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### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S ELECTRIC RATE OPTIONS

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## Below are brief descriptions of various rate options for Southern California Edison's (SCE) residential customers.

SCE provides these descriptions to help customers understand what rate options are available to help manage monthly electric bills. Your current rate is listed on your electric bill. Your bill separates the costs of generation and costs related to the delivery of electricity. The charges for generation include costs related to the operation of SCE's electric generating plants, plus the cost of purchasing power from other sources. In addition, generation charges include the cost of electricity obtained through the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Minor adjustments in the charges on your electric bill from month to month reflect adjustments in the amount of electricity being provided by the DWR. The DWR buys electricity for California utility customers under long-term power purchase contracts. Eligibility requirements, terms and conditions apply and may vary for each rate. Please refer to SCE's Tariff Books for a complete list of terms and conditions of service at www.sce.com/tariffbooks.

For complete details and specific pricing, please visit <a href="https://www.sce.com/rateoptions">www.sce.com/rateoptions</a>, or call us at 1-800-655-4555 to see if you qualify for one of the optional energy and money-saving rates below.

## **RATE SCHEDULES**

Domestic (D): This rate schedule serves domestic customers and is applicable to those who live in single-family dwellings (houses, townhouses, condominiums, apartments, rental units, manufactured houses or mobile homes) with cooking facilities and their own separate electric meters. Schedule D has a lower energy rate for all electricity used up to the Baseline\* amount. Energy used up to this point is considered Tier 1. Electricity used above Baseline (Tier 2 through Tier 5) is priced higher. Schedule D also has a daily "basic charge" that is independent of the energy charges, and covers a portion of costs for services such as meter reading and customer billing.

## \* Baseline

"Baseline" refers to a specific amount of energy allocated to residential customers that is charged at a lower price than energy used in excess of that amount. California's regulated energy utilities are mandated to allocate a basic Baseline quantity to each residential customer, based upon that customer's geographic area, the season (winter or summer), and whether the customer has a single source of energy (i.e., if customer's home is "all electric") or a combination of gas and electric ("basic" service). The electricity consumed each month is priced across five tiers. Energy usage in Tier 1 is charged at the lowest possible rate, or Baseline rate. As usage increases and moves into Tiers 2, 3, 4 and

5, the price for energy in each tier is charged at a higher rate. Customers can check the "Details of Your New Charges" section of their bills to see what tier their usage falls into each month.

Medical Baseline is an additional allowance of kilowatt hours (kWh) charged at the Baseline rate, and is available to customers or their household members who require the regular use of electrical life support or essential medical equipment, or have a qualifying illness. The standard Medical Baseline allocation is 16.5 kWh per day, in addition to the daily Baseline allocation residential customers receive.

Schedule D customers may be eligible for other pricing options that could further lower their electric bills, such as:

Residential Summer Discount Plan (D-APS, D-APS-E, BASE and ENHANCED): This option offers qualifying customers a credit on their bills during summer months for allowing SCE to temporarily shut off their central air conditioner compressor, without advance notice, for a limited number of times during the summer season. Customers allow SCE access to their properties to install remotely controlled devices on their air conditioning units. Customers on the following rates are ineligible: DM, DMS-1, DMS-2, DMS-3, or DS. Customers who receive a medical baseline allocation for air conditioning are not eligible, and customers participating in SCE's Net Energy Metering (NEM) program may not receive the full summer season credit on the Summer Discount Plan if the amount of energy generated is more than the amount of energy used.

Domestic - California Alternate Rates for Energy (Schedule D-CARE): This program provides reduced rates for income-qualified customers. Schedule D-CARE rates are on average 20 percent lower than rates contained in Schedule D. Household income must be at or less than the CARE income guidelines, defined as 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Qualifying income guidelines are shown on the CARE application. This rate may also be applicable on other residential rate schedules.

Domestic - Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA): This program offers a discounted rate to qualified households. There must be a minimum of three or more persons residing in a household and the total household income must be at or less than 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Tier 3 kWh usage (usage exceeding baseline by 131 percent or more) will be billed at Tier 2 rates. Qualifying income guidelines are shown on the FERA application. FERA is not available to CARE customers. (continued on next page)

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High Winter-Season/Low Summer-Season Usage – Domestic Seasonal (DS): This rate provides a discount to most residential customers who use less electricity during the summer season than during the winter season. On this rate, customers must have 12 months of billing history at their present addresses, and they must sign up for the program for a minimum of one year. Participants who subsequently do not use less electricity during the summer season than during the winter season are penalized by paying a premium on all summer season usage that is greater than their preceding winter season usage. This rate is not applicable to customers receiving service under Schedules D-APS, D-APS-E, DM, DMS-1, DMS-2, DMS-3, TOU-D-1 or TOU-D-2.

