

Connecting you with more renewable energy

Green power deliveries rise to 23%; unique process speeds rooftop solar hookups

Whether you're plugging into the local grid or putting solar panels on your roof, we're making it easier for you to connect with more renewable energy.

Growing a sustainable energy future

Clean, green energy from wind, solar and other environmentally sustainable sources accounted for about 23% of all the electricity SDG&E® delivered in 2013. That's up from about 12% in 2010 and less than 1% in 2002.

"We're well on the way to meeting California's ambitious goal of 25% renewables for power deliveries by 2016 and 33% by 2020," said Dan Baerman, SDG&E director of origination and portfolio design.

Highlights from 2013 include 16 new renewable energy projects that began commercial operation, totaling more than 1,026 megawatts (MW) of electricity – 564 MW from solar photovoltaics, 454 MW from wind, and 8 MW from biogas and hydropower – or enough energy to supply approximately 450,000 homes per year. We also signed 14 new contracts to buy nearly 75 MW of clean energy.

Additionally, more than 500 MW of new renewable energy are expected to come online in 2014.

Learn more about renewables

- For news about renewable energy projects, go to sdge.com/newsroom and select "renewable energy" in the drop-down menu of topics.
- You can learn about the competitive bidding process to supply renewable energy locally at sdge.com/renewables.
- For an overview of statewide renewable energy production, visit the California Independent System Operator (ISO) website at caiso.com. Click the "Going green" button or look under "Today's outlook" for the "Renewables" link.

New process fast-tracks solar projects

Another local advance in renewable energy is the surge in rooftop solar installations, aided by a quicker process that SDG&E introduced in February 2013 for connecting with the grid.

"There was no off-the-shelf solution. We had to build it," said Ken Parks, SDG&E customer generation manager, of the new online application system.

Elsewhere, connecting rooftop solar systems to the utility grid can take a long time, with cumbersome paperwork and long waits to schedule onsite inspections.

Same-day inspection and connection

SDG&E developed an online application system that can get your solar panels authorized an average of five days after the city or county inspects them. That's the fastest approval time in the state. Yet, you can get it done even more quickly with our fast-track option for interconnection on the same day we get the city or county's electric permit.

Other benefits of the online application system include:

- Automatic status updates for customers and solar contractors.
- Remote reprogramming of smart meters at customers' homes to track solar energy production instead of changing out electric meters on site.

"In 2013, we authorized nearly 11,000 rooftop solar installations, up 108% from 5,200 in 2012, and made it a better experience for customers and contractors," Parks said. As of Feb. 28, 2014, 34,000 customers have solar systems that can produce 240 MW, and the number of new installations is growing every day.

If you're planning a rooftop solar system, explore Net Energy Metering at sdge.com/nem. Click "Apply for NEM" in the menu on the left to find step-by-step instructions on using the Distribution Interconnection Information System (DIIS) or call **1-800-411-7343** to have an energy service specialist walk you through the application process.

Spring into fire prep: Landscape for defensible space

This spring, think "defensible space" when you plan landscaping. It's important to get an early start on preparing for wildfires due to extreme drought conditions, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Follow the three "R's" to create 100 feet of defensible space around structures:

- **Remove** dead and dying grass, shrubs and trees.

- **Reduce** the density of vegetation by pruning, mowing and thinning it.
- **Replace** flammable vegetation with drought-tolerant, less combustible plants.

To avoid sparking a wildfire, only use powered equipment such as lawn mowers and weed trimmers early in the morning when temperatures are down and humidity is up.

For more tips on defensible space, visit readyforwildfire.org. Look for drought-tolerant trees in the tree-selection site linked to sdge.com/tree-planting-guide-selection.

Also call **Underground Service Alert** at **811** at least two workdays before digging so that you can have underground utility lines marked out first.

Turn to the right rate option for your electric vehicle. If you drive a plug-in electric vehicle, you may be able to save money by choosing one of our EV time-of-use rates. Learn more at sdge.com/evrates.

