

## **OBR Program Guide**

## GoGreen Business Energy Financing Program

Administered by the State of California
Supported by California's Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs)

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### What is OBR?

On-bill repayment is a mechanism by which a Financing Customer repays their private financing charges through their utility bill.



## **Key OBR Principles**

#### OBR is an add-on option to the existing GoGreen Business Financing Program

- 1. Participating Financing Companies can opt-in and decide if they want to offer OBR through GoGreen Business
- 2. Existing rules for GoGreen Business still apply. For reference, view the GoGreen Business <u>Program Guide</u> In some cases, the OBR requirements are stricter, and are explained in the next section
- 3. Several rules refer to the "OBR Tariff" which are filed by the Investor-Owned Utilities and approved by the California Public Utilities Commission
- 4. Any financial product eligible for GoGreen Business (loans, leases, service agreements, and savings-based payment agreements) can be repaid through OBR
- There is potential for energy service disconnection for non-payment of OBR charges, for non-residential customers
- 6. An Operation Reserve Fund (ORF) is used to smooth the flow of repayments and mitigate effects of delayed billing, or returned payments

### **Party Roles in OBR**

#### **CAEATFA**

 Issues regulations, enrolls finance companies and procures a Master Servicer

#### The Customer

- Executes agreement with finance company
- Makes single payment for both energy and financing charges to their utility

## The Finance Company

- Underwrites, originates, and acts as primary servicer
- Calculates and transmits customer and financing data to the Program

#### The Investor-Owned Utility (IOU)

- Is not a party to the finance agreement
- Bills the customer, and receives energy and financing payments
- Sends remittance file to MS identifying which Customer has paid
- Deposits finance payment to Remittance Deposit Bank

## The Master Servicer (MS)

- Exchanges files with the IOUs to enroll customers in OBR and communicate financing charges to be placed on the bill
- Reconciles IOU
   remittance file and
   RDB account
   information, then
   directs RDB to
   transfer funds to
   the appropriate
   finance company
- Provides reports to finance companies

#### Remittance Deposit Bank (RDB)

- Provides

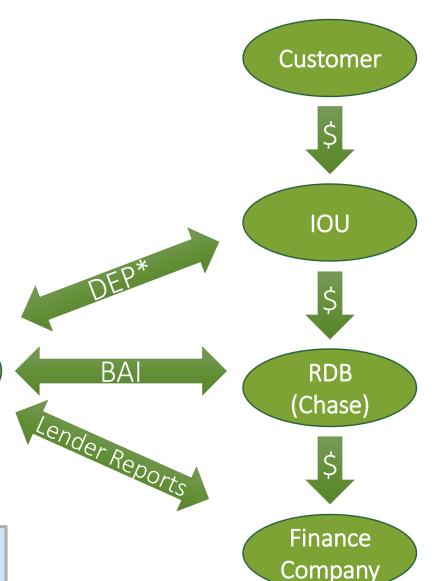
   information on
   Utility deposits
   made to the
   remittance accounts
- Transfers funds to finance companies upon instructions from the MS

### **Visual Representation of Party Roles and Process**

#### **Master Servicer (MS):**

- Processes customer data and funds from IOUs
- Initiates a directive for Remittance Deposit Bank to transfer funds to finance company

Master Servicer (Concord)



#### **Customer:**

 Makes single payment for both energy and financing charges

#### **Investor-Owned Utility:**

- Receives Customer's financing payment
- Deposits financing payment amount to Remittance Deposit Bank

#### Remittance Deposit Bank (RDB):

- Receives Customer payment amount from IOU
- Provides notice of utility remittances to MS
- Transfers funds to finance company per directive from MS

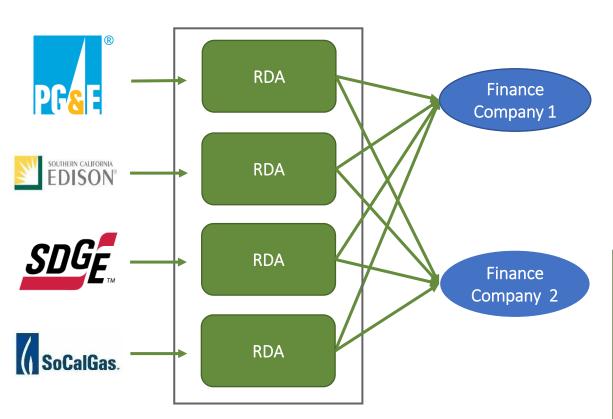
#### **Finance Company:**

- Receives payment from RDB
- Receives Remittance Report from MS

#### \*Data Exchange Protocol (DEP):

The DEP is a system of semi-automated file transfers, which communicate data between the Master Servicer and the IOUs

## Basic OBR Repayment process



- 1. Each utility makes daily deposits to a single Remittance Deposit Account (RDA) for each IOU.
- 2. Each Utility sends a Remittance File to the Master Servicer (MS) that details which payments are made on behalf of which Finance Company (FC)
- 3. The Master Servicer directs the Remittance Deposit Bank to transfer funds to the appropriate finance company
- CAEATFA named "Account Owner" of the RDAs
- "Third Party Agreement" between CAEATFA and Master Servicer allows the MS limited access to the RDAs for the purpose of transferring payments to Participating Finance Companies
- Both the Utility Remittance File and an RDA Bank BAI file are available to audit if there is a disagreement about transfers

## Finance companies will have multiple interactions with GoGreen Business and OBR

#### 1. Initial enrollment of a loan in the Program and in OBR

 Finance companies supply some additional OBR-specific data (beyond what is already supplied for off-bill GoGreen Business) to the Program for each OBR enrollment

#### 2. Monthly reporting to the Program on loan performance

• Just like the off-bill Program, Finance Companies provide a simple, monthly Excel report showing the financing status, current outstanding amount, and sale or transfer details (if applicable) for all enrolled financing agreements

#### 3. Receiving Regular OBR reports from the Master Servicer

• The Master Servicer will provide human or machine-readable CSV reports showing current OBR status (e.g. whether the utility has enrolled the customer's account in OBR, adverse events (e.g. overdue payments) and customer payments made

#### 4. Changing amounts to be billed or changing what displays on the bill

Finance companies can change these details for any OBR finance agreements using the OBR Change Template

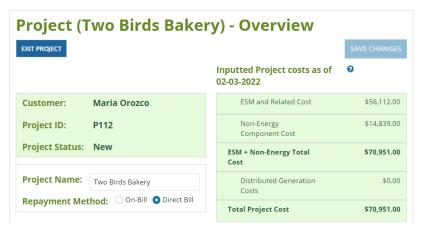
#### 5. Removing a finance agreement from OBR

Finance Companies can initiate remove from OBR at any time using the OBR Change Template.

## Finance Company Tools for OBR Interaction

#### 1. Project Platform

Finance company users will be given a unique user ID to log into the Project Platform and submit projects for preapproval and enroll projects, just as with the off-bill Program



#### 2. OBR Change Template

This template is for finance companies to communicate updates of the following OBR information for their financing agreements to the Master Servicer:

- Next OBR Charge
- Finance Company Servicing Name
- Finance Company Servicing Phone Number
- Requesting removal of the finance agreement from OBR

| Lender's Program-   | Lender Financing ID   | CHEEF Financing ID         | Next OBR Charge   | Servicing Name                      | Servicing Phone Number  | Remove Financing Agreement from OBR?  |
|---|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| assigned ID   | (optional)  | (required)                 | (only if changing)  | (only if changing)                  | (only if changing)  |   |
| Please enter the<br>Program-assigned 3-<br>digit identification<br>number for your<br>Finance Company | Please enter the unique<br>number or ID that your<br>Finance Company<br>assigned to each<br>Financing Agreement | I ID# The CHEFF ID# can be | that will be<br>communicated to the<br>IOU for placement on the | will appear on the customer's bill. | This is the phone number of the entity servicing the Financing Agreement that will appear on the customer's bill.  This is the customer service contact number, not necessarily the CHEEF Financing Company of record | Only populate if you wish to<br>remove a Financing<br>Agreement from On-Bill<br>Repayment |

## Finance Company Tools for OBR Interaction Continued

#### 3. OBR Reports

The Master Servicer reports data to each finance company on all financing agreements currently enrolled in OBR, to keep finance companies informed on billing, customer payments, OBR status, etc.