Critical Peak Pricing (CPP): The CPP rate offers a discount during the summer months for bundled service customers (those whose electric power, transmission, distribution, billing, metering and related services are provided by SCE). The customer must have an interval meter or an Edison SmartConnect™ programready meter. When electricity demand and prices climb, SCE will activate CPP "events" (weekdays from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., excluding holidays) during which energy charges increase significantly. However, if customers reduce or reschedule usage to lower-demand times of day during these events, CPP may help lower electric bills. Participants receive bill protection for the first 12 months. Customers who receive Medical Baseline allocation(s) and customers served under Schedules D-APS, D-APS-E, DM, DMS-1, DMS-2, DMS-3, DS, TOU-EV-1 and the Peak Time Rebate (PTR) option under Schedules D, TOU-D-1, TOU-D-2, TOU-D-T and TOU-D-TEV are not eligible for service under this rate.

Customers who use most of their electricity during "off-peak" hours could benefit from a Time-of-Use (TOU) rate schedule.

Time-of-Use Tiered Domestic (TOU-D-T): Schedule TOU-D-T is a seasonal time-of-use rate, with a level pricing structure (Level 1 is equivalent to Baseline Tiers 1 and 2, and Level 2 is equivalent to Baseline Tiers 3-5). TOU-D-T is applicable to customers eligible for service under Schedule D and D-CARE. Lower rates may be achieved with TOU-D-T, if the customer reduces usage between the on-peak period of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. weekdays, except holidays.

**Time-of-Use Domestic (TOU D-1):** Schedule TOU-D-1 is closed to new customer enrollment as of October 1, 2009; however, customers already enrolled on TOU-D-1 who use between 400 and 600 kWh per month can benefit if they avoid using most of their electricity weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except holidays.

**Time-of-Use Domestic (TOU-D-2):** Schedule TOU-D-2 is closed to new customer enrollment as of October 1, 2009; however, customers already enrolled on TOU-D-2 who use more than 600 kWh per month can benefit if they avoid using most of their electricity weekdays between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., except holidays.

Peak-Time Rebate (PTR): This rebate is applicable to bundled service customers who reduce their energy consumption when requested by SCE during PTR events. The customer must have an Edison SmartConnect™ program-ready meter. PTR is not applicable to customers served under Schedules D-APS, D-APS-E, DM, DMS-1, DMS-2, DMS-3, DS, CPP, or customers receiving Medical Baseline allocation(s) for air conditioning. PTR events will

take place between 2:00-6:00 p.m. on non-holiday weekdays.

Time-of-Use Electric Vehicle (TOU-EV-1): This rate is designed for residential customers who charge their electric vehicle(s) at their primary residence, on a separate meter provided by SCE. On-peak hours for TOU-EV-1 are 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m., all year, every day; off-peak hours are all other hours. Under this schedule, customers receive substantial savings if they charge their electric vehicle(s) during off-peak hours.

Time-of-Use Domestic Tiered Electric Vehicle Charging (TOU-D-TEV): Schedule TOU-D-TEV is designed for residential customers who combine lighting, heating, cooking and power (in a single family accommodation) with charging electric vehicle(s) on a single meter. Under Schedule TOU-D-TEV, customers may receive substantial savings if they charge their electric vehicle(s) during super off-peak hours. On-peak, off-peak and super off-peak hours for TOU-D-TEV are as follows:

**On-Peak:** 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays – all year, except holidays

Super Off-Peak: Midnight to 6:00 a.m. - all year, every day

Off-Peak: All other hours - all year, every day

Net Energy Metering (NEM, BG-NEM, and FC-NEM): These rates serve those who generate electricity to offset part or all of the electricity normally provided by SCE. A customer must produce electricity with a generating facility using biogas, fuel cell, solar, wind, or a hybrid system comprised of solar and wind turbines. The NEM customer's NEM-eligible generating facility must be sized at 1,000 kW or less. Customers must execute a Net Energy Metering contract prior to receiving service under one of these rates.

**Direct Access Service (DA):** Beginning April 11, 2010, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission Decision 10-03-022, Direct Access (DA) is again open to all non-residential customers, subject to annual limits during a four-year phase-in period, and absolute limits following the phase-in. All residential customers currently returning to bundled service may not elect to return to DA service.

Bundled Service Customer Interval Meter Ownership (BSC-IMO): This option is available to bundled service customers (BSC) who replace an existing meter or install retrofit metering facilities in accordance with Schedule CC-DSF (see below). Meter reading services and billing services under this schedule are provided solely by SCE. A BSC is a customer who is not served under DA.

### **Customer Choice Discretionary Service Fees (CC-DSF):**

This rate schedule is applicable to DA and Community Choice Aggregation Service customers purchasing metering services, and to bundled service customers electing a rate option that requires the use of interval metering facilities or requesting interval metering and/or metering facilities in substitution for, or in addition to, standard facilities.

For more information about any of our rate options, please call **1-800-655-4555**, visit our Web site at <u>www.sce.com/rateoptions</u>, or write to:

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