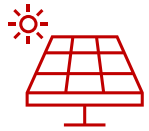
Net Bill Explainer – the Details

Understanding Time of Day Rates

when your home has
Solar Panels and/or Batteries



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- Your utility meter

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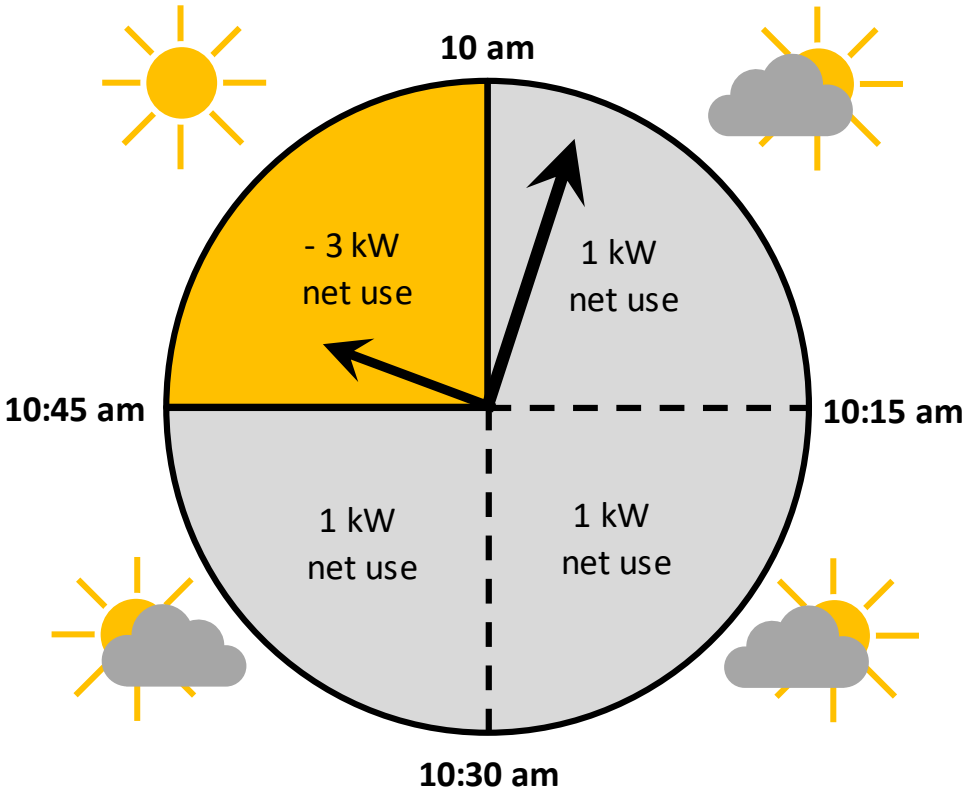


Bill charges are based on your **net usage,** which the meter measures at the **end** of each hour

15 minute Increment			Drawn from Grid	Sent to Grid	Net Use
10:00 am	to	10:15 am	1	0	1
10:15 am	to	10:30 am	3	(2)	1
10:30 am	to	10:45 am	6	(5)	1
10:45 am	to	11:00 am	2	(5)	(3)
10 am	to	**11 am**	12	(12)	**0** kWh
			Bill Total: $0.00		

(**1** kW @ 15”) + (**1** kW @ 15”) + (**1** kW @ 15”) - (**3** kW @ 15”) = **0 kWh**

Use your solar electricity (or store in a battery) within the hour it was generated - it **doesn’t need to be used instantaneously**.

During that hour, the CMLP grid functions like a battery, allowing you to bank excess solar production when you don’t need it and draw electricity from the grid when you do, without any impact on your bill.

Why is solar electricity **sent to the grid** worth less than solar electricity **used at home**?

CMLP's electric rates are based on costs to:

- bring electricity to Concord:
  - The **energy** itself
  - **capacity & transmission** fees to maintain the regional grid
- provide electricity within Concord:
  - manage our local **distribution** system

Previously, distribution costs for solar customers were the same each month, based on array size. Size was used as a proxy to estimate usage.

