



**POWER UP** *with VCE!*

## **Valley Clean Energy Newsletter, Summer 2022**

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## We're All About Customer Programs

Have you seen buses rolling around Yolo County with our ads on the sides? They're spreading the word about all the exciting Customer Programs VCE has in place to help our customers save: on utility bills, irrigation costs, gas costs, and our environment. Check out the details on our [website](#).



## **NEM Donation Program**

If you're a solar customer, you might already know about our NEM Donation program. It allows any Net Energy Metering (NEM) customer to donate the value of their excess energy production to one of the Yolo charities we're partnering with: Yolo County Housing Authority and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento (includes Yolo County).

We're excited to report that in this past quarter we've collectively donated over \$1,000 to the program already. Some of that came from the generous donations of 3 anonymous donors; we also added donations from OhmConnect's Spring 2022 customer sign-ups—\$10 for each customer enrollment was donated to charity during the Spring 2022 promotion period. The OhmConnect Program helps reduce the peak-time burden on the electricity grid. You can read more about that [here](#).

**Way to go, Yolo NEM customers! We so appreciate you!**



## Our New Rebate Program is Coming Soon

We've been reminding you lately about all the great Electric Vehicle rebates and incentives from the state and federal government for which you might qualify. Now hear this: VCE is launching an EV Rebate Program of our own, adding substantially to your potential EV savings. There's never been a better time to commit to electric driving!

**VCE's EV Program could mean another \$2,000-4,000 off the purchase of your new electric vehicle, depending on your income qualifications.** Check our website for details of our new EV Rebate Program, which launches this summer.

# Residents and Businesses



## Affordable Energy Upgrades with GoGreen Financing

**Are you looking to make your home or business more energy efficient this summer but unsure of how to pay for it?** State of California-administered **GoGreen Financing** helps California residents and businesses access affordable financing for energy upgrades. Eligible measures include heat pump HVACs and water heaters, insulation, windows, commercial kitchen equipment, well pumps, irrigation equipment, ventilation fans and lighting. With no down payment required, below-market interest rates and extended terms, GoGreen Financing can help you hang onto your cash in the short run and keep your monthly payments affordable in the long run, all while making your home or business more energy efficient. Get started at [GoGreenFinancing.com](https://www.GoGreenFinancing.com).

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## **Yolo Contractors:**

Amping up your heat pump skills can build your business.

## **Home Energy Rebates Webinar**

In early June, VCE partnered with Comfortable Home Rebates, GoGreen Financing and TECH Clean California to offer Yolo contractors a skill-building webinar. With so many home energy rebates and financing options available these days, contractors who are qualified to install and service energy-saving heat pumps and other such devices stand to expand their client bases accordingly.

Participation was energetic, and we fielded some great questions. We'll have a video of the webinar available on our website in the weeks ahead, with details about the rebates and contact info for the program experts.

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*Get paid to save  
electricity with  
OhmConnect.*



## OhmConnect Program is Going Strong!

As many of you may already know, we recently re-introduced last summer's OhmConnect program, offering customers a way to help save energy when demand on the grid is at its highest.

Signing up for the program means you'll get \$50 plus a free smart thermostat or 2 smart plugs just for joining the program. As a program participant, you'll receive alerts when usage is highest so your usage is adjusted for a short period of time to ease the pressure.

**Response has been high—check it out and [sign up today!](#)**

# Useful Info

## Understanding your energy choice

2022 Residential Electric Rate Comparison, E-1\*

	PG&E	Valley Clean Energy	VCE Ultra Green
Generation Rate (\$/kWh)	\$0.12433	\$0.13023	\$0.14523
PG&E Delivery Rate (\$/kWh)	\$0.19168	\$0.19168	\$0.19168
PG&E PCIA/FF (\$/kWh)	\$0.02653	\$0.02064	\$0.02064
Total Electricity Cost (\$/kWh)	\$0.34254	\$0.34254	\$0.35754
Average Monthly Bill (\$)	\$175.63	\$175.63	\$183.33

\*This compares electricity costs for an average residential customer in the VCE/PG&E service area (Woodland, Winters, Davis and unincorporated Yolo County) with an average monthly usage of 513 kilowatt-hours (kWh). This is based on a representative 12-month billing history for all customers on E-1 rate schedules for PG&E and VCE's published rates as of March 2022.

