

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
Administrative Policy**

SUBJECT: SANTA BARBARA CLEAN ENERGY COLLECTIONS POLICY			EFFECTIVE DATE: May 25, 2021
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- 1.0 Purpose
To establish a collections and write off policy for the Santa Barbara Clean Energy program.

- 2.0 Organizations affected
City of Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara Clean Energy

- 3.0 References
None

- 4.0 Definitions
 - 4.1 SBCE Charges
The generation line item and other line items attributable to participation in the SBCE program on the SCE bill of SBCE customers.

 - 4.2 Collections
Recovery of amounts past due for SBCE charges owed by SBCE customers to SBCE.

 - 4.3 Collections Agency or "Agency"
A business contracted by City of Santa Barbara, or through California Choice Energy Authority, to pursue Collections.

- 5.0 Policy
 - 5.1 Any customer who has overdue SBCE charges will receive a letter from Santa Barbara Clean Energy after 120 to 150 days informing them of their overdue status and the methods available to pay the overdue SBCE charges.

- 5.2 Any overdue SBCE charges totaling \$20.00 or more which have not been paid by the customer and are no longer being collected by SCE will be provided to the Collections Agency for settlement.
- 5.3 Any overdue SBCE charges totaling \$19.99 or less which have not been paid by the customer and are no longer being collected by SCE will be considered bad debt and written off.
- 5.4 Interest will not be charged on any customer account.
- 5.5 If customer has not paid within 180 days following the initiation of the collections process, Agency will file credit reporting information on the customer with all applicable agencies.
- 5.6 Collections Agency will be authorized to pursue legal action on any customer with an outstanding balance of \$750 or more.
- 5.7 After Customer has paid overdue amounts Collections activity will terminate for that customer.

Approved:

Paul Casey, Executive Director - SBCE

Date