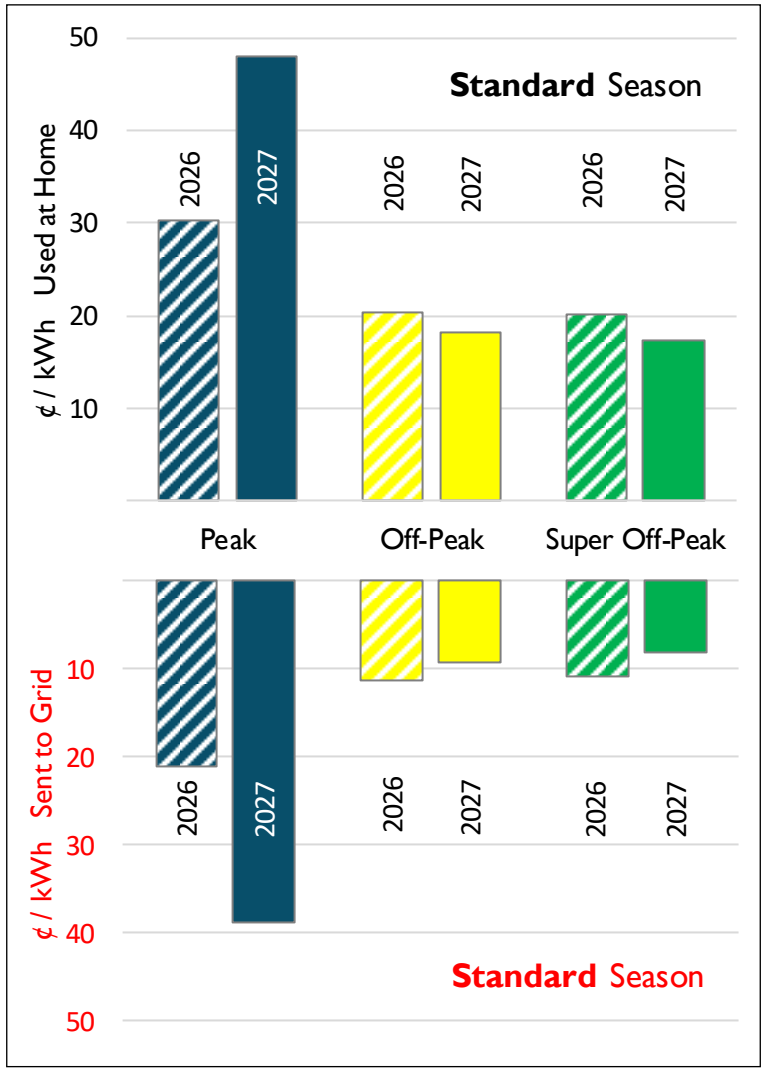
With net billing, distribution costs for solar customers vary each month, based on kWh drawn from and sent to the grid. Now distribution costs are based on actual usage instead of estimated usage.

