Rancho Mirage Energy Authority Solar Choice Net Energy Metering Product (NEM)	
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How do I enroll in RMEA's Net Energy Metering?	If you are already enrolled with Southern California Edison's Net Energy Metering program, you do not have to do anything. Your account will automatically be enrolled in our Solar Choice program. If you are contemplating installing on-site solar, wind or other self-generation, your system installer can guide you on how to sign up for Net Energy Metering through SCE. Once you are signed up through SCE, you will be automatically enrolled in Solar Choice.
How does the net energy metering program work?	With RMEA's Solar Choice program, you'll receive an energy credit for the power your system provides to the grid. At the close of each month, we'll tally the amount of grid energy you've consumed and contributed. If what you've contributed is more than what you've consumed, we'll issue a credit. If you've used more than you've contributed, you'll be charged. Each year, on your regularly scheduled true-up date, the kilowatt usage is evaluated. If your energy production exceeds your energy consumption, a rebate is issued based on the current Net Surplus Compensation per kWh rate. If we owe you, we'll cut you a check. Current rebate rates can be found on our website at: www.RanchoMirageEnergy.org/rates

What are the different Net Energy Metering Programs offered?	RMEA customers with solar panels installed or a solar application submitted prior to April 15, 2023, can participate in our Net Energy Metering (NEM) program, Solar Choice. Solar Choice mirrors Southern California Edison's (SCE) NEM 1.0 and NEM 2.0 programs, offering the same rates as SCE for your excess energy production. If you are already a NEM customer with SCE, you don't have to do anything. Your account will automatically be enrolled in RMEA's NEM equivalent program. Solar applications submitted as of April 15, 2023, are eligible for SCE's Solar Billing Plan, which is also known as the Net Billing Tariff, or NBT. This program is an update from the previous NEM program, and the rate at which both residential and commercial solar customers are compensated for the excess energy exported to the grid has changed. Please see SCE's Solar Billing Plan updates here.
If I am already enrolled in NEM 1.0 and 2.0, will my status change to the Solar Billing Plan?	No. NEM 1.0 and NEM 2.0 customers are grandfathered into their current programs with SCE and RMEA for 20 years following their Permission to Operate (PTO) date from SCE. Once your 20 years have passed, you will automatically be enrolled in the most current program, which as of April 15, 2023, is SCE's Solar Billing Plan and RMEA's parallel Solar Choice program.
What is SCE's Solar Billing Plan and How Will it Affect my Energy Bill?	The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved the Net Billing Tariff — also known as the Solar Billing Plan for SCE customers — on December 15, 2022. The Solar Billing Plan established by CPUC's approval became effective on April 15, 2023. The CPUC's approval of the Solar Billing Plan brings major changes to previous Net Energy Metering policies. This program is an update from the previous NEM 2.0 program, and the rate at which both residential and commercial solar customers are compensated for the excess energy exported to the grid has changed.

	The key takeaway is the amount a ratepayer is credited per kWh for feeding electricity to the grid will be reduced by about 75% when compared to the previous NEM 2.0 program. While solar projects still have value under the Solar Billing Plan, they likely need to be sized or configured differently or possibly in combination with battery storage. Please see SCE's Solar Billing Plan updates here. *Note: There is no impact to existing NEM customers enrolled under NEM 1.0 or NEM 2.0. These customers will move to new billing rates under the Solar Billing Plan 20 years after their interconnection (also known as Permission to Operate, or PTO) date.* New solar projects implemented under SCE's Solar Billing Plan were initially billed under NEM 2.0 rates until SCE updated its billing system to reflect the new rates. The CPUC gave SCE and the other investor-owned utilities time to update their billing systems accordingly, and in the meantime, customers enrolled in the Solar Billing Plan were required to be billed under the previous Net Energy Metering (NEM) 2.0 rates. This also applies to RMEA generation charges within RMEA's Solar Choice program, the equivalent to SCE's Solar Billing Plan. Following SCE's implementation of billing for the Solar Billing Plan, customers enrolled in the Solar Billing Plan and RMEA's Solar Choice program will be charged for energy consumed (imported from the electric grid) at their current RMEA rate and will receive bill credits at a set price per unit (kilowatt-hour) of electricity exported, based on the electricity's value to the electric grid in each hour of the day. The price will usually be lower than what you pay for a kilowatt-hour of electricity.
When is RMEA's "Relevant Period?"	The "Relevant Period" refers to the 12-month billing period, in which solar credits and charges are tracked. Rancho Mirage Energy Authority will reconcile all credits and charges for each customer on an annual basis each May, rather than on a unique date for each customer. However, beginning in June 2024, all new

