



Solar and Storage Rebates in Illinois

FACT SHEET

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There are various state, federal, and utility incentives to help bring down the cost of going solar. For example, Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) and Ameren Illinois are now offering rebates to qualifying customers installing solar and/or battery storage on their property. CUB has created this fact sheet to explain how these rebates work.

Why these rebates are available

The rebates are part of a 2025 change in a solar benefit called “net metering.” Net metering is when you receive credits on your electric bill for the excess electricity your solar system produces and sends back to the utility grid. For solar systems installed before 2025, the credits appear under all three sections of your bill: supply, delivery and taxes. Systems installed in 2025 or after will have net metering credits under the supply section only. However, as part of this change, there is now a one-time rebate, which increases the upfront benefits of net metering.

Solar Rebates

ComEd’s Distributed Generation (DG) Rebate: The ComEd Distributed Generation (DG) rebate is available to customers installing qualifying renewable energy generating systems (typically solar).

Rebate amount: The rebate is \$300/kilowatt (kW) of the nameplate capacity (the size of the Direct Current, or DC, system) for the eligible residential solar system. For example, if the size of your system is 6 kW, that number is multiplied by \$300, which would equal \$1,800. You should receive this as a one-time payment in the form of a check within 90 days of your system being energized.

Requirements: To receive the rebate, generating systems:

- Must include a smart inverter, set per the requirements in ComEd’s tariff.
- Cannot exceed 5,000 kilowatts (kW).
- Must be primarily intended to offset a retail customer’s current or future electric power and energy requirements.

Please read the [terms and conditions](#) to get details on all the requirements.

Special note: If you installed solar prior to Jan. 1, 2025 and have full net metering (on your bill’s supply, delivery and tax sections), you will lose that status IF you elect to take the DG Rebate for generation.

Ameren’s DG Smart Inverter Rebate: The Ameren DG Smart

Inverter Rebate is available to customers installing qualifying renewable energy generating systems (typically solar).

Rebate amount: The inverter has a nameplate capacity (size) that will be used to calculate the rebate amount. For example, if your inverter’s nameplate capacity is 8 kW, that number is multiplied by \$300, resulting in a \$2,400 rebate.

Requirements: To receive the rebate, generating systems:

- Must include a smart inverter, set per Ameren’s requirements listed in the Rebate Application.
- Cannot exceed 5,000 kW.

Visit [Ameren’s website for more info on the rebate](#).

Special note about the Ameren and ComEd DG rebate for generation: If you installed solar prior to Jan. 1, 2025 and have full net metering (on the supply, delivery and tax sections of the bill), you will lose that status IF you elect to take the DG Rebate for generation.

Storage Rebates

ComEd’s Solar Paired with Storage (SPWS) Rebate: The ComEd Distributed Generation (DG) Storage rebate is available to customers installing battery storage alongside qualifying renewable energy generating systems (typically solar).

Rebate amount: The rebate is \$300/kilowatt-hour (kWh) of the nameplate capacity in Direct Current (DC) rating for the eligible Distributed Generation (DG) facility. (That means your battery has a nameplate capacity, listed in kWh, and that number will be used to calculate the rebate amount. For example, if your battery’s nameplate capacity is 8 kWh, that number is multiplied by \$300, resulting in a \$2,400 rebate.)

Requirements: To receive the rebate, generating systems must:

- Be paired with the Eligible Energy Storage Facility.
- Include a smart Inverter installed and in operation.
- Have a nameplate capacity of no less than 100 kW.

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- You must participate in ComEd’s Rate BESH (Basic Electric Service Hourly), otherwise known as Hourly Pricing. Hourly Pricing is a program that charges ComEd customers a supply rate that can change on

an hourly basis, instead of the standard price that stays the same 24/7. (Before taking the battery storage rebate, make sure the Hourly Pricing program is a good match for your energy household's electricity usage pattern. Call the Hourly Pricing line (1-888-202-7787) and speak with a rate specialist before making a final decision.)

- Customers who receive a battery storage rebate cannot participate in a Community Solar offer, according to ComEd's tariff.

Special note: Unlike with the generation rebate above, if you installed solar prior to Jan. 1, 2025 and have full net metering (on the supply, delivery and tax sections of the bill), you will NOT lose that status if you elect to take this DG Rebate for storage.

Ameren Energy Storage System (ESS) Rebate: The Ameren ESS rebate is available to customers installing battery storage alongside qualifying renewable energy generating systems (typically solar).

Rebate amount: The rebate is \$300/kilowatt hour (kWh) of the nameplate capacity in Direct Current (DC) rating for the eligible DG facility. (That means your battery has a nameplate capacity, listed in kWh, and that number will be used to calculate the rebate amount. For example, if your battery's nameplate capacity is 8 kWh, that number is multiplied by \$300, resulting in a \$2,400 rebate.)

Requirements: To receive the rebate, generating systems must:

- Be paired with the Eligible Energy Storage Facility.
- Include a smart Inverter installed and in operation.
- Have a nameplate capacity of no less than 100 kW.

Also:

- All residential customers receiving this rebate will be required to receive service under one of the following three options. This choice is binding on the current customer at the residence as well as all future residential customers at that address:

Peak Time Rewards (PTR) – Ameren Illinois' demand response program for residential customers. If customers select this program, they and any successor customers at their residence will not be able to participate in any similar demand response programs that might be offered by a third party in the future.

Real Time Pricing (Rider RTP) – This is an electric sup-

ply service offered by Ameren that uses the day-ahead hourly prices published by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) to calculate charges for electric supply service. If you're served under Rider NM – Net Metering, the hourly prices will also be used to calculate the compensation that you receive for any excess generation pushed to the grid.

Power Smart Pricing (Rider PSP) – This is an electric supply service offered by Ameren Illinois that uses the same day-ahead hourly pricing compensation and crediting structure as Rider RTP. The difference is Rider PSP customers receive enhanced customer service and education in exchange for a monthly fee, which is currently \$2.25.

- Real Time Pricing (RTP) and Power Smart Pricing (PSP) are Ameren's hourly pricing programs that charge Ameren customers a supply rate that can change on an hourly basis, instead of the standard price that stays the same 24/7.
- If you are worried about committing to an hourly pricing program, Peak Time Rewards (PTR) may be the program for you. PTR, which provides participants with a credit on their bill for reducing electricity use during certain peak-demand times, is a limited reward program that won't result in any additional costs. If you decide down the line that you are interested in PSP, you can enroll in the supply program in addition to PTR.
- Choose the program that works best for your energy household's electricity usage pattern. Call the Power Smart Pricing line (1-888-596-5498) and speak with a rate specialist before making a final decision.

Special note: Unlike with the generation rebate above, if you installed solar prior to Jan. 1, 2025 and have full net metering (on the supply, delivery and tax sections of the bill), you will NOT lose that status if you elect to take this DG Rebate for storage.

CUB guidance

- These rebates are a significant benefit, but read the fine print to make sure the requirements fit your household.
- If you are a legacy net metering customer—meaning you installed your panels before 2025 and you receive full net metering benefits (credits on the supply, delivery and tax sections of your bill)—you should know that taking part in the generation rebate will cause you to lose those full benefits and only receive it on the supply section of your bill.