Things you need to know:
The SOMAH program requires that all projects use Virtual Net Energy Metering (VNEM) to calculate your utility bill, making sure that a minimum of 51% of the bill credits go directly to you and other tenants. VNEM is a billing process that allows a single solar PV system to divide bill credits among tenant areas and common areas.

VNEM keeps track of:
1. The solar PV system on your building generates electricity.
2. The electricity is measured by a solar meter and sent to the electric grid.
   The electric grid is the network that Pacific Power runs to deliver electricity to homes, businesses, and other users.
3. The electricity that your household uses is measured by your electric meter.
4. Pacific Power will add the credits - based on the electricity generated by the solar PV system on your building to lower your monthly bill.

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

**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. The first tier is called “Baseline.” When you use all the electricity units in the Baseline tier, you are bumped up to the next tier, called “Non-Baseline.” When you move from the Baseline to the Non-Baseline tier, you will pay more per kWh of electricity.

**VNEM Credit**

Your monthly bill will include a new section showing the VNEM credits that Pacific Power subtracted from the amount you were charged for electricity. The VNEM credit that you receive will be based on the electricity generated by the solar PV system on your building. For further information about tiered rates and VNEM offered by Pacific Power, call 888-221-7070.

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