

# **Business** Connection

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### SCE's Energy Centers Help You Make Smart Energy Choices

For free training and information on the latest energy-efficient technologies for your business or non-profit organization, visit SCE's energy centers – the Customer Technology Application Center (CTAC) in Irwindale, and the Agricultural Technology Application Center (AGTAC) in Tulare.



CTAC, Irwindale

At CTAC and AGTAC, you'll be able to see, hear, and learn more about energy solutions through free workshops and hands-on exhibits. SCE's energy centers will provide you with training and support to help you make important energy management and energy efficiency choices.



AgTAC, Tulare

CTAC and AGTAC offerings are tailored for commercial, industrial customers, while AGTAC also includes classes that meet the needs of our agricultural customers. Here are a few examples of upcoming workshops that will take place at our energy centers:

| Date        | Location        | Торіс  |
|-------------|-----------------|--|
| February 9  | CTAC, Irwindale | Introduction to the California Solar Initiative                    |
| February 10 | AGTAC, Tulare   | Improving Energy Efficiency in Drip Irrigation                     |
| February 22 | AGTAC, Tulare   | Overcoming Objections to Energy Efficiency Investments             |
| February 23 | CTAC, Irwindale | Cool Solutions, Refrigeration for<br>Small Grocers and Restaurants |

For more information about the services offered at SCE's energy centers, visit <a href="www.sce.com/energysolutions">www.sce.com/energysolutions</a>, or call us at 1-800-336-2822 (for CTAC) or at 1-800-772-4822 (for AGTAC).

#### **Manage Your Electric Bill Online**

Looking for a faster, more convenient way to receive and pay your monthly electric bill? Enroll in SCE's free My Account service, which allows you to manage your account(s) online at SCE.com. My Account gives you 24-hour access to your account(s) from anywhere with Internet access. Large business customers and Energy Service Providers should contact their SCE representative to enroll in the My Account service.

Once you've signed up for **My Account**, you can easily receive and pay your electric bill with **Paperless Billing** and **Online Payment**. With customer safeguards in place, this free, online service will help you stay on top of your bills while eliminating excess paper waste. You will receive a monthly e-mail notification when your online statement is ready, and you will be able to view your previous billing, payment and usage history.

Select from the following options:

- Paperless Billing lets you save time while doing something good for the environment. You can view your bill online and access your account history without receiving a paper bill.
- Online Payment offers you the convenience of paying online, any time of day, seven days a week. You'll save on postage, too.
- Direct Payment automatically deducts your payment from your checking account each month, letting you stay focused on your home or business.

Simply visit  $\underline{www.sce.com/mybill}$  to sign up for the plan that's right for you.

### Have a Safe and Happy New Year

To safely remove and store your holiday lighting and electrical decorations, here are a few helpful tips:

- Unplug all decorations, lights and extension cords before taking them down. Plugged in items are still energized and can be dangerous.
- Don't tug on electrical cords this may tear the insulation and expose raw wires.
- Stay at least 10 feet away and keep ladders, long handled tools and dangling light strands the same distance from overhead power lines when removing decorations.
- Follow the manufacturer and your city's directions for safely disposing of worn or broken lights and decorations.



We look forward to serving you this year and wish you a safe and happy New Year. For more information about electrical safety, visit <a href="https://www.sce.com/newyear">www.sce.com/newyear</a>.

## SCE's New Service Center in Wildomar Awarded Platinum Certification by National Building Council



SCE's new service center in Wildomar has been awarded LEED platinum certification — the highest designation available to buildings that demonstrate energy efficiency and sustainability.

The recently opened service center in Wildomar is the first California

investor-owned utility facility to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) platinum certification and one of only 36 buildings in California to achieve that designation. The U.S. Green Building Council is a national organization that certifies green buildings.

The 19-acre complex, now home to nearly 300 employees, is 39 percent more energy efficient than similar buildings. The sustainable building, powered by solar panels, was built to stringent LEED standards. State-of-the-art energy efficiency lighting allows for 90 percent of the interior spaces to have a line of sight to the outdoors.

In addition, controls automatically raise and lower lighting levels based on natural light levels during the day. Among the water conservation features are low water demand landscaping and an underground water purification system that releases cleaner water into the environment. Saving water conserves both water and electricity.

The location of the new service center allows SCE crews to more quickly respond to areas such as Temecula, Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake. The crews previously were based in San Jacinto.

For more information about SCE's commitment to environmental sustainability, visit <a href="https://www.sce.com/sustainability">www.sce.com/sustainability</a>.

### Donate to the Energy Assistance Fund And Help Those in Need

Your donation to the Energy Assistance Fund (EAF) will help your fellow SCE customers who find it financially difficult to pay their electric bills, whatever the cause. SCE customers in need may qualify with help in paying their electric utility bill at their primary residence, if their household income falls within specific guidelines. Qualified customers can receive up to \$100 toward their electric utility bill once during a 12-month period.

You can now donate to EAF via a round-up or fixed option on your SCE bill payment stub. You may opt to have your monthly bill rounded up to the next whole dollar, or you can make your contribution to EAF through a fixed amount option where you specify an amount to be added. The fixed or round-up options can be either one-time or they can occur every month.

For more details on how to contribute to EAF, please call **1-800-205-8596**, or visit <u>www.sce.com/energyassistancefund</u>.



#### College Scholarships Available From Edison International

Edison International, the parent company of Southern California Edison (SCE), welcomes applications for the Edison Scholars program, which supports the study of math, science, engineering and technology. Promising high school seniors who plan to attend four year colleges are encouraged to apply for the program, which continues Edison International's long-standing tradition of awarding scholarships to students who show the potential for successful college careers.

Applicants for the Edison Scholars program must meet the eligibility criteria listed below (partial list):

- Be high school seniors who live, or attend a public or private school, in SCE's 50,000-square-mile service area.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent).
- Have taken the SAT or ACT exams and/or met California State University placement standards for entry-level coursework as defined by the Early Assessment Program.
- Plan to be a full-time student majoring in math, physics, chemistry, engineering, materials science or computer science/information systems at a four year college in, or adjacent to, SCE's service territory.

Dependents of Edison International employees or retirees are not eligible.

As many as 75 successful candidates each may receive scholarships of \$2,500, renewable for up to \$10,000 total, if all requirements are met.

All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2010. Award recipients will be announced by June. Edison International provided 71 students with scholarships in 2009.

Visit <u>www.edison.com/edisonscholars</u> to learn more about the Edison Scholars program, including a complete list of requirements, lists of eligible schools and colleges, and to download an application.



2009 Edison Scholars