**Generation Rate** is the cost of creating electricity to power your home. The generation rate varies based on your energy provider and the resources included in your energy provider's generation supply.

**PG&E Delivery Rate** is a charge assessed by PG&E to deliver electricity to your home. The PG&E delivery rate depends on your electricity usage, but is charged equally to both VCE and PG&E customers.

**PG&E PCIA/FF** The PCIA is a charge to ensure that both PG&E customers and those who have left PG&E service to purchase electricity from other providers pay the above market costs for generation resources that were procured by PG&E on their behalf. "Above market" refers to expenditures for electric generation resources that cannot be fully recovered through sales of these resources at current market prices. PG&E acts as a collection agent for the FF surcharge, which is levied by the California Public Utilities Commission on behalf of cities and counties in PG&E's service territory for all customers. PG&E bundled customers pay the PCIA and FF fees associated with the most currently available vintage year. PG&E charges VCE customers the PCIA and FF fees based on the year that they transitioned to VCE service. Visit [valleycleanenergy.org/rates](http://valleycleanenergy.org/rates) for more information.

If this comparison does not address your specific rate, please visit PG&E online at [pge.com/cca](http://pge.com/cca) or call 1-866-743-0335. For information on VCE's generation rates, please visit [valleycleanenergy.org](http://valleycleanenergy.org) or call 1-855-699-8232.

Electric Power Generation Mix*	PG&E	Valley Clean Energy	VCE Ultra Green
Specific Purchases	Percent of Total Retail Sales (kWh)		
Renewable	48.7%	12.6%	100.0%
• Biomass & Biowaste	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%
• Geothermal	5.2%	0.0%	0.0%
• Eligible Hydroelectric	1.8%	0.0%	26.8%
• Solar Electric	26.6%	4.6%	73.4%
• Wind	10.9%	8.0%	0.0%
Coal	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Large Hydroelectric	4.0%	10.9%	0.0%
Natural Gas	7.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Nuclear	39.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Unspecified Sources of Power**	0.0%	76.5%	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*As reported to the California Energy Commission's Power Source Disclosure Program excluding voluntary unbundled renewable energy credits. Data is subject to an independent audit and verification that will not be completed until later in 2022. The figures above may not sum up to 100 percent due to rounding.

\*\*Unspecified sources of power refers to electricity that is not traceable to a specific generating facility, such as electricity traded through open market transactions. Unspecified sources of power are typically a mix of all resource types, and may include renewables.

For information, visit:

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## Joint Rate Mailers are Coming

Keep an eye on your mailbox (or e-mail inbox) for the Joint Rate Mailers that are heading your way in the weeks ahead. These cards are a joint production of Valley Clean Energy and PG&E, describing the amount of renewables contained in the energy each of us provides.

If you're an energy nerd (like we are), you might take a look and wonder why the renewable levels from VCE aren't as high as you expected. We're glad you asked! The VCE Board made a strategic decision some time ago to play the long game on renewables, sacrificing higher levels today for MUCH higher levels in the near future, based on energy contracts that were available to us.

Sometimes it's hard to be patient, especially about things like cleaning up the atmosphere. But we're confident that this is well worth the wait. Check out our [Strategic Outlook](#) to learn more about

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## We're Back in the Public Eye

It's Festival Season again, and VCE is getting out there. You may have seen our booth at the Capay Almond Festival, or the Woodland Honey Festival, or the recent Celebrate Davis Festival already. If you're a Farmer's Market customer, you'll be seeing us there, too.