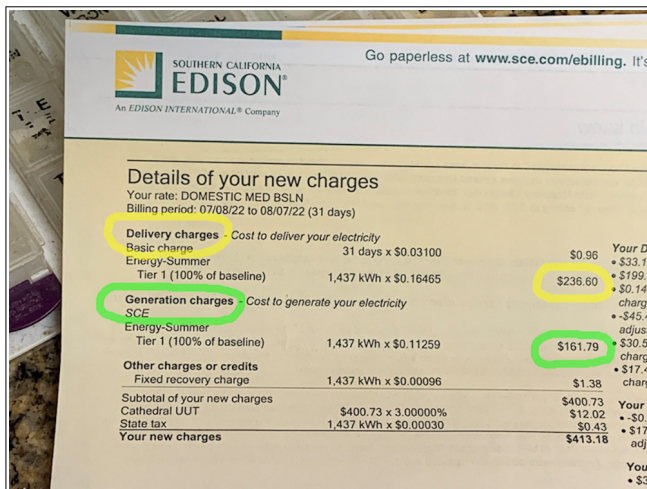


# Southern California Edison Complaint – Billing

## (Updated Oct. 20, 2022)

Our residence is located in Cathedral City, and as such is within the SCE service area. Our recent electric bill was \$413.18, more than any other bill that we have ever had. For context, at my mother’s house in Indio, the electric bill from Imperial Irrigation District was \$255.31.



Meter Number	Service Dates From To	Number of Days	Prior Reading	Current Reading	Multiplier	Consumption (KWH USED)
IID-1640-z06302	07/07/2022 08/04/2022	29	46484	48240	1	1,756

CURRENT BILLING		AMOUNT
Previous Balance		\$237.66
Payments Received by 08/08/2022, Thank You.		237.66CR
Customer Charge		9.60
Consumption (1,756 KWH @ \$0.1169/KWH)		205.28
Energy Cost Adjustment Non-Renewable	\$0.0057 /kWh	
Energy Cost Adjustment Renewable	\$0.0130 /kWh	
Total Energy Cost Adjustment (1,756/kWh)	\$0.0187	32.84
State Mandated Charges: Public Benefits Charge (\$247.72 @ \$0.0285)		7.06
California Energy Surcharge (1,756 KWH @ \$0.00030/KWH)		0.53
City of Indio User Fee (\$255.31 @ 0%)		0.00
Total Current Charges		255.31
Account Balance		\$255.31
Average Payment Plan:		
Previous Plan Balance		\$0.00
Current Plan Amount		190.00
Total Plan Balance Due by 08/29/2022		\$190.00

From each bill you can see the various separate charges. Of particular interest is the “Delivery Charge”, outlined by yellow. To deliver the electricity, according to SCE, is \$75 more than the electricity itself. In comparison, the IID has NO “Delivery Charge”. The SCE website attempts to explain what that means, but falls short of transparency. If IID can supply its customers electricity without a “Delivery Charge”, why is SCE charging this outrageous fee? Let’s examine the “Delivery Charge” as a cost of doing business. SCE obviously needs poles, wire and transformers to get electricity to customers. When SCE installs all of the equipment necessary to get that electricity to the customers, they probably deduct those expenses from their taxes as an expense in doing business. Since they turn around and charge the customer a “Delivery Charge” to recover the cost of installing poles, wires and transformers, then essentially SCE subsequently has no out-of-pocket expenses, therefore when they deduct those expenses from their taxes and collect those expenses from customers, they are double-dipping and perhaps making false claims on their taxes. In addition, each and every SCE customer should be entitled to deduct those expenses from their own taxes as

a business expense. To put additional perspective into this issue, how come the gas and water companies can provide their products without a “Delivery Charge” for the “pipes”? Or what about Spectrum and Frontier not charging for a “Delivery Charge” for “wires”?

Do I smell “ripoff” or “price gouging” here?

My thought here is that customers should charge SCE a fee for having the SCE meter attached to every home. Sounds fair to me. Let’s not forget those SCE customers that have installed home solar systems. Initially, when the home solar system put electricity back into the grid, the rate paid to the homeowner was just less than retail, then a few years later SCE changed the deal and made the payback just under wholesale. Speaking of home solar systems; if SCE has a delivery charge, are home solar system owners not paid a delivery charge?

If SCE wants to claim that they are merely keeping up with the Joneses, then look at a few electric bills from around the U.S.

