

# AI-01169 Solar Buyback Comparison

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Can you compare it with another solar energy provider?

Sure! Let's compare the PowerShift Solar Buyback 12 plan from Rhythm Energy with another popular option, the **Champion Energy Services Champ Saver 12** plan.

## PowerShift Solar Buyback 12 (Rhythm Energy)

- **Buyback Rate:** 22.3¢ per kWh
- **Monthly Base Charge:** \$19.95
- **On-Peak/Off-Peak Pricing:** Yes, different rates for on-peak and off-peak times
- **Eligibility:** Residential solar arrays less than 20 kW

## Champ Saver 12 (Champion Energy Services)

- **Buyback Rate:** Real-time market price (varies, can be as high as \$5 per kWh during peak times)
- **Monthly Base Charge:** None
- **On-Peak/Off-Peak Pricing:** No, real-time pricing
- **Eligibility:** All residential solar arrays

## Key Differences

1. **Buyback Rate:** Rhythm Energy offers a fixed buyback rate, which provides stability and predictability. In contrast, Champion Energy's rate varies with the

real-time market price, which can be advantageous during peak times but also risky when prices are low.

2. **Monthly Base Charge:** Rhythm Energy has a higher monthly base charge, while Champion Energy does not have a base charge, potentially lowering your fixed costs.
3. **Pricing Structure:** Rhythm Energy's plan has different rates for on-peak and off-peak times, which can affect your savings based on your energy usage patterns. Champion Energy uses real-time pricing, which can fluctuate significantly.

## Considerations

- **Stability vs. Flexibility:** If you prefer a stable and predictable buyback rate, Rhythm Energy might be better. If you're comfortable with market fluctuations and want the potential for higher earnings during peak times, Champion Energy could be more suitable.
- **Monthly Costs:** Consider the impact of the monthly base charge on your overall savings. Champion Energy's lack of a base charge might be more cost-effective if your energy usage is low.

Would you like more details on any specific aspect of these plans?

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