

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

## Green Rate and Community Renewables Programs

Residential Customers



### YOUR NEW GREEN POWER OPTIONS...

#### Supporting Local Solar Power to Create a Clean-Energy Future

As a SCE customer, you can join one of two programs that enable you to tap into the power of the sun through new renewable energy options — without installing solar panels on your roof. These programs play a key role in creating a cleaner, healthier environment.

#### GREEN RATE PROGRAM

We purchase renewable energy from independently owned solar farms in California on your behalf. You then purchase this renewable power (equal to 50 percent or 100 percent of your electricity use).

#### COMMUNITY RENEWABLES PROGRAM

You enter into an agreement with a California renewable energy provider to buy energy from a share of their output. We purchase the electricity that is produced under your agreement — up to 120 percent of the power forecasted to meet your usage needs — and we pay you directly, via bill credits.

#### WHY PARTICIPATE?

**Enrolling in either the Green Rate or Community Renewables program will help you make a difference in our region by:**

- Supporting local renewable power in our communities
- Supporting clean energy for a brighter future in Southern California
- Reducing your greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity and contributing to a cleaner, healthier environment

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

##### **What are the eligibility requirements for the Green Rate and Community Renewables programs?**

Both programs are voluntary and optional and are available to both residential and business energy users who receive power generation, metering, and related services from SCE, i.e. “bundled service”. You may participate in either program but not both. Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation customers are not eligible for these programs.

##### **What is the participation cost?**

On the Green Rate program, you pay an extra (estimated) .87 cents per kilowatt-hour for renewable energy since it costs more than non-renewable energy sources. Here’s how it works: If you choose the 100 percent Green Rate participation level, multiply .87 cents (.00867) by the total number of kilowatt-hours on your monthly SCE bill to come up with the extra amount you pay for renewable energy. If you choose the 50 percent option instead, multiply .00867 by half the number of kilowatt-hours on your bill.

Examples: For the average SCE domestic customer:

- For the 100 percent level: A \$100 monthly SCE bill equals an average use of 500 kilowatt-hours. Multiply 500 by .00867. This equals about \$4 extra each month for renewable energy.
- For the 50 percent option: Instead multiply 250 (half of 500) by .00867, which equals approximately \$2 extra each month for renewable energy.

For customers on the D-CARE (California Alternate Rates for Energy) program (which provides an electric rate discount for low-income households):

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For the Community Renewables program, the actual cost you pay for your renewable energy (in addition to SCE's standard bill charges) varies, based on the California facility. The credit you receive on your bill can potentially be approximately 4.7 cents per kWh for residential customers and 5.9 cents per kWh for commercial GS-1 customers.

If you do not participate in either program, you do not have to pay any costs associated with them.

### **How is the Green Rate program different from Net Energy Metering?**

With Net Energy Metering (NEM), you are the solar energy producer, so you receive the benefits of that production directly. Under the Green Rate program, because another company is producing the energy, there is an additional cost for SCE to obtain it and deliver it to your community.

If you are an NEM customer, you may participate in the Green Rate program, but you will not receive a credit for the extra electricity you supply to the grid under NEM. The Green Rate program is primarily focused on customers (like renters), who want to support clean energy in their communities but may not be able to install solar panels on their roofs.

### **Once I sign up, how soon will my account be placed on the new program?**

For the Green Rate program, your account will be enrolled on your next scheduled meter read date following eligibility confirmation. For the Community Renewables program, your account will begin to receive credits two to three months after the California solar facility is commercially operational and eligibility is confirmed.

### **Do I have to stay in either program for a certain amount of time?**

There is no required length of time to stay on the Green Rate program, and you can de-enroll at any time without a penalty. For the Community Renewables program, your commitment depends on your agreement with the provider.

### **Why are these programs offered?**

In 2015, the California Public Utilities Commission approved a new rate option pursuant to Senate Bill 43, enabling residential and business customers of the state's three largest investor-owned utilities to participate in a Green-e® Energy certified renewable energy option.

The Green Rate and Community Renewables programs complement SCE existing solar and other renewable energy initiatives. SCE is a national leader in clean energy and 51.2% of electricity that SCE delivered to customers in 2019 came from carbon-free resources.

### **What's the benefit of Green-e® Energy Certification?**

The Green Rate and Community Renewables programs are both Green-e Energy® certified. As the nation's leading independent certification and verification program for renewable energy, Green-e Energy guarantees the programs meet strict environmental and consumer protection standards from the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. Learn more at [www.green-e.org](http://www.green-e.org).



## **TO LEARN MORE AND ENROLL**

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