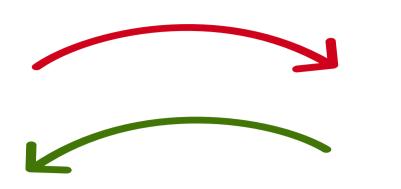
How Does My Solar Electric System Work with Export Rates?

What Do the Meters Measure?



The utility revenue meter separately measures both the energy your power company delivers to you, and any "extra" solar energy you export to the power company.

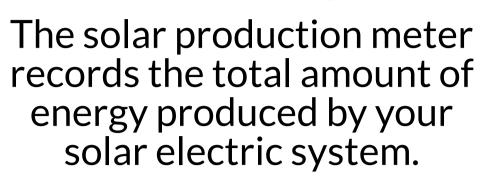


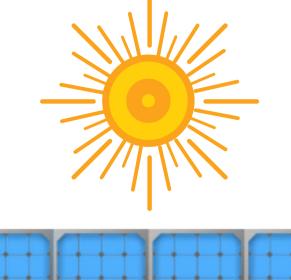
Energy comes directly to your loads from solar when available.

Otherwise, your loads use energy from your power company.



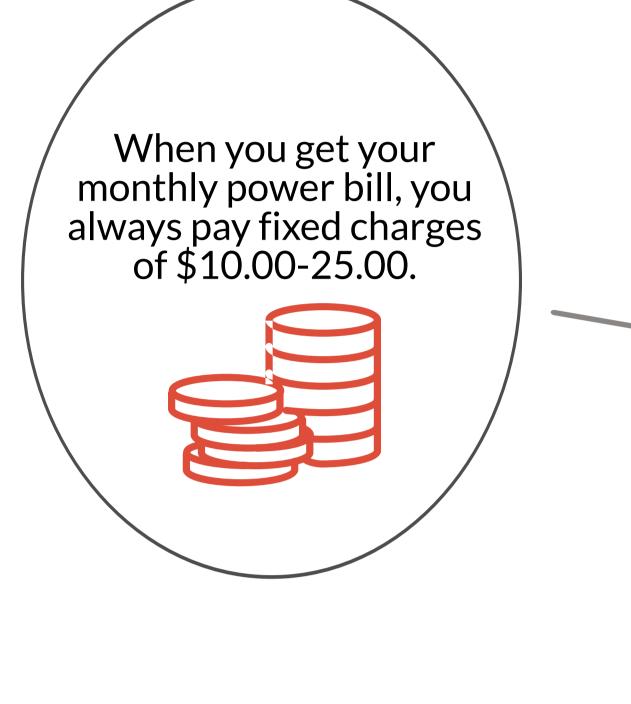






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2 How Does This Work With My Bill?



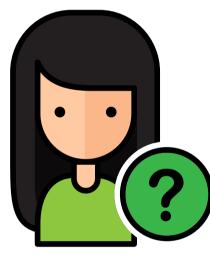
You pay the retail rate for the energy the power company delivers to you.



Your power company provides a bill credit to you for any solar energy exported to their grid, but at a fraction of the retail rate (currently about 50-85%, depending on the utility).

