

## **On-Bill Financing**



Staying competitive in today's economy means reducing operating expenses while improving your bottom line. Let us work with you to help achieve your organization's goals by financing your next energy efficiency project with our On-Bill Financing (OBF) program.

#### What is OBF?

OBF lets you finance your qualified energy efficiency projects interest-free, and you'll enjoy:

- 0% interest loans
- No fees or loan costs
- Convenient loan repayment through your monthly SCE utility bill

Along with OBF, you may also receive these benefits from your energy efficiency project:

- Financial incentives for installing qualified energy-efficient equipment\*
- Lower monthly electricity usage
- Long-term energy savings

#### Who is eligible?

All SCE non-residential customers are eligible. To participate in OBF, you'll need to:

- 1. Participate in one or more of the following SCE programs:
- Capital projects under the Strategic Energy Management Program

Or, participate in one or more of the Third Party Energy or Statewide Efficiency (EE) Programs available to SCE Customers.

To learn more about Third Party Energy Efficiency Programs for SCE customers, visit:

## www.sce.com/business/savings-incentives/third-party-energy-efficiency-programs

- 2. Be in good credit standing with SCE with: A Business Partner's creditworthiness score of
- Low to medium Risk Class
- No previous OBF loan defaults

Customer must confirm that the financed project would not have been undertaken in the same capacity if it was not for the availability of the OBF loan.

**Note:** SCE is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a party or guarantor to any agreement between a customer and any third-party implementer. SCE has no contractual obligation, directly or indirectly, to the customer as it relates to the third-party energy efficiency programs.

<sup>\*</sup> Restrictions apply.

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### It is easy to apply online.

You'll need to submit your OBF Application prior to purchasing the equipment.

To discover how this program can help your organization save, contact your SCE Account Manager or visit **sce.com/onbill**.

#### What are the loan limits?

Loan limits vary by customer segment. Loans are capped at the Service Account (SA) level. Customers with multiple SAs may have loans at each SA up to the maximum amount for their segment. When certain requirements are met, we will bundle or consolidate qualifying loans for customers.

**Bundled OBF Loans** — Government and Institutional customers can bundle multiple service accounts under the same Customer Account Number, at one or more premises<sup>1</sup>, into a single OBF loan. Individual SA OBF loan applications can be bundled to meet the loan minimum. Customer segment loan limits apply.

**Consolidated OBF Loans** — All business customers can consolidate multiple service accounts under the same Customer Account Number, at the same premise, into one consolidated OBF loan. Individual SA loans must meet the \$5K OBF loan minimum to be consolidated. Customer segment loan limits apply.

**Note:** All projects in a bundled or consolidated OBF loan must be complete before any loan funds are distributed.

OBF Loan Limits and Terms					
Customer Segment	Individual SA	Bundled SAs	Consolidated SAs	Loan Terms	
Government & Institutional	Min: \$5,000 Max: \$1,000,000	Min: \$5,000 Max: \$1,000,000	N/A	Up to 10 years	
Multifamily	Min: \$5,000 Max: \$250,000	N/A	Min: \$5,000 Max: \$250,000	Up to 10 years	
Business	Min: \$5,000 Max: \$250,000	N/A	Min: \$5,000 Max: \$250,000	Up to 5 years, or the effective useful life (EUL) of the solution providing the most energy savings	

**Exception Caps**: Maximum \$4,000,000 per Service Account for all customer segments. Exception caps require SCE management approval on a case by case basis. Other restrictions may apply.

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Project Information	Project	
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Project Cost	\$110,000	
Rebate/Incentive Amount	\$20,000	
Financeable Amount	\$90,000	
Estimated Annual Energy Savings	66,667 kWh	
Average 12-month Electric Rate	\$0.12	
Estimated Monthly Electric Cost Savings	\$667	
Monthly Debt Repayment	\$667	
Months to Fully Repay Loan	135 (11.25 years)	
Loan Exceeds Segment Cap	120 months (10.0 years)	
<b>Adjusted</b> OBF Loan Amount	\$80,040	
Customer Contribution/ Buy Down	\$9,960	

# How are loan term and approved loan amount calculated?

The factors determining the term length of the OBF loan include:

- 1. The maximum loan term cannot exceed the loan term limits presented on the previous page.
- 2. The term cannot exceed the effective useful life (EUL) of the installed equipment.

