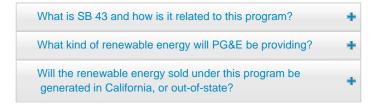


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How exactly will PG&E's Community Solar program work?

PG&E proposes two new options. Under one, customers can pay for the output from a pool of small to mid-sized solar projects within PG&E's service territory. Under the other, customers can pay for the output from a solar project near them of their choosing. Under either option, in response to customer enrollment under the program, PG&E will contract for energy from newly developed small and mid-sized solar projects located within its service area. Participants will pay the full cost of the new solar energy supplies they support. Those additional supplies—provided by third-party developers—will be incremental to the clean energy that PG&E purchases for all customers to meet the state's Renewables Portfolio Standard. Participating customers will receive credits for avoided PG&E generation costs. The solar price will remain stable, while the bill credit will track with PG&E's class average generation rates.

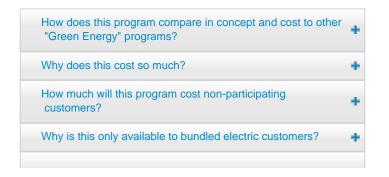


Cost and Availability

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How much will this program cost?

Customers will pay a fixed price per kwh for the solar energy, plus additional charges for program administration and other costs related to solar energy. However, customers will also receive a bill credit for generation costs that PG&E avoids, adjusted to reflect the higher on-peak value of solar energy. The difference (net cost) is likely to start at about three to four cents per kWh, but diminish over time if PG&E's overall generation costs increase.



Regulatory Process

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regulates investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities operating in California, including PG&E. PG&E must receive approval from the CPUC in order to offer new tariffs and services, such as the proposed Green Option. There is a regulatory process that allows for stakeholder and public input. Therefore, PG&E's proposed program design for the Green Option is subject to change and approval by the Commission.

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2012 Dates

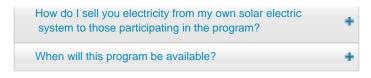
- April 24, 2012: PG&E files Green Option Application
- Aug 2, 2012: ½ Day Workshop
- Aug 24, 2012: Common Outline of Issues Sent to CPUC
- Sept 26, 2012: Scoping Memo Issued
- Oct 19, 2012: Intervenor Testimony
- Nov 9, 2012: PG&E's Rebuttal Testimony Served

2013 Dates

- Mar 26, 2013: Settlement Conference
- April 11, 2013: Motion to Adopt Settlement
- July 31, 2013: Assigned Commissioner Ruling to Consolidate PG&E and SDG&E **Green Tariff Applications**
- November 15, 2013: Opening Comments (PG&E and SDG&E)
- December 6, 2013: Revised Testimony (PG&E & SDG&E)
- December 20, 2013: Reply Comments (ORA & 3rd parties)

2014 Dates

January 3, 2014: Reply Comments (PG&E and SDG&E)



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Will this program impact PG&E's mandated renewables procurement and compliance obligations?

This program is separate from and incremental to PG&E's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirements. However, if customers drop off the program after PG&E has procured new supplies on their behalf, the additional resources will be provided to PG&E's regular bundled customers.



- January 10, 2014: Rebuttal Testimony, and SCE Application due
- January 21, 2014: Surrebuttal Testimony
- January 28 February 5, 2014: Hearings
- February 21, 2014: PG&E files Enhanced Community Renewables proposal
- March 7, 2014: Opening Comments
- March 14, 2014: Reply Comments
- March 21, 2014: Opening Briefs, GTSR Program
- April 4, 2014: Reply Briefs, GTSR Program
- May 5, 2014: Opening Briefs, ECR Program
- May 9, 2014: Reply Briefs, ECR Program
- December 30, 2014: Proposed Decision
- TBD: Final Commission Decision

Additional Resources

For Suppliers: PG&E will post information for potential renewable energy suppliers here when available.

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