

# **Update on TOU Initiative**

Municipal Light Board Meeting April 12, 2021







Our Goals as approved by MLB and LBAC:

- 1) Align customer savings with savings for BL
- 2) Support strategic electrification
- 3) Protect low-income customers
- 4) Support energy efficiency & solar
- 5) Ensure BL revenue sufficiency & stability
- 6) Provide for easy implementation



## Main Rate Scenarios Considered

- 9-Hour Year-Round Peak Eliminated. Peak window too long, price signal too dull
- 6-Hour Summer Peak Only Eliminated. Did not target 2/3rds of annual transmission costs
- 6 Hour Summer & 4 Hour Winter Peak-Selected. Meets all goals



# Scenario Finalists

#### – Scenario 1A:

- On-Peak <u>includes</u> Weekends and Holidays
  - Winter [October-May] 4 PM 8 PM
  - Summer [June-September] 1 PM 7 PM
- Scenario 1B:
  - On-Peak <u>excludes</u> Weekends and Holidays
    - Winter [October-May] 4 PM 8 PM
    - Summer [June-September] 1 PM 7 PM

This rate endorsed by BL & LBAC

#### Scenario 1A

#### On-Peak Applicable to Weekends & Holidays

#### Scenario 1B

Weekends & Holidays Off Peak

Residential Rate					
	Current			TOU	
Distribution Customer Charge	\$	10.60	\$	10.60	
Winter					
On-Peak Energy	\$	0.19317	\$	0.29944	
Off-Peak Energy	\$	0.19317	\$	0.13787	
On-Peak/Off-Peak Ratio		1.00		2.17	
Summer					
On-Peak Energy	\$	0.19358	\$	0.45716	
Off-Peak Energy	\$	0.19358	\$	0.13284	
On-Peak/Off-Peak Ratio		1.00		3.44	
Residential Rate					
	Current TOU			TOU	
Distribution Customer Charge	\$	10.60	\$	10.60	
Winter					
On-Peak Energy	\$	0.19317	\$	0.36312	
Off-Peak Energy	\$	0.19317	\$	0.14155	
On-Peak/Off-Peak Ratio		1.00		2.57	
On-Peak/Off-Peak Ratio Summer		1.00		2.57	
On-Peak/Off-Peak Ratio Summer On-Peak Energy	\$	1.00 0.19358	\$	2.57 0.58658	
On-Peak/Off-Peak Ratio Summer On-Peak Energy Off-Peak Energy	\$ \$	1.00 0.19358 0.19358	\$ \$	2.57 0.58658 0.13622	



### **Solar Buyback**

- For TOU enrollees, apply TOU concept & chosen rate design to buyback rate as well → Keep it simple
- Credit Generation & Transmission Rates Only for Excess kWh bought by BL (Distribution Rate not credited)

	Buyback Rate
Peak Period	Scenario 1A
On Peak Winter	\$0.22199
Off Peak Winter	\$0.06042
On Peak Summer	\$0.37971
Off Peak Summer	\$0.05539

#### Scenario 1A – Goals Assessment (results per modeling)

Goal	Potential Impact of Scenario 1A			
1. Align customer savings with savings for Belmont Light	<ul> <li>Estimated savings for Rate A customers with 20% summer load shifting year-round: -2% monthly bill savings (Avg - \$2.33; Top 10% Users- \$6.58 )</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Peak savings to BL: If pilot occurred in 2020, \$124 per avoided kW during annual FCM peak, \$10.27 per avoided kW during monthly RNS peaks (1 MW avoided peak load= ~\$134k)</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Very high likelihood of capturing annual FCM peak and RNS peaks in 10/12 months. Chances for April and October RNS lower (25% and 60%, respectively), but these are our cheapest months</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Average EV customer w/no behavior change: -\$7.50/mo (-\$5%) w/ 20% summer load shift: \$10.60/mo. (-7%)</li> </ul>			
2. Support strategic electrification	<ul> <li>Average HP Customer w/ no behavior change: -\$5/mo (-3%) w/ 20% summer load shift: -\$8/mo. (-6%)</li> </ul>			
3. Protect low-income customers	<ul> <li>Average LI customer w/ no behavior change: -\$1/mo (-2%) w/ 20% summer load shift: -\$3/mo (-5%)</li> </ul>			