The maximum loan amount is the difference between the final approved total project cost of the installed, eligible energy efficiency solutions and the incentives paid by us. Loan funds must be used for the purchase and installation of qualified energy efficiency equipment.

The factors determining how the final approved loan amount is calculated are:

- Estimated Bill Neutrality<sup>2</sup> The monthly loan repayment amount is calculated to be approximately equal to the estimated monthly dollar savings on your SCE utility bill as a result of your energy efficiency project.
- Loan Amount Limits The loan amount for any one service account cannot exceed the established loan term limits by customer segment presented on the previous page.

This project example is for a customer in the government segment. The estimated monthly electric cost savings resulting from the project is \$667. The Financeable Amount divided by the monthly savings (\$90,000 / \$667 = 135 months), exceeds the maximum 10 year allowable loan term for this customer segment. Therefore, the Adjusted OBF loan amount will need to be reduced to \$80,040 (120 months x \$667).

**Note:** In no cases will the OBF loan term exceed the customer segment cap or the estimated bill neutrality calculation.

You may elect to choose a shorter term than allowed by your segment cap or indicated by the bill neutrality calculation, and you may repay the loan in its entirety at any time.

Customers that receive OBF loans totaling over \$250,000 per service account are not eligible for additional incentives for Solutions that are funded by the OBF loan.

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### From application to repayment, here's how it works.

#### 1.Application

Submit your OBF Application online by visiting **sce.com/onbill.** 

**Note:** Customers will be required to complete the supplemental Project Matrix form after submitting their OBF application, and when providing their installation report. The monthly loan repayment amount will be approximately equal to the estimated monthly dollar savings Customer is expected to receive through their SCE utility based on the energy savings proposed on the supplemental Project Matrix form. Any misrepresentation of energy savings could affect the Customer's overall energy bill.

### 2. Review of Applications and Payment History

SCE will review your OBF application and evaluate your credit-worthiness based on your SCE Risk Class score.

### 3.OBF Application Approval and Reservation

Upon approval of your payment history and loan term calculation, funds will be reserved for your project provided the funds are available, and the estimated loan amount meets program requirements. The reservation is a calculated estimate, and represents the maximum loan amount for your project. The loan amount may change if the project subsequently installed does not match the conditions of the Project Application approval.

#### 4. Equipment Installation

Upon receipt of the approval of your OBF Application, you may install your energy efficiency project.

# 5.Submission of Installation Report/Project Completion Certificate

When your project installation is complete, submit an Installation Report (IR) form to us. You will be required to provide a final Project Matrix form at this time.

### 6.Review and Approval of Project Installation

Once your installation is inspected and approved, we will process your incentive payment, finalize your OBF Loan Agreement and send it to you to be signed.

#### 7.OBF Loan Funds Distribution

Upon receipt of your signed OBF Loan Agreement, we will provide you with the OBF loan proceeds.

### 8. Monthly Repayments Begin

Your first monthly, zero-interest loan repayment will appear on your next scheduled SCE utility bill.

### **TO LEARN MORE**

For more information on how to get started, visit **sce.com/onbill.** 

This program is funded by California utility ratepayers and administered by Southern California Edison under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission. This program is offered on a first-approved, first-served basis and is effective until funding is expended or the program is discontinued by the California Public Utilities Commission. The program may be modified or terminated without prior notice.

<sup>1</sup> Premise is defined as a building or a single location that provides a particular service or is used for a particular purpose.

<sup>2</sup> Bill neutrality, according to the CPUC's May 18, 2012 decision guiding the 2013-2014 portfolio, refers to the situation in which the combined monthly or annual cost of energy efficiency loan repayments and the post-project utility bill do not exceed the amount of the original utility bill prior to the project being undertaken. See www.cpuc.ca.gov for more information.