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Understanding Your Residential Solar Utility Bill

If you have solar panels at your home, your electric bill is different than bills for customers without solar panels. Austin Energy gives you credits on your bill based on how much solar power you generate. These bill credits help to cover the cost of your electricity. You can find more information about your solar bill below and at AustinEnergy.com/ValueOfSolar.

Solar Bill Credits

You earn a solar bill credit for every kilowatt hour (kWh) of solar energy your system produces. Currently, this credit is worth 9.91 cents per kWh for customers with system sizes under 1 MW-AC. You are billed for the total energy use of your home under the residential tiered rate structure, and then that amount is reduced by the Value of Solar credit.

ELECTRIC SERVICE		SAMPLE BILL	
Read Date	12/10/2023	01/10/2024	Read Diff.
Delivered Read	54363	55389	1026
Received Read	16308	16702	394
Net Read	38055	38687	632
Solar Meter # 7130922			Next Read Date Approx. 02/10
Read Date	12/10/2023	01/10/2024	Generation
Delivered Read	46835	47598	763
Total Generation			763
Whole House Consumption in kWh			1395
COA - Electric Residential			
Customer Charge	.....	\$14.00	
Tier 1 first 300 kWh at \$0.04088 per kWh	.....	\$12.26	
Tier 2 next 600 kWh at \$0.04643 per kWh	.....	\$27.86	
Tier 3 next 495 kWh at \$0.06039 per kWh	.....	\$29.89	
Regulatory Charges 1,395 kWh at \$0.01374 per kWh	.....	\$19.17	
Community Benefit Charges	.....	\$8.25	
Power Supply Adjustment 1,395 kWh at \$0.04598 per kWh	.....	\$64.14	
Power Supply Administrative Adjustment 1,395 kWh at \$0.00471 per kWh	.....	\$6.57	
Solar Credit 763.00 PV kWh at \$-0.0991 per kWh	.....	-\$75.61	
Residential Sales Tax			
Taxable Amount	.....	\$106.53	

The meter reads identify the amount of **energy you consumed** over the billing cycle.

The **Value of Solar bill credit** is then applied to your account, reducing the amount owed on the electric portion of your bill.

Your solar bill credit is based on the energy your system produces. **If it produces an excess after paying your electric bill, you will see a Solar Credit Balance box on your utility bill.** Any remaining credits will roll over to the next month as long as the account remains open.

Solar Credit Balance

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Your solar credit will remain on this electric account and will apply toward future electric charges.