# **Optional Binding Mandatory Curtailment Program**



### Ensure facility and operations are exempt from rotating outages



Avoid energy interruptions at your business

- Exemption from rotating outages
- Create a successful energy management plan
- Help preserve the environment

The Optional Binding Mandatory Curtailment program (OBMC) exempts customers from rotating outages. In exchange, customers must make 15% of the load on their entire circuit available for reduction during every rotating outage. Customers will be required to file an OBMC Plan, acceptable to SCE, prior to participation in this program.

#### **Program Benefits**

This program exempts participating customers from total load reduction during a rotating outage in exchange for partial load reduction during all rotating outages.

#### Eligibility

Eligible customers are those who can independently or in aggregate reduce their entire circuit's load by up to 15%, in increments of 5%, during every rotating outage, as determined by the prior year's same month average peak period load, adjusted for major changes in facilities. Specifically, customers will need to provide certain circuit load information. When applicable, SCE may contact other businesses on the circuit to invite them to participate. Customers electing to participate must then develop and submit a workable OBMC Plan, and obtain SCE approval of the OBMC Plan, prior to participation.

#### Participation in Other Demand Response Programs

With limitations, customers participating in OBMC may also participate in other demand response programs for additional incentives. For more information, please contact your SCE Account Representative, or visit *www.sce.com/drp.* 

#### **Incentives, Penalties and Calculations**

There are no monetary incentives for participating in OBMC. However, participating customers are exempt from total load reductions during a rotating outage. Penalties (excess energy charges) apply if the customer (or group of customers on a circuit) fails to achieve the required circuit load reduction of up to 15 % (the excess energy charge is \$6.00/kWh).

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The 15% load reduction is determined by first finding the participating customer's 10-day average baseline. This is established by identifying the customer's average load for the past ten (10) similar days prior to the day the OBMC event occurred, but excluding any period when an OBMC event occurred and/or other adjustments. If an OBMC event occurred on a business day, then the past ten similar days would include business days only. If the OBMC event occurred on a weekend or holiday, then the past ten similar days would include weekends or holidays only. The actual load reduction percentage is determined by comparing the customer's actual usage during an OBMC event against the customer's "baseline" usage.

You may also select the 10-Day Average Baseline with a "Day-Of" adjustment. The "Day-Of" adjustment is a ratio of (a) the average load of the first three hours of the four hours prior to the event, to (b) the average load of the same hours from the last 10 weekdays. The adjustment is symmetrical (upward or downward, as indicated by the average) and is capped at 20%. This option excludes event days and holidays. For more information, please visit *www.sce.com/drp.* 

Only an OBMC customer who is the only one served on the particular circuit can concurrently participate in TOU-BIP. Such customer's "baseline" will be determined in one of two ways depending on whether or not the customer has met the monthly and annual TOU-BIP interruption obligations. For OBMC customers receiving concurrent service on TOU-BIP that have not yet met their monthly or annual TOU-BIP obligations, the OBMC "baseline" will be the lesser of the customer's contracted Firm Service Level (FSL) or their average load for the past ten (10) similar days prior to the OBMC event, excluding other periods of an OBMC event, as well as other adjustments. OBMC customers who have met their monthly or annual TOU-BIP obligations will have their "baseline" determined using their average load for the immediate past ten (10) similar days prior to an OBMC event, excluding other periods of an OBMC event, as well as other adjustments.

Interested customers must complete an OBMC Plan. This Plan must be signed and submitted by at least one customer on the circuit, prior to participation. When the OBMC Plan is reviewed, accepted and approved by SCE, then the fully-executed Plan becomes the OBMC Agreement.

#### Seasons

The summer season begins at 12:00 am on June 1, and continues until 12:00 am on October 1, each year. All other periods comprise the winter season.

#### **For More Information**

If you have questions regarding the OBMC program or any other SCE program, please call (800) 990-7788, contact your SCE Account Representative, or visit *www.sce.com/drp* and locate the Optional Binding Mandatory Curtailment Program link.



This fact sheet is meant to be an aid to understanding SCE's pricing schedules. It does not replace the CPUC-approved tariffs. Please refer to the individual rate schedule of interest for a complete listing of terms and conditions of service, which can be viewed online at *www.sce.com*.

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