

# Legacy Solar Co-op

## February 2018: The Solar Tariff and Solar Investment in 2018

### In this issue we'll cover:

- [How the solar tariff will affect solar installers and consumers in Wisconsin](#)
- [Why it pays to invest in solar in 2018](#)
- [Get Involved](#): 2018 is the time to support solar in Wisconsin
- [Stay in Touch](#): Subscribe to our monthly newsletter, a monthly update on solar news, our legacy solar projects and answers to common questions.
- **Stay tuned for our March Member Bond** offering, to raise over \$200,000 in bonds for solar projects all over Wisconsin, starting in March!! Better terms and a higher yield!

Read on below in this month's LSC newsletter. We appreciate your readership!

Sincerely,

Peter Fiala  
Media Director, Legacy Solar Co-op

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## The Solar Tariff and What It Means

On January 22nd, president Trump imposed tariffs on solar panels (and washing machines) in response to some American manufacturers who

reportedly have been undercut by [years of products sold below market value by Chinese manufacturers](#). While low-cost hardware has been a huge boon to 100,000s of consumers and their installers, some manufacturing in the States has been harmed. Some companies have had to move abroad or declare bankruptcy. Imposed over the next several years in a step-down fashion, the tariff is portrayed as encouragement for manufacturers to move back and rebuild manufacturing in the states. The tariff schedule starts at 30% and drops 5% each year until it falls off completely.

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## 2018 Solar Investing: It Pays to Invest in Solar!

No such thing a 'sure thing' when it comes to investing, right? Well, if you think the sun'll come up tomorrow, investing in solar infrastructure is as close as it gets. Since its beginning, the Legacy Solar Co-op (LSC) has facilitated solar investment not only because renewable energy is clean and sustainable, but because it makes sense economically. A lot of sense. Not-for-profits and homeowners almost always see a return on investment (ROI) in the neighborhood of 10-12%, businesses 15% and more. So, the 2018 solar investor can do good and make a sweet return on their investment...

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## Get Involved!

*2018 is the time to support solar in Wisconsin*

If you would like to [become a member](#), all it takes is \$25 annually (or \$100 for

a lifetime) or a \$125 one-time fee for institutions. Thank you for your support! This allows you access to:

- Energy / solar consulting on residential and commercial sites
- The [Switch to Solar program](#), renewable energy offsets sold online through Legacy Solar Co-op's ordering system.
- The [Slice of Sun Solar Bonds Program](#), which allows co-op members to buy solar bonds that help fund community solar projects and earn between 4% and 6% interest.
- Tax Sponsorship for Community Solar Projects
- [Contact us about starting a Community Solar Project](#)

We are happy to answer your questions and bring you results for your solar plans and dreams! Whether your solar power project is for your house, your business, your city center, library, or church, we will navigate the difficult waters that lie between you and the finished product. Email us at [info@legacysolarcoop.org](mailto:info@legacysolarcoop.org) to get started.

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Thank you!

