

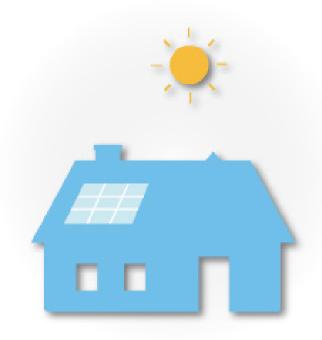


# Your Guide to Net Energy Metering and the Billing Process



# Overview

Thank you for choosing renewable energy and helping the environment.



This interactive guide will walk you through several topics, including:

#### **Net Energy Metering Basics:**

The difference in the amount of energy you produce and the energy you consume.

#### **Net Energy Usage Measurement:**

Net Energy Usage is measured by the SmartMeter<sup>™</sup> at your business.

#### **Your New Monthly Billing Process:**

Helpful information about your monthly and year-to-date net energy usage and associated costs.

#### **Annual True-Up Statement:**

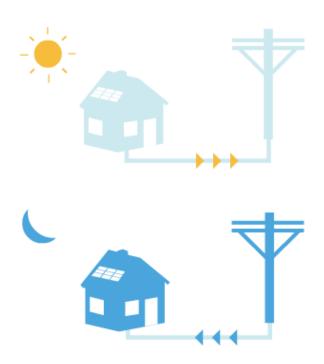
A reconciliation of your total energy credits and charges for the 12-month billing period, as well as the final balance you will pay.

#### **Net Surplus Compensation:**

A payment you may be eligible for if you generate more energy than you use in your 12-month billing cycle.



# Net Energy Metering Basics



Understanding what it means to be enrolled in the Net Energy Metering (NEM) program allows you to use the information provided as an energy management tool.

The idea is simple: Electricity generated by your system—first and foremost—is used to provide energy for your business.

This offsets the amount of electricity that needs to be provided by PG&E, and any electricity that you don't consume is exported to the grid. When your system is not generating energy (for example, at night) or it does not generate enough electricity to meet your energy needs, the shortfall is supplied by PG&E.





# How Net Energy Usage is measured



Net energy usage is measured by the SmartMeter<sup>™</sup> at your business. Some months, you may use more energy than your system generates, which results in a charge. Other months, your system may produce more energy than you consume and you will receive a credit. Because you are participating in a <u>Time-of-Use</u> rate plan, you may also receive a credit if you are exporting energy to the grid when rates are higher and consuming energy when rates are lower (such as at night).

Finally, NEM customers are normally on a 12-month billing cycle that results in what is known as True-Up. Throughout the year, charges are offset by your credits. At the end of your 12-month billing cycle, all charges and credits are reconciled to determine whether or not you have a remaining balance.



# Your new monthly PG&E process

While you will continue to receive a monthly PG&E bill, titled Energy Statement, you will also receive a monthly NEM Electric Statement that tracks your monthly charges and credits. As a NEM customer you are not charged for the electricity you use or credited for the electricity you generate until the end of your 12-month billing cycle.

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# Your annual True-Up Statement



If you have a balance remaining at the end of the year, your True-Up statement will tell you what amount is due and that amount will appear on your PG&E bill. If you have a credit remaining, your NEM balance resets to zero. You'll also learn if you are eligible for "Net Surplus Compensation" payments for any excess energy you generated throughout the annual billing period.

Once all your charges, credits, and compensation are reconciled through True-Up, the process begins all over again for a new 12-month billing cycle.



# Net Surplus Compensation

The amount of electricity you generate, how much you use, and your energy rate all determine if there is a net charge or net credit at the end of your 12-month billing cycle.

If you have a credit balance at your annual True-Up, you may be eligible for payment through Net Surplus Compensation (NSC). The credit for excess energy generated over your entire annual billing period is paid back to you at roughly \$0.03 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).



To keep track of your total net energy generation or consumption, just check your PG&E Electric Statement in the "Energy True-Up History" table ("Total Energy" column). You are eligible for NSC at True-Up only when your "TOTALS" column at the bottom of "Total Energy" appears as a negative amount.

