As California moves toward cleaner and more renewable energy, it makes sense to use energy when demand is lower and renewable energy is more plentiful.

**Why Time-of-Use rates? And why are the rates changing?**

Under Time-of-Use (TOU) rates, electricity prices vary between Peak, Partial-Peak, Off-Peak, and Super Off-Peak times. These price changes heavily correspond to available renewable energy, encouraging the use of electricity when it is cleanest and cheapest.

While most EBCE commercial electrical customers are already on TOU rates, periods of Peak pricing have evolved in recent years. In order to achieve California’s climate goals and manage procurement costs, EBCE and PG&E are coordinating to transition all commercial accounts to new Time-of-Use rates.

Additionally, in alignment with PG&E’s changes, EBCE rate names will change for ease of understanding. These can be seen at the right.

**How are the Time-of-Use rates changing?**

Time-of-Use rates vary by time of day and season. The new C&I Time-of-Use rates, also known as “B Rates,” include changes to both the seasons and the hours.

### Seasons

- For legacy rates there were just two seasons, Winter (November 1–April 30) and Summer (May 1–October 31) and were applicable Monday through Friday only.

- For the new C&I rates there are essentially three seasons—Winter (October 1–February 28/29), Spring (March 1–May 31), and Summer (June 1–September 30), and the rates are applicable seven days a week. **Note that the Spring Season is technically part of the Winter Season, but includes a Super Off-Peak period.**

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**CURRENT C&I RATE NAME** | **NEW C&I RATE NAME**
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A-1 | Bus Low Use (B-1)
A-6 | Bus Low Use Alt (B-6)
A-10 | Bus Med Use (B-10)
E-19 | Bus Med-High Use (B-19)
E-20 | Bus High Use (B-20)
**Time of Day**

Under TOU rates, the pricing varies by hour, with the most expensive prices being during the Peak period.

- The new B Rates Peak period is shorter and moved to later in the day.
- A new period, Super Off-Peak (when rates are lowest), is included in the Spring season from 9AM–2PM.
- The new rates include a Partial-Peak period in the summer months only.

**EBCE Generation Charge by Hour ($/kWh) for Small to Medium Businesses**

Below are several graphs to help visualize the difference in the rates, by hour, for a low-use small business. The TOU changes are applicable for PG&E transmission and delivery charges and EBCE generation and demand charges (as well as PG&E generation and demand charges for non EBCE customers). For actual rates, please visit [www.pge.com/tariffs](http://www.pge.com/tariffs).

**TOU B-1 rate charts**

**Summer total rates (generation + delivery)**

Rates are 27% higher at Peak times (4–9PM), and 8% higher at Partial-Peak times (2–4PM and 9–11PM).

**Winter total rates (generation + delivery)**

Rates are 7% higher at Peak times (4–9PM), and 7% lower at Super Off-Peak times (9AM–2PM).

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*Charts are based off March 2021 rates*