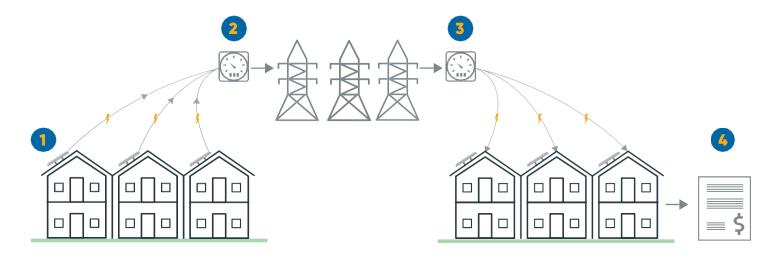
# How will your utility bill change?

## Things you need to know:

Virtual Net Energy Metering (VNEM) will be used to apply credits directly to your utility bill. VNEM is a billing process that allows a single solar panel system to divide bill credits among multiple tenant households and common areas. The SOMAH program requires that tenants receive at least 51% of the solar credits from each SOMAH project.



## **VNEM** keeps track of

- The electricity generated by the solar PV system on your building
- The electricity is sent to the electric grid and measured by the solar meter.

  The electric grid is the network that is run by SCE that delivers electricity to homes, businesses, and other users.
- The electricity your household uses is measured by your electric meter
- SCE will add the credits allocated to your household, lowering your monthly bill

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## What to know about your new utility bill

It is important to understand how having solar on your building will affect your utility bill. There will be changes to both the way your bill looks and how your bill is calculated.

## What are the different types of utility rate structures?

Your bill will be calculated based on one of two different rate structures: tiered and time-of-use (TOU). Currently, you are most likely on tiered rate, but with solar, you may be moved to time-of-use rate.

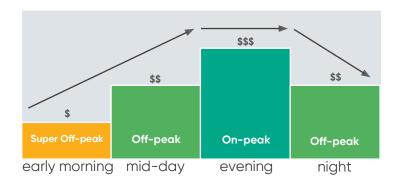
#### **Tiered Rate**

Your bill is calculated by different tiers or levels. Each tier has a specific number of units of electricity (kilowatt-hours or kWh) you can use. When you use all the electricity units in one tier you are bumped up to the next tier. When you move up from one tier to a higher tier you will pay more. There are two tiers in your utility bill.



### Time-of-use (TOU)

Time-of-use offers different rates at different times. This means that the price of each unit of electricity (kilowatt-hour or kWh) will vary based on the time of day that it is used or consumed. TOU rates have peak and off-peak hours, and electricity prices are higher during peak hours.



## **TOU and SOMAH**

Once solar PV system are installed and working, you may be switched to TOU rate by SCE. If you prefer, you may choose to use a tiered-rate plan instead. For further information about the TOU rates and tiered rates offered by SCE at 800-655-4555.

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