



## SCP Agricultural Rates for Cannabis Cultivators

**Powering the way.** As a result of the passing of Proposition 64, medical and recreational cannabis growers are eligible for Sonoma Clean Power's agricultural energy rates. Read on to learn if you qualify for our agricultural rate options.

**Residential Customers:** Currently, there is not a specific rate plan for residential customers who wish to grow cannabis for personal use. To find a rate plan that works best for you, based on your changing budget and energy needs, please give us a call at 1 (855) 202-2139.

**Business Customers:** SCP is committed to helping all our agricultural customers find the most affordable rates and be energy efficient. Licensed, agricultural growers of cannabis are now eligible for the same agricultural rate and energy efficiency programs as producers of other crops.

**Planting roots with agriculture rates.** Although there will not be a cannabis-specific rate, the agricultural rate can apply to both customers who grow cannabis outdoors and those who grow indoors in commercial greenhouses. For more information on commercial rate plan options, please visit our website.

SCP customers are eligible for agricultural energy rates under the following conditions:

- If you have received a permit from their local jurisdiction for the cultivation of cannabis; and
- If 70 percent or more of the annual energy use on the meter is for agricultural end uses. Note: processing cannabis is not an agricultural activity.

**Cultivating a rate change.** All rates changes must be completed through PG&E. Once your rate has been updated with PG&E, you will be automatically switched to SCP's equivalent agricultural rate. As safety is a priority for SCP, we encourage our customers to consult with a qualified electrician and follow all permitting ordinances. SCP also recommends prior to growing, customers notify PG&E in advance so that they can ensure your service is properly sized and they can safely manage the increased energy demand at your home or business. Business customers can provide the expected total energy demand using the Ag Hotline at 1-877-311-FARM (1-877-311-3276).

**A budding opportunity for energy efficiency.** SCP is aiming to reduce the energy intensive nature of cannabis cultivation so that growers can save money while increasing the efficiency of their practices. The program will focus on the following elements of cultivation:

### **LED Lighting**

- SCP will be working with 1-5 facilities to retrofit existing lighting to LEDs. We'll work with the grower to identify meaningful metrics, and will monitor power, temperature, humidity, and CO2 measurements throughout the harvest cycle. SCP will offer an incentive to cover a percentage of the cost of the LED upgrade based on the size of the facility and scale of cultivation.

### **HVAC Systems**

- Ventilation for Odor/Moisture Control – SCP will also work with those 1-5 facilities to monitor existing ventilation controls and outline potential crop quality improvement and energy savings potential.

### **Battery Storage**

- SCP plans to provide no-cost assessments for the installation of battery backup systems in the cannabis industry to prevent power outages and reduce demand charges. Assessments will be tailored to the site's utility bills.

For more Information or to participate please email us at [programs@sonomacleanpower.org](mailto:programs@sonomacleanpower.org).

**Grow green with EverGreen.** To comply with the County of Sonoma's 100% renewable energy requirement for permitted cannabis growers, Sonoma Clean Power offers our 100% renewable, locally made electricity service, EverGreen. For more information or to sign up for EverGreen, please visit our website.

**Energizing our communities.** Got solar? Become part of one of the most generous net energy metering programs in California. If you have roof-top solar or a wind turbine, SCP will pay you for the extra energy your system generates! For more information, please visit our website.