	RMEA solar customers will align their 12-month relevant period and annual true-up with their SCE annual true-up date.
What happens at the end of my 12-month "Relevant Period?"	RMEA NEM customers will receive two annual true-up statements, or settlement bills at the end of their 12-month Relevant Period. All your bills are sent by SCE. One true-up will be from SCE for the delivery of energy charges to your home based on the date your solar panels were connected to the grid. For example: if you connected your panels to the grid in September, you should be "trued-up" for delivery of energy to your home in September of each following year thereafter. You will also receive another annual true-up bill from RMEA for the actual power you used above and beyond what your solar panels produced. For customers enrolled prior to June 2024, RMEA will true-up your annual net charges and credits for electric generation each May. For most customers, this true-up of generation charges will be reflected on your June bill. However, for all new solar customers enrolled beginning June 2024, your RMEA true-up and settlement of net charges and credits for electricity generated will be aligned with your SCE delivery true-up date. Each year during the monthly cycle of your equivalent annual true-up, RMEA will send a payment by check via U.S. Mail to any current customer who has a combined RMEA solar generation credit and Net Surplus Compensation value of $100 or more, as determined during the annual true-up process, that exceeds any outstanding charges. The check will be sent to the customer's mailing address on file at the time of mailing for the credit balance on their account. If customers do not have a combined solar generation credit and Net Surplus Compensation value exceeding $100, this credit balance will be carried forward to offset future RMEA charges. All RMEA Solar Choice NEM accounts will be reset to zero kilowatt hours annually at the end of the 12-month relevant period and the

	only solar generation credits that will be carried forward on the customer's account will be the combined solar generation credit and Net Surplus Compensation credit balances less than $100
What is Net Surplus Compensation?	Net Surplus Energy is defined as any generation, measured in kWh, that exceeds total customer energy usage during the Relevant Period. RMEA will also determine whether each customer has produced Net Surplus Energy over the course of the Relevant Period. If a customer has produced Net Surplus Energy, then RMEA will credit such customer an amount that is equal to the current Net Surplus Compensation rate per kWh multiplied by the quantity of Net Surplus Energy produced by the customer during the Relevant Period. RMEA's Net Surplus Compensation Rate (NSCR) is the same as SCE's and may only be adjusted when rates are set by RMEA.
What is the difference between SCE's and RMEA's annual true-up process?	RMEA's solar program, Solar Choice, is the same as SCE's NEM and Solar Billing Plan programs. RMEA is paying you the exact same amount that SCE is paying for the power produced by your solar panels. ***If you produced more energy than you used:*** • If the energy produced by your solar panels exceeds what you used during your 12-month relevant period, you will see a credit on your bill. You will be compensated at RMEA's Net Surplus Compensation Rate which matches SCE's Net Surplus Compensation Rate. • The credit on your bill is determined by the current Net Surplus Compensation (NSC) rate that SCE sets, which changes each month. The current NSC rate can be found here. • Any credits of less than $100 are rolled over to your next bill and any credits of $100 or more are cashed out. RMEA solar credits cannot be applied to any SCE charges. ***If you used more energy than your system generated:*** • If your energy use exceeded what your solar panels produced during your 12-month relevant period, you will be

	charged for the net amount you used at your current RMEA rate.
Will the rate change over time?	RMEA is governed by the Rancho Mirage City Council. Every year, the City Council goes through a rate-setting process based on the projected energy costs for the coming year. This process is held at a public hearing during the City Council's regularly scheduled meeting dates. The public is invited to attend and participate.
If I purchase a home or business with an existing solar system, will I be moved to the Solar Billing Plan (SBP)?	No. The term for NEM 1.0 or NEM 2.0 stays with the solar system. For example, if you purchase a home in 2023 with an existing solar system with a Permission to Operate (PTO) date of July 1, 2017, that system will remain under NEM 2.0 until July 1, 2037. However, if you purchase a home or business with a solar system already enrolled in SCE's Solar Billing Plan, your system will remain on the Solar Billing Plan and RMEA's parallel Solar Choice program.
What other fees might I be charged?	Southern California Edison (SCE) charges RMEA customers a Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) calculated based on the number of kilowatt hours used each month. The PCIA is intended to ensure that SCE's remaining customers do not pay for energy that had been acquired for RMEA's customers prior to their switch. The PCIA vintage for RMEA customers is 2017, and the amount is determined by rate class.
How will I be billed?	Southern California Edison continues to bill for your monthly electricity usage. Your bill will look much as it has in the past. There will be two lines on the summary page, one for SCE and the second for RMEA.
If I want to terminate service, what is the termination fee?	There is no termination fee should you decide to return to SCE for generation services. You will be subject to SCE's current terms and conditions upon your return.