Option E Tariff

Option E is available to non-residential customers taking service under a TOU-GS-1, TOU-GS-2, TOU-GS-3 or TOU-8 rate schedule who also install, own or operate eligible onsite renewable technologies; in addition to those with standalone Behind-The-Meter (BTM) energy storage systems. Option E serves as the replacement for Option R, which was closed to new customers on March 1st, 2019.

While there are no further eligibility requirements for GS-1, GS-2, or GS-3 customers, accounts on TOU-8 must first be reviewed and approved for rate eligibility. Option E also maintains a 250 MW capacity limit for TOU-8 customers.

Interested customers should work with their SCE Account Representative to receive an Option E rate analysis so that they can ascertain how the rate option may impact them. Customers who request to move forward with receiving service on Option E should complete and submit Form CSD-179-A (Request for a Change of Rate Schedule) to SCE's billing department or their assigned SCE account representative.

Additional Information

Option E is available to TOU-GS-1, TOU-GS-2, TOU-GS-3, or TOU-8 customers who meet the following criteria:

- Received Permission to Operate (PTO) for eligible renewable generating systems including solar, wind, fuel cell, or other eligible technologies as defined by the California Solar Initiative or Self Generation Incentive Program or a standalone Behind-The-Meter (BTM) energy storage system.

- TOU-8 customers requesting Option E must meet additional eligibility requirements:

    - Generator net capacity must be equal to or greater than 15 percent of the customer's peak annual demand, as recorded over the previous 12 months.

    - Standalone BTM energy storage systems must have a minimum discharge capacity equal to or greater than 20 percent of the customer's annual peak demand, as recorded over the previous 12 months.

- For accounts without 12 months of demand data, SCE will determine the annual peak demand once the customer has three months of demand data.

- The account's annual peak demand cannot exceed 5 MW.

In accordance with the 250 MW capacity limit for TOU-8 solar or energy storage customers only, Option E will be closed to new TOU-8 service accounts when the 250 MW enrollment cap is reached. After the 250 MW cap is reached, service accounts placed on Option E cannot increase the generation system size above what was previously approved. If the generation system size is increased, the account will be removed from Option E. The table below reflects the most current update to the MW enrollment cap:

Option E Tariff – 250 MW Capacity Limit for the TOU-8 Rate Schedule **(October 15, 2026)**	
Approved to Transition to Option E Tariff (MW)	**Available MW**
105.12	144.88

This figure is currently updated quarterly and/or when a multiple of 50 MW is allocated.

For more information on the Option E cap and eligibility for TOU-8 accounts, please view the TOU-8: Time-of-Use – General Service Tariff.