

## SCE Flexible Pricing Rate Pilot

# AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE) CUSTOMERS



Southern California Edison is currently piloting a special flexible pricing program for customers with select smart electric devices, such as smart thermostats, battery storage devices, or an electric vehicle. The pilot will utilize hourly energy prices that will test the capability of customers' smart devices to automatically shift electricity usage to times of day when energy is less expensive and can be generated with lower emissions. Shifting energy usage to optimal times has the potential to improve the reliability of the electric system while providing savings for customers.

The pilot program is under consideration by the state of California as a potential tool to help accelerate the transition to clean (carbon-free) energy, improve the reliability of the power grid, and reduce the cost of providing electricity.

The pilot program is being facilitated by third-party Automation Service Providers (ASPs) partnering with SCE, in conjunction with a vendor named TeMix Inc., to help customers and their smart devices optimize energy consumption.

### How will I be compensated under this pilot?

You will continue to receive electric service from SCE on your current rate, and you are expected to pay your regular bill as normal. At the same time, you will receive monthly updates from your ASP on any calculated

savings you may have achieved by your devices as a result of the flexible pricing rate in the pilot.

At the end of 12 months of participation, the monthly regular bills you paid will be compared against the bills based on the SCE flexible pricing rate under the pilot. If you saved money on the SCE flexible pricing rate, your ASP will provide you with an incentive payment for the difference. If you did not save money on the SCE flexible pricing rate, you will incur no cost. Customers who are on Net Energy Metering plans will receive their compensation (if any) at the end of their relevant period, even if it comes before the 12 months. Customers are free to leave the pilot at any time — if you realized any savings based on flexible pricing, you will be compensated within 12 weeks of your departure from the pilot.

### What devices are eligible?

To participate in this study, you must have an SCE smart utility meter<sup>1</sup> and one or more smart devices. Smart devices include, but are not limited to:

- Devices that control when and how much energy is consumed or produced, such as thermostats, heat pump water heaters, pool pumps, etc.
- Behind-the-meter batteries
- Electric vehicles
- An energy management system

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### Will I be notified of changes in usage of my device(s)?

Depending on your device, your device may be able to display if it is currently being impacted by an event and is either not charging or running or charging or running at a different level. Your ASP may choose to notify you as well. The software or systems that your ASP manages will receive price information and react accordingly. You as a customer may have the ability to override any changes the software might make.

### How do I get started and participate in the pilot?

- You can **enroll** through your ASP, which will work with you to determine your eligibility and start date.
- If you do not already have one, you will likely need to **sign an agreement** with an ASP to allow them to access and manage your smart device's participation in SCE's pilot.
- You will need to give permission to your ASP and other vendors facilitating the pilot, such as TeMix Inc., to **access** your smart meter and billing data held by SCE on your behalf.

- You will need to provide your email address and possibly other **contact information** to your ASP and other vendors so you can receive monthly updates on what you would have saved.
- The current software and systems that control your device(s) may require **upgrades** by the ASP in order to facilitate this study.
- You may be asked to take a **survey** to share your experience with the rate and other aspects of the study.

### HOW DO I ENROLL?

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<sup>1</sup>Most SCE customers already have a digital smart meter that measures electricity usage in time intervals and communicates remotely.