## MVEC Energy Bill Comparison Before and After Onsite Generation

This document illustrates a comparison of power usage for distributed generation that members have installed (most commonly solar) at their properties - before and after the system is activated. For this example, MVEC examined recent onsite generation projects that have been operating for at least one year where the member also had usage from the year previous to the installation.

First, some parameters of what the review included: Of the 14 members who installed distributed generation, the average size of the system was 9.05 kW, with the largest system generating 34.2 kW and the smallest generating 2.8 kW. Only one installation included any battery storage capacity.

The average bill before the distributed generation was \$166.54 per month. Average usage before the installation was 1,528 kWh per month.

For the year following the completion of a distributed generation project, the average bill was \$137.80 and the average was 1,131 kWh. It should be qualified that the member's load may have changed during this time.

The average reduction in the MVEC bill was \$28.71 per month or, approximately 17%, which included credits for excess generation. Usage in kWh dropped an average of 26%. For every kW of installed distributed generation, the electric bill decreased \$3.17. MVEC encourages members to ensure they have a clear understanding of the expected bill reduction in dollars as they review a project with a distributed generation provider.

If you are considering some type of onsite generation, MVEC has several resources to assist in your decision-making process at www.mvec.coop/site-generation.