The Master Servicer generates three different regular reports for finance companies:

- 1. Account Status Report
- 2. Account Events Report
- 3. Remittance Report

During our initial soft launch, these reports will be emailed to finance companies from the Master Servicer, only when there is reportable content.

After full program launch, these reports will be transmitted once per business day. Files will be stored on a "rolling retention" basis, meaning that only the last seven reports of each type will be visible online through a <u>secure FTP server</u> hosted by the Master Servicer.

#### **OBR Report Details**

| Report Name              | Purpose  | Full-Launch<br>Frequency/ Trigger                              | Content  |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| Account Status<br>Report | A snapshot of the current status of all financings enrolled in On-Bill Repayment                                   | Transmitted once per<br>business day by 8:00am<br>Pacific Time | <ul> <li>Current OBR billing status</li> <li>Next OBR charge to be placed on bill</li> <li>Last payment date</li> <li>Utility confirmation/notification dates</li> </ul> |
| Account Events<br>Report | To report adverse Activity such as a delayed bill, overdue notice sent to customer or customer may be disconnected | Transmitted once per<br>business day by 8:00am<br>Pacific Time | <ul><li>Date of event</li><li>Event description</li></ul>  |
| Remittance<br>Report     | To report all payments remitted on the previous business day from the utility on behalf of customers               | Transmitted once per<br>business day by 1:00am<br>Pacific time | <ul> <li>Customer financing payment amount</li> <li>Date posted to utility account</li> </ul>  |

## **Finance Company Interaction with Program**

Finance Company's (FC) Typical Process

Quote/Offer presented to customer

Credit application and approval

Loan/Lease Closing Notice to Proceed, any pre-funding

Project Installation

Final Paperwork Final Funding

Staff recommend FCs not release final funding until contractor & customer have completed **Program documentation**\*

Program Pre-Approval

Contractor enters measure info into project platform.

**FC** enters basic financing data. Staff confirm eligibility for Program and value of loss reserve contribution

#### **OBR Eligibility Check:**

- IOU bill is current, and for a non-residential rate class
- Summary bill if project has multiple sites
- No more than 30% Non-Energy Saving Measures

Program Enrollment

FC enters all financing data into Project Platform.
FC, Contractor, and Borrower complete certifications

Staff direct Trustee to fund FC's Loss Reserve Account, and enroll loan/lease in GoGreen Business

FC certifies that financing complies with program rules, including that the IOU customer is named on the financing agreement

Indicates
OBR layer

OBR enrollment with utility begins
OBR Reporting from the MS begins

#### \*Program Documentation

- Contractor uploads:
  - Final Customer Invoice
- Customer signs (DocuSign):
  - Certification of Project Completion
  - Privacy Rights Disclosure
  - **OBR Authorization Form**

Incorporation of GoGreen Business Program Processes

# Finance Company ability to affect repayment

#### **Finance Companies Can:**

- Adjust the charge amount that appears on the utility bill on a monthly basis
- Request the removal of an account from OBR at any time, at their discretion
- Still receive their loss reserve contribution if charges are not able to be placed on the utility bill. The financing agreement will be enrolled in GGB as "off-bill" and the FC can directly bill the customer

#### **Finance Companies Cannot:**

- Remove or change a charge that has already been placed on the bill
  - The FC can modify the charge amount for the following month, including submitting a bill amount of \$0, but once a charge has been placed on a bill, the IOUs cannot remove it
- Accelerate repayment of a financing agreement while it is being repaid through OBR, consistent with the relevant OBR Tariff
  - If an FC needs to accelerate repayment of the financing agreement, the customer will first need to be removed from participation in OBR and then the FC can accelerate directly with the customer

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## **Utility Account Requirements**

In addition to the GoGreen Business <u>project eligibility rules</u>, the Customer's IOU account:

|  | cannot | be | past | due* |
|--|--------|----|------|------|
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- cannot be in a payment arrangement for past due payments
- needs to be for a non-residential IOU account
- must receive a single bill for service to all addresses, if the project includes installations at more than one service address\*\*
- ☐ must be billed on a monthly basis

\*Customers who are already behind on utility charges are at risk for disconnection and adding financing charges to their bill increases that risk

\*\*OBR is set-up as a monthly billing program and practically, charges for multiple sites need to be aggregated on a single bill

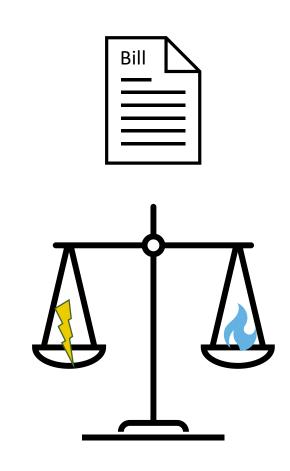
# OBR Charges for customers served by multiple IOUs

If an OBR Customer receives service from more than one IOU, financing charges will appear on the bill provided by the IOU whose fuel source (electric or gas) accrued the greatest Energy Savings Measure installation costs

Why:

This was identified as the simplest method to determine on which bill financing charges should appear when multiple IOUs deliver service to a customer

The contractor is to provide the breakdown of costs by fuel



# Financing Agreement Requirements

The individual or entity named on the IOU bill on which the OBR charges appears must also be named on the financing agreement

Why:

The IOUs are authorized to collect financing payments from their utility customers. The IOUs need to tie their customer back to a financing agreement

#### Example 1: Name on utility bill is a subsidiary

- Name on IOU bill is "Joe's Pizza LLC"
- Finance Company's legal counterparty is "JP Holdings LLC"
- Lease agreement needs to include "Joe's Pizza LLC"

### Example 2: Name on utility bill is a shortened company name or DBA

- Name on IOU bill is "Sam's Bikes"
- Finance Company's legal counterparty is "Sam Torres"
- Lease agreement needs to include "Sam Torres dba Sam's Bikes" (if applicable) or "Sam's Bikes"

### **Financing Product Requirements**

#### Term:

The GoGreen Business Program does not restrict Financing Agreement term length, though an Enrolled Financing Agreement may be repaid through OBR for up to 15 years from enrollment in the Program

Note that per GoGreen Business Program regulations, Enrolled Financing Agreements are considered claim-eligible for 10 years from their enrollment in the Program

## **Customer OBR Authorization Form**

**Purpose of Form:** In order to be able to place financing charges on a utility bill, the IOUs require that their customers sign an OBR Authorization form, acknowledging:

- 1. They are the utility customer, or an authorized representative
- 2. The utility company may add financing charges to their bill

An example authorization form can be found <u>here</u>. CAEATFA is working with the IOUs to create a statewide authorization form that will be consistent for all IOUs for the full launch.

