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Neighborhood Solicitations

For several weeks now various companies have come by the house to sell PV to us. Most recently a person came by telling me that we had an appointment to discuss my qualifications to have a system installed. It would be very helpful to have a representative from the local utility company, or local government come by rather than a salesman, particularly if there is some sort of government backed incentives. The technical issues that I have myself installing PV at my residence are seldom if ever discussed. For example my roof is 35 years old, will it be replaced, what about seismic restraints, if there is an earth quake will the panels fall off the roof or fall through the roof, if there is a power outage how long will the batteries operate the inverter, why aren't any of the companies offering a natural gas powered generator in addition to batteries. I am also concerned with the savings, my electric bill transmission fees are more than my cost of my kwh usage. Thank you.