Additional steps are required to receive payments for any Renewable Energy Credits associated with your NSC. <u>Learn More</u>



# Monitoring success: Your **Net Energy Metering Statement**

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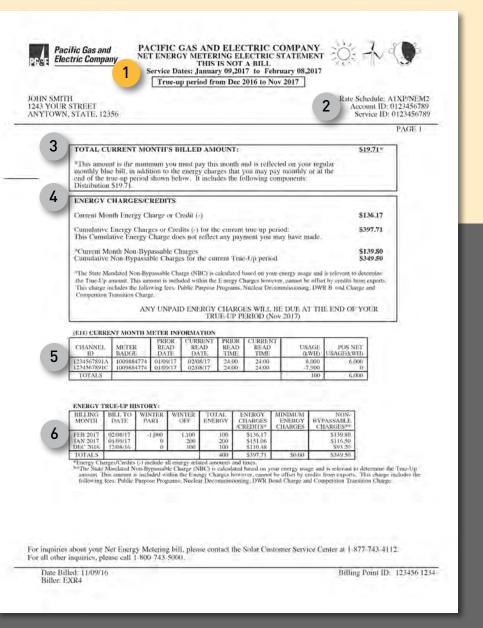
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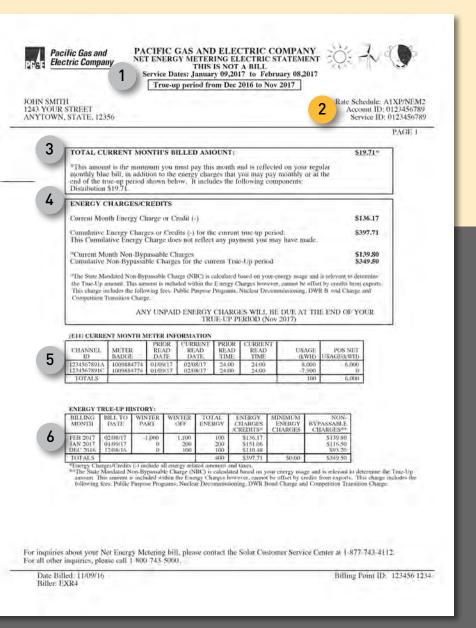




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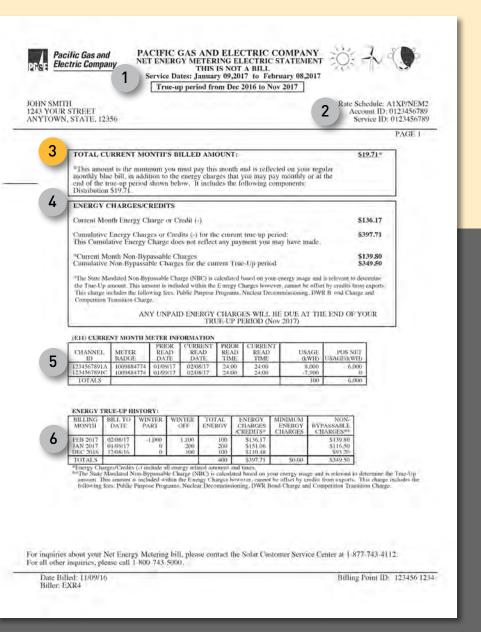




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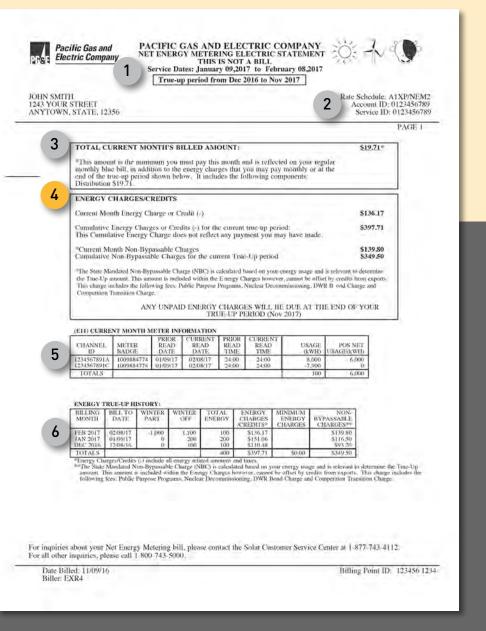




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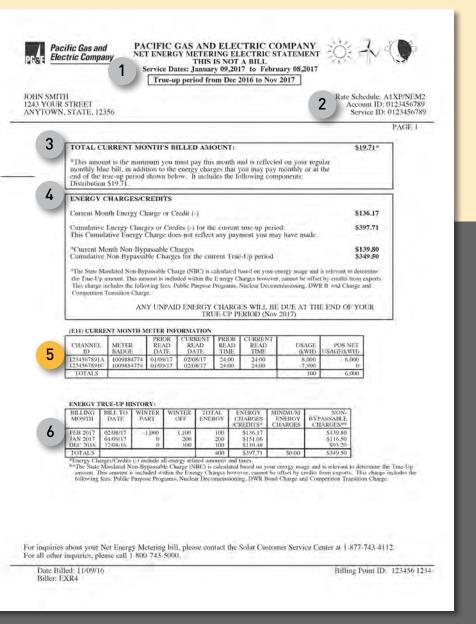