#### **Process:**

- After the Finance Company has electronically submitted the financing agreement to the Program for enrollment, CAEATFA will obtain the OBR Authorization form from the customer along with the Customer Project Certifications and Privacy Rights Disclosure documents through the Project Platform.
- This is a condition of enrollment in the Program and finance companies have the option of obtaining it themselves, along with the other program forms, prior to releasing prefunding

#### AUTHORIZATION TO ADD CHARGES TO UTILITY BILL

SERVICE ADDRESS DETAILS

SIGNATURE

#### ACCOUNT INFORMATION

| Utility Name:   |  |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| Service Address:_   |  |   |  |   |
|   |  |   |  |   |
| -   | СПУ  | CA et ate   | ZIP  |   |
|   | OII I  | SIMIE   | ZIF  |   |
| -   | TELEPHONE NUMBER   | _   |  |   |
| Utility Account Num   | ber: Servic  | e Agreement Number / C  | SAID:  |   |
|   | COMPANY AND ELIGIBLE AC  |   |  |   |
|   | ng Finance Company:  |   |  |   |
| Initial OBR Charge  | amount*:   |   |  |   |
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| Customer Name:_   |  |   |  |   |
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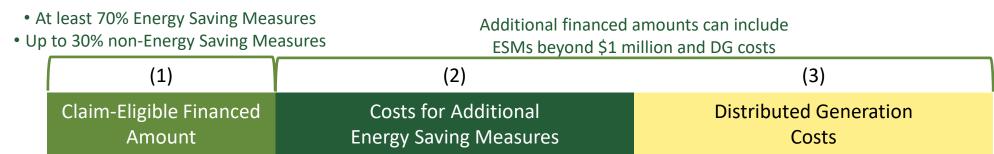
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# Costs Eligible to Be Repaid through the Utility Bill

- 1) The Entire Claim-Eligible Financed Amount
  - The claim-eligible financed amount is capped at \$1 million
  - Non-energy components may comprise up to 30% of this amount
  - While the off-bill program allows for non-energy measures beyond the 30% to be included in the financing (while not receiving a credit enhancement), the IOUs want to ensure that charges on their bill are reasonably linked to energy project. Therefore, an on-bill financing agreement is limited to what non-energy measures can be included
- 2) Additional Energy Savings Measures not included in the Claim-Eligible Financed Amount
- 3) Distributed Generation
  - Costs are not claim-eligible but can still be repaid through OBR

Click here to view sample projects in the Appendix section



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## **IOU Billing Cycles and Timelines**

It may take multiple IOU billing cycles after CAEATFA directs charges to appear on the bill before the first charges appear on the customer's IOU bill due to variations in IOU billing cycle intervals.

Each IOU has varying timeframes for on-time payment

A Customer's **IOU Bill Day** can be any day of the month and is individual to that customer. The **IOU Bill Cutoff** and **OBR Charge Modification Cutoff**days are calculated based on the IOU Bill Day

In this section in the slides that follow, we show the basic on-bill enrollment and remittance steps in a list, then in a process flow, and then in timeline format. **IOU Bill Day** 

• The day of the month that the IOU sends the bill to the customer. This day varies for every customer depending on when they started utility service.

#### **IOU Bill Cutoff Day**

 The last day on which the IOU can make changes to a bill before it is generated. IOUs provide this day to the Master Servicer, giving themselves a buffer to add the charge to the bill

#### **OBR Charge Modification Cutoff Day**

 This is the last day of the month that the Finance Company can submit an OBR Change Template to the Master Servicer for updating an OBR financing agreement. This day is derived from the IOU Bill Cutoff Day

3-8 Calendar Days

> 8 Calendar Days

## On-bill enrollment and repayment steps

Enrollment in the GoGreen Program

1

- Finance Company submits finance agreement for enrollment in GoGreen Business and OBR through Project Platform
- •CAEATFA reviews and approves the finance agreement for enrollment in the program
- Finance Company notified of GoGreen Business program enrollment through Project Platform

Enrolling a
Customer in OBR
and placing
charges on the bill

2

- Master Servicer directs IOU to enroll the customer in On Bill Repayment
- •IOU confirms that customer's account is eligible for OBR
- •Master Servicer reports to Finance Company that customer's account has been enrolled in OBR and provides the monthly billing cut-off day

3

- Master Servicer provides IOU with financing Charge and Finance Company Servicing name and phone # to be placed on customer's bill
- •IOU confirms that charge has been placed on the bill
- •Master Servicer reports to Finance Company that charge has been placed on the bill

Financing Repayment and Remittance 4

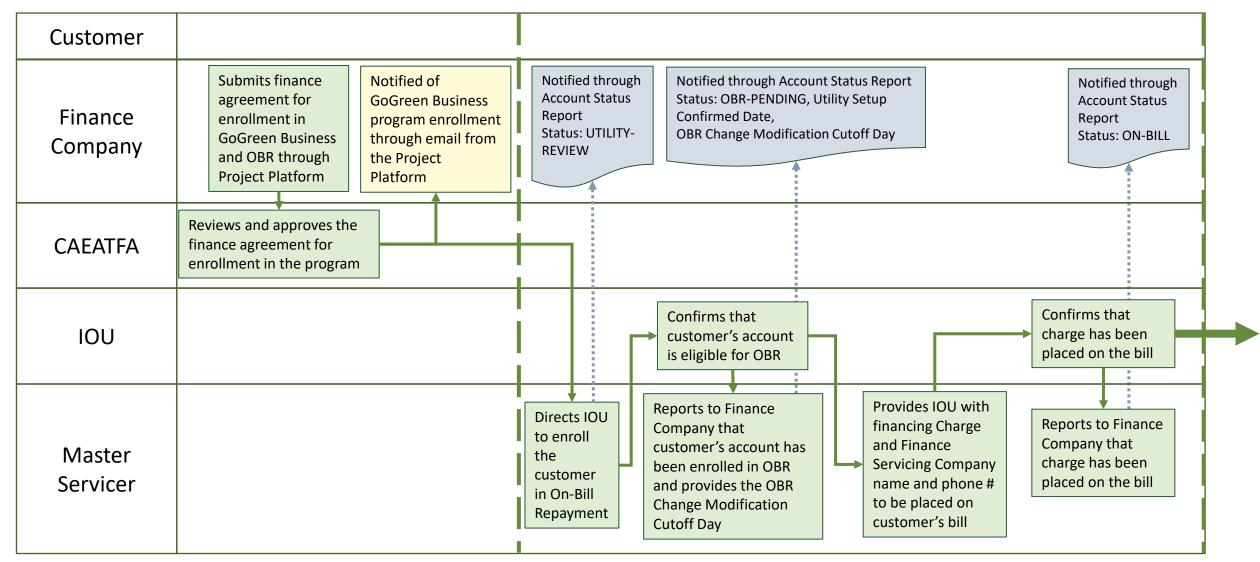
- •IOU sends bill with energy and financing charges to customer
- Customer pays their utility bill
- •IOU reports to Master Servicer the date and amount of customer payment
- Master Servicer reports to Finance Company the date and amount of customer payment

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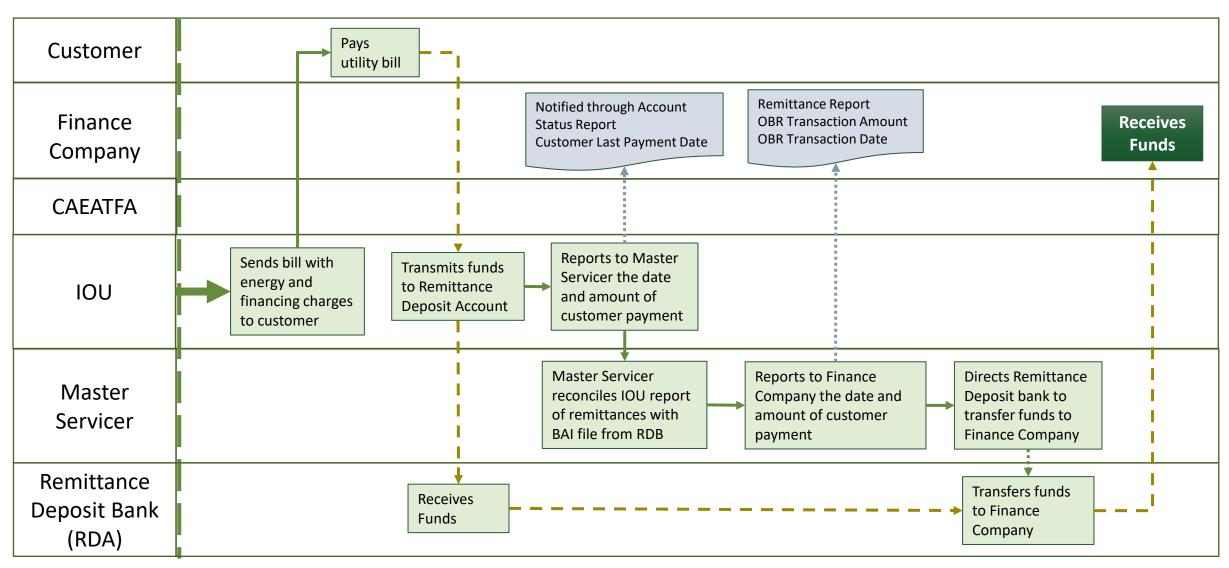
- •IOU transmits funds to Remittance Deposit Account
- •Remittance Deposit Bank notifies Master Servicer that IOU has deposited funds
- Master Servicer directs Remittance Deposit bank to transfer funds to Finance Company

