

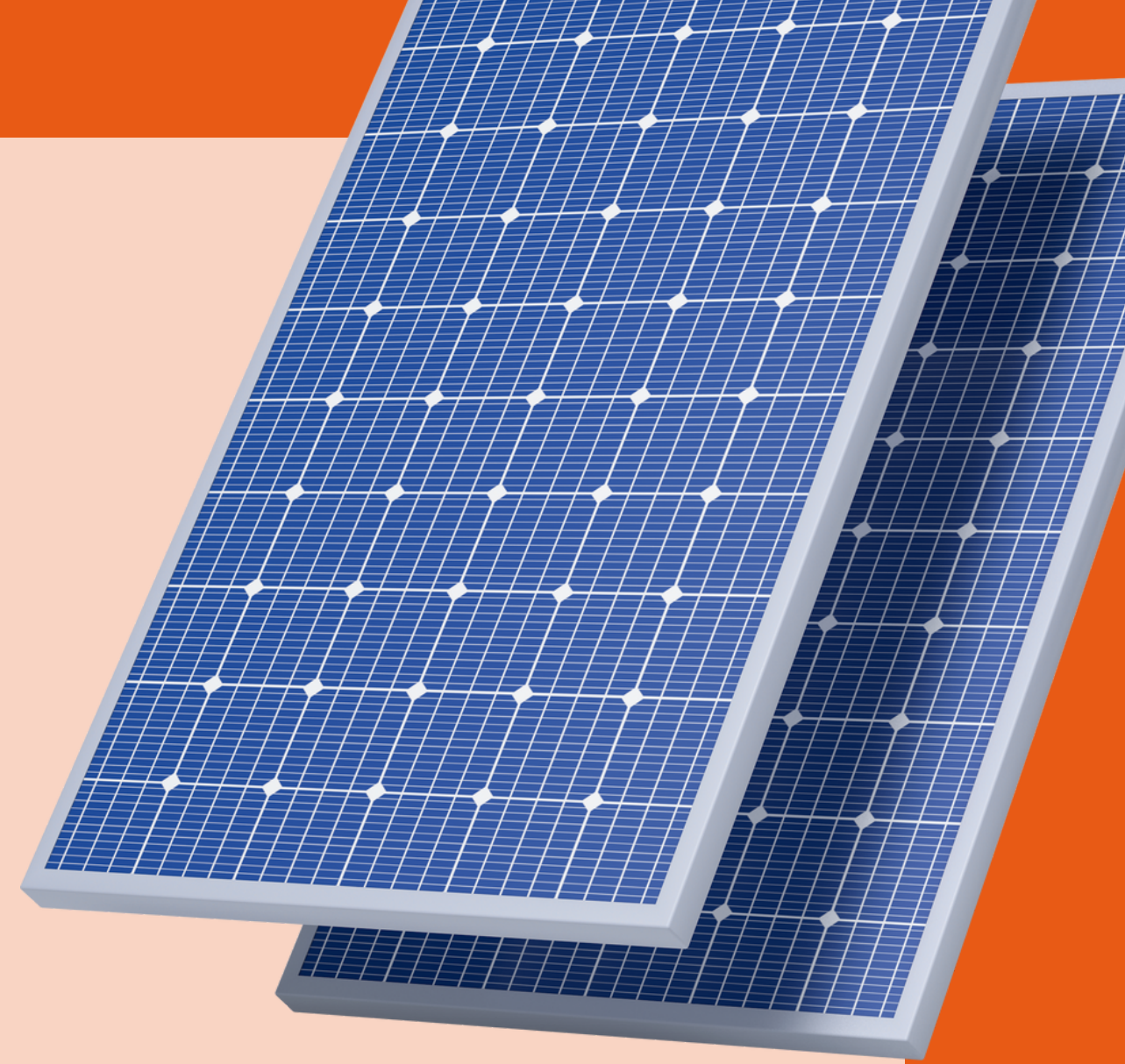


SOLAR 101 WORKSHOP



Agenda:

- **Introduction: What is net metering?**
- **Customer testimonial: Murrays**
- **Customer testimonial: Thompsons**
- **Demonstration of solar panel and meter**
- **Q&A**



What is net metering?

Net metering allows customers to generate their own electricity (usually with solar panels) while staying connected to the utility's electrical grid.

