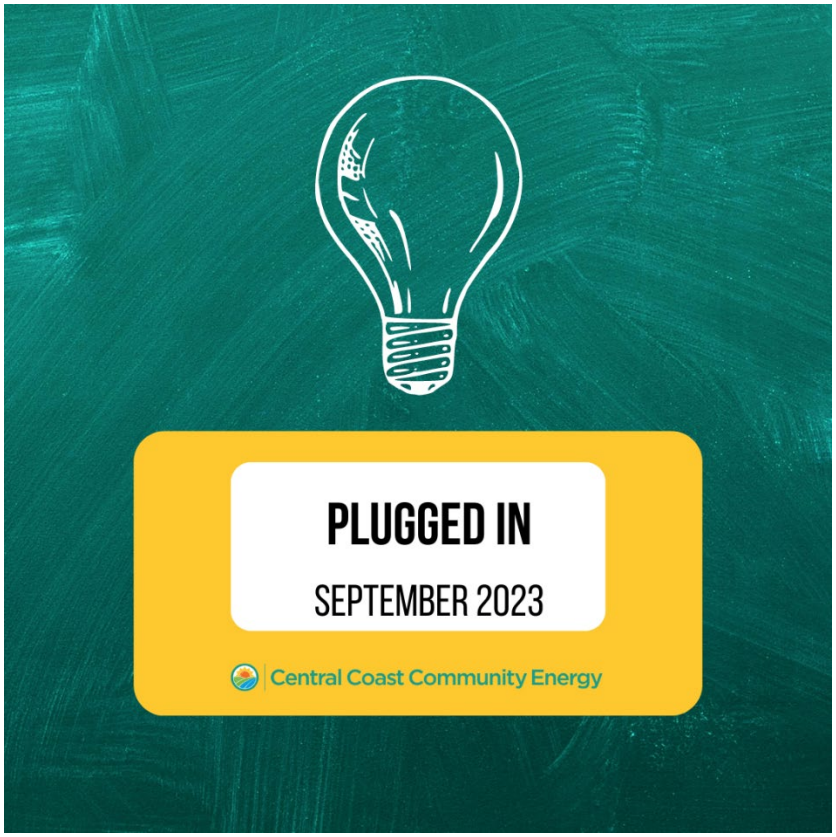


Welcome to your news and offerings from Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) for September! This month, 3CE's Policy Board voted to update generation rates for customers receiving 3CE service in PG&E's service area. These rates will, on average and across customer classes, remain 28% lower than PG&E generation rates, while rates in SCE's service area will remain 2% lower than SCE's. The adjustment will allow 3CE to continue delivering economic and environmental benefits to our customers while building a cleaner, more reliable grid; investing in our communities; and electrifying transportation, buildings, and the Central Coast's iconic ag industry.

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3CE Holds Annual Meeting in Paso Robles, Celebrating 5 Years of Service

3CE held its Annual Meeting at the Paso Robles Inn hotel grand ballroom on Sept. 13-14. The two-day, public event included speakers from the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Department of Water Resources. Discussions focused on California's road to decarbonization and the role 3CE and other CCAs and investor-owned utilities can play on this journey. Topics also included electrification and 3CE Energy Programs, as well as power purchase agreements.

Elliot Mainzer, president and CEO of the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) gave a keynote address about overcoming challenges on the path to a clean power grid. Two moderated panel discussions focused on exploring innovative solutions for a clean and renewable energy future and community electrification.

Annual Meeting Highlights:

- 3CE's Fiscal Year 2023-24 Recommended Budget was adopted. This includes updated financial policies and the adoption of Resolution No. PB-2023-07 approving cost-based rate adjustments.
- Das Williams was appointed 3CE Policy Board Chair.
- Yvette Brooks was appointed 3CE Policy Board Vice Chair.
- Lew Bauman, Rosemary Soto, Virginia Johnson, Matthew McClish, and Kris Damhorst were appointed to serve on the 3CE Community Advisory Council for a three-year term.

Did you miss the meeting? If so, watch it here.

3CE Energy Program Applications Reopening Soon

The following 3CE Energy Programs will reopen October 1, 2023:

- Agriculture Electrification
- Electrify Your Ride - Residential
- Electrify Your Ride - Commercial
- Electric Bus
- New Construction Electrification - Residential and Commercial
- Charge Your Fleet
- Electrify Your Fleet

Customers with eligible purchases/leases and/or installations dated in August or September can apply under the Electrify Your Ride Program upon relaunch. 3CE Member Agencies with eligible purchases/leases and/or installations dated in September can apply under the Electrify Your Fleet or Charge Your Fleet Programs upon relaunch.

Central Coast Community Energy Announces Annual Rate Update – Effective October 1, 2023

Beginning October 1, 2023, Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) electric generation rates will change. On average, across all customer classes, the updated 3CE Electric Generation Rate will remain lower than PG&E and SCE electric generation rates. To continue delivering both economic and environmental benefits to its customers while making steady progress toward 3CE's founding goals – reducing emissions, building a cleaner and more reliable grid, and investing in the communities it serves – the 3CE Policy Board voted on September 14 to adjust 3CE Electric Generation Rates in the PG&E service area relative to the prior year. 3CE Electric Generation Rates in the SCE service area will remain indexed at 2% below SCE generation rates for all customers.

Across California, the cost of energy has risen over the past two years due to inflation, the higher costs of developing new projects stemming from COVID-related supply-chain impacts and, in particular, because of new state regulations that require additional energy investments to ensure grid stability during times of peak use when wind and solar resources aren't generating power. While the trend has been to see greater cost adjustments across the energy sector, 3CE has on average across customer classes continued to maintain lower rates than PG&E and SCE since the beginning of the service.