CHARGES	
<b>DELIVERY SERVICES</b>	
Basic Service and Meter Charge	\$12.00
Tax Adjustment Credit 1,586.92 kWh @ \$-0.0031	\$4.92 CR
Delivery Charge 1st 400 kWhs 400.00 @ \$0.0367	\$14.68
Delivery Charge- Above 400 kWhs 1,186.92 @ \$0.0427	\$50.68
Transmission Cost Adjustor- kWh 1,586.92 @ \$0.000845	\$1.34
<b>POWER SUPPLY CHARGES</b>	
Summer On-Peak 272.71 @ \$0.111	\$30.27
Summer Off-Peak 1,314.21 @ \$0.0425	\$55.85
PPFAC - kWh 1,586.92 @ \$0.002607	\$4.14
PPFAC Surcharge - kWh 1,586.92 @ \$0.00987	\$15.66
<b>SURCHARGES</b>	
Renewable Energy Standard Tariff	\$4.90
DSM Surcharge - kWh 1,586.92 @ \$0.0015	\$2.38
LFCR EE 1.0177% of \$179.70	\$1.83
LFCR EE 0.007% of \$179.70	\$0.70

(The above bill is from a homeowner in Arizona)

**Electric Usage: Residential Service**

Average Daily Electric Usage	No. Days	Avg Daily kWh
This Month	30	55.2
Last Year	30	57.0

Cost Per Day This Month: \$8.09

Your average daily electric consumption is **LESS** this month compared to last year.

**Please Pay By: Aug 18, 2022**  
**\$242.57**

Additional time is provided to pay this bill. Please pay the amount due by Aug 28, 2022 to avoid late fee or deposit.

Account: 3000252289910611253  
 Customer Number: 2522899  
 Previous Number: 1051125  
 Billing Date: Aug 2, 2022  
 Next Read Date: Aug 29, 2022

**Account Summary**

Previous Account Balance	195.85
Payment - Jul 21, 2022	195.85 CR
Electric Charges	242.57
<b>Current Amount Due</b>	<b>\$242.57</b>

Thank you for maintaining an excellent payment record. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Meter#	Type	Service Period	Bill Days	Previous	Current	Multiplier	Usage
000019560	kWh	Jun 29, 2022 to Jul 28, 2022	30	2,359	4,948	1	1,655

**Charge Details**

Description	Amount	Rate	Usage
Electric Consumption (Prior Rate)	127.000	kWh x 0.11469	14.67
Electric Consumption (New Rate)	1,528.000	kWh x 0.11921	182.15
Deferred Energy Adjustment (Prior Rate)	127.000	kWh x 0.00750	0.95
Deferred Energy Adjustment (New Rate)	1,528.000	kWh x 0.01000	15.28
Tenry Green Power Financing	1,655.000	kWh x 0.00076	1.25
Renewable Energy Program	1,655.000	kWh x 0.00043	0.71
Energy Efficiency Charge	1,655.000	kWh x 0.00154	2.05
Natural Disaster Protection Plan	1,655.000	kWh x 0.00056	0.93
Basic Service Charge			12.50
Local Government Fee		5%	11.52
Universal Energy Charge	1,655.000	kWh x 0.00039	0.65
<b>Total Electric Service Amount</b>			<b>\$242.57</b>

(The above bill is from a home owner in Nevada)

Service Period 06/22/2022 - 07/23/2022 (31 Days)	Current Charges Due By 08/11/2022 90.48
Location 201580036	Total Amount Due 90.48

Meter	Rate	From	To	Days	Prev	Curr	kWh	Mult
10316004	11	06/22/22	07/23/22	31	16850	17493	643	1

ELECTRIC SERVICE CHARGES

ELECTRIC CHARGES	83.50
NC RENEWABLE ENERGY FEE	1.06
NC SALES TAX	5.92
TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES	90.48
PREVIOUS AMOUNT DUE	85.64
PAYMENT RECEIVED ON 06/30/2022 - THANK YOU!	-95.64

Total Amount Due ▶ 90.48

**BILL MESSAGE**  
Change your HVAC filters regularly and have your system serviced by a certified technician so that it operates at peak efficiency during the summer months ahead.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
Current bill is considered past due 15 days after bill date. If not paid before date of next bill, a late charge of 1.5% of the overdue balance or \$6.00, whichever is greater, will be added.

## TX Electric Bill

**Actual bill not available, but no delivery charges were noted by customer.**

(The above bill is from a homeowner in N. Carolina)

(The above bill is from a home owner in Texas)

In the examples shown above, only Arizona has a “Delivery Charge” except the amount is \$0.0367/kwh, 5 times less than the amount charged by SCE, \$0.1646/kwh. In N. Carolina, Texas and Nevada, there were no “Delivery Charges”. Essentially this shows that providing electricity to customers does not require the customer to pay for the wires and other hardware. Those are costs that should be borne by the company as costs related to doing business. SCE is not just keeping up with the Joneses, but left the Joneses far behind.

