As a solar customer, your monthly PG&E bill will look a little different from your bill before you went solar. Let's walk through it.

On the first page, you'll see the total amount you owe. Below that is a summary of how many credits you earned this month. If you have more credits than the amount of electricity you've used from the grid, those credits remain in an energy credit bank for future months. If you're curious about the total amount of solar energy that your system produces, you can talk to your contractor. PG&E only sees how much solar energy you send to the grid and the energy delivered from the grid.

Let's look at the details behind the charges and credits. You will see an "Energy Produced" and an "Energy Delivered" category. Both have different charge and credit values depending on the time of day. Under "Energy Produced," you'll see the value of energy at the time it was produced. "Energy Delivered" shows the value of energy when it was delivered. For both, energy provided from the grid shows as charges, and the energy your system sends to the grid shows as credits. Remember, energy values differ depending on the time of day. The charges are shown by time periods. 4-9 pm is the peak period, when charges and credits are highest.

Here are the energy credits you earned for that energy. It's important to note credits are broken out between Energy Produced and Energy Delivered. Energy Produced credits offset Energy Produced charges; Energy Delivered credits offset Energy Delivered charges. Once all charges, including taxes, and credits are applied, the total amount owed is calculated. This includes non-bypassable charges, which help fund energy-efficiency programs and energy assistance programs for income-qualified households, as well as a Base Services Charge and Energy Export Bonus Credits available for adopting solar early. Remember, credits offset charges. If there are more credits than charges for the month, those credits roll forward to be applied to future charges.

We are here to help you understand your solar bill so you can get the most from your solar energy. Visit pge.com/solarbilling to learn more.