

## SREC Process Overview:

As your contractor, **we handle your SREC application and complete required documents.** **Post-installation**, Carbon Solutions Group (CSG), our chosen vendor for the Illinois Shines program, will contact you regarding incentive payments. Contracts and invoices from CSG are directly between you and them. **You'll pay a \$20 per kW processing fee, a 5% collateral payment up front, and a 10% vendor fee will be deducted from your incentive before you receive it.** Fees are disclosed at contract signing.

Processing can take 9-18 months, so you can generally expect payment the following year. If the program pauses (if the current program year is at capacity) your application will be waitlisted.

Payment Options: CSG offers two payment methods: wire transfer (\$35 fee) or USPS mail. We recommend wire transfer for speed and reliability.

## Further comprehension:

Program Participation: You commit to 15 years of renewable energy production, with output measured in RECs. One (1) REC equals 1 megawatt-hour of generated energy. RECs are **digital credits** with a unique serial number, eligible for sale.

The incentive is an awarded lump sum based on your system's **expected** REC production.

Example Calculation:

60 RECs expected x \$75.21 (REC Market Value) = **\$4,512.60** (subject to market changes).

## Monitoring and Responsibilities:

CSG monitors production quarterly. If your system underperforms, CSG will use your collateral payment to cover deficits. Any unused collateral is returned after the contract ends.

## Net-Metering vs. SRECs:

SRECs differ from Ameren's excess generation credits and do not affect your Illinois Shines incentive.

## Peace of Mind:

Due to our continued accuracy, New Prairie's systems are exempt from "additional" collateral requirements. In 10 years, no systems that we have installed have underperformed, verified by audits. If you sell your home, the contract transfers easily, given all parties are informed.

## Tax Questions:

For federal taxes, submit Form #5695 for a 30% credit on system purchase, eligible on system purchases through 2025. SREC payments may be reported in the tax year received. Direct further tax questions to a certified professional.