



Residential Time-of-Use Transition

In California, most customers are being transitioned to Time-of-Use rates to increase the use of more clean renewable energy and reduce the stress on the electric grid. Residential customers in Southern California Edison (SCE or Edison) service area are being switched to TOU rates now through June 2022.

Why Time-of-Use Rates Vary

Electricity prices on TOU rate plans are based on the when and how much energy you use. Prices are lower during the day when inexpensive solar power is abundant. TOU rates encourage customers to use energy when it is the cleanest and least expensive, and to reduce energy use when it is in high demand and more costly. Reducing the amount of energy you use during your rate plan's "Peak" hours – either 4pm to 9pm or 5pm to 8pm on weekdays – will help you save each month. Shift your energy usage to morning, midday, and late at night, to save.

How can I save money on a Time-of-Use Plan?

Edison has a Rate Plan Comparison Tool that lets you compare your TOU rate options. The tool can give you personalized comparison between your current rate plan and other TOU options. The tool is located here: <https://www.sce.com/residential/rates/rate-plan-comparison-tool>

On a TOU rate, you can lower your bill by shifting when you use energy; from peak to partial-peak and off-peak hours. Review your Edison bill to see how much energy you use during these time periods. If you have questions, you can call the SCE call center at 877-287-2140 to speak with a representative about your rate options.

TOU Pathway

Your account will automatically transition UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION to stay on your current Tiered rate plan.

As you may be served by both SCE and Central Coast Community Energy (or Santa Barbara Clean Energy), those customers will be transitioned in April of 2022.

For Edison accounts with Discounted TOU Rates (TOU-D-A, B or T), those accounts were transitioned in December 2021 to TOU rates. There was no opt-out allowed back to discounted TOU rates. Customers can choose Domestic rate, unless they are NEM 2.0 customers, for which TOU is mandatory. Customers are allowed two rate changes after they are placed into TOU this year.

Rate Discounts

If you are currently receiving assistance through CARE, FERA or medical baseline programs, your discount will not be affected by switching to a TOU rate plan. Your rate will be the new TOU rate, but your CARE/FERA or medical baseline discount will still apply.

If you are a NEM 1.0 customer, you will be switched to a TOU rate plan – unless you ask to stay on your current plan. NEM 1.0 customers can return to Domestic rate, as long as they are within their NEM 1.0 eligibility. Once a NEM customer switches to NEM 2.0, they must take service on a TOU rate.

NEM 1.0 and NEM 2.0 have to do with how customers are charged for electricity – the more you use, the more you pay (kWh price rises with higher usage). TOU rates are charged based on both how much you use and when you use (price changes with time of day, day of the week, and season). NEM 1.0 and NEM 2.0 have to do with how customers are compensated for their behind-the-meter generation (usually solar). So, NEM 2.0 requires customers to take service on a TOU rate, and NEM 1.0 customers can take service on any TOU rate or on the tiered rate.

Homes with battery storage can allow you to take advantage of lower prices in the day. You can charge your battery when prices are lower, then dispatch your battery during peak times to avoid using energy off the grid when prices are higher. Most commercial and agricultural customers are already on TOU plans and have been for years.