

## Time-of-Use Base Interruptible Program (TOU-BIP)

# COMMIT TO TEMPORARILY REDUCE ELECTRICITY DURING PERIODS OF PEAK DEMAND.



Save energy, reduce your electricity costs, and help ensure everyone has enough power to go around during peak times of energy use with Time-of-Use Base Interruptible Program (TOU-BIP).

When you commit to temporarily reduce your energy usage during TOU-BIP interruption events, you have the potential to earn monthly bill credits.

Periods of extremely high demand or emergency circumstances may strain the electrical system and cause energy costs to rise. Customers who can reduce their energy usage on short notice offer relief to the electrical system. This relief helps when energy supplies are expected to run low.

### **TOU-BIP puts you in control and offers many benefits.**

- Receive incentives to reduce your energy usage to your pre-selected level
- Maintain your minimum electrical needs during interruptions
- Earn monthly bill credits — even when no interruptions occur
- Help strengthen the electric grid for not only your business, but the community

### **How TOU-BIP works.**

A TOU-BIP event may occur after Southern California Edison (SCE) receives a request from the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) to reduce electrical load for emergency purposes. We may also initiate an event for local system emergencies or program evaluation.

A TOU-BIP event may occur at any time — seven days a week, 365 days a year. TOU-BIP events are limited to:

- One event per day (up to six hours)
- 10 events per calendar month
- 180 hours per calendar year

When a TOU-BIP event is initiated, we will notify your designated contacts via email, phone, and/or text (SMS)<sup>1</sup> that a period of interruption will begin. Upon receiving notification, you have 15 or 30 minutes (based on the Participation Option you select at enrollment) to reduce your electrical usage to an amount of your choosing (called the Firm Service Level or FSL). Your facility's electrical usage must not exceed your FSL throughout the event to avoid Excess Energy Charges. We will notify your designated contacts when

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an event has ended, and you may resume normal operations.

TOU-BIP events may be triggered for all, or a portion of, TOU-BIP participants within our service territory. Based on needs, interruptions may occur only for customers within a specific geographical area.

If you fail to reduce power to your selected FSL within your chosen Participation Option or fail to remain at your FSL during a TOU-BIP event, Excess Energy Charges will apply. Excess Energy Charges vary based on your voltage level and Participation Option.

You may enroll in TOU-BIP at any time.<sup>2</sup>

Once enrolled in TOU-BIP, you are only permitted to opt out, change your Participation Option, or change your Firm Service Level (FSL) during the annual adjustment windows, which are outlined in the tariff.

There is a six month minimum enrollment requirement if enrolled by April 30th in a given year and a twelve month minimum enrollment requirement if enrolled after April 30th in a given year.

## How TOU-BIP credits are calculated.

You receive monthly bill credits based on the difference between your average peak period kilowatt (kW) demand for each month and your FSL. Credits vary depending on the season, time of day (on-peak or mid-peak), voltage level and other factors, and credits apply whether or not TOU-BIP events are called in a given month.



*“With its commitment to energy management, Mission Foods has found ways to significantly lower its energy costs and carbon footprint while delivering the finest-quality products. The company's first commitment placed two California plants on TOU-BIP more than 10 years ago, earning more than \$424,609 during that period.”*

Daniel Padilla, Mission Foods Facility Manager  
Rancho Cucamonga

## Does your business qualify?

To be eligible for TOU-BIP, your company must meet the following requirements:

- Current SCE customer with monthly demands of 200 kW or greater
- On a Time-of-Use or Real-Time Pricing rate schedule
- Ability to reduce at least 15% of your maximum electrical demand (a minimum of 100 kW) during each interruption event
- Have an interval meter for billing and monitoring purposes<sup>3</sup>

To participate in TOU-BIP, you must:

- Select an FSL
- Select a Participation Option of 15 or 30 minutes
- Submit a Contract for Interruptible Service

With limitations, you may also participate in other Demand Response programs for additional incentives while participating in TOU-BIP. For more information, please contact your SCE Account Manager or visit [sce.com/drp](https://www.sce.com/drp).

## Prohibited Resources<sup>4</sup>

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) prohibits certain fossil-fueled generation resources to be used for load reduction during Demand Response (DR) events for this program. Prohibited resources include: distributed generation technologies using diesel, natural gas, gasoline, propane, or liquefied petroleum gas, in topping cycle Combined Heat and Power (CHP) or non-CHP configuration.

## ENROLL IN TOU-BIP TODAY!

Contact your SCE Account Manager or call the Demand Response Helpline at **1-866-334-7827**.

<sup>1</sup> SCE does not guarantee customer receipt of interruption event notifications. SCE is not liable for service provider costs associated with event notifications to customer communication devices.

<sup>2</sup> Per direction from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), SCE has placed a megawatt (MW) cap in the TOU-BIP program tariff that may limit enrollment. Contact your SCE Account Manager for more details.

<sup>3</sup> SCE will provide the meter with some restrictions, if you are eligible.

<sup>4</sup> Directed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in Decision (D.) 16-09-056.

This fact sheet is meant to be an aid to understanding SCE's programs and pricing schedules. It does not replace the CPUC-approved tariffs. Please refer to the individual rate schedule or Demand Response program of interest for complete listing of terms and conditions of service, which can be viewed online at [sce.com/regulatory](https://www.sce.com/regulatory).