**Solar Account Comparison**

The tables below highlight the differences between Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) and Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) solar accounts.

**RCEA solar customers** receive the benefits listed in the RCEA (left) column below and do not receive the benefits listed in the PG&E (right) column below.

**Customers who opt out of RCEA solar service** receive the benefits listed in the PG&E (right) column below and do not receive the benefits listed in the RCEA (left) column below.

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| Net Energy Metering (NEM) | | |
|  | **RCEA** | **PG&E** |
| Net Generation Bonus | RCEA customers that generate more electricity than they consume will receive a bonus of $0.01 per kWh **on top** of credits earned on exports. | PG&E does not offer any bonus credits for electricity generation. |
| Annual Cash Out | RCEA will automatically send a cash out check to all solar customers whose generation credit balance is $100 or more. (Maximum cash payout = $5,000) | Customers must contact PG&E to request a check during their True-Up. (A customer’s True-Up date is based on their solar start date.) Generation credit balance must be above $1.00. |
| Cash Out Rate | Credits are paid out at the rate customers pay for electricity (also called the retail rate). | Credits are paid out at the Net Surplus Compensation (NSC) rate. This rate varies based on wholesale prices of energy, which are lower than retail prices. |
| Cash Out Schedule | Annual cash out begins in May for all eligible RCEA customers. It may take a few months to receive your check, depending on processing times. | Customers must contact PG&E to request a check during their True-Up. (A customer’s True-Up date is based on their solar start date.) Generation credit balance must be above $1.00. |
| Credit Rollover | If a customer's generation credit balance is **less than $100** at the time of cash out, those credits will remain on their electric bill.  If the generation credit balance is **more than $5,000** at the time of cash out, $5,000 will be cashed out, and the remaining credits will remain on subsequent electric bills. | Credit rollover is the default payout option for PG&E generation customers. Cash payout is available on request only. |

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| Solar Billing Plan (SBP) | | |
|  | **RCEA** | **PG&E** |
| Net Generation Bonus | RCEA customers that generate more electricity than they consume will receive a bonus of $0.01 per kWh **on top** of credits earned on exports. | PG&E does not offer RCEA’s $0.01 per kWh bonus. |
| Annual Cash Out | RCEA will automatically send a cash out check to all solar customers whose generation credit balance is $100 or more. (Maximum cash payout = $5,000) | Customers must contact PG&E to request a check during their True-Up. (A customer’s True-Up date is based on their solar start date.) Generation credit balance must be above $1.00. |
| Cash Out Rate | Each month, generation credits are accrued at the current fair market value of energy, which is called the Energy Export Credit (EEC) Rate.  At the annual cash out, credits are calculated by multiplying the net kWh generation for the year by the Net Surplus Compensation (NSC) rate.  The total cash out value may be a combination of credits earned at the EEC rate plus the credits earned for the net cumulative kWh generated. | Each month, generation credits are accrued at the current fair market value of energy, which is called the Energy Export Credit (EEC) Rate.   At True-Up, customers’ net generation is multiplied by the Net Surplus Compensation (NSC) rate. They can request a check or have their credits rolled over. |
| Cash Out Schedule | Annual cash out begins in May for all RCEA customers. It may take a few months to receive your check, depending on processing times. | Customers must contact PG&E to request a check during their True-Up. (A customer’s True-Up date is based on their solar start date.) Generation credit balance must be above $1.00. |
| Credit Rollover | If a customer's generation credit balance is **less than $100** at the time of cash out, those credits will remain on their electric bill.  If the generation credit balance is **more than $5,000** at the time of cash out, $5,000 will be cashed out, and the remaining credits will remain on subsequent electric bills. | Credit rollover is the default payout option for PG&E generation customers. Cash payout is available on request only. |