



Voluntary Green Pricing Program

Green energy, or renewable energy (sometimes called green power) is electricity produced from sources that replenish themselves naturally, never run out, and are cleaner for the environment, which includes but is not limited to: Wind, Solar (sunlight), Landfill and Agricultural Waste (biomass and biogas), Heat of the earth (geothermal) and Water (some low-impact hydroelectric facilities).

The voluntary green pricing (VGP) program allows customers to support the growth of green energy in the State of Michigan.

The way the program works is:

- Alpena Power Company (APC) purchases Renewable Energy Credits (RECs).
- Each REC purchased is documented proof that 1,000 kilo-watt hours (or 1 mega-watt hour) of green energy has been generated in the State of Michigan.
- APC totals up all of the energy, used by all the customers who **opt into** the program each year, and then purchase that number of RECs to offset usage.
- Green energy then goes directly onto the power grid in the exact amount purchased by APC customers.

If you make the decision to lower your carbon footprint and buy green energy you can subscribe to the option that works best for you.

- **Option 1** – Purchase a percentage of your monthly kilowatt-hour (kWh) usage. We offer 25%, 50% and 100%
- **Option 2** – Purchase blocks (one block equals 100 kWh of energy usage) on a monthly basis.

In addition to your normal monthly bill, you will be charged the small incremental cost to match your energy use with renewable energy credits at the cost of \$0.0078 for each kWh of electric energy you use. Each block is 100 kWh, therefore; one block = \$0.78 per month

- 100% would be monthly kWh usage X \$0.0078 (1,000 kWh X \$0.0078 = \$7.80)
- 50% would be monthly kWh usage X \$0.0078 X .50 (1,000 kWh X \$0.0078 X 50% = \$3.90)
- 25% would be monthly kWh X .0078 X .25 (1,000 kWh X \$0.0078 X 25% = \$1.95)

There will be an itemized line item on each monthly bill for the additional green pricing program cost.

Customers who **opt into** the program are required to enroll for a 12-month period. Once opted in, you shall **not be permitted to leave the program or change your initial level of participation** in the program (unless moving from APC service territory) until your 12-months have expired. If you move within APC service territory, the program travels with you. If you move out of the APC territory, you will automatically be removed from the program.

The program is open to any residential, commercial, or industrial customer who meets the eligibility requirements. Contact our office at (989) 358-4900 to get more information or sign an agreement. APC and all Michigan electric utilities are required to file semi-annual renewable energy reports with the Michigan Public Service Commission. Those reports can be accessed through the Commission's website.



**ALPENA POWER COMPANY
VOLUNTARY GREEN PRICING PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Customer Name: _____

Customer's Billing Address: _____

Customer's Billing Account Number: _____ Customer's Current Rate Category: _____

VOLUNTARY GREEN PROGRAM PRICING OPTION SELECTION: (Select Pricing Option desired below)

OPTION No. 1 – Percentage of monthly kilowatt-hour (kWh) usage: _____25% _____50% _____100%

Option No. 2 – Purchase blocks (one block equals 100 kWh of energy usage): _____(Number of blocks)

Customer Signature: _____ Date: _____

CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

With my signature above, I acknowledge that I have read the program rules listed below and understand that once enrolled, I must remain in Alpena's Voluntary Green Pricing Program for a minimum of 12 months and that I must comply with all other applicable provisions of the program.

Program Rules

Available to any residential, commercial or industrial customer that wants to participate in a program that incorporates energy produced from renewable energy sources into their monthly usage.

The company makes no representations as to the specific composition of the renewable energy that will be produced for the Renewable Energy Certificates (REC's) that the company will purchase to satisfy the renewable energy demand for this program.

Any full-service residential, commercial or industrial customer of the company is eligible to take service under this tariff subject to the on-going, full satisfaction of all payments due to the company under any of the company's other tariffs. Customers that are not eligible for the program include anyone who has received a shut-off notice within the 12-month period prior to the customer's request for participation in this program or any current customer of the program who has received a shut-off notice under any other company tariff while enrolled in this program. Current customers in the program that become ineligible for the program while enrolled in it due to the receipt of a shut-off notice, will be de-enrolled for a minimum of 12 months and will continue to be billed only under the standard tariff that they were receiving service under while they were participating in this program.

Customers opting to take service under this program must request to participate in it and will be enrolled in the program on a first come, first serve basis for a minimum 12-month subscription period. Once the customer opts into the program, they shall not be permitted to leave the program (unless they move from the company's service territory or become ineligible for it) or change their initial level of participation in the program, until their 12-month subscription period has elapsed.

Customers that opt to purchase at least 50% of their total monthly energy usage under either pricing option are not required to pay the state mandated monthly Renewable Energy Surcharge assessed on their monthly bill under their normal billing tariff per the requirements of Section 61(a) of MCL 460.1061 of Public Act 342 of 2016. Customers that opt into the program at a percentage of participation less than 50% will continue to be responsible for paying the state mandated monthly Renewable Energy Surcharge assessed on their monthly bill.

Customers that move out of the company's service territory are no longer eligible for the program. Customers that have reached the end of their initial or current 12-month subscription term and decides to opt out of the program are required to provide the company with a minimum of 60 days written notice of their intent to opt out of the program. Customers that have received a shut-off notice for failure to meet the payment terms of this program while taking service under the program will be terminated from this program.