


Q&A Table
Solar lease

Location (City, State)	Grand Junction, CO
Size of system	6.5 kilowatt
Year installed	2012
Grid-tied or stand alone?	Grid
Estimated kWh generated/year	?
Percent of home electricity use from solar	100%
Electric bill before and after installation (optional)	\$180 before, \$65 after
Payback period (optional)	n/a
What made you decide to go forward with the project?	We paid no money down. It was a cost-free investment. The idea of doing solar just makes sense. We're thrilled.
What made you choose a lease as opposed to a purchase?	No money down.
Can you explain how your lease works?	We pay a basic monthly fee. The extra energy we generate goes back to the grid. The bank who owns the panels gets money from the utility for the excess energy. Win-win.
How was the system sized?	According to Xcel yearly usage.
How long did the install take/were there any snafus?	3 days. No snafus.
What was the paperwork like with the installer/utility to make this happen?	Just reading the fine lines in the big fat contract. No biggie.

<p>Did you take advantage of any financial incentives/tax credits for the project?</p>	<p>I think since we're leasing, we don't get tax credits.</p>
<p>Has the performance met your expectations, including financially?</p>	<p>It's gone beyond it.</p>
<p>Did you learn any lessons you'd like to share with others who might be considering a similar project?</p>	<p>Do it.</p>
	 A photograph showing two workers on a roof installing solar panels. One worker in a green shirt is standing and holding a large white panel, while another worker in a white shirt and cap is kneeling and working on the panel's wiring. The roof is covered in dark shingles, and there are several solar panels already installed. The background shows green trees under a clear sky.