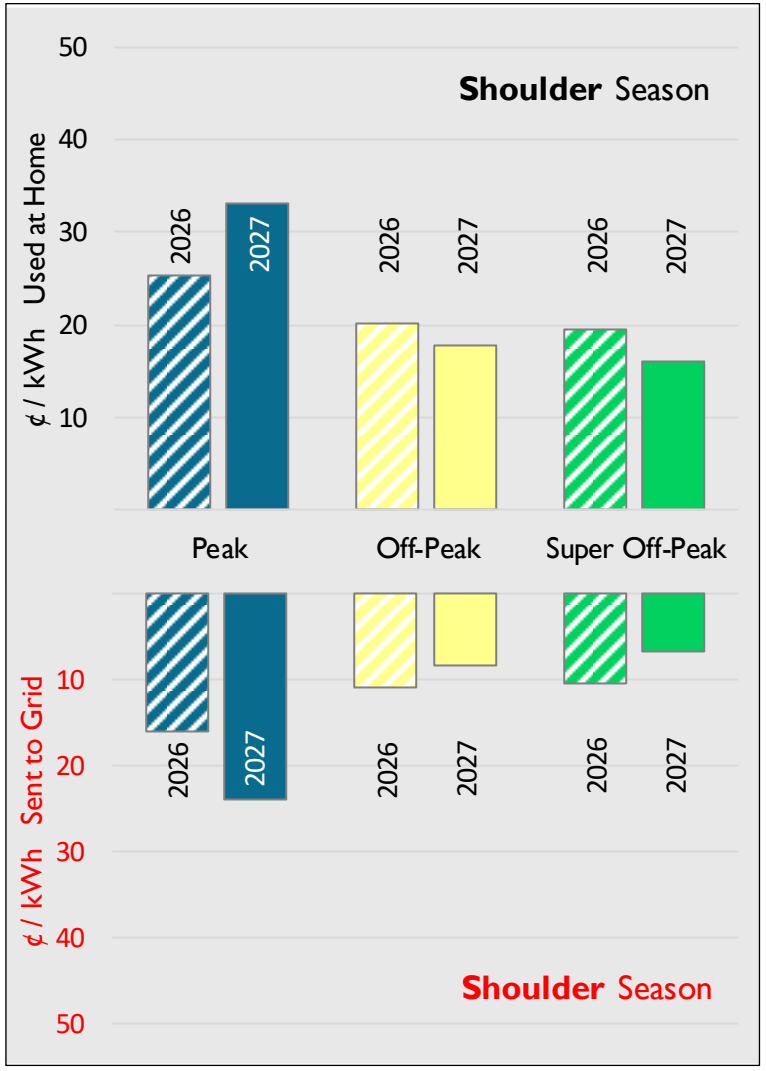
When you **draw electricity from the grid**…
you are **charged** for **energy, capacity & transmission, and distribution charges** per kilowatt-hour

When you use electricity from your **solar panels** or store it in a **battery** for later use…
you **avoid paying the energy, capacity & transmission, and distribution charges** for those kWh
That energy has an equal dollar value to energy drawn from the grid

When you **send electricity to the grid**…
you are **credited** for **energy, capacity & transmission charges** because CMLP avoids the cost to bring electricity from the regional grid, but you are ***not credited for distribution charges*** because CMLP must still pay to run Concord's grid

When to use your solar and/or batteries





Within each time period, excess solar electricity **sent to the grid** always has a **smaller** dollar value than if that electricity is **used at home**. Lower your bill by reducing kWh drawn from the grid.

To save money…

Always reduce usage during Peak time periods

Only increase usage

(plug in EVs, run clothes dryers, turn on dishwashers, etc.)

during Off-Peak and Super Off-Peak hours if you'd otherwise send solar electricity back to the grid

CMLP does not accept electricity sent to the grid by batteries. You ***can use a battery* to shift when electricity is used at home** (by charging the battery previously from your solar panels or from the grid during non-peak hours), but you ***cannot use a battery* to shift when electricity is sent to the grid.** The only electricity you can send to the grid is excess generated by your solar panels that you don't store in a battery or use at home.

What was your total electric use?

When your home uses solar electricity in the same hour your panels generated it, that electricity isn't shown on your CMLP electric bill.

To figure out how much electricity your home used in a month (**iv** below), combine the solar electricity used at home with the kWh drawn from the grid:

1. Find your monthly solar output reading from your PV production meter or inverter web portal (**i** below)
   Note… make sure to ***match the start and end dates*** *on your bill*
2. Subtract electricity sent to CMLP: the total kWh credited on your bill (**ii** below)
3. Add electricity delivered from CMLP: look at the PCA line on your bill (**iii** below)

Example from sample bill *(see next slide)*

..... kWh from Solar Meter (**i**)
– **677** kWh CMLP received from Home (**ii**)
+ **820** kWh CMLP delivered to Home (**iii**)

= ..... Total kWh Use = Home Load (**iv**)

22 + 0 + 655 = **677** kWh sent to CMLP (**ii**)
102 + 106 + 612 = **820** kWh drawn from grid (**iii**)

