

SENATE BILL NO. 386

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 386, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a community solar pilot program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 386, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 386.875, to read as
3 follows:

**386.875. 1. As used in this section, the following
2 terms shall mean:**

3 (1) "Bill credit", the commission-approved monetary
4 value of each kilowatt hour of electricity generated by a
5 community solar facility and allocated to a subscriber's
6 monthly bill to offset the subscriber's retail electric bill;

7 (2) "Community solar facility", a facility that:

8 (a) Generates electricity by means of a solar
9 photovoltaic device whereby subscribers receive a bill
10 credit for the electricity generated based on the size of
11 the subscriptions;

12 (b) Is located within the state of Missouri;

13 (c) Is connected to and delivers electricity to a
14 distribution system operated by a retail electric supplier
15 operating in the state of Missouri and in compliance with
16 requirements under this section;

17 (d) Has a nameplate capacity greater than one hundred
18 AC kilowatts and no greater than five thousand AC kilowatts;

- 19 (e) Has at least ten subscribers;
- 20 (f) Credits some or all of the electricity generated
21 from a community solar facility to the bills of subscribers;
- 22 (g) May be located remotely from a subscriber's
23 premises and shall not be required to provide energy to an
24 on-site load;
- 25 (3) "Community solar organization", an entity that
26 owns or operates one or more community solar facilities;
- 27 (4) "Customer-generator", the same meaning as set
28 forth in section 386.890;
- 29 (5) "Low-income customer", a retail residential
30 customer of a retail electric supplier whose household
31 income adjusted for family size does not exceed either two
32 hundred percent of the federal poverty level or eighty
33 percent of the median income of the county in which the
34 customer is located, whichever is higher. Owners or
35 managers of apartment buildings or rental units that serve
36 low-income customers may be considered low-income customers
37 if fifty percent or more of the tenants qualify under this
38 definition. Further, certain entities, organizations, and
39 institutions that are focused on social welfare and that
40 serve the low-income customer community may also qualify,
41 including but not limited to: homeless shelters, halfway
42 houses, soup kitchens, foster homes, orphanages, and other
43 similar organizations;
- 44 (6) "Retail electric supplier", an electrical
45 corporation regulated under chapter 386 that provides retail
46 electric service in this state;
- 47 (7) "Subscriber", a retail customer of a retail
48 electric supplier who owns one or more subscriptions to a
49 community solar facility interconnected with the customer's
50 retail electric supplier. The term includes a retail

51 customer who owns a portion of a community solar facility.
52 A subscriber's subscription size shall be one hundred
53 percent or less of their twelve-month rolling average
54 kilowatt hour usage for any one subscriber meter;

55 (8) "Subscriber administrator", an entity that
56 recruits and enrolls subscribers, administers subscriber
57 participation in community solar facilities, and manages the
58 subscription relationship between subscribers and a retail
59 electric supplier;

60 (9) "Subscription", a contract between a subscriber
61 and subscriber administrator of a community solar facility
62 that entitles the subscriber to a bill credit against the
63 subscriber's retail electric bill;

64 (10) "Unsubscribed energy", the output of a community
65 solar facility, measured in kilowatt hours, that is not
66 allocated to subscribers.

67 2. Each retail electric supplier shall implement a
68 three-year community solar pilot program to run during
69 calendar years 2026 through 2028. Retail electric suppliers
70 shall allow subscriber administrators and owners or
71 operators of community solar facilities to recruit customers
72 as subscribers, and shall process subscribers' bill credits
73 as required by subdivision (8) of subsection 3 of this
74 section. Each retail electric supplier shall continue
75 operating its community solar pilot program until the total
76 solar electricity demand from subscribers equals five
77 percent of the retail electric supplier's electricity sales
78 for the previous year.

79 3. Community solar facilities shall be operated as
80 follows:

81 (1) A community solar facility may be built, owned, or
82 operated by a third party entity under contract with an

83 owner or operator of a community solar facility or a
84 subscriber administrator. A subscriber administrator may
85 contract to administer bill credits to the subscriber's
86 electricity bill generated by the subscriber's share of the
87 community solar facility, subject to the requirements of
88 this section. A subscriber administrator that provides bill
89 credits to a subscriber pursuant to this section shall not
90 be considered an electrical corporation or public utility
91 under section 386.020 for purposes of determining
92 jurisdiction of the commission;

93 (2) The owner or operator of a community solar
94 facility may serve as a subscriber administrator or may
95 contract with a third party to serve as a subscriber
96 administrator on behalf of the owner or operator. Nothing
97 in this section shall prevent a retail electric supplier
98 from owning or operating a community solar facility or from
99 acting as a subscriber administrator as part of its own
100 community solar pilot program;

101 (3) Except as provided under subdivision (4) of this
102 subsection, the price paid for a subscription in a community
103 solar facility shall not be subject to regulation by the
104 commission;

