

	<b>Ethical Electric</b>	<b>Pear Energy</b>	<b>Community Energy - 100% Wind &amp; Solar Plan</b>	<b>Community Energy - Solar Builder Plan</b>
Donation per new customer	\$50 to grassroots org and \$50 to customer after 3 months	\$50 to grassroots org and \$50 to customer after 3 months	\$50 to grassroots org	\$30 to grassroots org
Availability	Currently: DC, DE, IL, MD, NJ, NY, PA. By Dec. 2013: CT, MA, ME, OH, RI, TX.	All continental US markets	PA	PA
Privately owned?	Yes - no fossil fuel company gets any profit	Yes - no fossil fuel company gets any profit	Yes - no fossil fuel company gets any profit	Yes- no fossil fuel company gets any profit
Energy sources	Mainly wind and some solar	Mainly wind and some solar, including a feed-in tariff farm in FL	100% Local Wind and Solar	Same mix as local utility (includes fossil fuels & nuclear, and some renewable) with solar percentage increasing to 10% (state mandate is 1%) as they build local solar projects with the profits
Location of energy sources	Throughout USA. Only publicizes one wind farm in PA, though says it has others; negotiations for community wind farm in NY	Mainly out west, plus some solar in PA, DC, FL	PA, NJ, NC, IN, CO, MA, VT, IL, IA, MO, NH	5% PA Solar. The rest is the standard grid mix.
Size of wind farms	Large - about 30 turnbines	Small community & family owned - most about 5 turbines (less impact on the environment - called Distributed Energy)	Wind farms range from 6 to 68 turbines	Standard utility mix
Size of donations	Gives 1% of its gross profits to non-profits	Gives 50% of its profits to community groups & non-profits	100% of its profits go toward building new solar farms in members' communities	100% of its profits go toward building new solar farms in members' communities
Renewable Megawatts Developed	no response when asked	895 kW of distributed solar projects (mainly CA & DC)	800+ MW of wind and solar farms in PA, NJ, NC, IN, CO, MA, VT, IL, IA, MO, NH	800+ MW of wind and solar farms in PA, NJ, NC, IN, CO MA, VT, IL, IA, MO, NH
Founder	Tom Matzzie, (Gladius, MoveOn.org, Democratic National Committee, John Kerry for President)	Bill Pollin (Professor of Economics and founding Co-Director of the Political Economy) Research Institute (PERI) at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst	Brent Alderfer (electrical engineer, former CO Public Utility Commissioner ); Eric Blank (economist & lawyer, former Director of CO Energy Project of the Land & Water Fund)	Brent Alderfer (electrical engineer, former CO Public Utility Commissioner ); Eric Blank (economist & lawyer, former Director of CO Energy Project of the Land & Water Fund)
Endorsements	350.org, Sierra Club, CREDO	Frackfree America National Coalition	Clean Air Council	Clean Air Council

Billing	By the local utility company	Direct from Pear. Bills state how much CO2 hasn't been burned, and give the equivalent in number of trees planted	By the local utility company	By the local utility company
Automatic payments?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pay directly from bank?	Yes	Yes. Pear gives a discount off the first bill for joining bank payment option	Yes	Yes
Pay directly from credit card?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quality of customer service	Ok. Customers generally put on hold for short time, and go through automated system first	Excellent. Service representatives are extremely helpful, knowledgeable, and & always pick up phone after a couple of rings	Very good. Friendly, very knowledgeable representatives.	Very good. Friendly, very knowledgeable representatives.
Ease of sign-up	Simple	Simple, though might be slightly more complicated if customer currently uses automatic billing or an online account. Pear's representatives are very helpful though.	Simple	Simple
Rates	Current renewable energy rates. Choice of variable or fixed	2 cents above local utility's rate. 1.5 cents for usage above 1000kwh/month	About 5 cents above local utility's rate. Variable rate	1 cent above local utility. Variable Rate