🌞 Homeowner's Guide to Residential Solar

***State Required Document—"Solar Energy System Disclosure Document"**

Note: This disclosure should appear on the **cover page** of every solar energy contract for residential installations. Make sure to **ask for it** before signing.

💰 System Costs and Incentives

1. **What is the total cost of the solar system?**
2. **What is the Solarize Irvine group discount price/watt?**
3. **What incentives (federal, state, local) am I eligible for, and how do they reduce my final cost?**
4. **How much would the system cost if I add battery storage?**

💸 Payment and Financing

5. **What are the payment terms**—from initial deposit to final payment?
6. **Are there any financing options available?**
7. **What is your cancelation policy**?

🔌 System Performance and Design

8. **What is the system size (kW)?**
9. **How much electricity will it generate per year?**
10. **Is there a production guarantee or any other performance warranties?**
11. **Are performance estimates based on the actual site and design details?**

⚡ Net Metering, Storage, and Backup

12. **Will my system be net-metered?**
13. **How will I be compensated for excess electricity?**
14. **Are there monthly utility fees I'll still be responsible for?**
15. **What happens during a blackout?**
16. **If I want backup power, what size and type of battery should I install?**
17. **Does storage impact my energy savings? If so, how?**

🏠 Installation and Design Approval

18. **Will I receive a system design for review and approval before installation?**
19. **What will the system look like on my home?**
20. **Are any home upgrades (like roofing) required before installation?**

🛡️ Licensing, Insurance, and Warranties

21. **Is the installation company properly licensed and insured?**
22. **Do I need to update my homeowner's insurance?**
23. **Are there separate warranties for parts and labor?**
24. **What do the warranties cover, and how long do they last?**

🧰 Maintenance, Support, and Monitoring

25. **What maintenance or cleaning does the system require?**
26. **Are operations & maintenance (O&M) services included?**
27. **Who arranges for utility interconnection, inspections, and permission to operate?**
28. **Is system performance monitored? If so, how and by whom?**
29. **How can I monitor performance myself?**
30. **Who do I contact for support or if my system stops working?**
31. **If the company ceases operations, who handles warranties or replacements for panels/inverters?**

🏘️ HOA and Legal Considerations

1. Will the installer handle HOA approvals and are HOA fees included in the price?

   Note: **In California, HOAs cannot block solar installations.**

2. **How does the contractor ensure timely payment to subcontractors and suppliers to avoid liens on my property?**

✅ Bring this checklist with you when reviewing solar quotes or signing any contracts. It's a helpful guide—but not an exhaustive list—so be sure to ask all your questions and address any concerns before deciding.