

**SANTA BARBARA CLEAN ENERGY SOLAR+
SOLAR BILLING PLAN (SBP)
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TARIFFS**

A. PURPOSE

The Purpose of the New Billing Tariff terms & conditions (T&C) is to provide details of Santa Barbara Clean Energy's (SBCE) New Billing Tariff program, **Solar+ SBP**, and how the program is administered for residential and commercial tariffs.

B. APPLICABILITY

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has changed the way solar customers are to be compensated by utilities for their solar generation. As of April 15, 2023, all **new** solar customers will be placed on SCE's Solar Billing Plan, which is also known as the Net Billing Tariff (NBT). This program is an update from the previous NEM programs, NEM 1.0 and NEM 2.0, and the rate at which both residential and commercial solar customers are compensated for the excess energy exported to the grid has changed. For more information, please review SCE's Solar Billing Plan updates [here](#).

To maintain consistency for our customers and to help make the electric grid more sustainable and reliable, SBCE offers the **Solar+ SBP** tariff which mirrors SCE's Solar Billing Plan. Under the **Solar+ SBP**, solar systems paired with battery storage can provide customers with higher value compared with solar-only systems.

Customers enrolled in Southern California Edison's (SCE) Solar Billing Plan (SBP) are automatically enrolled in SBCE's Net Billing Tariff Program, **Solar+ SBP**. The facility must be eligible under SCE's Schedule NBT – Net Billing Tariff which may be amended or replaced by SCE from time to time. Each customer's eligible Renewable Generating Facility must fall within the capacity limits described in SCE's Schedule NBT and must be located on the customer's owned, leased, or rented premises, must be interconnected and operated in parallel with SCE's transmission and distribution systems and must be intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer's own electrical requirements.

This rate schedule will be available to customers that provide SCE with a completed SCE NBT Application and comply with all SCE NBT requirements as described in SCE's Schedule NBT.

C. TERRITORY

Applicable in the SBCE service area.

D. RATES

All rates charged under this schedule will be in accordance with the customer's Otherwise Applicable SBCE rate Schedule (OAS). A customer served under this schedule is responsible for all charges from its OAS including monthly minimum charges, customer charges, meter charges, facilities charges, demand charges and surcharges, and all other charges owed to SBCE or SCE. Charges for energy (kWh) supplied by SBCE will be based on the net metered usage in accordance with this tariff.

E. BILLING

Solar+ SBP Customers

- a. The Customer's energy usage is tracked on a monthly basis and reconciled at the end of each month.
- b. Each month, a customer may accrue energy usage charges based on the net amount of energy consumed (kWh) during the current billing cycle. These charges are due and payable each month, in accordance with the OAS.
- c. A customer may accrue energy usage bill credits based on any excess energy generated from the customer's system and supplied to the grid (kWh). Customer bill credits are based on hourly CPUC Avoided Cost Calculator (ACC) prices that reflect the value of electricity to the grid at different times of day throughout the year. Credits are calculated by multiplying the amount of surplus energy (kWh) supplied to the grid by the ACC rate (\$/kWh) in effect at the time that the energy is generated. In addition to the ACC rate, SBCE will provide customers with compensation equal to an additional \$0.01 for every kWh of excess energy supplied to the grid. Charges are accrued based on the customer's energy usage drawn from the grid multiplied by the tariff rate in effect at the time of day the customer consumes that energy.
- d. Credits are used to offset charges. Each month, SBCE totals the charges and credits accrued over that month. If total charges exceed total credits, then that difference will be due for payment in that month's bill. If at the end of the month, a customer's total credits exceed total charges, the value of that difference will carry over in a bill credit. This cumulative energy use credit is reported on the supply/generation page of each month's bill as the *"Solar+ SBP Cumulative Credit Due"*. This *"Solar+ SBP Cumulative Credit Due"* will be used to offset charges in the customer's next billing cycle.

F. SBCE True-Up, Net Surplus Compensation & Cash-Out Processes

- a. *True-Up*. Each year a True-Up will occur at the end of the 12-month relevant period. At the time of True-Up, if the customer has a *"Solar+ SBP Cumulative Balanced Owed"*, the customer will be billed an energy charge for that amount. If the customer has a *"Solar+ SBP Cumulative Credit Due"* at the time of True-Up, then the customer does not owe any energy charges for the year and may be eligible for Net Surplus Compensation from SBCE.
- b. *Net Surplus Compensation*. If at the end of the 12-month relevant period, a customer has produced net surplus energy over the entire year, as measured in kWh, then the customer is eligible for Net Surplus Compensation (NSC) from SBCE (this would be reflected as a negative "cumulative kWh relevant period year-to-date balance" on the customer's bill). For eligible customers, surplus kWh are paid out at the SBCE's NSC Rate using the following formula:

$$\text{NSC Payment}(\$) = \text{"cumulative kWh relevant period year-to-date" balance (kWh)} \times \text{NSC RATE}(\$/\text{kWh})$$

The *"cumulative kWh relevant period year-to-date"* balance will be reset to zero kWh upon True-up.
- c. *Cash-Out*. At the end of each customer's relevant period, any current customer with a NSC Payment equal to or greater than \$100 will be paid directly payment by check. NSC payments less than \$100 will be rolled over as a credit into the next relevant period and used to offset future charges.