EnergyUpdate

California utilities to change electricity pricing for businesses

alifornia utilities are changing the way electricity is priced. Part of this change is to have businesses be on rates that are based on when you use energy, so we call them WhenergySM plans.

When is this change happening?

All small and medium-sized businesses will need to choose a Whenergy plan between November 2015 and April 2016. Depending on how much energy a business uses, there will be different options. More information about when your business will need to transition to a new rate will be communicated as the date approaches.

Learn more about Whenergy

New rates can be a big change, so to help you learn more we've developed

a special website: **sdge.com/ Whenergy**. There you'll be able to:

- Explore new Whenergy plans for business.
- Compare Whenergy pricing options.
- Get answers to common questions about Whenergy plans.

You can also log in to My Account at *sdge.com* to get more detailed information on your site-specific energy use.

Once you get the information you need, you can also choose to enroll before the mandatory change happens.

Finally there is information on a range of programs and services to help your business manage its energy use and save.

To find out more, please visit **sdge.com/Whenergy**. ■



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Explore new ideas on June 18 at 10th Energy Showcase

Be sure to save the date – Thursday, June 18 – for our 10th annual Energy Showcase at the San Diego Convention Center. This event offers you a one-stop shop for the latest in money-saving products, services and ideas for better business energy performance. You can:

- Browse the displays of about 80 locally and nationally based exhibitors.
- Receive one-on-one help at our Energy Solutions Center.
- Check out the electric vehicle exhibit.
- Hear directly from business customers about programs and technologies that added to their success.

Reserve your place today for this free event at *sdge.com/2015ES*.



If your business can shift electricity use away from peak hours, then you may be able to save money with our new Whenergy plans. To compare Whenergy pricing with what you're currently paying, visit sdge.com/Whenergy.

Team provides easier connection to services

Get customized energy solutions for your small or mid-sized business with the help of a specialized team of SDG&E energy advisors. Our Small and Mid-sized Business Team makes it easier for you to connect with services that meet your needs, such as a rate options analysis, on-site energy audits, and moneysaving energy upgrades. You can reach the team by calling our Business Contact Center at 1-800-336-7343, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To learn more about business programs and services, visit sdge.com/Good4Biz.



Sow seeds of energy savings in agriculture

If agriculture is your business, let us help you sow some seeds for energy savings. We offer rebates for switching from sprinkler to drip irrigation, installing low-pressure sprinkler nozzles, and adding greenhouse heat curtains and infrared film. Visit sdge.com/business-rebates and click "Other Technology Catalog."

Zero-percent On-Bill Financing is also available for certain qualifying energy-efficiency improvements. Visit sdge.com/obf.

Improve your cooling cost control

The best time to get your cooling costs under control is before you turn the air conditioning on. Here are some steps you can take:

- 1. Follow a routine maintenance schedule so your heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) equipment runs efficiently and lasts longer. See the owner's manual for the manufacturer's recommendations, such as: regularly cleaning easily accessible parts; cleaning or replacing dirty air filters; checking fan belts, refrigerant leaks and compressor oil levels; and lubricating motors, pumps and fans.
- 2. Have a qualified technician test, clean and adjust your cooling equipment.
- 3. Caulk to seal spaces around vents, wires, pipes and other leaks in the building envelope where conditioned air and your cooling dollars can escape.
- **4.** Install weatherstripping to create a tight seal between the moving parts of doors and windows.
- 5. Make sure doors and windows fit properly and stay closed when you want them closed. Before completely re-fitting or re-hanging a door, try adjusting the door closer and striker plate, or tightening up the door frame with screws or nails.

Save on HVAC tuneups

In addition, check out the Premium Efficiency Cooling Program for Iow-cost or no-cost HVAC diagnostics and tuneups, and incentives for new equipment. Visit sdge.com/PECP for details.

Receive new equipment at no cost

Also see if your business is among the many that qualify for energy-saving equipment and services at no cost under the new eligibility criteria for our Direct Install program. Simply take a moment to complete the



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interest form at sdge.com/directinstall. Our authorized contractor will schedule an appointment to evaluate your facility, provide a full report on potential energy-saving opportunities, and replace eligible equipment with approved, energy-efficient products, such as HVAC, refrigeration, lighting or water-heating equipment.

Smart thermostats offered

We also offer free smart thermostats valued at \$300 each. Visit sdge.com/thermostats for more information. Smart thermostats enable you to use your mobile device as a remote control to program and monitor temperature settings at multiple locations, and troubleshoot performance issues.

These programs are funded by California utility customers and administered by SDG&E* under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission. Programs may be modified or terminated without prior notice and are provided to qualified customers on a first-come, first-served basis until program funds are no longer available. Eligibility requirements apply. SDG&E is not responsible for goods and services selected by customers. Customers who choose to participate in these programs are not obligated to purchase any additional services offered by participating contractors.

