

Doing Our Part to **SAVE** the **PLANET**



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Abbreviated Terms & Conditions*

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Desert Community Energy (DCE) was set up as a joint powers authority by Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Palm Desert. DCE will start serving customers in Palm Springs in early April 2020 and will be the default electric generation service provider for that city. Accounts within DCE's service area in the City of Palm Springs are automatically enrolled in the Carbon Free plan unless the account holder chooses to opt down to the Desert Saver plan or to opt out and remain with SCE's bundled service.

RATES & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

DCE electric generation rates are managed by DCE's Board of Directors to provide cleaner, competitively priced electricity. Any changes to rates will be adopted at public meetings of the DCE Board. Financial assistance programs including CARE (California Alternate Rates for Energy), FERA (Family Electric Rate Assistance) and Medical Baseline Allowance remain the same with DCE, in most cases. For more information on how you can save up to 30% on your energy bill, call (760) 469-9284 or email utilitydiscount@lifftorise.org

DESERT SAVER ENROLLMENT

DCE account holders can choose at any time to opt down to Desert Saver electricity service which will be billed at a rate that is competitive with SCE's current standard rates. CARE/FERA/Medical Baseline customers will receive 100% carbon-free electricity but will be billed at the lower cost Desert Saver rate, an additional savings compared to SCE's base rate. It is not necessary for CARE/FERA/Medical Baseline customers to opt down.

BILLING

DCE account holders will continue to receive a single monthly bill from SCE that includes all electricity related charges, including DCE's electric generation charge. SCE will continue to charge for transmission, distribution, public goods programs and other non-generation charges at the same rate it charges customers who do not receive DCE service.

OPT OUT

Account holders may opt out of DCE electric generation service by calling toll free (855) 357-9240 or at DesertCommunityEnergy.org. DCE does not charge a fee to opt out at any time. If you opt out of DCE electric generation service within 60 days of enrollment, you will be placed back on your current rate with SCE. If you opt out of DCE service after that 60-day period, you will be placed on SCE's transitional rate. For more information about SCE's transitional rate, please go to sce.com.

*Full Terms & Conditions can be found at DesertCommunityEnergy.org



Introducing **Desert Community Energy** Doing Our Part to **SAVE** the **PLANET**



What is Desert Community Energy?

Desert Community Energy (DCE) is your locally controlled electricity provider set up by the cities of Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Palm Desert to bring you energy from renewable and carbon-free sources. DCE is here to serve you, offering clean energy at competitive rates. DCE is governed by a Board of Directors composed of an elected official from all 3 participating cities. City of Palm Springs will be the first to start serving customers beginning in April 2020. Service to Net Energy Metering (NEM), or solar, customers will begin in May 2020.

How does it work?

The concept behind Desert Community Energy is simple. We purchase electricity on behalf of the residents and businesses enrolled in the program. Southern California Edison (SCE) delivers your electricity and maintains the lines as it always has and you still get a single monthly bill from SCE.



How do I enroll?

You don't have to. You will automatically be enrolled in our **Carbon Free** plan. This energy is the best way to reduce your carbon footprint and help with our climate crisis because it is 100% carbon-free and 50% renewable.

What are my choices?



100% carbon-free & 50% renewable - Because we're also committed to equity, customers enrolled in discount programs such as CARE/FERA/Medical Baseline have been enrolled in our 100% Carbon Free plan but are being charged the same rates as our Desert Saver plan and therefore will have additional savings on their bill while at the same time participating in the green economy.

All DCE customers have the option of opting down to our Desert Saver plan but opting down will not result in any additional savings for CARE/FERA/Medical Baseline customers as they are already receiving the Desert Saver rate. You may also choose to pay more, opt out of DCE, and keep SCE as your provider.

What are the benefits of DCE?

Cleaner Power - You will be doing your part to save our planet and reduce greenhouse gases. The City of Palm Springs will enroll the entire city at 100% carbon-free, reducing its carbon footprint by 118,500 metric tons, or 27%.

No single action by the City of Palm Springs could reduce emissions this much. It would be like replacing all cars in the city with bicycles!

Local Control - Our elected board members will set rates.

Local Economic Benefits - Rather than paying shareholders DCE will invest in keeping rates and operating costs low, investing in local projects, jobs and fighting climate change.

Choice - Now, you'll have a choice about where to buy electricity.

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Para programas de asistencia financiera, puede llamar al 760-469-9284 o para obtener información adicional, DesertCommunityEnergy.org/espanol

For additional information, please visit DesertCommunityEnergy.org or call (855) 357-9240

