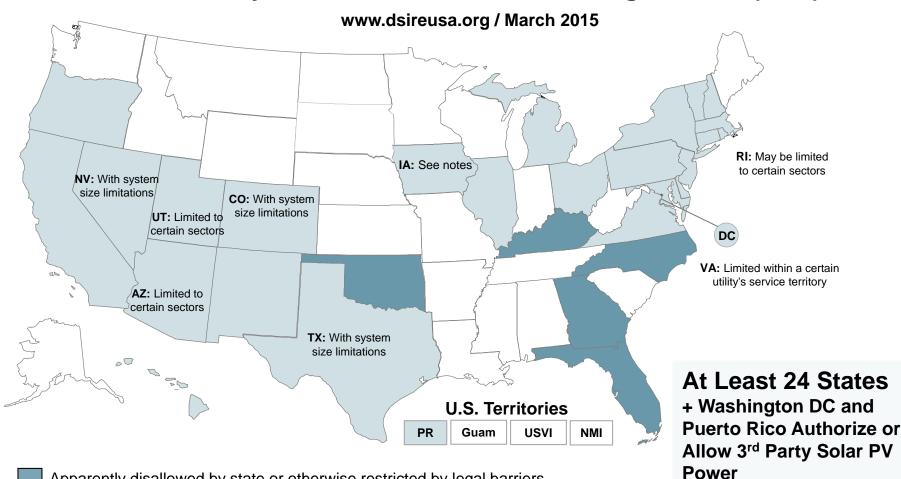




3rd Party Solar PV Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)



Apparently disallowed by state or otherwise restricted by legal barriers

Authorized by state or otherwise currently in use, at least in certain jurisdictions

Status unclear or unknown





Important Information Regarding 3rd-Party Solar PPAs

Authorization for 3rd-party solar PV PPAs usually lies in the definition of a "utility" in state statutes, regulations or case law; in state regulatory commission decisions or orders; and/or in rules and guidelines for state incentive programs.

Even though a state may have authorized the use of 3rd-party PPAs, it does not mean that these arrangements are allowed in every jurisdiction. For example, municipal utilities may not allow 3rd-party PPAs in their territories even though they are allowed or in use in the state's investor-owned utility (IOU) territories.

Though a 3rd-party PPA provider may not be subject to the same regulations as utilities, additional licensing requirements may still apply.

This map and information is provided as a public service and does not constitute legal advice. Seek qualified legal expertise before making binding financial decisions related to a 3rd-party PPA.





Authorities/References

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- Arizona: ACC Decision 71795, Docket E-20690A-09-0346 (limited to schools, governments or other non-profit entities)
- California: Cal. Pub. Util. Code § 218, § 2868
- Colorado: S.B. 09-051; PUC Decision C09-0990, Docket No.
 08R-424E (2009) (limited to systems generating no more than 120% of the average annual electricity consumption)
- Connecticut: Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority
- **D.C.:** REIP Program; PSC Order 15837 (2010)
- Delaware: S.B. 266 and S.B. 267 (2010)
- Florida: PSC Decision: Docket 860725-EU; Order 17009 (1987)
- Georgia: GA Territorial Act: O.C.G.A. § 46-3-1
- Hawaii: S.B. 704 (2011)
- Illinois: 220 ILCS 5/3-105, 16-102; 83 Ill. Adm. Code, Part 465
- **Iowa:** Iowa Supreme Court, No. 13-0642 (2014) (the Iowa Supreme Court's decision overruled an earlier IUB's determination that a local solar company who proposed a 3rd-party PPA would be a "public utility" under Iowa law)
- Kentucky: KRS 278.010 (3)
- Massachusetts: 220 CMR 18.00
- Maryland: H.B. 1057 (2009)
- Michigan: 2008 Public Act 286; PSC Order Docket U-15787
- New Jersey: N.J. Stat. 48:3-51; N.J.A.C. §14:8-4.1 et seq.
- New Mexico: H.B. 181 and S.B. 190 (2010)
- Nevada: NRS 704.021 (AB 186, 2009); PUC Orders 07-06024

and 07-06027 (limited to systems generating no more than 150% of the average annual electricity consumption)

- New York: NY CLS Public Service § 2.13
 - New Hampshire: PUC 902.03; PUC Docket DE 10-212 (letter 1/31/12)
 - North Carolina: General Statutes § 62-3(23)
 - Ohio: PUC Order 06-653-EL-ORD (11/05/2008)
- Oklahoma: 17 Okl. St. § 151; O.A.C. § 165:40
- **Oregon**: PUC Order, Docket 08-388; O.R.S §757.005
- Pennsylvania: PUC Order, Docket M-2011-2249441
- **Puerto Rico**: No policy reference available; based on news reports and articles
- **Rhode Island**: R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.4 (2011) (3rd-party-owned municipal financing arrangements may net meter)
- **Texas**: S.B. 981 (2011) (*limited to systems generating electricity no more than the average annual electricity consumption*)
- **Utah**: H.B. 0145 (2010) *(limited to public buildings, schools or 501(c)(3) non-profits)*
- Vermont: No policy reference available, based on news reports and communications
 - **Virginia**: S.B. 1023 (2013) *(limited to solar systems between 50kW and 1MW within the certificated service territory, tax exempt entities are exempt from the minimum)*