Winter rates are in effect October 1 through March 31.

The difference between the + number and the – number in the detailed billing information is the grid energy the customer used from City Light. This is because you have enough kWh credits to offset your whole bill.

The detailed billing information below is an example of a customer who delivered less solar energy to City Light than the grid energy they used, but they had kWh credits to offset some of the Energy Charge(s). This is because you have enough kWh credits to offset some of the Energy Charge(s) from City Light. The detailed billing information below is an example of a customer who delivered less solar energy to City Light than the grid energy they used, but they had kWh credits to offset some of the Energy Charge(s). The detailed billing information below is an example of a customer who delivered less solar energy to City Light than the grid energy they used, but they had kWh credits to offset some of the Energy Charge(s).

What if I had kWh credits that were applied to my bill, and they offset all the Energy Charge(s) from City Light? If you have enough kWh credits, you can deliver less solar energy to City Light than the grid energy you use and pay no Energy Charge(s). If you have enough kWh credits, you can deliver less solar energy to City Light than the grid energy you use and offset some of the Energy Charge(s) from City Light.

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SOLAR BILL GUIDE

1. Production Meter Read Detail
   The total solar energy your system produced. It is not used to calculate your bill. The production meter kWh read
   does not have a “+” or “-” in front of it.

2. Energy Charge
   The total cost to you of the electric energy (kilowatt-hours) consumed and billed under the applicable rate.

3. Grid Energy Delivered by City Light to Customer (+ kWh Usage)
   The total grid energy you used from City Light.

4. Solar Energy Received by City Light from Customer (- kWh Usage)
   The total solar energy you delivered to the City Light grid.

5. Block Rate
   Grid energy delivered by City Light is charged at different rates dependent on the season and amount of kWh used
   per day. Additional rate information can be located at seattle.gov/light/rates.

Questions on your bill?
Contact Renewable Energy Accounts at SCL_NetMeterBilling@seattle.gov or (206) 684-5516

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Base Service Charge
A fixed charge that covers basic utility costs to provide customer service, customer accounting, billing,
credit, collections, meters, meter reading, and outreach services.

Block Rate
A rate structure where the price per kilowatt-hour (kWh) or kilowatt (kW) changes at different levels of
consumption or demand. For example, the first 300 kWh of use per month are charged at one rate, and
kWh over 300 are charged at a different rate.

Energy Charge
The amount charged based upon the electric energy (kilowatt-hours) consumed.

Kilowatt-Hour (kWh)
A kilowatt-hour is a measure of electric energy equal to one kilowatt of power supplied to or taken from
an electric circuit for one hour. A kilowatt-hour could be used to light a 100-watt bulb for 10 hours.

kWh Credit
A kWh of solar energy delivered to the City Light grid through net metering and stored on the customer
account for credit toward future bills.

+ kWh Usage
Grid energy delivered by City Light to customer. The kWh next to the “+” shows how much grid energy the
customer used from City Light.

- kWh Usage
Solar energy received by City Light from customer. The kWh next to the “-” shows how much solar energy
the customer delivered to the City Light grid.

Production Meter
An electric meter that records the total kilowatt-hours produced by a solar or other renewable energy
system. It is not used to calculate a customer’s City Light bill.