

GreenChoice® Rider

Austin Energy's GreenChoice® program provides customers with access to renewable energy generated from within the ERCOT electric grid. Austin Energy customers may voluntarily subscribe to the utility's GreenChoice® program. Energy acquired or produced by Austin Energy cannot be directed to a particular destination on the ERCOT electric grid, including to a participant's premises. For participating customers, Austin Energy allocates and retires Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) from solar assets to match a customer's subscribed usage. GreenChoice charges and billing language depends on the plan type in which a customer is enrolled. Under the GreenChoice® program, subscriber contributions support Austin Energy's purchases of power from renewable sources, which increases renewable power as a share of Austin Energy's overall generation mix. Support for renewable power is consistent with the community value of environmental stewardship.

Application:

This rider applies to the power-supply component of the electric service provided to a customer subscribed to the City of Austin's GreenChoice® program. Subscription is available on a first-come, first-served basis, until the program is fully subscribed. Once fully subscribed, no new customers will be allowed to take service under this rider until additional renewable capacity is obtained, or if existing program capacity becomes available. If the program is open to subscribers, a customer may complete a GreenChoice® enrollment request form on Austin Energy's website. If the program is not open to subscribers, a customer may complete the form to be added to the program's waitlist.

Under the program, a customer's subscription follows the customer's account without regard to the location where the customer takes electric service from Austin Energy. Customers receiving service under the Community Solar Rider cannot combine services with the GreenChoice® Rider.

Program options:

Under the GreenChoice® program, the following options are currently open to new subscribers:

Residential SmartCents - This program is open to residential accounts in good standing. Enrollment applies to 100 percent of energy consumption. Subscribers pay the usual Power Supply Adjustment charges plus an additional GreenChoice® charge of \$0.0075 (3/4 of one penny) per kilowatt-hour (kWh). There is no contract, expiration date, or penalty for unsubscribing. Customers may unsubscribe at any time; however, a customer who unsubscribes may not re-subscribe for GreenChoice® Rider for a period of 12 months.

Commercial BusinessCents - This program is open to commercial accounts in good standing. Enrollment applies to 100 percent of energy consumption. Subscribers pay the usual Power Supply Adjustment charges plus an additional GreenChoice® charge of \$0.0075 (3/4 of one penny) per kilowatt-hour (kWh). There is no contract, expiration date, or penalty for unsubscribing. Customers may unsubscribe at any time; however, a customer who unsubscribes may not re-subscribe for GreenChoice® Rider for a period of 12 months.

Commercial Energizer - This program is open to commercial accounts in good standing. Enrollment applies to 100 percent of energy consumption. Subscribers pay the usual Power Supply Adjustment charges plus an additional GreenChoice® charge of \$0.0075 (3/4 of one penny) per kilowatt-hour (kWh). Subscribers must sign a one-year subscription contract. Subscribers may not unsubscribe from the program at any time prior to the expiration of their contract. Upon contract expiration, subscribers will continue to be enrolled month-to-month until unenrollment is requested and processed, or the account is terminated.

Commercial Patron 23 - This program is open to commercial accounts in good standing. Enrollment applies to 100 percent of account usage. Subscribers pay the usual Power Supply Adjustment charges plus an additional GreenChoice® charge of \$0.005 (1/2 of one penny) per kilowatt-hour (kWh). Subscribers must sign a five-year

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subscription contract. Subscribers may not unsubscribe from the program at any time prior to the expiration of their contract. Upon contract expiration, subscribers will automatically be unenrolled.

Under the GreenChoice® program, the following options are active for existing subscribers but are closed to new subscribers:

Commercial Patron 20 (100 percent usage and block/fixed options)

Terms and Conditions:

To be eligible for the GreenChoice® program, a customer’s account must be in good standing. In addition, under the Energizer and Patron programs renewable energy credits received count towards AE Green Building ratings, LEED certification, EPA Green Power Partner program certification, and the City of Austin’s Green Business Leader certification.

GreenChoice® Charges:

For *Residential SmartCents* and *Commercial Patron* subscribers, the PSA, PSA Administrative Adjustment, and GreenChoice® charges appear as separate line items on utility bills.

For *BusinessCents* and *Energizer* subscribers, the PSA and GreenChoice® charges are combined on the subscriber’s utility bill under the name “GreenChoice [plan type],” and the PSA Administrative Adjustment charge is placed under the name “GreenChoice [plan type] Administrative Adjustment.”

Subscription Type	GreenChoice® Charges (\$/kWh)
Effective Date January 1, 2017	
<i>Residential SmartCents (No Contract)</i>	PSA amount plus \$0.00750
<i>Commercial BusinessCents (No Contract)</i>	PSA amount plus \$0.00750
<i>Commercial Energizer (1-Year Contract)</i>	PSA amount plus \$0.00750
 <i>Commercial Patron 20 (5-Year Contract)</i>	 This program is closed to new customers. Existing customers are billed under the contract terms.
 <i>Commercial Patron 23 (5-Year Contract)</i>	 PSA amount plus \$0.00500