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Free Classes Shine Light on Solar Generating Opportunities

Interested in harvesting the power of the sun to lower electricity costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but not sure how to get started? Then sign up for one of Southern California Edison's (SCE) upcoming Solar Workshops for nonresidential customers.

The free workshops provide an overview of the California Solar Initiative (CSI), a statewide program that provides incentives to customers who install eligible solar generating systems that help offset their own electric usage.

In the workshops, you will learn about CSI program eligibility requirements, and the application and funds reservation process. Discussion also will include incentive amounts/structure and how solar can help lower operating costs and demonstrate your company's commitment to environmental stewardship.

The workshops take place at SCE's Energy Education Center in Irwindale. Unless otherwise noted, they run from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. To register, call 800.336.2822, extension 42537 or log onto www.sce.com/energycenters, click on "Workshops & Classes" and look for "CSI Commercial Solar Workshop."

Solar Rebate Level Update

Earlier this year, CSI rebate levels dropped to Step 8 (out of 10) for SCE nonresidential customers, meaning commercial customers receive 5 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of produced solar generation, and government and nonprofit customers receive 15 cents per kWh. The rebate plus the 30% Federal Incentive Tax Credit will cover about 40% of the capital cost of a solar system, thus making it more economical for nonresidential customers to "go solar." Pacific Gas & Electric and the California Center for Sustainable Energy (CSI program administrator in San Diego Gas & Electric territory) began wait-listing nonresidential solar projects earlier this year due to budgetary constraints.

SCE customers interested in this technology should take advantage of available CSI rebates now, because rebate levels will continue to drop as commitments for solar installations increase.

For more information on reaping the benefits of going solar, contact your account representative or visit www.sce.com/gosolar.



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Complimentary Service Helps RTP Customers Maximize Energy Savings

Customers on the Real-Time Pricing (RTP-2) or Pumping & Agricultural Real-Time Pricing (PA-RTP) rate schedule can receive RTP Courtesy Alerts, via e-mail, with hour-by-hour estimated prices for the following day to assist in optimizing their load reduction strategy.

Hourly electricity prices under RTP-2 and PA-RTP vary based on time of day, season and temperature. Based on the highest temperature recorded in downtown Los Angeles by the National Weather Service (or at the Long Beach Airport if downtown temperatures were not available), Courtesy Alerts notify users of the estimated hourly electricity prices they can expect the next day. (Customers are billed based on actual daily high temperature, which may vary from the estimates.)

These price estimates allow customers to better plan their operations and maximize curtailment strategies—like pre-cooling facilities, shifting production or turning off nonessential equipment. Participants may also designate their own price thresholds per kilowatt-hour, so they only receive notifications that matter to them.

Customers with one or more service accounts enrolled on the RTP-2 or PA-RTP rate schedule are eligible to receive RTP Courtesy Alerts. To enroll, go to www.sce.com/rtp and look for the link to the *RTP Courtesy Alerts Activation Application*. Complete the application form and e-mail it to your SCE account representative or TA&TI@sce.com. You then will receive a confirmation e-mail with instructions on how to begin receiving the alerts based on your price threshold.

About RTP

The RTP-2 rate schedule is available to customers with a maximum demand greater than 500 kilowatts. The PA-RTP rate schedule is for customers who use 70% or more of their electricity for general agricultural or water/sewage pumping purposes. Participants are billed for electricity consumed based on hourly prices driven by temperature. There are no time-related demand charges for RTP and PA-RTP customers. Customers may monitor temperatures at www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox/.

RTP customers may participate in other Demand Response programs, such as the Time-of-Use Base Interruptible Program (BIP), Summer Discount Plan (SDP) or Day-Of Option of Capacity Bidding Program (CBP), and can request SCE's Technical Assistance and Technology Incentives Program to receive evaluations that identify Demand Response opportunities, as well as reimbursement for installation of equipment that automates Demand Response participation.

For more information on the RTP program, the RTP Courtesy Alerts or any other Demand Response program, please contact your account representative or visit www.sce.com/drp.

RTP Courtesy Alerts contain estimates for hourly prices per kWh for the following day based on the daily highest recorded temperature for downtown Los Angeles (or Long Beach Airport if downtown Los Angeles information is unavailable) as measured by the National Weather Service. Actual billed prices may vary based on updated temperature information. SCE is not responsible for any loss or damages to you or your business for inaccurate or changed information.

Make Safety Around Electricity a Priority

Electricity can be dangerous. Coming into contact with electrical current can cause serious injury or even death. To help you stay safe around electricity, here are tips to keep and share.

Stay Far Away From Downed Electricity Wires

If you see a downed electricity wire, stay at least 10 feet away from it, and keep others away too. Never touch or move a downed power line, even with a stick, tree branch or other tool. Remember that downed electricity wires are deadly. Downed lines may still be "live" or can become "live" at any time, without notice.

If You See a Fallen Wire, Call 9-1-1 Right Away

After a downed power line has touched the ground, electrical current can travel through the ground and injure anyone who approaches. Call 9-1-1 and report that there is an electrical emergency. Stay far away from anything that has come in contact with electrical current. Don't even approach a person who appears to have been electrocuted, because he or she and the ground around may still be energized.



Stay safe! Remind your employees, colleagues, family and friends to stay at least 10 feet away from overhead wires.

"Look Up and Live" – Avoid Overhead Power Lines

Look up first and stay away from overhead power lines when using a ladder, a pool skimmer, pruning shears and other tools that extend over your head. Remind your employees, colleagues, family and friends to stay at least 10 feet away from overhead wires. Anything that comes in contact with electrical wires will become a power line.

"Know What's Below" – Call 8-1-1 Before You Dig

You should not make assumptions about having your utility lines marked, because every digging job requires a call—even small projects like planting trees and shrubs. Digging without calling can disrupt electric service to an entire neighborhood and harm you and those around you. Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 8-1-1 before each job.

Work Safely Around Electricity

Point out power lines at the daily work briefings and review wire safety. Before you begin work, survey the job site to find overhead power lines, poles and guy wires. Look for lines that may be hidden by trees or buildings. Conditions change, so check daily.

Higher-voltage power lines require greater clearance. Contact SCE for specific clearances. If you must work closer than 10 feet, contact SCE in advance to make safety arrangements. Clearly mark boundaries to keep workers and equipment a safe distance from overhead lines. Use a spotter—equipment operators need a designated spotter who can help keep you clear of power lines and other safety hazards.

Safety Tips: Discuss With Others

Safety is important, and reviewing safety tips with employees and colleagues can help everyone stay safe.

To learn more about safety around electricity, visit www.sce.com/safety. If you are interested in having a presentation on electrical safety at your place of business, contact SCE's public safety manager at 626.462.2556.

School's in Session Every Summer

SCE's Energy Education Centers in Irwindale and Tulare offer workshops, classes and seminars year-round to help you make important energy management and energy efficiency choices. For schedules (including of classes held at other locations) and to register, plus for a virtual tour of the Energy Education Center in Irwindale, visit www.sce.com/energycenters.