

## Thinking about going solar?

There are a lot of things to consider before investing in solar. Let PowerShift help make sure you're asking the questions to the right people.

As more and more Nevada homeowners consider installing solar energy systems, it's important to know all the facts before deciding if the long-term investment is really going to pay off. And, because every solar company has a convincing sales pitch, knowing who you are working with and understanding their fine print will greatly affect how positive your experience ends up being.

As your trusted partner in energy efficiency, PowerShift by NV Energy has put together a list of questions you should ask potential contractors to ensure solar is right for you – and that the contractor is, too.

For additional resources and information on private rooftop solar, including costs, savings and the benefits, visit **nvenergy.com/solar.** 

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## **Top 20 Questions to Ask Any Solar Contractor:**

- 1. Is my house suitable for solar panels?
- 2. How can you guarantee the output of the system?
- 3. How do I get to a "zero" bill?
- **4.** Who handles my homeowner's association application?
- 5. Should I own or lease?
- **6.** Are there ongoing costs other than the monthly bill I pay to the solar contractor (like maintenance costs)?
- **7.** What if I lease the system and I move?
- **8.** How long does it take to install a system?
- **9.** What is the process?
- **10.** Who is responsible for repairing the roof if it's damaged during installation?
- **11.** Is there a warranty on the panels?
- **12.** What happens if I need work on my roof? Who is responsible for replacing the solar panel system then?
- 13. How long will the solar panels work?
- **14.** Who owns the system at the end of a lease?
- **15.** Is the system removed at the end of the lease or is there a buyout?
- **16.** What happens if I sell my house?
- 17. Who gets the tax credits?
- **18.** What rebates are available and who gets them?
- **19.** What does this mean for my homeowner's insurance?
- **20.** What happens if you go out of business?