



SOMAH

SOLAR ON MULTIFAMILY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Changes to expect with SOMAH

Name
Title



Workshop agenda

1. VNEM & utility bill
2. Energy saving tips
3. FAQs
4. Handouts



Virtual net energy metering (VNEM)



VNEM



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VNEM

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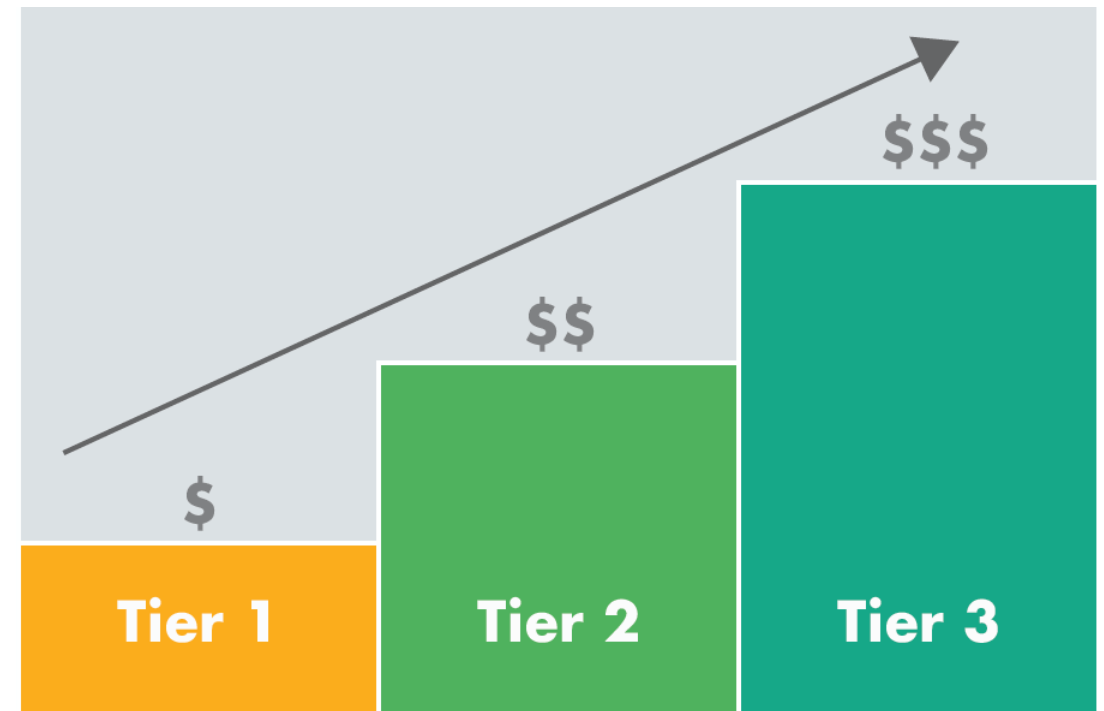


Understanding your utility bill

- Tiered rate
- Time-of-use (opt in)

Tiered rate structure

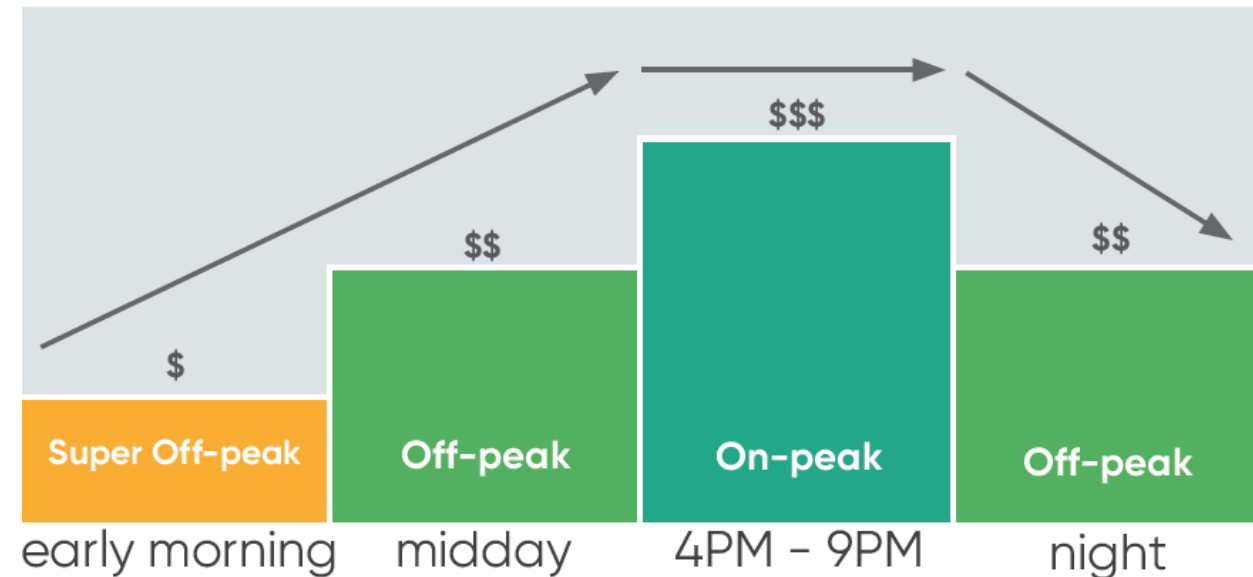
- Your bill is calculated by different tiers or levels.
- Each tier has a specific number of units of electricity.
- As you move up tiers you pay more.



For more information contact your utility company

Time-of-use (TOU) rate structure

- Time-of-use offers different rates at different times during the day.
- TOU rates have peak and off-peak hours.
- Electricity prices are higher during peak hours.

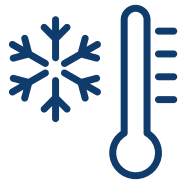


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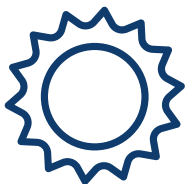
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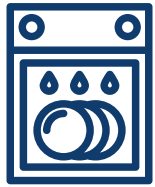


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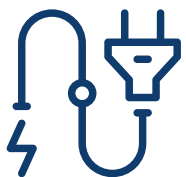
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Handouts

1. How will your utility bill change?
2. Simple ways to save on energy

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How will your utility bill change?

Things you need to know:


The SOMAH program requires that tenants receive at least 51% of the solar credits from each SOMAH project. Virtual Net Energy Metering (VNEM) will be used to apply solar 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.



VNEM keeps track of

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Questions about SOMAH?
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What to know about your new utility bill

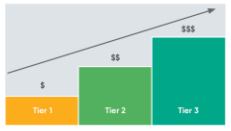
It is important to understand how having solar on your building will affect your utility bill. There will be changes to both the way your bill looks and how your bill is calculated.

What are the different types of utility rate structures?

Depending on your utility company, 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.

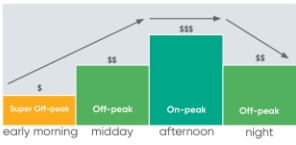
Tiered Rate

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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 panels are installed and working, you may be switched to TOU rate by your utility company. 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 your utility company, call PG&E at English: 800-743-5000 | Spanish: 800-660-6789

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