Washington State RCW 80.60



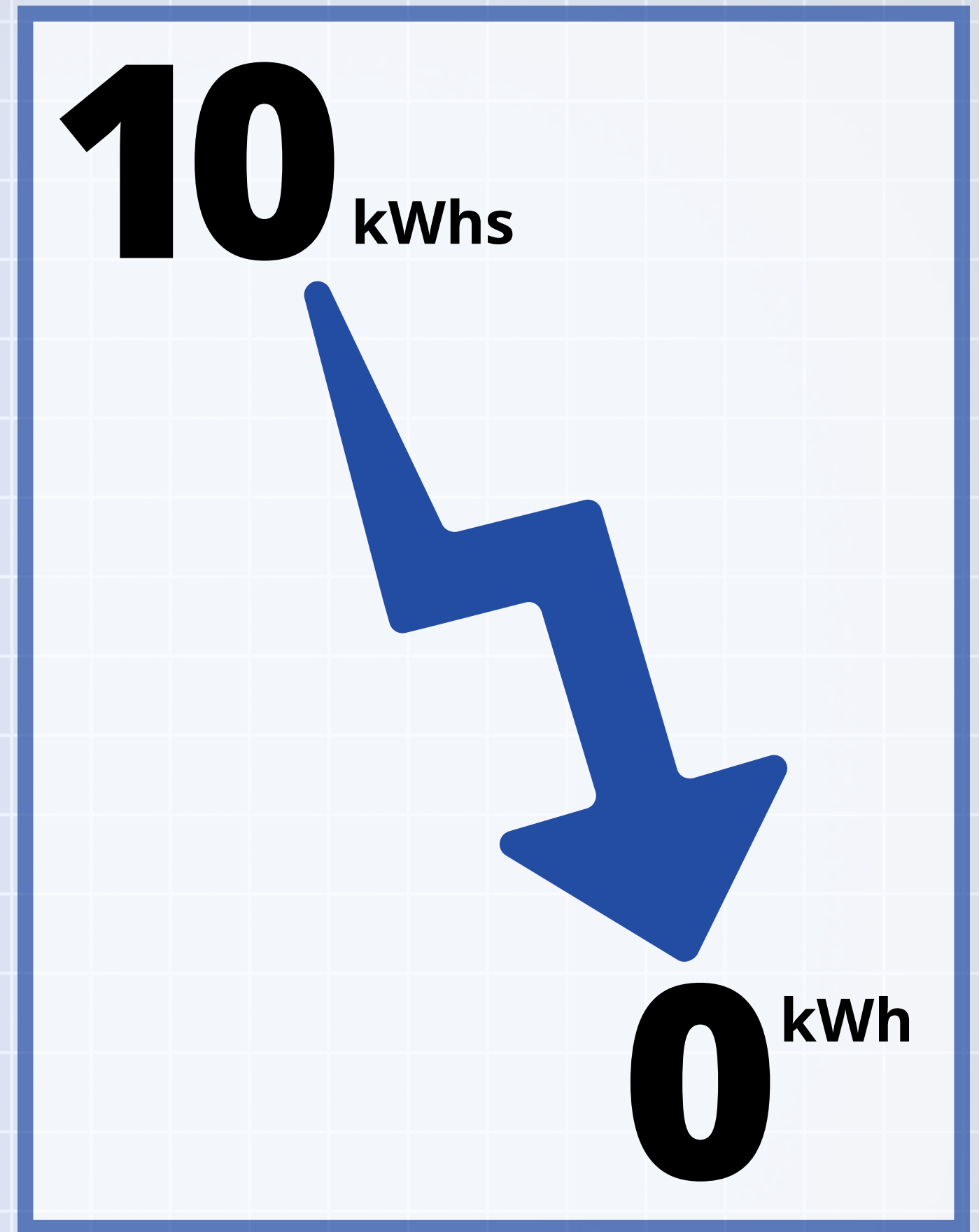
KEY POINTS:

- **Net metering customers ALWAYS have a basic charge and taxes each month, regardless of production.**
- **If your system produces more than you use, you can bank the excess kWhs.**
- **If you use more than what you produce, then you'll have a kWh charge on your bill, like you do now.**



By State Law, on March 31 every year, any excess production is zeroed out. It's important to build your system to meet your needs so you don't lose your banked kWhs.

Washington State RCW 80.60.030



BEFORE SIGNING THAT CONTRACT:

- **CALL US. Find out about our policies and procedures to be sure the solar company has it correct.**
- **Get quotes from multiple companies. Read the Better Business Bureau customer comments. Research the company.**
- **Some companies have been giving false information - beware!**





Common scams and misleading ads:

- **"You can get solar for FREE!"**
- **"Never pay a power bill again!"**
- **"Your utility will buy power from you!"**
- **"Sign up today or miss out!"**

Some companies are not following actual policies or laws. Talk to your utility BEFORE you sign up.

Murray

Roof-mount & ground-mount system
5.88 kilowatt (kW) total
Net-metered customer since 2011



Thompson

Roof-mount system

12 kW

Net-metered customer since 2019



Solar Net Metering Demonstration

Metermen Erick Judd & Derik Groomes



Other resources

- Solar Washington - solarwa.org
- Dept of Consumer Protection - atg.wa.gov/consumer-protection
- Better Business Bureau - bbb.org
- US Dept of Energy - energy.gov



Questions?