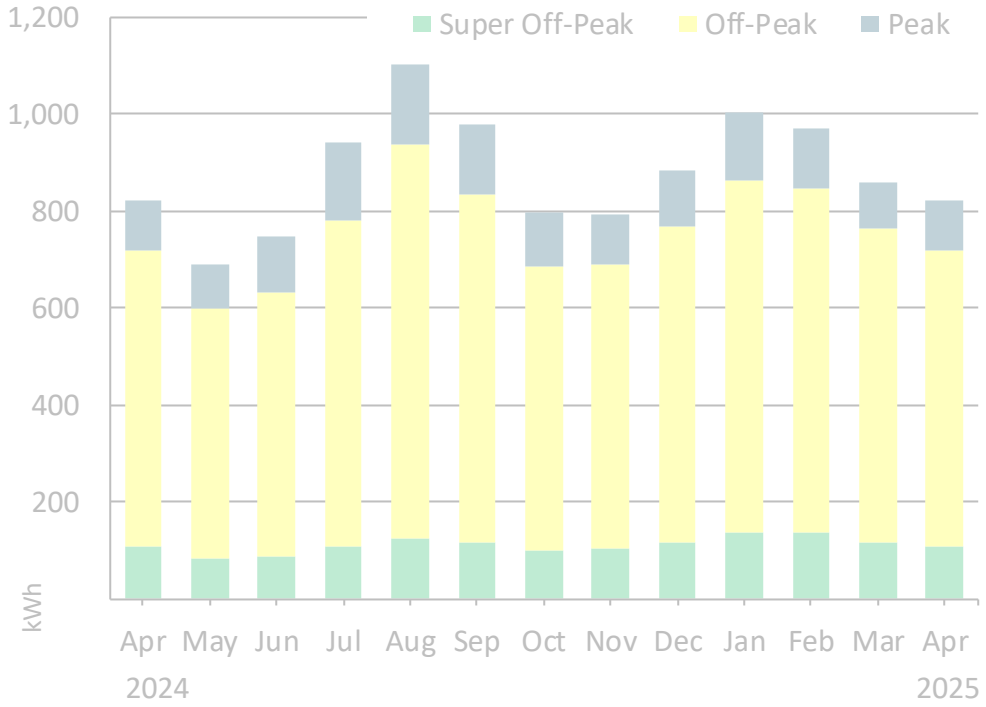
Sample Bill

Electric

Description: ELE SOLAR

Services From	Services To	Days	Readings Previous	Readings Present	Meter Multiplier	kWh Usage	Meter #	Rate Schedule
03/1/2025	04/1/2025	31	3463	3565	1.0	102	123456789	NETCP
03/1/2025	04/1/2025	31	945	1051	1.0	106	123456789	NETCS
03/1/2025	04/1/2025	31	1986	2598	1.0	612	123456789	NETCO
03/1/2025	04/1/2025	31	247	269	1.0	22	123456789	NETGP
03/1/2025	04/1/2025	31	0	0	1.0	0	123456789	NETGS
03/1/2025	04/1/2025	31	886	1541	1.0	655	123456789	NETGO

Your past and current electricity usage



Details of your new charges

Delivered Energy Charges - *Cost to supply your electricity*

Peak	102 kWh	@	0.30315	$ 30.92
Super Off Peak	106 kWh	@	0.20117	$ 21.32
Off Peak	612 kWh	@	0.20432	$ 125.04
PCA	820 kWh	@	(0.04267)	$ (34.99)
NYPA Credit				$ (2.80)

820 kWh CMLP delivered to Home (iii)

Received Energy Credits - *Credits from your solar generation*

Peak	22 kWh	@	0.21132	$ (4.65)
Super Off Peak	0 kWh	@	0.10934	$ (0.00)
Off Peak	655 kWh	@	0.11249	$ (73.68)

677 kWh CMLP received from Home (ii)

Delivery Charges - *Cost to distribute your electricity*

Customer Charges	$ 20.00

Want to know more?

Read further information in our other resource, *"Net Bill Explainer – the Basics"* to learn about …

Net Billing - the Basics

Slides 3 - 6: Factors impacting CMLP's Time of Day rates…
- Rate phase
- Season
- Location
- Day and Hour

Slides 7 - 8: 2026 & 2027 Time of Day rates for kWh …
- Drawn from the grid
- Generated by your solar panels
- Stored in a battery

Slides 9 - 10: What your net bill looks like…
- Rate schedule types
- Charges vs. Credits
- Your electric usage history graph

For more information or other questions about installing, generating, storing, and billing solar in Concord

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