Following the October 1, 2023 adjustment, 3CE's generation rates will remain 2% lower than SCE generation rates. On average, 3CE rates will be well below PG&E generation rates as represented in the table below:

Customer Class	Average % Savings vs. PG&E Generation Rates*
Residential	-31%
Small Commercial	-32%
Medium Commercial	-36%
Large Commercial*	-23%
Agriculture*	-26%
Streetlights	-20%

*Comparison based on PG&E rates published September 1, 2023

With no investors or shareholders, 3CE is accountable solely to its customers and local governing boards. That means revenue stays local and gets reinvested in the communities 3CE serves. 3CE's strong financial outlook centers on the fiscal prudence of its Policy and Operations Boards of Directors. In 2020, the agency achieved an A credit rating with Standard and Poor's, and 3CE continues to maintain an appropriate Rate Stabilization Fund to mitigate energy market fluctuation. Even as the cost of some energy products has risen to four times 2019 prices, 3CE customers will enter 2024 paying electric generation rates that remain on average across customer classes, lower than PGE and SCE electric generation rates.

3CE's commitment to community reinvestment remains stronger than ever. To date, more than $26 million in rebates and incentives have been available to customers through 3CE Energy Programs. These programs are designed to help Central Coast municipalities, homes, and businesses electrify their transportation, appliances, equipment, and overall operations to meet the state's ambitious decarbonization goals. 3CE invites communities, homes, and businesses of all sizes to learn more about energy program benefits.

3CE Offering Rate Update Webinars in October

Next month, Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) will offer webinars in both English and Spanish to discuss the October 1 rate adjustment. Changes are coming, resources are available, and your 3CE team stands ready to help.

Both presentations will cover details on the rate adjustment, how to minimize the effect on your home or business through rate-plan options and income-based payment assistance programs like CARE and FERA, and rebates and incentives available to customers, followed by a live Q&A.

The **English-language webinar will be presented on Oct. 10**, while the **Spanish-language version will be on Oct. 19**. Register to attend at the links below:

Rates Update Webinar: English Rates Update Webinar: Español

Electric Bus Program Expands to Transit Agencies



Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)'s Electric Bus Program has funded nearly two dozen all-electric buses for public schools and farmworker-transportation businesses. Now, beginning with the reopening of applications on Oct.1, 3CE is expanding eligibility to include transit buses.

The program is intended to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and other harmful pollutants associated with traditional diesel engines. Member Agencies managing public transit for one or more enrolled jurisdictions will be eligible to participate, and customers must demonstrate matching funds to cover the full cost of the vehicle. Incentives for building the charging infrastructure needed to support the longer-duty cycles of transit buses will be available via rebates offered through 3CE's Electrify Your Ride Program.

All applicants, whether for school, farmworker or transit buses, are encouraged to stack and leverage other incentive funds, and no matching fund source restrictions apply. Details and links can be found on the Resources tab of the Electric Bus Program webpage.

3CE’s Home Electrification Incentives Now Include Disaster Relief



Beginning with the reopening of applications in October, Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)’s Electrify Your Home Program will offer enhanced incentives for heat-pump projects at single- and multi-family buildings affected by officially declared natural disasters, such as last winter’s floods.

Electrify Your Home provides incentives to local contractors for projects that replace gas-fired HVAC systems and water heaters with electric heat-pump versions, as well as associated electrical-panel upgrades. These rebates reduce the cost to customers and help contractors generate more business. Multi-unit dwellings (MUDs) are eligible for projects in both apartments and common areas, and income-eligible customers receive higher incentives.

Investment in our communities is fundamental to 3CE’s mission, and offering enhanced incentives for customers recovering from natural disasters is a way to direct more funds to those in need of assistance. Applications for the program reopen on Oct. 1.

California Legislature Recognizes 3CE with Resolution



This month, Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) was honored by the California State Legislature with a resolution of special public commendations congratulating the agency on its fifth anniversary. The resolution recognizes 3CE “for its commitment to delivering innovative solutions, impactful programs, and exemplary service along with clean and renewable energy.”

The resolution concludes, “3CE has made invaluable contributions to the Central Coast area that reflect an organization devoted to the highest ideals of community service; now, therefore, be it resolved by Senator John Laird, Assembly Members Dawn Addis and Gail Pellerin, and Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas, that Central Coast Community Energy be congratulated on the celebration of its fifth anniversary, commended for the vital role it has played in improving the quality of life in the communities it serves, and extended best wishes for continued success in the future.”

Automatically Lower Your Bill & Get Rewards

Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) has partnered with OhmConnect – a free service that will alert you when electricity prices spike in your area due to high demand so you can conserve energy, ultimately lowering your electric bill while you earn rewards. It takes just 2 minutes to join, and if you sign up with this link you can receive $50!

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Invite 3CE's Outreach Team to Present to Your Group

Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) offers outreach presentations to local groups, focused on providing information about the agency's commitments to clean and renewable energy, competitive rates, and community investment. If you are interested in having 3CE present to your group, please contact Sophia Schwirzke at sschwirzke@3ce.org.

Upcoming Meetings

Central Coast Community Energy encourages public participation in agency meetings, held in person and on ZOOM with available dial-in options. Attendees may provide live public comments remotely through ZOOM or submit them in advance via email at publiccomments@3ce.org. Sign up to receive public board notices that include meeting details.

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