## Enrollment in the GoGreen Business Program

## Enrolling a Customer in OBR and placing charges on the bill

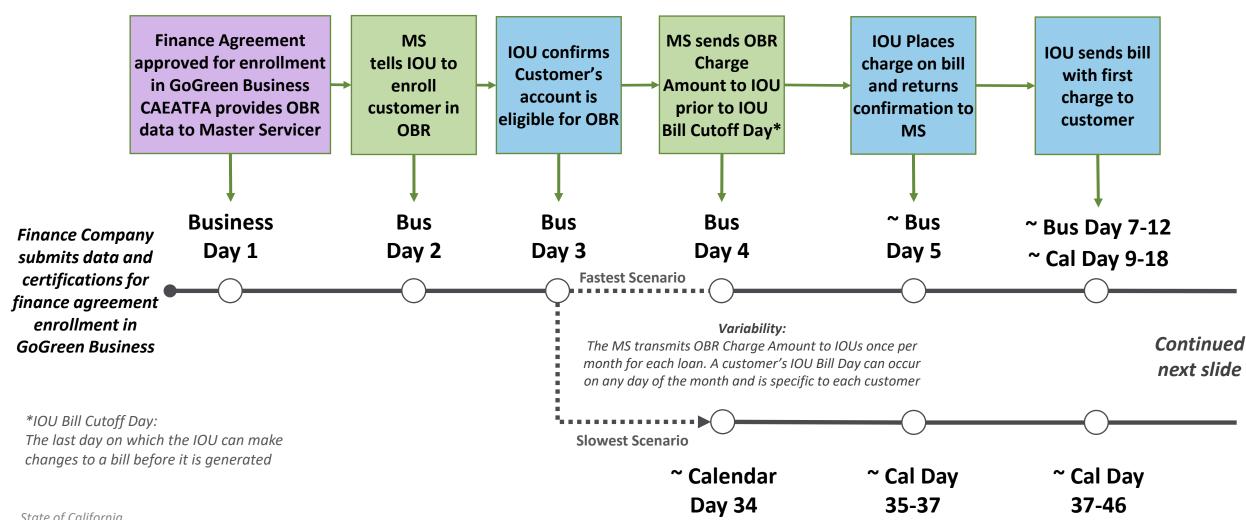


#### Financing Repayment and Remittance



# Actions Performed by: IOU Program MS RDB Customer

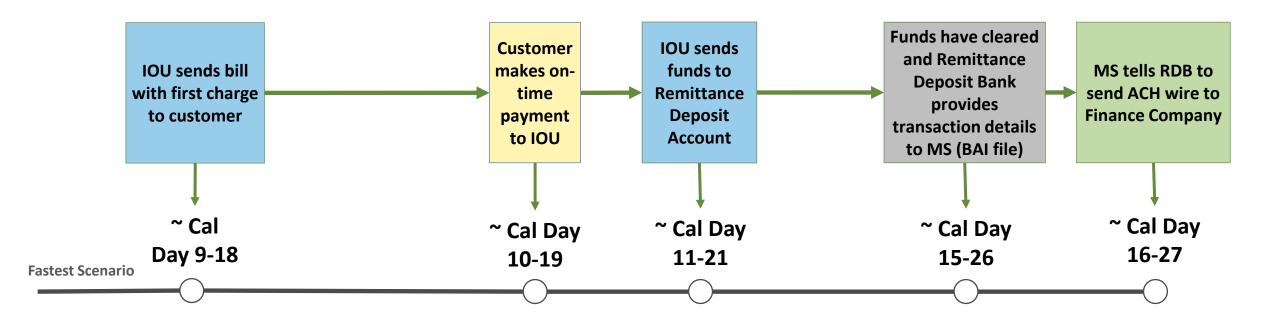
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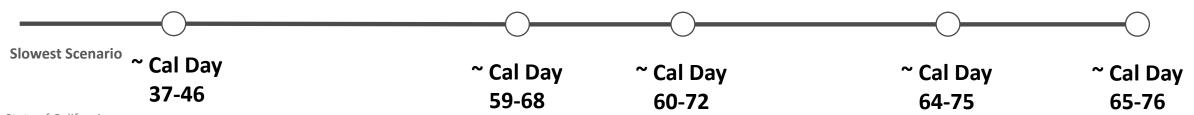




## On Bill Repayment steps with timeline: first charge paid and remitted



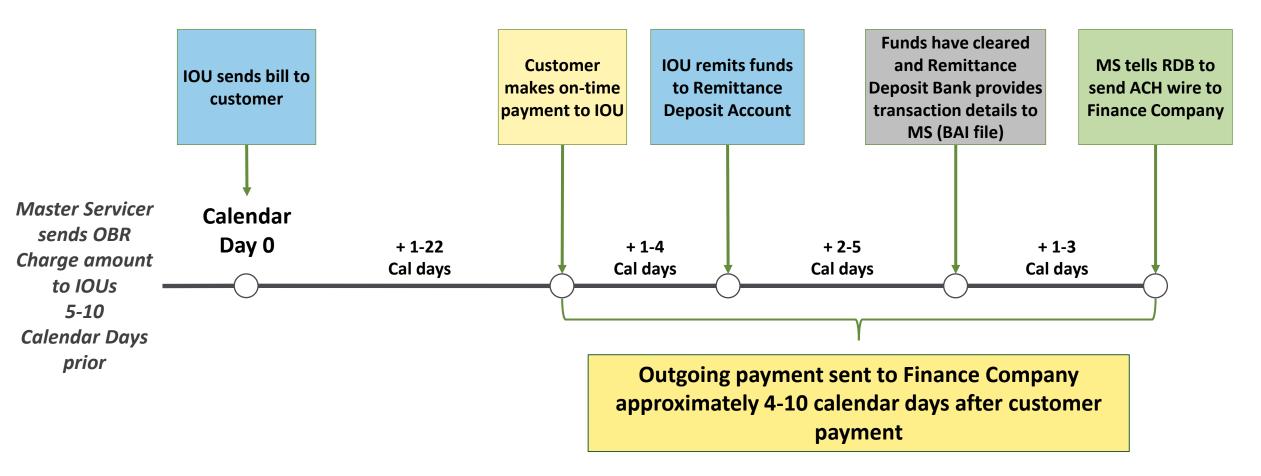
+1-22 Calendar Days



#### **Actions Performed by:**

MS RDB

## On Bill Repayment steps with timeline: second charge and beyond



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## Changes to what appears on the bill - Process

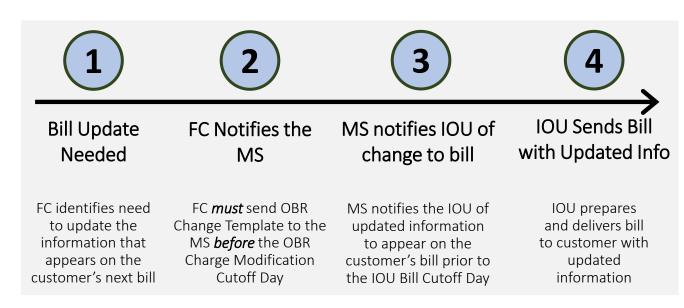
Finance Companies can make updates to OBR information for a Financing Agreement by filling out an **OBR Change Template** and providing it to the MS before the **OBR Charge Modification Cutoff Day** for that Financing Agreement (*reported on field 11 of Account Status Report*)

