

Rates

Flat Rates vs. Time of Use Rates

Some solar customers take advantage of Time of Use (TOU) rates to maximize the economic benefits of Net Energy Metering. Time of Use customers pay different prices for electricity depending on the season, day of the week and time of day. Generally speaking, electricity is less expensive at night and in the winter; and more expensive in the afternoon and in the summer. MCE credits NEM customers for their excess generation in each discrete Time of Use period. This means that by shifting their energy consumption to off peak hours, TOU customers are able to maximize the return on their solar investment by selling more electricity during peak hours when the price of electricity is highest. Other solar customers prefer to remain on a flat rate schedule, perhaps because they are unable to shift their electric load.

The following is a breakdown of MCE's Residential flat and TOU rates including the price of summer peak electricity. For more information about rates please see MCE's Residential Rates page. To change your rate schedule please contact PG&E.

Residential Flat Rates

RES-1 (PG&E Equivalent E-1)

All Electric Usage \$0.079/kWh

Residential Time of Use Rates

RES-6 (PG&E Equivalent E-6)

Summer Peak = \$0.206/kWh

RES-7 (PG&E Equivalent E-7)

Summer Peak = \$0.396/kWh

RES-9 (PG&E Equivalent E-9)

Summer Peak = \$0.171/kWh

RES-EV (PG&E Equivalent EV)

Summer Peak = \$0.193/kWh