# **EnergyUpdate**

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# Update your goals, track progress with energy-saving action plan

hart a course to energy savings with the help of our business energy survey in My Account. You can use this online tool to:

- See how your small business or agricultural operation uses energy.
- Get savings recommendations.
- Build or update your action plan with energy-saving steps that interest you.
- Set or adjust your dollar savings goal.
- Track your progress.

 Produce a personalized business energy report to share with your contractors for energy-efficiency upgrades.

To get started, watch the business online energy survey video at sdge.com/myaccountvideo, then update your facility profile and answer a few questions about your business at sdge.com/myaccount.

#### Receive alerts and more

You can also use My Account to:

 Sign up for a weekly energy use summary.

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- Receive spending and energy use alerts via email, text or both.
- See a forecast of this month's bill.
- Analyze your bill to see why it changes.
- Pay your energy bills online.
- Update your contact information.

Log in to My Account or enroll at sdge.com/myaccount. ■

# Smart thermostats and a mobile device give you heating/cooling control at multiple sites

Smart thermostats that you can control remotely from your mobile device are available free to qualifying businesses, while supplies last. It only takes a minute to click the "See if you qualify" link at sdge.com/bizthermostats, and enter your business contact info.

Qualifying businesses will be contacted to schedule installation of the thermostats and setup of a dedicated online portal. The portal makes it easier to remotely program and monitor temperature settings of thermostats at multiple locations, and identify and troubleshoot performance issues.



Manage heating and cooling at multiple locations and save money with a combination of smart thermostats valued at \$300 each, a dedicated management portal and the convenience of your mobile device wherever you go.



#### Valued at \$300 each; more upgrades available

Valued at \$300 each, these programmable communicating thermostats may be combined with other costsaving energy upgrades for even greater value through Direct Install.

To learn about energy-saving solutions for your business, call our Energy Savings Center at **1-800-644-6133** or visit *sdge.com/Good4Biz*. ■

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### Take seasonal rates into account

Every year, electric rates are lower during the winter than the summer. The trick to keep in mind for budgeting purposes is that "winter" extends from Nov. 1 to April 30, while "summer" runs from May 1 to Oct. 31.

This is a change from previous years, when the month of October was part of winter. Because electricity costs are higher in the summer, your October or November bills may be higher than last year. For specifics, check the electric rate on your energy bill or call our Business Contact Center at 1-800-336-7343.

### Outage map improved

Now it's easier to find information about planned and unplanned power outages. See our new outage map at sdge.com/outage or download our app to your mobile device at sdge.com/mobileapp. If your area is scheduled for an electric system upgrade that will interrupt your service, you'll receive advance notification so you can prepare.



The latest version of our outage map at sdge.com/outage includes planned outages.

### Victory is sweet for Top Green Chef

Salomon Maciel, sous chef at the Hilton San Diego Airport/Harbor Island, won a timed cooking competition using sustainable ingredients to become the 2014 Top Green Chef. The Port of San Diego's Green Business Network sponsored the third annual event at SDG&E's **Energy Innovation Center** in San Diego on Sept. 30.

A panel of judges from port businesses and leadership evaluated the side dishes and main entrées prepared by three chefs representing Green Business Network member restaurants. Chef Maciel earned the highest cumulative score for taste, presentation and creativity.

### Test kitchen open vear-round

Competitors put their skills to the test in SDG&E's **Food Service Demonstration Kitchen**. This showcase for energy-efficient, commercial-grade equipment is open year-round to food-service professionals who want firsthand experience testing and comparing different brands, models and technologies before investing in new equipment.

It features four cooking lines and about 50 pieces of energy-efficient equipment, including:



Salomon Maciel won the 2014 Top Green Chef competition at SDG&E's Energy Innovation Center for two dishes featuring sustainable ingredients. Food-service professionals are welcome to try out the center's energy-efficient, commercialgrade equipment on their own creations.

- Variable-speed ventilation for exhaust hoods with fans that automatically adjust in response to heat, steam and smoke.
- Combi ovens that offer the versatility of three cooking modes in one oven.
- A ventless dishwasher that minimizes water vapor and eliminates the need for a condensate exhaust hood.

To schedule a visit to the Food Service Demonstration Kitchen or attend seminars for food-service professionals, call the Energy Innovation Center at 1-800-613-8970 or visit sdge.com/eic. ■

#### Click your picks to find local trade pros

When considering an energy-saving project for your facility, look for qualified contractors in our new, streamlined **Trade Professional Directory** at sdge.com/find-trade-pro. Click any of the four drop-down menus to choose one or more basic qualifiers, such as the type of energy service you need, then click "search." It's that easy.

To learn how your company can be listed in the directory, visit sdge.com/tradepro.

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