TO ENSURE PROPER CREDIT RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

**THE VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER**  
211 N. Jonesville Street  
P.O. Box 148  
Montpelier, OH 43543-0148  
419-485-8316

MONTEPLIER, OH 43543

ACCOUNT NUMBER	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	530.24
DUE DATE	09/15/22
PAY THIS AMOUNT AFTER DUE DATE	583.26
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	

Tear on perforation and return this top portion with your payment

ELECTRIC SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD OF 07/16/2022 TO 08/16/2022  
WATER AND SEWER SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD OF 07/16/2022 TO 08/16/2022

SERVICE	RATE CODE	TYPE OF READING	CURRENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	METER MULTIPLIER	CONSUMPTION	UNIT OF MEASURE	CHARGES
ELE	RE-K	Actual	61628	58471	1	3157	kWh	570.67
WAT	RW	Actual	194500	192920	1	1580	FT <sup>3</sup>	356.60
SEW	RS							68.34
GEN	GS							5.00
STM	SS							3.00

**((500x.116) + (500x.111) + (2157x.106) = \$342.14 + \$14.46 (fuel surcharge) = \$356.60**

(The above bill is from a homeowner in Montpelier, OH)

This next bill is from Montpelier, OH. Again, the electricity rate is approximately \$0.116 per kWh, for the first 500 kWh. Now take a good look at the SCE billing and what is remarkable is that although the first 500 kWh rates for tier 1 for

Village of Montpelier

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## ELECTRIC RATES

Utility bills are mailed on the 1st of the month and due on the 15th of every month.

The Village Council has enacted the requirement of a deposit for all rental properties or units. The deposit is a minimum of \$200 or 1/2 times the average utility bill of the property, whichever amount is greater. Applications must be completed and signed by the tenant, landlord, and utility personnel, and the deposit paid prior to service.

If you are having difficulty making a payment, please contact the utility department immediately. Failure to pay may result in termination of services.

The Utility Department business office number is (419)485-8316.

Residential Electric Rates	
Inside Corporation Limits (Residential)	
Monthly Service Charge	\$5.00
<b>Energy Charge</b>	
First 500 kWh @	\$0.116 per kWh
Next 500 kWh @	\$0.111 per kWh
Over 1000 kWh @	\$0.106 per kWh
Outside Corporation Limits (Residential)	
Monthly Service Charge	\$8.00
<b>Energy Charge</b>	
First 500 kWh @	\$0.116 per kWh
Next 500 kWh @	\$0.111 per kWh
Over 1000 kWh @	\$0.106 per kWh

Each month an overall purchase power base cost is applied to determine the adjustment applicable to the Village's rate schedules. This is in addition to the kWh base rate.

both SCE and Montpelier are very similar, the Montpelier rates DECREASE with increased usage while SCE rates INCREASE dramatically with increased usage. What does Montpelier know that SCE does not?

Another electric rate confirmed on Oct. 18, 2022, was Burbank, CA. The rate for the electricity was noted to be \$0.19/kWh, and there is NO delivery charge. So here again are two more examples that electric providers do not need to add an exorbitant delivery charge to everyone's bill.

To support this complaint, a California FTB agent was contacted on Oct. 18, 2022. They advised that the practice of the "Delivery Charge", described above, was NOT allowed and was considered, "double dipping".

As a sidenote, SCE refuses to put the starting and ending meter readings on the bill. Other electric utilities put the meter readings on the bill, why doesn't SCE? I have asked them to do so, they refuse. What are they hiding?

Three other issues are in question. The "Public Purpose Programs Charge", "Conservation Incentive Adjustment" and the "Franchise Fees". Since I do not have access to SCE tax forms, I will mention this for consideration. The "Public Purpose Programs Charge" and "Conservation Incentive Adjustment" appear to be items that in the normal sense that if I were to donate to these programs, it would be a tax deductible donation for me. Years ago I talked with the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) regarding money collected by Panda Express from customers that was supposedly designated for charities. The FTB confirmed that since Panda Express did not donate their own money they could not use that donation for tax deductible donation purposes. This appears to be along the same line that SCE customers are providing the money into a fund at SCE. If so, SCE cannot use that money as a tax deductible donation. In regards to the "Franchise Fee", I submit that since SCE does not pay the franchise fee themselves, the franchise, therefore, belongs to every SCE customer. Again, if SCE is deducting the franchise fee from their taxes as a business expense, they should not since they are not the ones actually paying for it. Essentially they are double-dipping by deducting it from their taxes while collecting it from the customers. All SCE customers

should actually be deducting the “Franchise Fee” from their own tax filings as a business expense.

For information on SCE earnings, here is some info direct from their own website:

*“Full-Year Earnings For 2021, Edison International reported net income of \$759 million, or \$2.00 per share, compared to \$739 million, or \$1.98 per share, for 2020. As adjusted, Edison International's core earnings were \$1,741 million, or \$4.59 per share, compared to \$1,686 million, or \$4.52 per share, in 2020.”*

How much is enough?