



CITY OF  
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**Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE) Program**

Communities in California are banding together to provide residents with an opportunity to manage their energy needs more effectively through a locally controlled power purchasing arrangement called Community Choice Aggregation. Through this cooperative system, residents may be able to lower their cost of electricity compared to the traditional Southern California Edison (SCE) model and may opt for more environmentally responsible (green) power generation technologies on an individual basis.

The City of Rolling Hills Estates was among the first of a growing number of cities in Los Angeles County to join a Joint Powers Authority known as Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE). This is a public agency not-for-profit consortium consisting of the County of Los Angeles and cities throughout the County that have joined together for the purpose of purchasing electrical power on the wholesale market.

LACCE will purchase power generated through both traditional and renewable resources (wind, solar, bioenergy, geothermal, and hydro) and SCE will deliver that power through existing infrastructure. It is expected that savings will come from more favorable short-term contracts negotiated with power providers, elimination of administrative overhead and the lack of the need to generate a profit for shareholders.

In most cases, customers will see no noticeable change beyond a line item on the utility bill, where LACCE's electricity generation charge will replace SCE's existing charge. SCE will continue to deliver electricity, bill customers, and maintain power lines and related infrastructure. The biggest change will be that customers will be given the choice of having up to 50% to 100% of their electricity come from renewable resources, and in most cases, have a lower monthly bill.

The LACCE program is just getting up and running with an initial roll-out set for 2018 beginning with County and other government facilities before offering the service to the public.

The program is expected to be available to residents and businesses in Rolling Hills Estates by late 2018 or early 2019. Customers will be automatically enrolled in the LACCE program and given a choice of their electricity sources with renewable options.

Beginning 60-days prior to the start of the program, customers will receive several notices alerting them to the start of the program. If customers do nothing, they will automatically be enrolled in the program, but may opt out at any time.

For more information and detailed background information on the LACCE program, please visit <http://green.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/green/lacce>.