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Solar PV on Commercial Rooftop Buildings

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Why should I consider putting a solar photovoltaic (PV) installation onto the rooftop of my commercial building?

A: Because you will benefit from electricity at a discounted rate for 25 years, saving significantly on your electricity bill. You will also receive rent for your rooftop. Moreover, the PV installation will increase the value of your property and you will contribute to the environment by using low carbon generated electricity.

Q: Do I have to take the electricity?

A: No, you can decide whether you want to receive electricity produced through the solar PV system.

Q: Is the weather in the UK suitable for solar PV electricity generation?

A: Yes, it is. The solar irradiance levels in the UK are similar to areas in other countries, for example in Germany, where hundreds of thousands of rooftop installations have been successfully completed and are generating electricity.

Q: What will putting solar PV on my rooftop cost me?

A: Nothing. PV Energy will bear all costs for the installation and maintenance of the solar PV system.

Q: Have you installed solar PV systems before?

A: Yes. PV Energy is a partnership with one of Europe's most successful solar businesses. We only use prequalified and certificated contractors that will work to the highest quality levels.

Q: Who maintains the installation?

A: PV Energy and its contractors maintain the installation. You will have no responsibility for the maintenance.

Q: Do I need to get planning permission?

A: Solar PV installations on commercial buildings will require planning permission. However, you need not do anything yourself as PV Energy will get the necessary consents for the installation.

Q: Would I get a grant for letting solar PV be installed?

A: No.

Q: For what period of time would PV Energy want to use my rooftop?

A: We would conclude a lease agreement with you for 35 years with a break clause after 25 years.

Q: What happens if my roof gets damaged during installation?

A: PV Energy works with highly skilled and professional contractors. However, in the unlikely case that your roof is damaged both PV Energy and its contractors are insured for such eventuality. You will not bear any costs.

Q: Is there a meter to measure my usage?

A: A meter is fitted which measures the total energy produced by the solar PV system.

Q: Could occupiers of the property be disturbed by the solar PV installation?

A: PV Energy will liaise with you as to the best day and time to survey the rooftop and to install the system. Once installed, there is no disturbance whatsoever. The system does not produce any noise, vibration, fumes, electromagnetic radiation or any other harmful emissions.

Q: Could the solar PV installation on my rooftop influence or affect any goods or materials stored in my building?

A: No.

Q: Can PV Energy remove the panels at any time during the lease period?

A: No, this is tied to the lease.

Q: Can I keep the panels at the end of the lease?

A: No. The installation remains the property of PV Energy.

Q: What happens to the installation at the end of the lease?

A: PV Energy will remove the installation from your roof and put the roof back into its original state.

Q: If I want to undertake any building development during the term of the lease, can I?

A: Subject to agreement, PV Energy will give you a period of time to develop while we switch off the installation if required.

Q: If I want to sell my property during the term of the lease, what happens?

A: The lease remains binding on the next owner.

Q: This sounds good, but what is in it for PV Energy?

A: The generation of electricity through solar PV is government subsidized. PV Energy will receive the subsidies. This pays back, inter alia, the investment made to install the system on your roof.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: Please see attached brochure for more information.

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