Residential Solar Panel Consumer Protection Amendments

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Creates
Additional
Disclosure
Language

• (ii) "ESTIMATES OF ENERGY PRODUCTION GENERATED BY A SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM MAY VARY. THE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM MAY PRODUCE LESS THAN THE ESTIMATED ENERGY PRODUCTION. THE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM MAY PRODUCE MORE THAN ESTIMATED ENERGY PRODUCTION, UP TO THE CAPACITY OF THE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM";

Energy Production Promises

- Mandates that a solar retailer's estimated energy production be within a specified percentage of the actual energy production
 - "If the actual energy production fails to reach 80% of the estimate of energy production after one year following activation of the solar energy system, the solar retailer is liable to the customer."
- Assigns liability to the solar retailer if the estimated energy production is not within a specified percentage of the actual energy production

Business Registration and Bonding

 Creates a registration and security requirement for a solar retailer to do business in Utah

Sales Employees

 Requires a solar retailer sales representative be employed by the solar retailer as a W-2 employee

System Payments

 Delays a customer's financial obligation on a residential solar energy system until the system is active and producing usable energy