

# Frequently Asked Questions: California Program Changes

On January 16, 2020, the California Public Utilities Commission approved Pacific Power's Net Billing program.

## Why is Pacific Power ending the Net Energy Metering (NEM) program?

Customers' generating systems that interconnect with Pacific Power have exceeded the amount of capacity that shall be available per California statute. Pacific Power is committed to reliable, cost-effective, renewable energy while partnering with customers to support their renewable energy goals.

## What customer generation program will Pacific Power have next?

While Pacific Power is not obligated to make customer generation interconnection available, we are choosing to continue to offer a new interconnection program for customers seeking to install generation at their facility. The customer generation offering is a Net Billing program.

## When does the Net Energy Metering program end?

Customers who applied for a customer generation interconnection prior to March 1, 2020 and who achieve successful interconnection by March 1, 2023, are considered part of the legacy Net Energy Metering program.

Net Energy Metering customers shall be grandfathered and may remain on the legacy Net Energy Metering program [Schedule NEM-35](#) until March 1, 2040.

## What happens after the Net Energy Metering program ends March 1, 2040?

No Net Energy Metering customer shall receive NEM compensation after March 1, 2040, regardless of their actual date of interconnection. Customers on the Net Metering program at that time shall go onto Net Billing or whatever customer generation program is available at such time.

## I have or am installing a Net Energy Metering installation. Can I add a battery system and stay on the Net Energy Metering program?

Yes, you may add a battery system to an existing system and still remain on the Net Energy Metering program. An application must still be submitted to notify Pacific Power of the addition.

## What if I have an existing facility or I have applied for interconnection and I want to modify it after March 1, 2020?

No modifications are allowed to existing Net Energy Metering systems.

Any modification to an existing system will require submission of a new application and the system shall be subject to the Net Billing program requirements.

## When is the Net Billing program available?

Customer generation systems applying for interconnection on or after April 1, 2020 are considered part of the Net Billing program and will be subject to [Schedule NB-136](#).

## What is the Net Billing program?

Under Net Billing, customers who produce power onsite, such as customers with rooftop solar panels, receive export credits for all energy that they export to the grid. On Peak and Off Peak export credit rates and hours shall be defined by [Schedule NB-136](#).

For energy delivered from Pacific Power to the customer, standard electric rates apply like for any other customer. Energy generated by the customer and used onsite will reduce the amount of energy that customers purchase from the utility. Basic monthly charges will still apply.

## Are there fees to apply on the Net Billing program?

Yes, there is a non-refundable \$75 fee, per application.

## I applied for the Net Energy Metering program, how long do I have to install my system?

In order to receive legacy Net Energy Metering program (NEM) treatment, a NEM applicant must have applied before March 1, 2020 and must achieve successful interconnection by March 1, 2023.

## What if I want to change installers after I've already applied?

Changing your installer is no problem. The application that is no longer moving forward will need to be cancelled and a new application with your new installer will need to be submitted, including a note with the previous application number.

## I want to aggregate multiple meters to my Net Billing program facility. How does meter aggregation work for billing purposes?

Meters to be aggregated must serve the customer's load, and be located on the same property

as the generating facility or are located on property that is adjacent or contiguous to the property on which the generating facility is located, and those properties are all solely owned, leased or rented by the customer. Aggregated meters are subject to a per-meter set up fee and a per-meter, per-month aggregation fee. The aggregation application form is available [here](#).

### What happens to my legacy Net Energy Metering participation if I move?

The grandfathered system and benefits stay at the address of original installation. It may not be moved.

If you are establishing a new system at a new location or removing the system from the original installation location, a new application will be required and it will be considered a Net Billing program installation.

