

## Business Rate Basics

# RATE SCHEDULE TOU-GS-3

for Medium-Sized Business Customers



### What is TOU-GS-3 and are you eligible?

Business customers with demand of 200 to 500 kilowatts (kW) are eligible for Southern California Edison's (SCE) Rate Schedule TOU-GS-3.

### Basic Charges

TOU-GS-3 has four main charges:

A monthly **customer charge**, which does not vary based on your usage. The customer charge is designed to cover the basic costs of providing electric service, including, but not limited to metering and billing operations.

**Time-Of-Use (TOU) energy charges** are the cost per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of energy used in each TOU period. TOU periods vary by time of day, day of the week, and season (see TOU Periods chart).

**Facilities-Related Demand (FRD) charge** is applied to the maximum kW demand in each monthly billing cycle. The FRD charge reflects the cost of maintaining infrastructure—transformers, substations, and distribution systems—to meet your peak demand.

**Time-Related Demand (TRD) charges** apply year-round and are calculated per kW according to the highest recorded demand during On-Peak and Mid-Peak hours, non-holiday weekdays. On-Peak TRD charges apply during the summer and Mid-Peak TRD charges apply during the winter. The TRD charges reflect

the cost of supplying electricity during times of peak grid stress, encouraging customers to shift usage to off-peak hours.

### What is the difference between demand and energy consumption?

Imagine using 10, 100-watt light bulbs. The moment the 10 bulbs are turned on, they place a demand on the power grid for 1,000 watts of electricity (10 bulbs x 100 watts each), or 1 kW. In this example, your meter would register 1 kW of demand. Whereas, if these bulbs are left on for 10 hours, they will consume 10,000 watt-hours of energy (1,000 watts x 10 hours), or 10 kWh, and your meter would register 10 kWh of energy used.

### TOU-GS-3 Rate Options

**Option D** has higher Time-Related and Facilities Related Demand charges. In exchange for paying higher demand charges, you will pay lower energy charges per kWh. This option is best suited for customers with consistent high energy demand during peak hours.

**Option E** has lower Time-Related and Facilities Related Demand charges. In exchange for paying lower demand charges, you will pay higher energy charges per kWh. This option is best suited for customers who can shift their energy use to off-peak hours.

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## Critical Peak Pricing (CPP)

Businesses with service accounts on a TOU rate plan for at least 24 months will annually default to CPP. CPP provides four months of summer season bill credits in exchange for paying higher prices during 12 to 15 annual CPP events. When called, CPP events are from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. any day of the week, usually occurring on the hottest summer days. By reducing electricity use during CPP events, you can minimize these higher prices. Plus, your business will earn credits on your electricity bills during the summer season — when your bills are typically the highest.

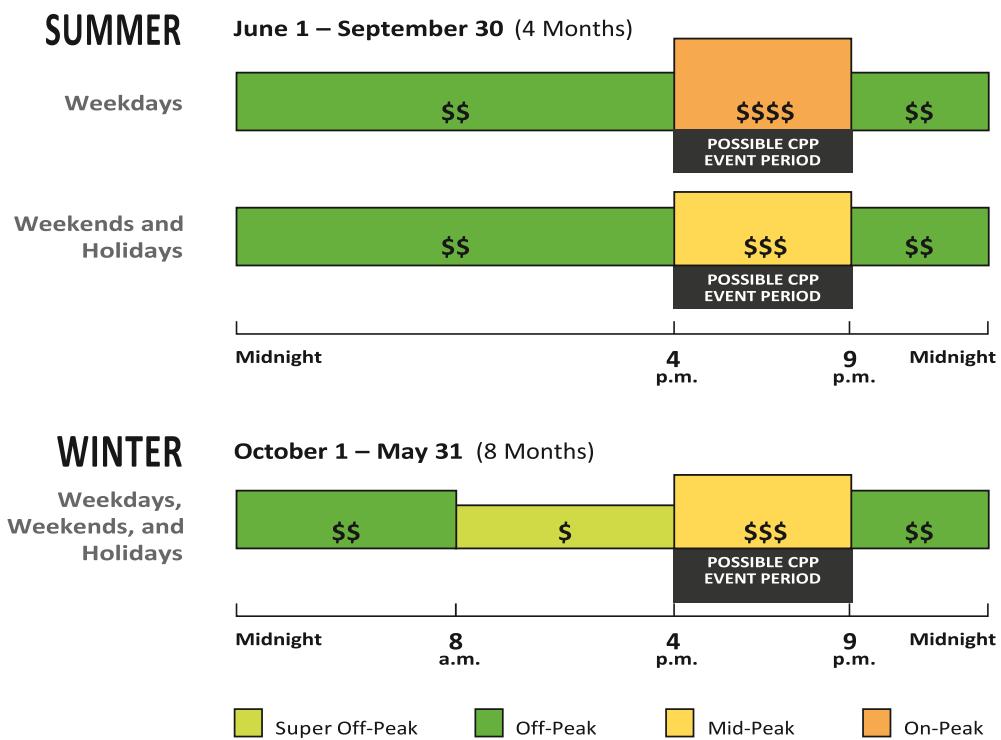
To see if CPP is a good fit for your business, we provide one full year of Bill Protection. With Bill Protection, we guarantee if you pay more during your first year on CPP, we'll credit you the difference. You can choose to unenroll from CPP at any time. Keep in mind, if you

unenroll from CPP, you will not be able to make another rate change to your account for at least one year.

CPP event notifications are sent to you a day ahead of the event, so you can plan your usage. Download and configure the **SCE Demand Response (DR) Alerts mobile application** to receive event scheduled, event start, and event end notifications. You can also go to **sce.com/CPUpdatecontact** to update or register your contact preferences for alerts.

For more information about CPP, go to **sce.com/CPP**.

## STANDARD TIME-OF-USE (TOU) PERIODS



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## AN ONLINE TOOL TO COMPARE AND SELECT YOUR RATE OPTIONS



We encourage you to use our online **Rate Plan Comparison Tool** to compare your current energy costs to other rate options, including CPP. The rate analysis generated by this tool for your account will help you select the best rate plan for your business. To access the Rate Plan Comparison Tool, please visit [sce.com/ratetool](http://sce.com/ratetool).

**Note:** The Rate Plan Comparison Tool can only complete rate analyses for accounts with 12 or more months of historical energy data.

This rate sheet is meant to be an aid to understanding SCE's Rate Schedule TOU-GS-3. It does not replace pricing information contained in the CPUC-approved tariffs. Please refer to the tariffs for a complete list of terms and conditions of service, which can be viewed online at [sce.com/tariffbooks](http://sce.com/tariffbooks).