscription begins! You will start seeing a new line item on your monthly bill, proportionate to the number of solar blocks you are subscribed for. The Community Solar rate is a fixed cost of \$13.95/block, or about \$0.14/kWh. This rate will not change, and could even be lower than Ameren's standard market rate in the future. This is because Ameren's rates are projected to increase in coming years.
- 4. If you move out of Ameren's service territory, or simply don't want to participate in Community Solar anymore, you simply unsubscribe. If you choose to unsubscribe after construction has begun, you won't get your deposit of \$25/block. However, you won't see any additional charges! You can always choose to adjust up or down your number of subscribed blocks.