

# EnergyUpdate

## Rollout of new electric pricing plans nears completion

**B**eginning last November, California utilities have been phasing in new time-of-use pricing for businesses and closing the books on old electric rates. The rollout of new pricing plans is on track to reach local businesses by April 30.

### Look for your individualized information

If you haven't switched to a new pricing plan yet, then be on the lookout for mail or email from us explaining what steps, if any, you need to take. To help you decide which pricing plan works best for your business, you'll receive specific information about each electric account that you have (if there's enough bill history for these accounts).

You may have different pricing options for different sites.

### Explore your choices

You'll find helpful information about the choices available at [sdge.com/Whenergy](http://sdge.com/Whenergy), including:

- Short videos explaining Whenergy® pricing plans and how electricity costs vary by time of use.
- Comparisons of Whenergy pricing plans.
- Answers to frequently asked questions.

To learn more about the plans, and ways for your business to save energy and money, call our Business Contact Center at **1-800-336-7343** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit [sdge.com/business](http://sdge.com/business) anytime.

All pricing plans (rates) are subject to the supervision and regulation of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and are subject to change by CPUC order.

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## See what's new at June 10 Energy Showcase

For fresh ideas on energy savings, the place to be on June 10 is SDG&E's 11th annual Energy Showcase.

Plan on stopping by the San Diego Convention Center to:

- **Browse dozens of exhibits** displaying the latest in energy-saving products and services.
- **Chat one-on-one** with an energy service specialist at the Energy Solutions Center.
- **See an array of electric vehicles** for up-close comparisons.
- **Hear success stories** from energy-savvy colleagues in the business community.

### Register starting in April

Be sure to reserve your place for this free event when registration opens online at [sdge.com/2016ES](http://sdge.com/2016ES) at the beginning of April.

*Learn more about Whenergy Time of Use and Time of Use Plus+ plans at [sdge.com/Whenergy](http://sdge.com/Whenergy).*



▶▶▶ For more info, visit us anytime at [sdge.com/business](http://sdge.com/business).

## Energy makeover saves money, preserves charm of historic hotel

### Sample innovation in food service demo kitchen

Keeping costs down and quality up is a recipe for success in the restaurant and food service industry.

Our Energy Innovation Center Food Service Demonstration Kitchen is here to help. In addition to four functioning cooking lines and the latest cost-saving, state-of-the-art, commercial-grade equipment, it features:

- Monthly “Chef Demos” by various equipment manufacturers that show how new technologies can, for example, reduce labor and maintenance costs, or use less cooking oil to improve flavor in fried foods and save money.
- Opportunities to gain hands-on experience with state-of-the-art equipment and to learn about available rebates before investing in new equipment.

For more information or to schedule a visit, call **1-800-613-8970**, email [FoodService@semprautilities.com](mailto:FoodService@semprautilities.com) or visit [sdge.com/demokitchen](http://sdge.com/demokitchen).



**Test commercial kitchen equipment, find out about rebates and attend seminars in the Food Service Demonstration Kitchen at the Energy Innovation Center.**

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A building that began as a bank in 1928 isn't the likeliest candidate for award-winning energy performance, yet Hersha Hospitality Trust earned the ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> for its Courtyard by Marriott<sup>®</sup> San Diego downtown property for 2015.\*

Dave Campbell, director of engineering, attributes the energy savings to a fruitful working relationship with us and their authorized contractor in our Trade Professional Alliance.

“SDG&E has probably the best, most comprehensive utility rebate program out there,” commented Campbell, who is responsible for six hotels in California and Arizona with 1,061 guest rooms, including 245 at the Courtyard. “You’re leaving money on the table if you don’t take advantage of it.”

Hersha Hospitality Trust also tracks electricity use per guest room each month in its 43 hotels across the U.S. Campbell is “pretty proud” that the Courtyard’s use usually ranks as the second or third lowest.

To top it off, Campbell’s frequent visits to the test demonstration kitchen and classes at the Energy Innovation Center gave him insight as to how new technologies could



*Light-emitting diodes (LEDs) in chandeliers and up lights brighten the lobby of the Courtyard by Marriott, originally a bank built in 1928 in San Diego’s Gaslamp Quarter.*

help the business. With this knowledge, he and his team implemented various lighting, water-heating, kitchen and laundry equipment projects, earning rebates and incentives of about \$90,000.

Learn how our programs and services can benefit your business at [sdge.com/business](http://sdge.com/business).

\*The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awards ENERGY STAR certification to buildings that average 35% less energy use than comparable buildings without sacrificing comfort or quality.

## Spice up your food service with savings

Learn new ways to save energy and money in commercial food service at free seminars in our Food Service Demonstration Kitchen (see adjacent article).

Seminars are held 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Breakfast is included. Visit [seminars.sdge.com](http://seminars.sdge.com) to register for upcoming seminars.

A couple of upcoming seminars are:

- “Top 10 Tips for Energy and Water Efficiency in Commercial Food Service” on March 2.
- “Where Does the Water Go? Understanding Water Usage in Your Kitchen” on April 19.



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