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Who are good candidates for solar electric systems?

If you can answer “yes” to the first 7 questions, you may be better off installing a new solar system.

- 1) Are you interested in doing your part to help protect the environment?
- 2) Do you own your property?
- 3) Is your roof sunny (free from major shade between 10 AM and 4 PM)?
- 4) Does your monthly electric bill exceed \$70?
- 5) Is your roof in good shape?
- 6) Do you have the means to invest at least \$11,000 (cash or a home equity loan)?
- 7) Would you like to be protected from future energy price increases?

What are the steps to have a solar electric system installed?

- Determine annual energy use. PG&E customers may call **1-800-743-5000** to get a “billing” history. Ask for your monthly kWh electric usage and electricity dollars (not the total bill) paid for a 12-month period. This information is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Verify your roof is in good shape. The best time to re-roof is before installing a solar system.
- Do an economic solar payback analysis to help determine the financial viability of a Photovoltaic (PV) solar system. If your electric bill is high, a PV system is beneficial on financial terms alone.
- Design a PV system to net out the average annual electric bill (within your roof’s limits). Or size a system that fits your budget and/or future goals. Shading affects a solar system’s performance.
- Reserve your California Energy Commission (CEC) rebate by signing an installation agreement.
- After system is installed, the local building inspector must check the installation and sign the permit. Next an interconnection agreement must be signed between you and your utility. A new meter will be installed for PG&E customers. After the permit and rebate form is signed, the paperwork is submitted to the CEC for the rebate check to be issued.

What will Horizon Energy Systems do for you?

- A free site analysis to determine shading, roof condition, system size and financial return.
- Install the solar system.
- Coordinate all permits and inspections.
- Complete the C.E.C. rebate and utility interconnection paperwork.
- Offer fair prices and honest counsel about solar system installation and performance.