Proposition 65 warning

As a result of Proposition 65, the state of California lists substances known to cause cancer or reproductive harm. We want you to be aware of the following so you can minimize exposure to substances on the state's list related to natural gas and electricity distribution.

WARNING: Natural gas and some materials used by San Diego Gas & Electric® at its facilities and work areas contain substances known to the state of California to cause cancer or reproductive harm.

Natural gas

In its original state, natural gas contains substances on the state's list of substances known to cause cancer or reproductive harm. To reduce exposure, leave the area of the gas leak and call us immediately at **1-800-411-7343**.

Natural gas combustion

All combustion, including the combustion of natural gas, produces substances on the state's list of substances known to cause cancer or reproductive harm.

Facilities and work sites

Some materials found at our facilities and work sites contain substances on the state's list of substances known to cause cancer or reproductive harm. We handle all materials carefully for your good health as well as ours; however, exposure to substances on the state's list may occur at these locations.

For more information, visit the state's Proposition 65 website at <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65.html>.

Protecting your privacy

Your privacy is important and we're committed to protecting your information. You can learn how we safeguard information about your energy use in our **privacy notice** at sdge.com/privacy. This privacy notice is also available upon request when you call **1-800-411-7343** or email sdgeprivacy@semprautilities.com.

In addition to protecting your energy-use information, we take steps to protect your privacy when you use our website. You'll find our **website privacy policy** also posted at sdge.com/privacy.

Note that we periodically update our privacy policies and procedures as needed to reflect changing legal requirements and best practices. You're welcome to contact us with any questions or suggestions about what we do to protect your privacy.

Advertencia de la Proposición 65

Como resultado de la Proposición 65, el estado de California enlista las sustancias que son conocidas como causantes de cáncer o daños reproductivos. Queremos que esté consciente de lo siguiente para que pueda reducir al mínimo la exposición a las sustancias relacionadas con la distribución de gas natural y electricidad que aparecen en la lista del estado.

ADVERTENCIA: El gas natural y algunos materiales usados por San Diego Gas & Electric® en sus instalaciones y lugares de trabajo contienen sustancias conocidas por el estado de California como causantes de cáncer o daños reproductivos.

Gas natural

En su estado original, el gas natural contiene sustancias que aparecen en la lista del estado de sustancias conocidas como causantes de cáncer o daños reproductivos. Para reducir la exposición, abandone el lugar de la fuga de gas y llámenos inmediatamente al **1-800-311-7343**.

Combustión del gas natural

Toda combustión, incluyendo la combustión del gas natural, produce sustancias que se mencionan en la lista del estado de sustancias conocidas como causantes de cáncer o daños reproductivos.

Instalaciones y sitios de trabajo

Algunos materiales que se encuentran en nuestras instalaciones y lugares de trabajo contienen sustancias que aparecen en la lista del estado de sustancias conocidas como causantes de cáncer o daños reproductivos. Manejamos todos los materiales con precaución para cuidar su buena salud y la nuestra; no obstante, la exposición a sustancias mencionadas en la lista del estado tal vez ocurra en estos lugares.

Para más información, visite el sitio web de la Proposición 65 del estado en <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65.html>.

Protegemos su privacidad

Su privacidad es importante y tenemos el compromiso de proteger su información. Puede saber cómo salvaguardamos la información sobre su consumo de energía en nuestro **aviso de privacidad** en sdge.com/privacy. Este aviso de privacidad también puede obtenerlo llamando al **1-800-311-7343** o enviando un mensaje por correo electrónico a sdgeprivacy@semprautilities.com.

Además de proteger la información sobre su consumo de energía, tomamos medidas para proteger su privacidad cuando usa nuestro sitio web. **La política de privacidad de nuestro sitio web** también la encontrará publicada en sdge.com/privacy.

Tenga en cuenta que periódicamente actualizamos nuestras políticas y procedimientos de privacidad, según sea necesario, para reflejar los cambiantes requisitos legales y mejores prácticas. Le invitamos a comunicarse con nosotros si tiene alguna duda o sugerencia acerca de lo que hacemos para proteger su privacidad.