

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

Green Rate and Community Renewables Programs



#### **YOUR NEW GREEN POWER OPTIONS...** Supporting Local Solar Power to Create a Clean-Energy Future

As an SCE business customer, you can join one of two programs that enable you to tap into the power of the sun through new solar energy options — without installing solar panels on the roof of your building. These programs play a key role in creating a cleaner, healthier environment.

### **GREEN RATE PROGRAM**

We purchase solar energy on your behalf from independently owned solar farms in California, and you in turn purchase this solar power equal to 50 percent or 100 percent of your electricity use.

### **COMMUNITY RENEWABLES PROGRAM**

You enter into an agreement with a renewable energy provider to purchase renewable energy from a share of a communityscale renewable project. We purchase the electricity that is produced under your agreement — up to 120 percent of the load forecasted to meet your monthly usage needs — and we pay you directly via bill credits.

#### WHY PARTICIPATE?

# Enrolling in the Green Rate or Community Renewables program will help you make a difference in our region by:

- Assisting in meeting your sustainability goals
- Supporting local renewable power in our communities
- Supporting clean energy for a brighter future in Southern California
- Reducing your greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity and contributing to a cleaner, healthier environment

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### What are the eligibility requirements for the Green Rate and Community Renewables programs?

Both programs are voluntary and optional, and are available to both residential and business energy users who receive power generation, metering and related services from SCE, i.e. "bundled service." You can participate in either of the programs but not both. In addition, if you are on one of the following rate options, you are not eligible to participate:

- Direct Access
- Community Choice Aggregation
- Economic Development Rates

Load served on either of the programs cannot exceed 2 megawatts unless you are a government customer.

If you are not eligible for the new clean energy programs, but would like to learn more about other green power options, contact your SCE account manager.

### WHAT IS THE PARTICIPATION COST?

For the Green Rate program, you pay an additional cost based on SCE's renewable power rate and other factors, in addition to SCE's standard bill charges. The 2019 Green Rate premium is estimated at:

- 1.56 cents per kilowatt-hour for GS-1 customers; for other business customers it is expected to range between 2.01 cents and 3.72 cents per kilowatthour, depending on your rate schedule.
- 4.47 cents per kilowatt-hour for street lighting

For the Community Renewables program, the actual cost you pay for your renewable energy (in addition to SCEs standard bill charges) varies, based on the California facility. The credit you receive on your bill can potentially be approximately 4.5 cents per kilowatt-hour for residential customers and 4.5 cents per kilowatt-hour hour for commercial GS-1 customers.

If you do not participate in either program, you do not have to pay any costs associated with them.

# Once I sign up, how soon will my account be placed on the new program?

For the Green Rate program, your account will become effective on your next scheduled meter read date following sign-up.

For the Community Renewables program, your account will begin to receive credits two to three months after the facility is commercially operational and eligibility is confirmed.

## Do I have to stay in either program for a certain amount of time?

For the Green Rate program, there is no timeframe requirement, and you can de-enroll at any time without a penalty.

For the Community Renewables program, your commitment depends on your agreement with the developer.

# Can I be a renewable energy developer or part of building a renewable development?

Through the Community Renewables program, you also can become an energy developer or provide space or funding for a renewable -powered development. Eligible facilities can range from 500 kilowatts to 20 megawatts. For more details on how to get started, contact your account manager or visit **on.sce.com/CRDevinfo**.

#### Can customers claim LEED or other energy/ environment credits for being on the GTSR program?

Yes, customers can be awarded LEED points under the Green Power credit for participating in the Green Rate or Community Renewables program if they meet certain criteria. For more in-depth LEED questions, please contact the U.S. Green Building Council.

#### Why is SCE offering these programs?

In 2015, the California Public Utilities Commission approved a new tariff pursuant to Senate Bill 43. The measure enables both business and residential customers of the state's three largest investor-owned utilities (including SCE) to participate in a Green-e Energy®-certified 100 percent renewable energy option.

For SCE, the Green Rate and Community Renewables programs complement our existing solar and other renewable energy initiatives. We currently deliver more solar energy than any other U.S. utility — about 32 percent of our energy portfolio in 2017 — helping to provide clean energy for our long-term future.

#### What's the benefit of Green-e Energy Certification?

The Green Rate and Community Renewables are both Green-e Energy certified. The nation's leading independent certification and verification program for renewable energy, guarantees that the programs meet strict environmental and consumer protection standards set forth by the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. Learn more at **www.green-e.org**.



#### TO LEARN MORE AND ENROLL

For more information on the Green Rate and Community Renewables programs and to enroll, visit **on.sce.com/bizgreen** or **on.sce.com/CommRenew,** or call **(866) 701-7867.** For additional assistance, please contact your account manager.