105 (4) Not later than nine months after the effective
106 date of this section, the commission shall establish the
107 value of the bill credit for each retail electric supplier
108 to offset each subscriber's retail electric bill for each
109 kilowatt hour subscribed from a community solar facility.
110 The commission shall establish the bill credit value in such
111 a way as to allow for the creation, financing,
112 accessibility, and operation of community solar facilities
113 and to maximize customer participation so as to meet the
114 goal of five percent of electricity sales per year as

115 required by subsection 2 of this section. The commission
116 shall establish an additional bill credit value for
117 subscribers who are low-income customers in such a way as to
118 ensure that low-income subscribers save money on their
119 retail electric bills;

120 (5) A retail electric supplier shall allow for the
121 transferability and portability of subscriptions, including
122 allowing a subscriber to retain a subscription to a
123 community solar facility if the subscriber relocates within
124 the same retail electric supplier's service territory;

125 (6) On a monthly basis, a subscriber administrator
126 shall update the subscriber administrator's list of
127 subscribers and provide all of the following information
128 about each subscriber to the retail electric supplier in a
129 standardized electronic format approved by the commission
130 for the purpose of bill credit to subscribers:

131 (a) The name, address, account number, and meter
132 number;

133 (b) The kilowatt hours of electricity generation
134 attributable to each subscriber;

135 (c) If a subscriber administrator is using the retail
136 electric supplier's billing methods to collect subscription
137 fees, the subscription fee for the month owed by each
138 subscriber to the subscriber administrator;

139 (7) A subscriber administrator or third party owning
140 or operating a community solar facility shall not be
141 considered a retail electric supplier or an electric
142 generation provider solely as a result of involvement with a
143 community solar facility;

144 (8) Duties of retail electric suppliers shall include
145 the following:

146 (a) On a monthly basis, a retail electric supplier
147 shall provide to a subscriber administrator a report in a
148 standardized electronic format indicating the total value of
149 the bill credit generated by the community solar facility in
150 the prior month and the amount of the bill credit applied to
151 each subscriber;

152 (b) A retail electric supplier shall provide a bill
153 credit to a subscriber's next monthly electric bill for the
154 proportional output of a community solar facility
155 attributable to the subscriber in the same manner as if the
156 solar facility were located on the customer's property;

157 (c) If requested by a subscriber administrator, a
158 retail electric supplier shall include a subscriber's
159 subscription fee on the monthly bill and forward the
160 collected subscription fees to the subscriber administrator
161 on a monthly basis;

162 (d) Not later than August 28, 2026, a retail electric
163 supplier shall make available and update, in a commercially
164 reasonable manner, a system map showing the loading of the
165 distribution system and indicating where in the service area
166 the distribution system could accommodate new solar
167 generation;

168 (9) Compensation for retail electric suppliers shall
169 be as follows:

170 (a) A subscriber administrator shall compensate a
171 retail electric supplier for the retail electric supplier's
172 reasonable direct costs of interconnection of a community
173 solar facility. Such compensation shall be in the form of a
174 one-time payment upon interconnection;

175 (b) A retail electric supplier shall be entitled to
176 recover its reasonable direct costs of complying with the
177 requirements of this section and enabling a community solar

178 facility within its service territory, including but not
179 limited to: added billing costs and added costs of net
180 metering and interconnection for community solar
181 facilities. Such reasonable direct costs shall be in the
182 form of an annual fee invoiced to the subscriber
183 administrator based on the total final system size of the
184 community solar facility;

185 (10) Each community solar facility shall be subscribed
186 with at least ten percent low-income customers and twenty
187 percent residential customers;

188 (11) A retail electric supplier shall purchase
189 unsubscribed energy from a community solar facility at the
190 retail electric supplier's avoided cost as approved by the
191 commission. No later than nine months after August 28,
192 2025, the commission shall promulgate rules to implement the
193 provisions of this section regarding the purchase of
194 unsubscribed energy;

195 (12) No entity, affiliated entity, or entities under
196 common control may develop, own, or operate more than one
197 community solar facility on the same parcel or contiguous
198 parcels of land.

199 4. Interconnection standards for community solar
200 facilities under one hundred kilowatts shall be the same as
201 the standards for net-metered customers pursuant to section
202 386.890. For systems larger than one hundred kilowatts, the
203 commission shall develop technical and net metering
204 interconnection rules for customer-generators intending to
205 operate community solar facilities or renewable onsite
206 generators in parallel with the electric utility grid,
207 consistent with rules defined in other states within the
208 service region of the regional transmission organization
209 that manages the transmission system in any part of the

210 state. In developing its rules, the commission shall
211 convene a stakeholder process to develop statewide technical
212 and net metering rules for customer generators with systems
213 larger than one hundred kilowatts.

214 5. The commission shall promulgate rules and
215 regulations to implement the provisions of this section
216 within nine months of August 28, 2025. Any rule or portion
217 of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that
218 is created under the authority delegated in this section
219 shall become effective only if it complies with and is
220 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if
221 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536
222 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
223 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay
224 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
225 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
226 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
227 August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.

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