### **Goals Assessment** Cont'd

Goal	Potential Impact of 6 & 4-Hour Scenario
4. Support energy efficiency and solar	<ul> <li>Energy efficiency: expected 1-3% aggregate kWh reductions based on literature &amp; research</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>A main TOU concept- induce more efficient off-peak energy use.</li> <li>Still quantifying what this potential is for our pilot → more modeling</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Average solar customer w/buyback and no behavior change: \$-10.58/mo. (-9%) w/buyback &amp; 20% summer load shift: -\$13.7/mo. (-12%)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Verified by UFS. Rate designed to be revenue neutral</li> </ul>
5. Ensure BL revenue sufficiency and stability	<ul> <li>Expect pilot to cost some money if only obvious "winners" are enrolled. Enrollee cap &amp; pending modeling will help address this.</li> </ul>
6. Provide for easy implementation	<ul> <li>Still under investigation</li> <li>BL billing system is capable. Data management &amp; testing pending</li> <li>Public forum &amp; customer survey to collect feedback on rate design</li> </ul>



# **Next Steps**

- Public Forum & Customer Survey
  - Ex. questions: Just how much customer interest is there in a TOU pilot? Is including weekends & holidays in peak/off-peak pricing tolerable? Would a \$0.59 summer on peak rate be preferable?
- Pilot Design
  - Preliminary thoughts: 150 participants, launch fall '21
  - BL & LBAC to model pilot what results can we expect based on different enrollment scenarios?
- Formal Recommendations to MLB
- Marketing & Recruitment
- Opt-In Pilot Launch!

### Rate Detail:

Scenario 1A (weekends included)-Recommended Rate

	TC	U Phase 0	
Rates	((	Currrent)	TOU 1
Current Charges			
Monthly Facilities Charge:			
Distribution Customer Charge	\$	10.60	\$ 10.60
TOU Charges			
Winter			
Generation			
On-Peak	\$	0.08939	\$ 0.09513
Off-Peak	\$	0.08939	\$ 0.06041
Transmission			
On-Peak	\$	0.02583	\$ 0.12686
Off-Peak	\$	0.02583	\$ -
Distibution/Conservation			
On-Peak	\$	0.07795	\$ 0.07745
Off-Peak	\$	0.07795	\$ 0.07745
Summer			
Generation			
On-Peak	\$	0.08979	\$ 0.27819
Off-Peak	\$	0.08979	\$ 0.05538
Transmission			
On-Peak	\$	0.02583	\$ 0.10152
Off-Peak	\$	0.02583	\$ -
Distibution/Conservation			
On-Peak	\$	0.07795	\$ 0.07745
Off-Peak	\$	0.07795	\$ 0.07745

Revenue from Rate \$ 14,561,583 \$ 14,561,583

#### Rate Detail:

#### Scenario 1B-Weekends & Holidays As Off Peak

	T	TOU Phase 0			
Rates		(Currrent)		TOU 1	
Current Charges					
Monthly Facilities Charge:					
Distribution Customer Charge	\$	10.60	\$	10.60	
TOU Charges					
Winter					
Generation					
On-Peak	\$	0.08939	\$	0.10428	
Off-Peak	\$	0.08939	\$	0.06121	
Transmission					
On-Peak	\$	0.02583	\$	0.17850	
Off-Peak	\$	0.02583	\$	-	
Distibution/Conservation					
On-Peak	\$	0.07795	\$	0.08035	
Off-Peak	\$	0.07795	\$	0.08035	
Summer					
Generation					
On-Peak	\$	0.08979	\$	0.36432	
Off-Peak	\$	0.08979	\$	0.05587	
Transmission					
On-Peak	\$	0.02583	\$	0.14191	
Off-Peak	\$	0.02583	\$	-	
Distibution/Conservation					
On-Peak	\$	0.07795	\$	0.08035	
Off-Peak	\$	0.07795	\$	0.08035	
Revenue from R	ate \$	14,561,583	\$	14,561,583	