

NEM 3.0: 10 MOST ASKED QUESTIONS

For Installers

1. What is NEM 3.0?

NEM 3.0 is a new version of the net energy metering (NEM) billing structure that goes into effect April 14th, 2023, in California, enabling utilities to reduce homeowner export rates.

2. How will NEM 3.0 impact my business?

NEM 3.0 will encourage homeowners to install a battery with their PV in order to maximize savings. To continue to grow your business, it is crucial to start selling solar + storage now and educating customers on the many benefits of self-consumption in the new NEM 3.0 world.

3. How will battery benefit my NEM 3.0 customers?

NEM 3.0 incentivizes homeowners to export to the grid from a battery during certain times of the year. Homeowners are also incentivized to maximize self consumption as much as possible.

4. Will NEM 3.0 impact my customers with existing solar?

No. All systems with an approved interconnection application submitted to the utility by April 14th, 2023, will remain under their current structure.

5. How often will the export rates be updated?

The Avoided Cost Calculator (ACC) will be updated every two years.

6. Are there system size limitations under NEM 3.0?

Yes. You may only oversize systems up to 50% greater than their previous 12 month's energy usage.

7. How are utilities incentivizing battery installs?

PG&E and SCE are offering homeowners monetary incentives on top of the standard export rate for up to 9 years. These "adders" will vary among utilities, income brackets, and will decrease over the years.

8. How will True Up Bills be affected?

Under NEM 3.0, True Up Bills will be monthly, not annually.

9. If a NEM 1.0 or NEM 2.0 system changes ownership, will it move to NEM 3.0 status?

No. The system will retain its original interconnection agreement.

10. If my customer's system was installed under NEM 2.0, can they add storage and keep their status?

Yes. If your customer's approved interconnection agreement was submitted to the utility by April 14th, 2023, they may add battery storage anytime and retain NEM 2.0 status.