



# California solar battery storage policy changes 2023-2025

What is California's new solar program?

The California Public Utilities Commission's new solar program encourages the continued growth of rooftop solar. It also incentivizes customers to add battery storage to solar systems to help make the state's electric grid more sustainable and reliable. Why are changes being made to solar billing?

Why is battery storage increasing in California?

The increasing amount of battery storage comes after California residents installed a record amount of solar capacity eligible for compensation from electricity utilities in the third quarter of 2023. Note: Around 99.5% of the total small-scale residential installed capacity in California is net metered.

Are California residents pairing battery storage with solar?

California residents are increasingly pairing battery storage with solar installations, according to the latest preliminary data in our Monthly Electric Power Industry Report. The share of new residential solar photovoltaic systems paired with batteries has increased since we began collecting data in October 2023.

Does California have a new solar billing program?

California has revisited its Net Energy Metering (NEM) program that contributes to our state's 100% clean energy goal. As a result, the California Public Utilities Commission has determined updates are needed. The new solar billing program is called the Solar Billing Plan. When will the changes go into effect for new solar customers?

Will California's low-income customers get a tax credit for solar panels?

SAN FRANCISCO - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is launching a new \$280 million statewide initiative to help California's low-income utility customers install battery storage and solar panel systems. When combined with a federal tax credit, the program's financial incentives are designed to cover the full cost of installation.

How many solar installations are there in California?

Solar paired with battery installations makes up about 9% of all installed residential net metering capacity in California, with over 40,000 new installations added between October 2023 and April 2024. Those installations accounted for 232 megawatts (MW) of new battery storage capacity in the state.

The CPUC's Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) offers rebates for installing energy storage technology at both residential and non-residential facilities. These storage technologies include battery storage systems that can ...



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