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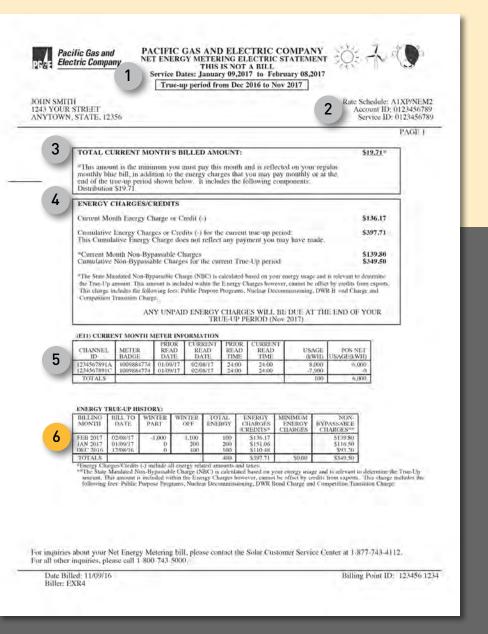




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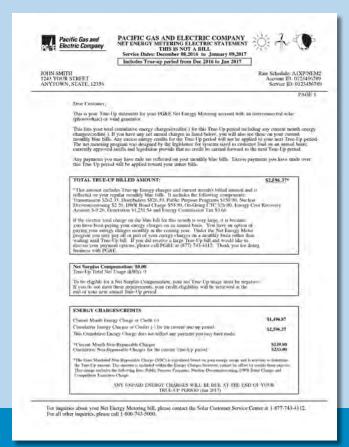
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Shows how much net energy
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each month from the start
of your annual True-Up
period. All "Energy Charges/
Credits" and "Non-Bypassable
Charges" will be reconciled on
your annual True-Up.





# Your PG&E True-Up Statement



Your True-Up Statement gives you a comprehensive year-end summary. It provides you with a final balance after all your credits and charges have been reconciled, and informs you whether or not there is an amount due or if you are eligible for compensation based on the total net usage.

CLICK HERE TO SEE DETAILS



# Charges, credits, and compensation: Your **True-Up Statement**

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Service Dates: December 08,2016 to January 09,2017 Includes True-up period from Dec 2016 to Jan 2017

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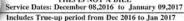
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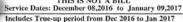
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amount in which all energy
charges, credits, service
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reconciled. This represents the
amount that you must pay by
the due date on your Energy
Statement (PG&E bill).



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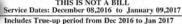
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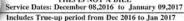
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While solar should save money by cutting down on your need to purchase power, you can go even further to maximize your benefits. Understanding when and how you are using or generating energy helps you make informed decisions about managing your usage.



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Under the Net Energy Metering program, you are on an annual True-Up period to allow the credits you accumulate to offset the charges you accrue over the course of the entire 12-month billing cycle. Therefore, payments made in advance are allocated to any charges on your PG&E bill.



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In accordance with the legislation creating this excess energy payment program, the CPUC set compensation at about \$0.03 per kWh to be consistent with the market price for energy.



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SmartMeter<sup>™</sup> technology gives you a detailed and useful view of your net energy usage. You can see a breakdown of your monthly net energy usage in hourly or daily intervals to see how you earn credits when sending energy to the grid, or incur charges by drawing electricity from the grid.



The SmartMeter<sup>™</sup> measures the flow of energy between your business and the electric grid. The best way to take advantage of this information is to enroll in PG&E My Account at **pge.com**, which provides easy access to monitor your net energy usage and the ability to make informed decisions about how to manage your energy.

- Net Energy Use
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#### See your net energy use.

The difference between what you generated and what you consumed—on a daily, monthly, and yearly basis.

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Download this information in a spreadsheet format for even greater analysis. Simply use the "Green Button" under the "My Usage" tab, and you will find new ways to maximize your renewable energy investment.

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Thank you again for choosing renewable energy. We would be delighted to answer any of your questions or help in any other way we can. Just click the **Learn More** button or call the **Solar Customer Service Center** at **1-877-743-4112**, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to talk.

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