

Solar and Your Bill

Understanding the impact of a solar subscription



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CMP

Your Generation Details (kWh)

You can find definitions and explanations of Net Energy and Distributed Generation invoices on our website at cmpco.com/NEB-DG

Fixed Percentage	Billing Period	Usage	Allocated Generation	Banked Generation	Unused Expired Credits
0.090000%	06/10/23-07/12/23	901	633	121	0
0.090000%	05/11/23-06/09/23	587	878	389	0
0.090000%	04/12/23-05/10/23	563	661	98	0
0.090000%	03/11/23-04/11/23	595	175	0	0
0.090000%	02/10/23-03/10/23	655	94	0	0
0.100000%	01/12/23-02/09/23	712	281	0	0
0.100000%	12/13/22-01/11/23	814	268	291	0
0.100000%	11/10/22-12/12/22	770	430	837	0
0.100000%	10/13/22-11/09/22	251	542	1,177	0

Please contact the Project Sponsor for details regarding the allocated generation credited to your account. You receive allocated generation produced by Riverside Solar.

**Informational table can usually be found on page 2 or 3 of your bill*

Fixed Percentage: Explains what percentage of the solar farm's output you have subscribed to.

Billing Period: Describes the time period the rest of the row relates to.

Usage: Describes how much energy, in kilowatt hours, your home used that month.

Allocated Generation: Shows how many solar credits you received from your farm that month.

Banked Generation: Shows how many solar credits you have leftover after this month, to be used in the future. Solar credits expire after one year.

Unused Expired Credits: Shows if any of your solar credits have expired; you don't want to see many here, as that means you've paid for solar credits you don't get to use.

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Versant

VERSANT POWER	
Net Energy Billing Credits	
	kWh
Opening Credit Balance	5,040.04
Credits Received	316.87
Credits Applied this Period	-224
Credits Expired	13.38
Net Change in Credits	79.49
Closing Credit Balance (as of Feb 19, 2025)	5,119.53

**Informational table can usually be found on page 3 of your bill*

As noted in the table above, Versant

- shares your opening solar credit balance as of the current bill,
- then **adds the credits received** from the solar farm and
- **deletes the credits used** to cover your usage (as well as the credits that expire)

to show your net gain or loss of credits.

The final line on the bottom shows your current credit balance.

