



## Your New Green Power Options...

### Supporting Local Renewable Power to Create a Clean-Energy Future

As an SCE customer, beginning in 2016 you can join one of two programs that enable you to tap into the power of the sun through new renewable energy options – without installing solar panels on your roof. These programs play a key role in creating a cleaner, healthier environment.

#### Green Rate Program

We purchase renewable energy from local developers, on your behalf. You then purchase this renewable power (equal to 50 percent or 100 percent of your electricity use).

#### Community Renewables Program

You enter into an agreement with a local renewable energy provider to buy a share of their energy output. We purchase the electricity that is produced under your agreement – up to 120 percent of the power forecasted to meet your 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:**

- Supporting local solar power in our communities
- Providing clean energy for our long-term future
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions 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 bundled service customers (those who receive their generation, transmission, and distribution services from SCE). You may participate in either program, but not both. Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation customers are not eligible for these programs.

##### **What is the participation cost?**

**On the Green Rate program, you pay an extra (estimated) 3.5 cents per kilowatt-hour for renewable energy, since it costs more than non-renewable energy sources. Here's how it works:**

If you choose the 100 percent Green Rate participation level, multiply 3.5 cents (.035) by the total number of kilowatt-hours on your monthly SCE bill to come up with the extra amount you pay for renewable energy. If you choose the 50 percent option instead, multiply .035 by half the number of kilowatt-hours on your bill.

# Southern California Edison Green Rate and Community Renewables Programs

Residential Customers

## Examples:

- For the 100 percent level: A \$100 monthly SCE bill equals an average use of 544 kilowatt-hours. Multiply 544 by .035.\* This equals about \$19 extra each month for renewable energy.
- For the 50 percent option: Instead multiply 272 (half of 544) by .035,\* which equals about \$9.50 extra each month for renewable energy.

*\*Based on June 2016 rates. For customers on the CARE (California Alternate Rates for Energy) program (which provides an electric rate discount for low-income households), a \$100 monthly SCE bill equals an average use of 739 kilowatt-hours. So for the 100 percent Green Rate participation level, 739 times 3.5 cents equals almost \$26 extra per month for renewable energy. For the 50 percent option, the extra amount each month comes to half of that (almost \$13).*

For the Community Renewables program, the actual cost you pay for your renewable energy (in addition to SCE's standard bill charges) varies, based on the local solar facility. The credit you receive on your bill is expected to be approximately 5.5 cents per kilowatt-hour.

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

## How is the Green Rate program different from Net Energy Metering?

With Net Energy Metering (NEM), you are the solar energy producer, so you receive the benefits of that production directly. Under the Green Rate program, because another company is producing the energy, there is an additional cost for us to obtain it and deliver it to your community.

If you are an NEM customer, you may participate in the Green Rate program, but you will not receive a credit for the extra electricity you supply to the grid under NEM. The Green Rate program is primarily focused on customers (like renters), who want to support clean energy in their communities, but may not be able to install solar panels on their roofs.



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

For the Green Rate program, your account will be enrolled on your next scheduled meter read date following eligibility confirmation. For the Community Renewables program, your account will begin to receive credits two to three months after the local solar facility is commercially operational and eligibility is confirmed.

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

There is no required length of time to stay on the Green Rate program, and you can de-enroll at any time without a penalty. For the Community Renewables program, your commitment depends on your agreement with the local provider.

## Why are these programs offered now?

In 2015, the California Public Utilities Commission approved a new rate option pursuant to Senate Bill 43, enabling residential and business customers of the state's three largest Investor-Owned Utilities to participate in a Green-e® Energy-certified renewable energy option.

The Green Rate and Community Renewables programs complement our existing solar and other renewable energy initiatives. We currently deliver more renewable power than any other U.S. utility – about 23.5 percent of our energy portfolio in 2014 – 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 programs are both Green-e Energy certified. As the nation's leading independent certification and verification program for renewable energy, Green-e Energy guarantees the programs meet strict environmental and consumer protection standards from the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. Learn more at [www.green-e.org](http://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/greenrate](http://on.sce.com/greenrate) or [on.sce.com/CommRenew](http://on.sce.com/CommRenew), or call (866) 701-7867.