

# CNMEC

## Newsletter

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The energy industry is undergoing rapid change, and technology is paving the way for innovation in the way energy is used, produced, stored, and shared. Consumers are interested in more green energy alternatives while smart homes and apps make managing energy use and paying your electric bill more convenient than ever.

While the changing energy market has created more options for consumers, it has also resulted in more utility scams and misleading information surrounding solar installations in particular.

Legislation like the Community Solar Act that recently passed during the 2021 legislative session and new products and services in the energy industry provide an opening for scammers and pop-up companies to provide misleading information or shoddy products and services.

If you are considering solar for your home, make sure you are working with a reputable company. Because this is still an emerging industry with evolving technology, there has been a proliferation of pop-up companies in the market to make a quick buck. Representatives of these less reputable companies may have more sales experience than knowledge of the energy industry, and their primary goal could be making a sale and moving on to the next prospect.

Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative can offer a candid assessment to determine whether solar is right for you. After all, CNMEC has a different “bottom line” that is not directly tied to the sale of a product or service. We take a more holistic, objective view of how to achieve energy and cost savings for our members, and that may or may not include solar.

In this ever-changing environment, it's important to remember you have a trusted energy advisor, your local electric cooperative. We are a community-focused organization that works to efficiently deliver affordable, reliable and safe energy to our members.

Remember, we're just one call or click away, we're here to help.

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### What you need to know about solar generation and net metering.

Here is some tips and information on CNMEC's net metered generation requirements and rates.

- **Know** what you are getting and what your power needs are. Each home is unique, and generation is not "one size fits all". CNMEC has the tools to look at your average monthly power use and provide you with knowledgeable information about your power consumption.
- Prior to installation of distributed generation and net metered equipment an **Interconnection application** and application fee must be submitted to CNMEC. Interconnection applications can be found on our website at [www.cnmec.org](http://www.cnmec.org) under forms.
- Once your solar has been installed and inspected we will **schedule** a time to install the metering equipment.
- The house meter, labeled HSE on your bill, is your billable consumption meter. Readings from the HSE meter are the **net** of your consumption and generation.
- The meter labeled GEN on your bill is your generation meter. Readings from the GEN meter are the total monthly kWh generated and are **informational only**. Bills are calculated on the **net** read from the HSE meter.
- Net monthly kWh consumption is billed at the **applicable rate** for the service.
- Monthly kWh generated above consumption is calculated at the current **Avoided Cost Rate**. The avoided cost rate is calculated by the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NMRECA) and approved by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC).
- **Service charges, device fees and applicable taxes are billed monthly.**

Let our energy experts provide you with an honest look at your renewable energy options.

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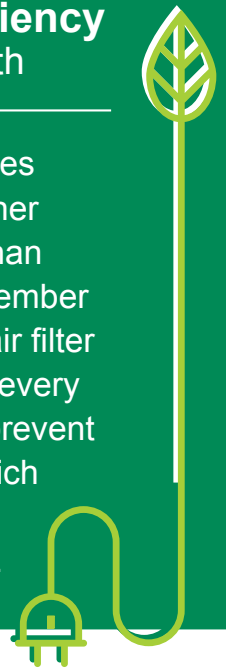
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### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

A dirty filter causes your air conditioner to work harder than necessary. Remember to change your air filter every month (or every two months) to prevent dust buildup, which can lead to even bigger problems.

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