#### Finance Company can update:

- Next OBR Charge amount
- Finance Company Servicing Name
- Finance Company Servicing Phone Number

#### Finance Company can also:

Remove a financing agreement from OBR



Reminder: Once a charge has been placed on a bill, the charge cannot be removed

## **OBR Change Template**

| 0 0   |   | Monthly Charg  | •   | • •  | Option to Remove<br>Financing Agreement<br>from OBR   |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| Lender Financing ID (optional)  | CHEEF Financing ID<br>(required)  | Next OBR Charge<br>(only if changing)  | Servicing Name<br>(only if changing)  | Servicing Phone Number<br>(only if changing)   | Remove Financing Agreement from OBR?  |
| Please enter the unique<br>number or ID that your<br>Finance Company<br>assigned to each<br>Financing Agreement | ID#. The CHEEF ID# can be found on the Trustee Funding  | that will be<br>communicated to the  | will appear on the customer's bill.   |  |   |
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This template is a simple Excel document. Finance Companies can make changes to multiple financing agreements using a single template, by filling in one row per agreement

The fields labelled "(only if changing)" only need to be populated if those data points are being updated from the information on file

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## **Updating the Servicing Company Contact Information**

Why might a Financing Company want to update the Servicing Company contact information? A Finance Company may have:

- Transferred the servicing role to another entity
- Changed their contact phone number
- Changed how they want their name displayed

The OBR financing charge line item on a customer's SDG&E or SCG utility bill, displays the name and phone number a customer would call with any questions about their financing charges

SCE will store the Servicing Company phone number in case they receive customer service calls. They are not initially able to add this information to their customer's utility bills.

| Please enter the Program-assigned 3-digit identification number for your Finance Company  Finance Company  Please enter the unique number or ID that your found on the Trustee Full Memo that was provided time of enrollment, and or the program of t | n be that will be nding communicated to the | servicing the financing agreement that will appear on the customer's bill. | will appear on the customer's bill.  |
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| OBR Reports  | · ·   | name, not necessarily the CHEEF  | This is the customer service contact number, not necessarily the CHEEF Financing Company of record |
| 200 123456-L10 12260000001   |   | Loan Wolf Servicing FC   | (555) 456-1123   |

## Changing a monthly payment amount

Why might a charge amount be updated?

- Service Agreements or Savings Based Payment Agreements where the monthly fee that the customer pays changes periodically
- Updated payment amount due to interest deferrals or late payment fee

Payments are structured as "set and forget". That means, the Master Servicer will retain your modified payment as the ongoing monthly OBR charge until you send a new, updated charge

| Lender's Program-<br>assigned ID  | Lender Financing ID<br>(optional)                             | CHEEF Financing ID<br>(required) | Next OBR Charge<br>(only if changing)                           | Servicing Name<br>(only if changing)   | Servicing Phone Number<br>(only if changing)  | Remove Financing Agreement from OBR?  |
|---|---|----------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Please enter the<br>Program-assigned 3-<br>digit identification<br>number for your<br>Finance Company | number or ID that your<br>Finance Company<br>assigned to each | ID#. The CHEFF ID# can be        | that will be<br>communicated to the<br>IOU for placement on the | will appear on the customer's bill. This is the customer service contact name, not necessarily the CHEEF | This is the phone number of the entity servicing the Financing Agreement that will appear on the customer's bill.  This is the customer service contact number, not necessarily the CHEEF Financing Company of record | Only populate if you wish to<br>remove a Financing<br>Agreement from On-Bill<br>Repayment |
| 200   | 123456-L10  | 12260000001                      | \$250.00  |  |   |   |
| 200   | 123789-L10  | 12260000002                      | \$375.00  |  |   |   |

Reminder: unpaid charges stay on the customer's account and will continue appearing on the bill. There is no need for the Finance Company to alert the MS to unpaid charges from a prior month

## Pulling a loan back to direct-bill

Why might a Financing Agreement be removed from OBR?

- The finance company may not want the customer to risk being disconnected from utility service for nonpayment of charges
- The customer asks the Finance Company to be removed from OBR and the Finance Company concurs

FCs may initiate this by sending a copy of the Lender OBR Change Template to the MS with the Financing Agreement identifying information filled out, and selecting "Remove from On-Bill" in Column H

Selecting this option will highlight that row red as a warning to the FC user that they have opted to remove that loan from OBR

| Lender's Program-<br>assigned ID  | Lender Financing ID<br>(optional)         | CHEEF Financing ID<br>(required)  | Next OBR Charge<br>(only if changing)                           | Servicing Name<br>(only if changing)   | Servicing Phone Number<br>(only if changing)  | Remove Financing Agreement from OBR?  |
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| 200   | 123456-L10                                | 12260000001   |   |  |   | Remove from On-Bill   |

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### **Operational Reserve Fund**

CAEATFA has identified challenges in the IOU billing and OBR operational mechanisms that could negatively affect the flow of funds from the customer to a Finance Company. These challenges can arise when two types of events occur:

- 1. Delays which affect when an IOU sends a bill to a customer (and therefore delays when a customer pays a bill)
- 2. Returned payments (insufficient funds in customer checking accounts, unsigned checks, etc.) from one or more customers which would potentially affect the remittance stream to Finance Companies other than the Finance Companies with the account(s) which contain the returned item

In these cases, the Operational Reserve Fund will be used to pay Finance Companies

# Further explanation of Returned Payments

IOUs send payments to the Remittance Deposit Bank without waiting for customer funds to clear.

In the event of a returned payment, the Finance Company will have received funds from an initially posted customer payment that ultimately was returned.

The IOUs will hold future remittances back until they are made whole. If an IOU holds back payments, the ORF will be used to make sure other Finance Companies receive their funds.

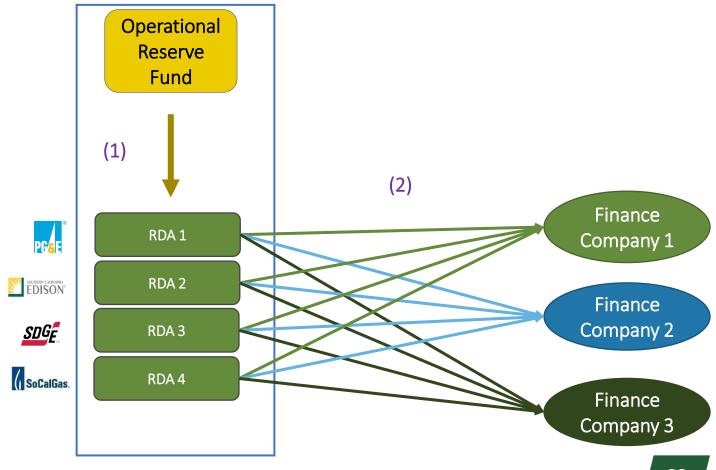
A Finance Company will know that their customer had a returned payment because the Remittance Report will indicate a show a leading negative sign in the **OBR Transaction Amount** field.

| CHEEF          | Lender         |                      |                  | OBR Utility |                     |                 |                |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Financing ID - | Financing ID - |                      | Finance Customer | Name -      | OBR Utility Account | OBR Transaction | BR Transaction |
| L016           | L015           | Program Name - L001  | Name - OBR005    | OBR002      | Number - OBR003     | Amount - OBR032 | Date - OBR029  |
| 12260000093    | 2711156        | GoGreen Business OBR | Bridget Thames   | SCE         | 994584356465        | -250.00         | 5/5/2022       |
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### Receiving payment from the ORF

#### Master Servicer Directs:

- (1) Transfer from ORF to IOU's Remittance Deposit Account (RDA)
- (2) ACH or wire transfer from RDA to Finance Company



