



## SHY PLACE SOLAR PARK | 250 megawatts

IN DEVELOPMENT | aiming for construction in 2027

📍 Jasper County northeast of Monticello

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION:

***Utility bills are high across many parts of the country. Wind, solar, and energy storage deployment is not the reason why.***

***American wind and solar energy are the cheapest energy we have, even without subsidies, and are low and stably priced.***

***So, what is driving up power bills?***

- 1. America's electric grid is aging and in need of costly upgrades,** which are passed onto ratepayers.
- 2. Energy demand has been surging** for years, driven by rises in technology use at the commercial and household levels, and exacerbated even further by AI.
- 3. Natural gas prices are high and vulnerable to market swings caused by disruptions in other countries.** American natural gas is shipped overseas, where prices are much higher. American families compete with foreign buyers who are willing to pay more for the same gas, bidding up prices. This is made worse when major disruptions occur, like when Americans' gas prices shot up when the Russia-Ukraine war first began.

**American wind and solar projects sign power purchase contracts with utilities that guarantee prices for 10+ years because the "fuel" is free and the bulk of costs are upfront.** Vulnerable global oil and gas markets could never guarantee low prices for years.

Sources: Levelized Cost of Energy Comparison – Version 18.0. Lazard.  
CBS News. "Why utility bills are rapidly rising in some states." August 23, 2025.  
Forbes. "Why Your Electricity Bill May be Skyrocketing." August 17, 2025.



**Fully harnessing America's natural solar resource makes America stronger and more secure.**

**Do you have a question about Shy Place Solar Park or solar energy in general?**



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Our team will answer questions directly via email regardless of whether or not the question is chosen to be highlighted in the paper.

For more information about Shy Place Solar Park, including detailed answers to other frequently asked questions, visit:

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