



## MCE Solar Billing Plan (SBP) Tariff

*Effective Date: December 1, 2023*

MCE's Solar Billing Plan (SBP) Tariff provides the billing mechanism by which customers can receive credit for self-generated renewable energy exported to the grid.

**Eligibility:** SBP is available to customers operating a solar, wind, biomass, geothermal, or other renewable resources as defined in the California Energy Commission's Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook. Additionally, the customer must participate in PG&E's SBP (or successor) for non-generation services, such as transmission and distribution. MCE customers may apply for renewable facility interconnection with PG&E; no direct agreement with MCE is necessary.

**Applicability:** MCE's SBP program applies to all PG&E SBP customers receiving electric generation services from MCE, including customers with battery storage, fuel cells, or under future aggregated or virtual designs. The stipulations of this tariff remain in effect until modified or replaced by MCE.

**Rates:** MCE's SBP program provides the bill mechanism for billing and crediting customers with generating facilities only; customers continue to be served by their otherwise applicable rate schedule. Customers served under this tariff are still responsible for all billed usage charges according to their MCE rate schedule, including volumetric usage, demand charges, Deep Green surcharges, taxes, and all other charges owed to MCE. Bill charges or credits for energy supplied by or delivered to MCE will be calculated monthly.

Exported Electricity (defined under "Billing" below) will be credited at an equivalent value to the customer's applicable MCE Energy Export Credit. These rates are available from MCE at [mcecleanenergy.org/solar-billing-plan](https://mcecleanenergy.org/solar-billing-plan).

All customers will also receive a Solar Bonus Credit which provides an additional 10% of the base export credit.

CARE and FERA customers<sup>1</sup> will receive a \$0.05/kWh generation export bonus credit on all exports until December 31, 2028. This credit is additional to any PG&E delivery-based export bonus credits for eligible customers.

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<sup>1</sup> MCE will apply this credit to customers identified on CARE or FERA by PG&E. This process should occur automatically. If a customer's participation in these programs ends, the credit will also be suspended until the customer re-enrolls in CARE or FERA.

**BILLING:** Customers with SBP service will be billed as follows:

1) Monthly Settlement of MCE Charges/Credits

- a) "Imported Electricity" is defined as when a customer uses any metered energy supplied by MCE.
- b) "Exported Electricity" is defined as when a customer supplies any metered energy to the electric grid.
- c) "Export Rates" are defined as the appropriate credit for any Exported Electricity, based on the sum of the applicable interval Energy Export Rate posted on MCE's website and any applicable credit surcharges.
- d) "Export Credit Balance" is defined as when a customer has excess export credits carried into the next month, or into the MCE Annual Cash-Out process.
- e) Each monthly statement will contain the net sum of:
  - i) Imported Electricity usage charges, billed according to the generation rates on a customer's applicable rate schedule plus any applicable service surcharges.
  - ii) Exported Electricity credits, credited according to the applicable Energy Export Credit Rate.
  - iii) Any other eligible credits or charges.
- f) If the balance of these charges and credits is negative (indicating surplus credits available), these credits will be carried to the following month as an Export Credit Balance until MCE's Annual Cash-Out.
- g) Export Credit Balances can offset MCE charges within the same Annual Cash-Out period, but do not have any cash value.

2) MCE Annual Cash-Out

- a) Following the conclusion of each customer's March-April billing cycle, MCE will conduct its Annual Cash-Out process as follows:
  - i) **Retroactive Payment:** If the customer has an Export Credit Balance but incurred MCE usage charges earlier within the same Annual Cash-Out period, the credits will be applied against any of these charges still due.

- (1) If these charges were already paid, the amount will instead be refunded to the customer at the end of the Annual Cash-Out process.
- ii) **Export Credit Reversal:** If the customer's Exported Electricity is greater than their Imported Electricity during the Annual Cash-Out period, the customer is eligible for Net Surplus Compensation (NSC).
  - (1) To avoid double-payment for exported electricity, the initial export credit will be reversed at the average Energy Export Credit (including Solar Bonus Credit) rate.
  - (2) This will be charged against any Export Credit Balance available, otherwise it will be charged against the NSC payment below.
- iii) **Credit Reset:** Any remaining export credit balance will be reset to zero to start the next Annual Cash-Out period.
- iv) **Net Surplus Compensation:** If a customer's Exported Electricity is greater than their Imported Electricity, then the customer will receive an NSC payment based on their net electricity exports times the NSC rate.
  - (1) The NSC rate will be determined upon cash-out based on the average wholesale rate during solar generating hours over a 12-month period as determined by MCE, reduced by the approximate value of export credits already provided for the same surplus energy.
- v) **Cash-Out Payments:** Customer Cash-Outs will be the sum of any eligible NSC payment as detailed in Section 2.a.iv and any refunded payments as detailed in Section 2.a.i.(1).
  - (1) Customers will receive Cash-Out payments automatically, in the form of an on-bill credit or paid by check. Payments less than or equal to \$200 will be credited to the customer's PG&E account balance. Payments greater than \$200 will be issued by check to the customer's mailing address as noted on their PG&E account.
  - (2) If a Cash-Out check is not cashed within 90 days of issuance, the payment will be canceled. If the account is still active, MCE will attempt to contact the customer and make a replacement payment available.
  - (3) If Cash-Out payments remain unclaimed, MCE will follow the requirements of Government Code Section 50050-50057 et. seq. regarding the handling of unclaimed funds.

3) Transition from NEM to SBP Service

- a) Customers transitioning from NEM to SBP service will have their current NEM escrow balance at time of transition into their SBP Export Credit Balance.
- b) Once transitioned to SBP service, only the SBP Annual Cash-Out process will be utilized as detailed in Section 2 above.

4) Customers Returning to PG&E Bundled Service and Account Closures

- a) MCE customers with SBP service may opt-out and return to PG&E bundled service at any time, subject to MCE and PG&E's terms and conditions for return to bundled service.
- b) Customers returning to PG&E bundled service or closing their PG&E account may request a review of their account for Cash-Out payment. This settlement will follow the MCE Annual Cash-Out process as defined in Section 2 and be issued as a check to the address provided by the customer.
- c) Customers returning to PG&E service or closing their PG&E account must request a review for cash-out payments within 90 days of the end of their MCE service. Credit balances remaining after 90 days will be forfeited.