



## Time-of-Use Base Interruptible Program

# 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. SCE may also initiate an event for local system emergencies or program evaluation.

The CAISO and SCE can call a TOU-BIP event 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 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, SCE will notify you 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. SCE will notify you when 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 SCE's 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



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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>1</sup>.

Once enrolled in TOU-BIP, you are only permitted to change your Participation Option and Firm Service Level (FSL) during the annual adjustment window, which takes place each year from November 1 to December 1. Additionally, once enrolled, you may only opt out of the program between the period of November 1 to December 1.

## How 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
- Provide SCE with a dedicated telephone number to receive TOU-BIP event notifications
- Have an interval meter for billing and monitoring purposes<sup>2</sup>

To participate in TOU-BIP, your facility must:

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

With limitations, TOU-BIP customers may also enroll and participate in other Demand Response programs to earn additional credits.

To learn more about TOU-BIP, contact your SCE Account Manager or visit [sce.com/drpf](http://sce.com/drpf).

<sup>1</sup> Per the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), SCE may place a megawatt (MW) cap in the TOU-BIP program tariff that may limit future enrollment. Contact your SCE Account Manager for more details.

<sup>2</sup> SCE will provide the meter, with some restrictions if you are eligible.

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](http://sce.com/regulatory).