### What happens with a Delayed Bill

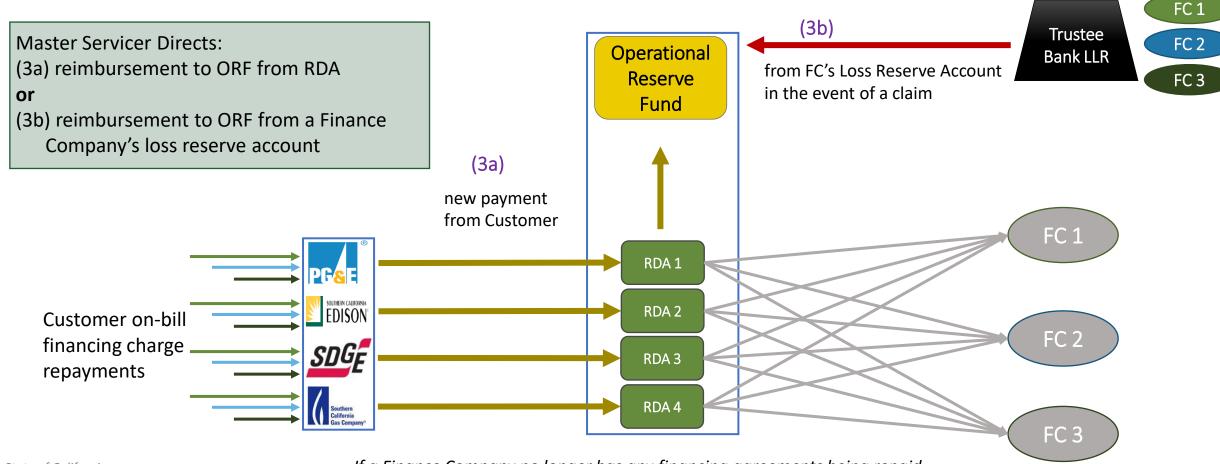
- 1. In the event of a Delayed Bill, the ORF will be used to transfer the current **OBR Next Total Charge** on file to the Finance Company
- 2. Because the customer has not at this time made a payment, the **Customer Last Payment Date** on the Account Status Report would not be updated, showing the date of the previous posted payment. You will still receive a Remittance Report showing the **OBR Transaction Date** (date the ORF funds were transferred), and the **OBR Transaction Amount** (amount transferred)
- 3. When that customer eventually receives their bill, and makes a payment, the ORF will be reimbursed, and the **Customer Last Payment Date** on the Account Status Report will be updated
- 4. If the customer is removed from OBR prior to repayment of the ORF Balance associated with its Delayed Bill, the ORF Balance becomes due from the Finance Company within 90 days of the date the customer was removed from OBR

# Repaying an ORF Balance after a returned payment

Use of the ORF creates an "ORF Balance" that must be repaid through one of three ways:

- The Master Servicer will redirect remittances received from any of the Finance Company's OBR
  Customers to reimburse the ORF for an ORF Balance due from that Finance Company's
  customer's returned payment
- 2. If the Finance Company charges off the finance agreement and files a claim, the ORF balance will be paid from the claim amount prior to any payment to the Finance Company
- 3. If a Finance Company no longer has any financing agreements being repaid through OBR, the Finance Company's outstanding ORF Balance becomes due to the Authority within 30 days.

## Finance Company reimbursement to the ORF



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## Understanding partial payments, past due charges and disconnection

- Each utility has timelines and policies for when:
  - Bills are due
  - Overdue notices get sent for nonpayment
  - Customers may be disconnected from energy service
  - Customer accounts may be closed
- Unpaid OBR charges will remain on the customer's account until paid
- Customers may be disconnected from energy service and their utility accounts may be closed due to non-payment of their OBR finance charges.
- Disconnection is at the utility's ultimate discretion
- Finance Companies may wish to remove customers from OBR prior to utility disconnection, if possible
- Utilities will initiate removal from OBR either immediately after a customer has been disconnected from energy service or after a period of days, depending on the utility

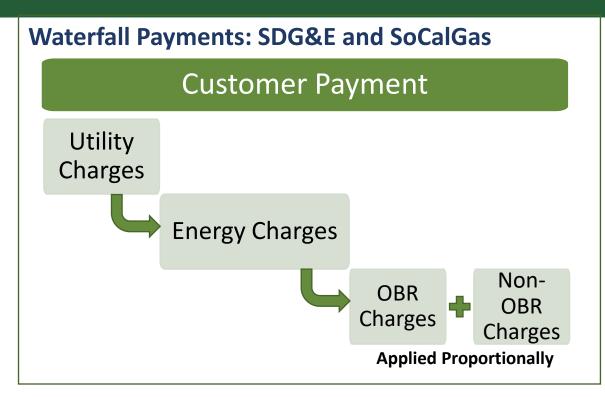
Individual IOU disconnection timelines are shown in the Appendix section

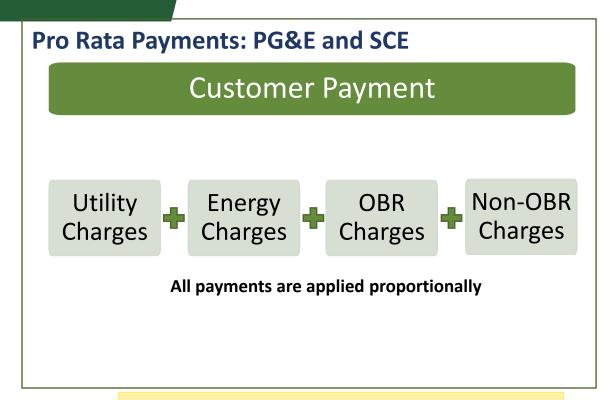
### Partial Payments

Utilities use two different methodologies for how partial payments are applied to outstanding balances: Waterfall and Pari Passu (pro-rata).

In each case, partial payment or non-payment can result in service disconnection and removal from OBR.

## **Application of Partial Payment of Financing Charges (per OBR Tariffs)**





**Utility Charges** Include utility service and credit establishment charges **Energy Charges** include charges based on energy consumption **Non-OBR Charges** include all other services billed by the IOU

Payments are applied to past-due OBR charges prior to current charges under both partial payment structures.

### **Key Events of Delinquency and OBR Removal**

**IOU Bill Day** Payment is Due **Notifications** to Finance

Companies

**IOU Bill** Overdue **Notice Sent to** Customer

Customer **Eligible for** Disconnection

**Account Status** 

Updated: Utility

Disconnection

Notice Date\*

Report

Last

**Customer** is Disconnected of Service

**IOU** triggers removal from OBR

Customer's utility account is Removed from OBR

**Account Status** Report

Status: DIRECT-BILL

**Account Status** Report

Updated: Utility Last Overdue Notice Date

**Account Events** 

Overdue Notice

Sent to Customer

Report

**Event Note:** 

**Account Events** Report

**Event Note:** Warning of Disconnection Sent to

**Account Events** 

Report

Event Note: Utility Disconnection

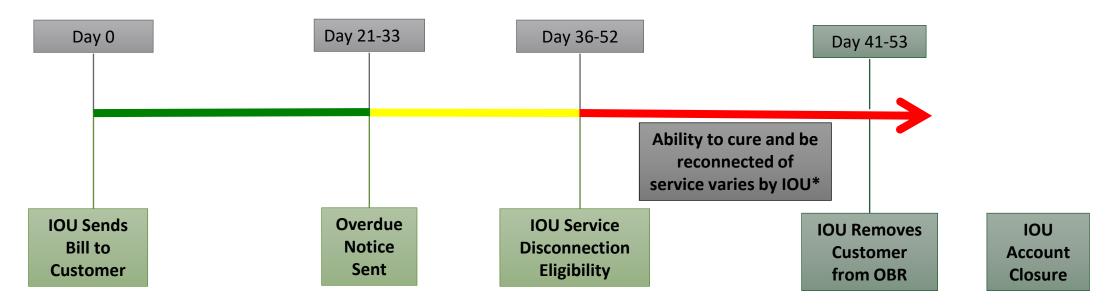
Customer\*

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\*For SCG customers, these notifications signal that the customer has already been disconnected

## IOU OBR Delinquency & Termination Timeline

## IOU delinquency policies vary & fall within the date ranges below



FCs may choose their own delinquency tolerance, stop OBR, and directly bill their customer

<sup>\* 5</sup> days for SDG&E, 10 days for SCG. No cure period for SCE; customer is removed from OBR immediately at service disconnection.

