



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING

SCE's General Rate Case Application 23-12-011 – Catalina Island Gas Utility

The purpose of this Public Participation Hearing (PPH) is to provide an opportunity for you to communicate directly with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) about how the Southern California Edison (SCE) General Rate Case proposal for its Catalina Island (“Catalina”) Natural Gas Utility would impact you. At the PPH, parties to the proceeding and SCE representatives will explain the funding proposal included in SCE’s GRC Application (A)23.12-011 and the rate impacts it would have on customers. We invite you to attend and share your perspective, as well as any concerns you may have with SCE’s GRC proposal for Catalina. There will also be representatives available to address any service concerns you may have.

Background: SCE's GRC Application for Catalina Island

A General Rate Case, or GRC, is an application filed by a utility in which it presents forecasted costs, infrastructure projects, and requests approval of the utility’s revenue requirements and rate design. SCE’s most recent GRC for Catalina Gas was filed in 2008. SCE’s current GRC application, A.23-12-011, seeks approval of SCE’s presented costs and infrastructure projects, and requests approval of the utility’s revenue requirements and rate design for 2025 to 2028. In the SCE gas GRC application for Catalina, SCE seeks authorization for a revenue requirement of \$2.062 million in 2025, \$2.309 million in 2026, \$2.357 million in 2027, and \$2.402 million in 2028. SCE also requests cost recovery of the \$2.4 million of recorded direct capital additions made from 2010 to 2022, which were not included in SCE’s 2008 Catalina gas GRC.

SCE’s GRC A.23-12-011 proposes a modified rate design through which to recover revenues. SCE’s rate design would modify the baseline structure, adjust the meter charges, and change the volumetric rates applicable to residential and commercial customers. Additionally, SCE proposes to incrementally electrify Catalina’s energy infrastructure but does not seek cost recovery of the electrification costs in A.23-12-011.

Since the adoption of SCE’s last (2008) gas GRC for Catalina, SCE has experienced increased operational and maintenance (O&M) costs and has implemented several capital projects necessary for providing safe and reliable gas service in Catalina. Many of SCE’s increased costs since 2009 are associated with the compliance of new safety and regulatory measures California adopted after the September 2010 San Bruno gas pipeline explosion. The increased revenues SCE seeks to collect via A.23-12-011 are intended to recover these increased costs and enable SCE to continue providing safe, reliable, and affordable gas service to Catalina.

The CPUC will take an in-depth look at SCE’s A.23-11-012 request to ensure that the revenue requirement, rates, and policies adopted are just and reasonable. The CPUC expects to issue a proposed decision addressing SCE’s GRC A.23-12-011 application in the 1st quarter of 2025.

How Will SCE's GRC for Catalina Island Impact You?

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Table II-5
Average Monthly Bill Impact
Class average consumption is 13 therms/month for G-1, 253 therms/month for G-2

	G-1		G-1-CARE		G-2	
	Average \$ / Month	Year over Year % Impact	Average \$ / Month	% Impact vs. Previous Year	Average \$ / Month	% Impact vs. Previous Year
Current	\$66.69		\$47.61		\$1,501.14	
2025	\$71.20	7%	\$42.59	-11%	\$1,612.40	7%
2026	\$75.52	6%	\$45.24	6%	\$1,709.59	6%
2027	\$76.29	1%	\$45.74	1%	\$1,669.25	-2%
2028	\$77.02	1%	\$46.22	1%	\$1,633.18	-2%

The typical monthly bill for non-CARE residential customers (Column G-1) will increase by \$4.51 in 2025, \$4.32 in 2026, \$0.77 in 2027, and \$0.73 in 2028.

The typical monthly bill for CARE residential customers (Column G-1-CARE) will first decrease by \$5.02 in 2025, then increase by \$2.65 in 2026, \$0.50 in 2027, and \$0.48 in 2028.

The typical monthly bill for commercial customers (Column G-2) will increase by \$111.26 in 2025 and \$97.19 in 2026; it will decrease by \$40.34 in 2027 and \$36.07 in 2028.

SCE’s proposed capital projects include six gas system projects, three gas infrastructure replacement programs related to its liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) tanks, and the replacement of meters, regulators, valves, pipeline segments and other facilities. A permanent catwalk must also be installed around the LPG tanks.

SCE believes Catalina gas service can be cost-effectively electrified over a managed transition period of approximately 20 years. As such, SCE’s GRC A.23-12-011 proposes Phase 1 of its electrification plan which includes requests to create a memorandum account to record electrification costs, implement an Advice Letter review and approval process to electrify its system and remove natural gas infrastructure when it is cost-effective to do so, and revise gas tariffs to prohibit new gas service connections, changes, or upgrades. SCE is not proposing to recover any of the costs associated with Phase 1 in this Application.

Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates), an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC, filed a protest to SCE’s application. Cal Advocates provides recommendations on behalf of ratepayers statewide. In this proceeding Cal Advocates represents the interests of SCE’s customers. Its website is: www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov. A protest was also filed by Wildtree Foundation, questioning the need for SCE’s electrification plan.

How Can Your Voice Be Heard?

The CPUC’s Public Advisor’s Office (www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao) provides information to help the public participate in proceedings. Specifically:

- Customers can remotely attend (by phone or computer) and speak from their homes by phone at the upcoming Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) that the CPUC will hold on May 29, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. These hearings will be transcribed by a court reporter and placed into the formal record for this proceeding. During the hearing, you can make comments and raise concerns to the CPUC’s



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Administrative Law Judge overseeing this application. A list of dates, times, and how to participate is at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph.

- Customers can also submit electronic public comments specific to this proceeding and review all other public comments submitted by using the “Add Public Comment” button on the Public Comment tab of the docket card for A.23-11-012 at: [A2312011 - Proceeding](#)
- To view SCE’s GRC Application A.23-12-011 and all formal filings, including the proposed decision when it is issued, go to [A2312011 - Proceeding](#) and select the “Documents” tab at the top of the page.
- In addition, customers can provide input via a letter to the CPUC’s Public Advisor with the proceeding number, A.23-12-011, to: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or CPUC, Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102.
- The Public Advisor’s Office may be reached by phone at 866-849-8390.
- Customers can access the CPUC’s home page for further information on consumer programs and services and to explore information on key issues and topics of interest to the public at www.cpuc.ca.gov.