



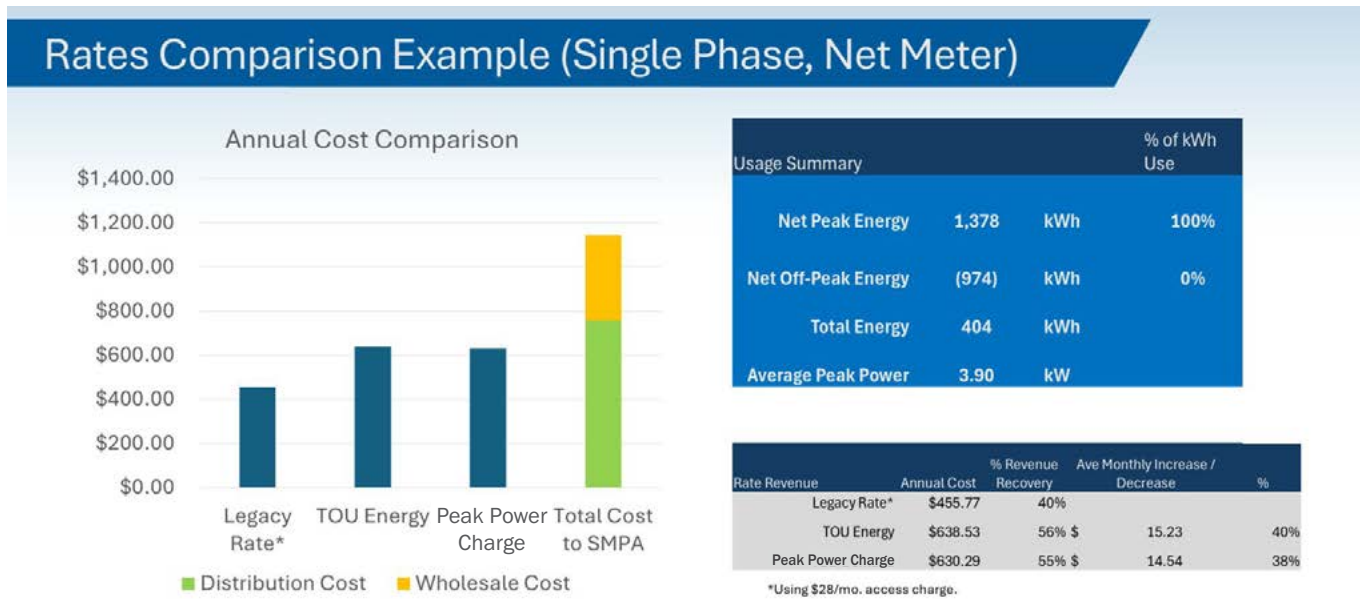
TIMING MATTERS ONE-PAGER

NET METER TALKING POINTS

- Keeping you up to date on SMPA's Timing Matters Campaign & Time-of-Use Investigation
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BILL IMPACT: With a flat energy rate that is loaded with fixed and grid capacity costs, not just energy costs, SMPA relies on the sale of kWhs in order to help pay the costs of fixed expenses and grid capacity. With the structure of the State of Colorado Net Metering Laws, which dictate one-for-one energy crediting for accounts that put excess solar energy onto the grid, most net meter accounts do not get to pay their proportionate share of the the fixed expenses and grid capacity costs. This is because, while the account uses the grid to absorb the excess day-time solar energy and the account still relies on the grid for energy when it is not sunny, few if any kWhs are purchased by the account.

TIME-BASED RATES: A Time-of-Use Energy rate or Peak Power Charge begin to separate grid capacity costs from the flat energy rate. This allows all accounts, not just net meter accounts, to see the impact of capacity in how they are billed for their energy use. The table below shows how the two time-based rate options would apply to a typical net meter account. Keep in mind that under either rate option, shifting energy use to Off-Peak hours can lead to bill savings and greater utilization of the solar resource.



ESTIMATED IMPACT: With time-based rates, most net meter accounts could see a monthly bill impact ranging from \$5 to \$10 a month increase to cover some fixed expense and grid capacity. Utilizing more energy during sunny Off-Peak hours can less the bill impact because it reduces the capacity costs born by SMPA. Battery or thermal energy storage can help as well.

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