Individual IOU timeline slides in Appendix provide specific dates and details on notifications.

## Interpreting the Account Events Report (AER) - Event Note definitions by IOU

| IOU  | AER – Event Note says "Overdue Notice Sent to Customer"  What it means                      | AER – Event Note says "Warning of Disconnection Sent to Customer"  What it means   |  |
|------|---|--|--|
| SDGE | No payment received by Day 21-33  Varies by customer, based on SDGE internal scoring system | "Projected" disconnection date. Customer is in dunning (disconnection strategy), and may cure by paying past due balance         |  |
| SCE  | No payment by Day 22  | Customer has been disconnected of service and removal from OBR triggered   |  |
| SCG  | No payment received by Day 21   | Customer has been disconnected of service, will remain in "not billed" status for 10 calendar days before being removed from OBR |  |

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### **Disconnection Processes**

| IOU  | Conditions for a bill being considered "Delinquent" and the IOU sending an overdue notice | Disconnection Process  |  |  |  |
|------|---|--|--|--|--|
| SDGE | Customer has a delinquent balance > \$50  | Customer is in dunning (disconnection strategy) for 5 days, this begins between Day 36 and 48 which depends on SDGEs capacity to disconnect the Customer.  Once Customer is in dunning, they have 5 days to pay past due balance before SDGE processes a "Move-Out". |  |  |  |
| SCE  | Customer has a delinquent balance > \$25  | Customer has been disconnected of service <u>and</u> removal from OBR triggered on Day 52.  Customer can pay 90% of past due balance to reconnect service, but Finance Agreement cannot be placed back on the bill.  |  |  |  |
| SCG  | Customer has a delinquent balance. Each account has a Minimum Collection Amount           | Customer is disconnected of service on Day 42.  Customer account is in "Not Billed" status for 10 days, customer may pay past due balance and have service reconnected.  Billing account is closed on Day 52 and Financing Agreement is removed from OBR.            |  |  |  |

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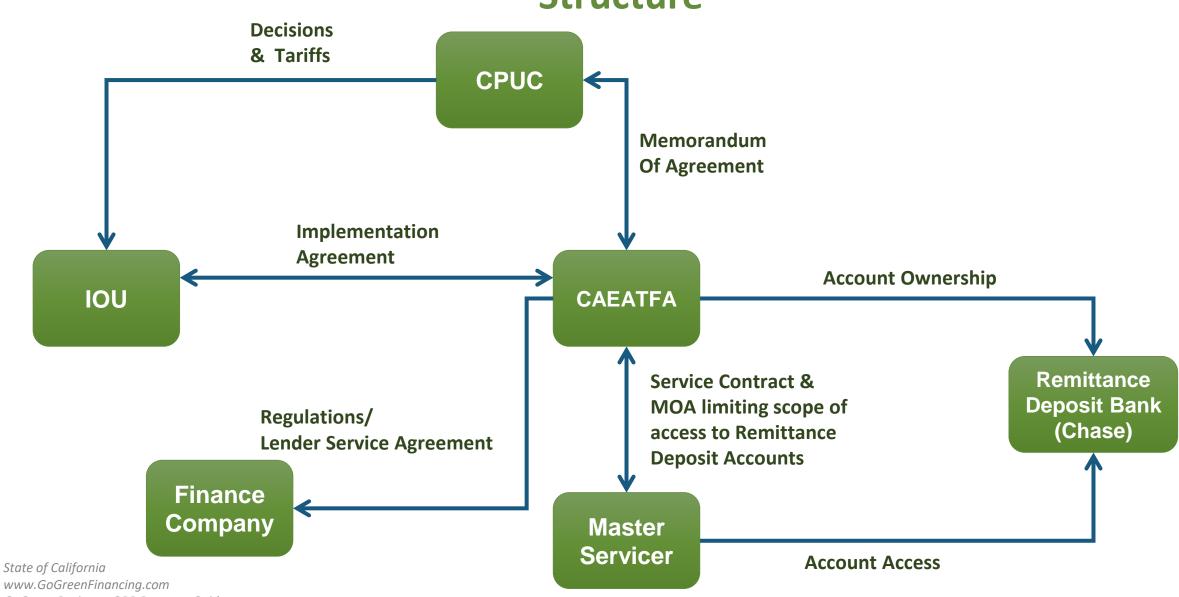
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### **OBR Governance and Agreement Structure**



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# Controls around funds owed to finance companies

Funds received in the Remittance Deposit Accounts (RDAs) are not considered IOU funds nor public funds. They are not the property of the Master Servicer and will not be co-mingled with Master Servicer funds at any time.

#### Account set-up

• CAEATFA owns the accounts at Chase Bank and has granted the Master Servicer limited access, to direct the Bank to send funds to Participating Finance Companies

#### **Fund Management**

- Daily files sent from IOUs to the Master Servicer detail payments received from specific customers and owed to specific finance companies
- Transfer of funds out of RDAs to finance company accounts will be restricted through CAEATFA pre-approved templates, established only for participating Finance Companies
- IOU data files and BAI files from the bank provide an auditable record in the event of a dispute

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### **IOU Tariffs**

#### What is a Tariff?

- A Tariff governs interactions between the IOUs and their customers
- Tariffs are approved by the CPUC
- Each IOU has an OBR Tariff for each fuel they deliver. The OBR Tariffs define the rules governing their billing process and more

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|    | Rule No. 43<br>ON-BILL REPAYMENT   | Sheet 1                |
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|    |  | D                      |
| A. | APPLICABILITY  |                        |
|    | This Rule is applicable to natural gas service to non-residential End-Use Customers, and to residential End-Use Customers, who meet the criteria specified in Section E (CUSTOMER ELIGIBILITY), below, and receive service under SoCalGas Utility gas rate schedule.   | lential<br>D,N<br>D,N  |
|    | On-Bill Repayment (OBR) is designed to facilitate billing for an Eligible Agreement on the Cus Bill to finance Qualified Measures and their installation at the Customer's Premises.   | tomer's D,N<br>D,N     |
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|    | Bill: The Customer's utility bill.   | N                      |
|    | <u>California Hub for Energy Efficiency Financing (CHEFE)</u> : A central enabling entity through we energy users, finance and/or service companies, energy efficiency providers, and Participatin Utilities can participate in a program to help finance the installation of Qualified Measures. CHEFE may act through agents or third-party service providers. | g D,N                  |
|    | <u>Customer</u> : The individual or entity that takes service from SoCalGas.   | D<br>N                 |
|    | Eligible Agreement: An agreement between the Customer and Participating Finance Company satisfies the requirement for participation in OBR pursuant to OBR Rules.  | that D,N               |
|    | <u>Financine Charge(s)</u> : Amounts due to a Participating Finance Company during a repayment per an Eligible Agreement, including any late fees, late payments, or any other fees as calculated Participating Finance Company pursuant to the Eligible Agreement.  |                        |
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- http://regarchive.sdge.com/tm2/pdf/GAS GAS-RULES GRULE 43.pdf

#### **Pacific Gas & Electric**

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#### **Southern California Edison**

 https://library.sce.com/content/dam/scedoclib/public/regulatory/tariff/electric/schedules/otherrates/ELECTRIC SCHEDULES OBR.pdf

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#### **Project example 1: Two IOUs**

