



## Solar Installations and the Future of Electric Rates

*Frequently asked questions about LELED's role in supporting solar, renewable energy resources and the cost of electricity this winter.*

### **Q: Does LELED recommend homeowners install solar panels on their homes?**

A: It is the responsibility of the homeowner to fully understand and verify the details of any cost-analysis or plan to install solar panels. LELED is not permitted to recommend or endorse a solar provider and is not affiliated with any third-party solar program. LELED is available to answer questions its customers may have about interconnecting to the distribution system and the net metering rate.

### **Q: What is LELED's role if a homeowner installs solar?**

A: We offer a net metering rate for customers who complete the interconnection process. LELED pays the customer for electricity generated above what is consumed. LELED also charges customers a distribution charge for generating solar power. This is a charge to pay for our fixed costs to operate the utility. For more information on interconnection and net metering, call LELED at 978-540-2222 or visit [www.lelwd.com](http://www.lelwd.com).

### **Q: Is renewable energy part of LELED's source of electricity?**

A: All LELED customers use renewable energy because of our commitment to including wind, solar and hydro power in our portfolio. Currently, about 10% of LELED power is from renewable resources.

In addition to the solar panels on the roof of LELED's offices, LELED plans to install a community solar project, which will be located on the roof of our new storage facility. Customers will be able to invest in solar panels and benefit from the electricity generated. This will be an option for all customers, including those who cannot or choose not to install solar panels on their property.

### **Q: Where are LELED's electric rates headed in the near future?**

A: With winter approaching and electricity prices soon to be in the news, LELED is pleased to announce its rates will be lowered this month and remain the same through December. Rates will decrease by about 18%, saving the average residential customer \$10 to \$20 per month.

We are predicting that the electric rates for this winter will be the same or lower than last winter's, which were about 50% lower than the larger, privately owned utilities. LELED's residential rate has historically been among the lowest of any utility in the state, and with this latest decrease should rank the lowest!

**Customers with questions about rates, renewable energy or other concerns may call LELED at 978-540-2222, Monday-Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

*Coming Soon!*

Watch for the new Green Rewards Program starting this month, offering you ways to save electricity and water.

