



Net Energy Metering (NEM)

The Net Energy Metering (NEM) program for PG&E solar and renewable energy customers allows customers to reduce their monthly electric bill with the energy generated by their own solar or renewable systems. A specially programmed net meter measures the difference between the amount of electricity generated at the home or business and the amount of electricity supplied by PG&E to the property over the course of the month. Customers' bills are calculated using this difference, called "net energy."

To qualify for net energy metering at PG&E:

- Your generator size must be less than or equal to 1 megawatt (1,000 kilowatts).
- Your generating system must be powered by an eligible renewable power source.
- You are not interconnecting to a **secondary network** distribution line.
- Your generating system components have been reviewed and approved by PG&E.
- You have established an electrical account with PG&E at the interconnection site. If another company supplies your electricity, you must contact that company about net energy metering.
- You have completed and supplied all required documentation to PG&E.
- You have allowed PG&E to inspect your system and install the required "net meter," which is accessible to a PG&E meter reader.
- You have received written "Permission to Operate" authorization from PG&E to operate in parallel.



A NEM account works with a second rate schedule, which is referred to as your "otherwise-applicable-rate schedule (OAS)." You must request an OAS in your Interconnection Agreement. The OAS determines the rates and charges for setting up the NEM meter and the calculation of your NEM bills. Your OAS may be any metered-rate schedule for which your account would be eligible if you did not have a generating facility, and it does not have to be the same rate schedule established prior to your becoming a NEM customer.

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The NEM programs are:

Standard NEM

Standard Net Energy Metering is a solar and wind energy program for residential and small commercial rate customers whose generator size is 30 kilowatts or less.

Expanded NEM

Expanded Net Energy Metering is a solar and wind energy program for agricultural- and demand-rate customers whose generator is of any size and for residential and small commercial rate customers whose generator capacity is over 30 kilowatts.

NEMA

Net Energy Metering Aggregation is a sub program of the Standard and Expanded NEM Programs available to customers with multiple electric accounts or meters on the same property as the renewable generator or on adjacent and contiguous parcels. All NEMA accounts must be under the same customer-of-record on PG&E's bill. NEMA allows customers to allocate generation among all of the eligible, participating accounts monthly.

NEMV

Virtual Net Energy Metering is a program for customers in multi-unit housing or commercial property with a common renewable generating system.

NEMVMASH

Net Energy Metering Multifamily Affordable Solar Housing is a solar energy program for customers living in low income, multifamily affordable housing.

NEMFC

Net Energy Metering for Fuel Cell Customer-Generators is for customers with eligible fuel cell generators.

To learn more about Net Energy Metering and NEM billing, go to pge.com/nem