Eligible to go on bill: Yes

Why: Project consists of Claim-eligible amount + solar

Which bill: SoCal Edison

Why: Electric measures for project cost more



Gas service:





| Measure                   | Туре    | Fuel     | Cost     | Notes  |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|----------|--|
| Lighting + ceiling repair | ESM     | Electric | \$30,000 | The charges go on the bill for the IOU with the greatest   |
| Furnace                   | ESM     | Gas      | \$12,000 | installation costs related to the fuel type. In this case it is SCE's bill as the cost of electric measures are greater. |
| ESM Total                 |         |          | \$42,000 | ESMs must comprise at least 70% of the claim-eligible amount.  |
| Decumpos manding lat      | Non ECM | N1 / A   | ¢10,000  |  |
| Resurface parking lot     | Non-ESM | N/A      | \$18,000 |  |
| Non-ESM Total             |         |          | \$18,000 | Up to 30% of the claim eligible amount can be for non-<br>ESMs. In this example, \$18,000.                               |
|                           |         |          |          |  |
| Claim-eligible amount     |         |          | \$60,000 | \$42,000 ESM + \$18,000 Non-ESM  |
|                           |         |          |          | T  |
| Solar water heater DG     |         | N/A      | \$5,000  | DG does not receive a credit enhancement   |
| Project Grand Total       |         |          | \$65,000 |  |

#### **Project example 2: IOU & POU, eligible for OBR**

Eligible to go on bill: Yes

Why: Claim-eligible (POU measures are Non-ESMs)

Which bill: PG&E

Why: PG&E is the only IOU providing service



Gas service:





| Measure                                | Туре      | Fuel     | Cost      | Notes  |
|--|-----------|----------|-----------|--|
| Gas ovens                              | ESM       | Gas      | \$70,000  | ESMs must represent at least 70% of the claim-eligible amount.   |
| ESM Total                              | ESM Total |          | \$70,000  | PG&E is providing gas service for these ESMs.  |
| Refrigerated cases Non-ESM             |           | Electric | \$20,000  | Electric measures in a Muni territory such as SMUD may be included in the 30% of non-ESMs which are claimeligible. |
| New flooring                           | Non-ESM   | N/A      | \$10,000  |  |
| Non-ESM Total                          |           |          | \$30,000  | Up to 30% of the credit-enhanced financing can be for non-ESMs. In this example, \$30,000.                         |
| Financing receiving credit enhancement |           |          | \$100,000 | \$70,000 ESM + \$30,000 Non-ESM  |
| Project Grand Total                    |           |          | \$100,000 |  |

#### **Project example 3: IOU & POU, NOT eligible for OBR**

Eligible to go on bill: No

Why: Non-ESM costs exceed 30% of claim-eligible

Which bill: N/A

Why: N/A

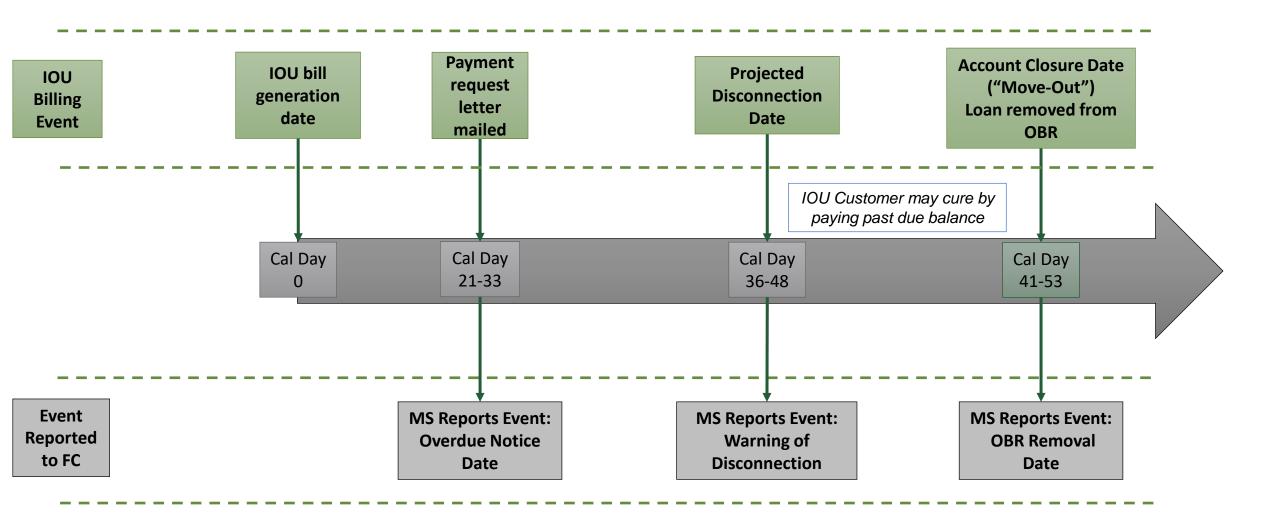




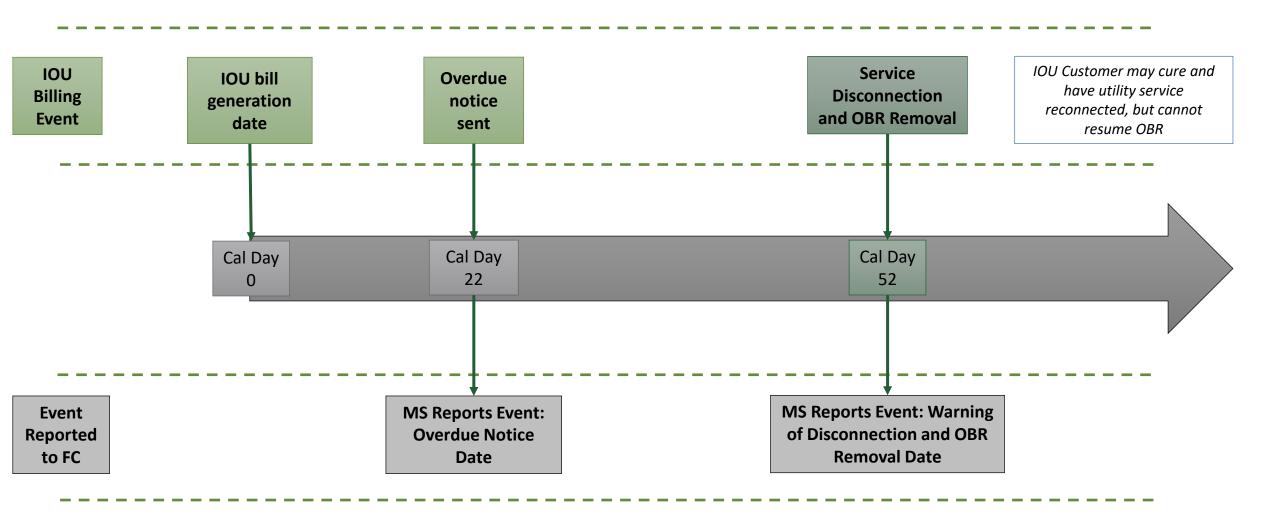


| Measure Type              |         | Fuel              | Cost      | Notes  |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|--|
| HVAC system               | ESM     | Gas &<br>Electric | \$70,000  | This system saves both gas and electricity so counts as a qualifying ESM because PG&E supplies the gas |
| ESM Total                 |         |                   | \$70,000  |  |
| Lighting + ceiling repair | Non-ESM | Electric          | \$50,000  | Electric-only measure in SMUD territory counts as a non-<br>ESM  |
| Non-ESM Total             |         |                   | \$50,000  | This exceeds 30% of the claim-eligible amount  |
| Claim-eligible amount     |         |                   | \$100,000 | \$70,000 ESMs + \$30,000 of the Non-ESMs   |
| Project Grand Total       |         |                   | \$120,000 |  |

### **SDG&E** Delinquency, Disconnection & Account Termination



### **SoCal Edison Delinquency, Disconnection & Account Termination**



### **SCG** Delinquency, Disconnection & Account Termination