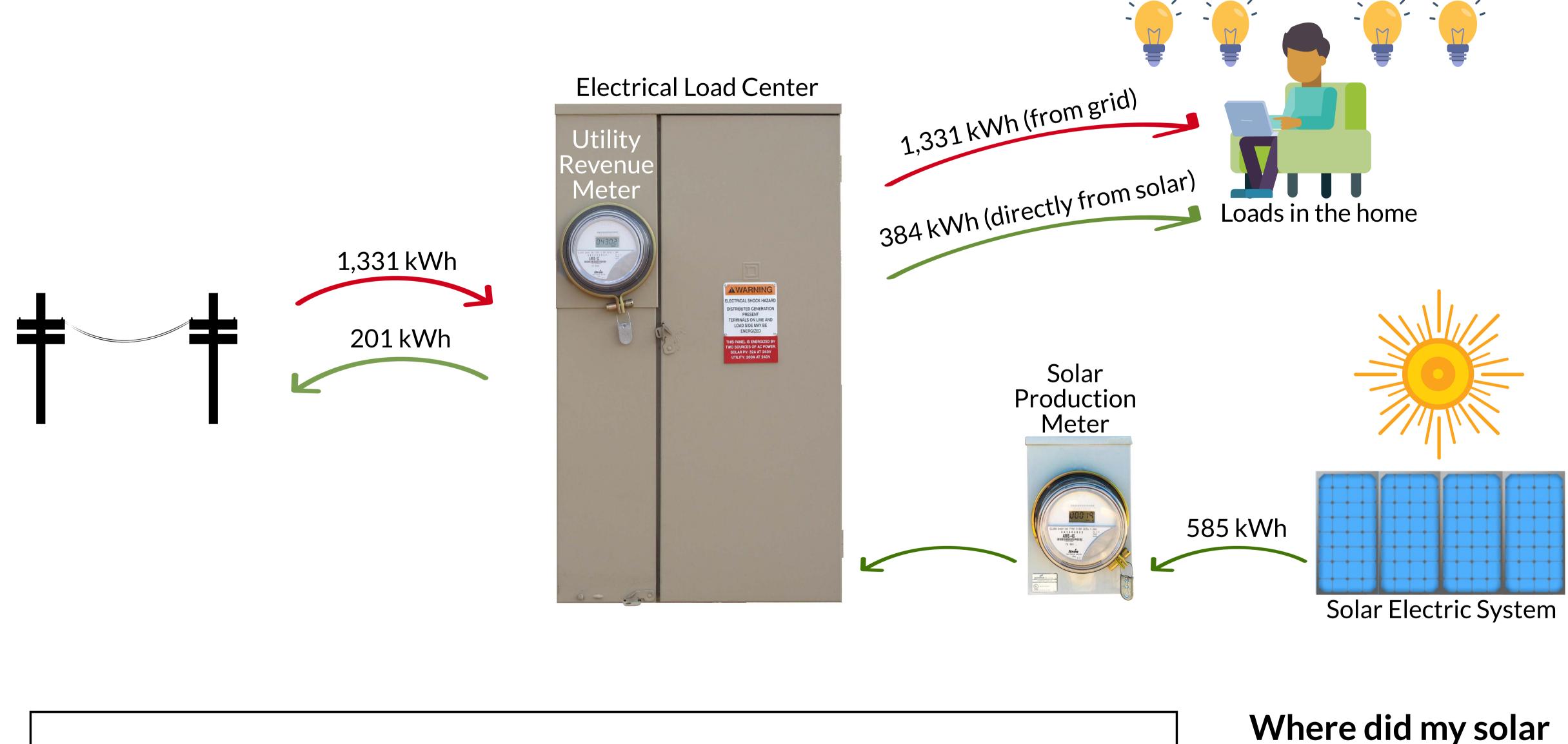
Your total electric bill is based on the retail charges plus taxes and fees, less a bill credit for exported energy, If your bill credit is bigger than other charges, that credit will typically roll forward to the next month.

How can I maximize my savings from solar with these rates?



Because you are credited less than retail rate for all energy exported to the grid, **the more solar energy you use as it's** being generated, the higher your savings will be. For example, you could choose to run your dishwasher or other appliances, charge your electric vehicle, or run your pool pump during peak solar production between 9am-3pm.

Example Monthly Energy Use & Bill



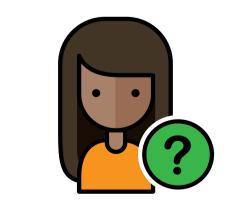
production go? **Example Electric Bill*** I don't see it on my electric bill. \$10.00 **Basic service charge:** Your utility bill doesn't show **Charges for energy from power company:** total solar

Energy used (kWh)

Energy cost (\$/kWh)

Energy charges (\$)

Where did my solar



Lifergy used (RVVII)		
1,331	\$0.115	\$153.07
Taxes, fees, and solar meter surcharge:		\$30.73
Credit for solar energy ex	ported to power company:	
Energy exported (kWh)	Solar export rate (\$/kWh)	Export credit (\$)
201	\$0.0964	\$19.38
Total electric bill:		\$174.42

*Actual basic services charges, energy costs, solar export rates, taxes, and fees will vary for each power company.

production it only shows energy from

the grid, and energy exported to the grid. Solar energy that's used immediately (called "self consumption," or "selfgeneration") can't be found on your bill. If you receive large power bill, you'll want to make sure your solar electric system is functioning using your monitoring system, and also check if you've been using more electricity than usual.

How much money did I save with solar this month?



Solar savings comes from two sources: Credits for exported energy, and self-generation. Credits for exported energy are calculated by multiplying

the export rate by the amount of energy sent to the power company (\$19.38 in the example). Self-generation is solar energy you used as it was produced—you save money because you bought less energy from your power company. In this example, self-generation was 384 kWh. Multiply this by the retail electric rate of 11.5¢/kWh to get self-generation savings of \$44.16. Add the two together, and your total solar savings is \$63.54!

Can I see my energy use and solar production?

