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Can a PPA buy a solar project?

Buyer Options to Purchase the Project or Special Purpose Entity. Many utilities have shown a strong interest in owning solar energy projects. In PPAs, this interest often takes the form of an option to purchase the project or the entity that owns it on or after a specified date. Such options should be handled carefully.

What makes a solar project viable?

I. The Revenue Stream. When a solar project is owned by an independent power producer rather than a utility serving its own load, the agreement that provides for an assured source of revenue from the energy output and related environmental attributes of the project is central to the project's viability.

What happens if a landowner leased to a solar developer?

The landowner is likely to lose all productive useof lands leased to a solar developer. Thus the payment for the use of the project site will not be ameliorated by any offsetting additional income or benefit the landowner might otherwise obtain from joint use of the site.

Why is solar energy a job creator?

Lower solar costsoverall can put downward pressure on utility energy costs for ratepayers, and make solar more affordable for more families while reducing the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of their energy use. Solar Energy is a Job Creator.

How many BLM lands are eligible for solar energy?

Under the Solar Energy Program, the BLM has classified about 79 million acres of BLM lands that are excluded from solar energy development and also identified about 285,000 acresof BLM lands as priority areas, or Solar Energy Zones, that are suitable for utility-scale solar projects.

Can a PPA be terminated if a solar project is unreliable?

D. Termination Rights. To protect against chronic problems at an unreliable solar plant, the PPA may allow the buyer to terminate the PPA if the output or mechanical availability of the project is below a stated minimum for a certain number of years. VIII. Curtailment and Force Majeure. A. Curtailment.

Learn how to secure long-term property rights for solar energy projects, including leases, easements, and addressing title and water rights issues. This chapter of The Law of Solar Guide offers essential insights for developing and operating ...

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