

NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND CATASTROPHIC EVENTS INTERIM RATES (A. 20-02-003)

Summary

On February 7, 2020, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed its Wildfire Mitigation and Catastrophic Events Interim Rates application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

PG&E is requesting \$899 million in this application. If the CPUC approves the proposal, PG&E will increase electric rates over a 17-month period beginning in August 2020.

The application includes costs related to:

- Mitigating wildfire risk, including enhanced vegetation management;
- Upgrading the electric system to be more resilient;
- Responding to catastrophic events, including wildfires and storms;
- Safely restoring utility services to customers after catastrophic events, including repairing, replacing or restoring damaged utility facilities; and
- Complying with governmental agency orders for emergencies declared to be disasters by the state of California or federal authorities.

Costs related to the above total approximately \$1.67 billion mainly over a period of 2017 through 2019. The current application proposes to recover a portion of the total costs in advance of the formal application(s) that will be filed later this year.

Background

Wildfire risk mitigation costs included in this application comply with the Wildfire Mitigation Plan approved by the CPUC in May 2019 and the Fire Safety decision approved by the CPUC in December 2017.

How will the application affect electric rates?

Most customers receive bundled electric service from PG&E, meaning they receive electric generation, transmission and distribution services.

Based on rates currently in effect, the bill for a typical residential nonCARE customer using 500 kWh per month would increase from \$124.41 to \$130.11 or 4.6%.

A summary of the proposed rate increase for these customers is also provided below.



PROPOSED ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE

| Customer Class | Current Average (¢/kWh) As of 1/1/20 | Proposed Average (¢/kWh) As of 8/1/20 | Total Change (¢/kWh) | Total Percentage Change |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Bundled Service | | | | |
| Residential | 22.65 | 23.69 | 1.04 | 4.6% |
| Small Commercial | 25.93 | 27.04 | 1.11 | 4.3% |
| Medium Commercial | 23.12 | 23.82 | 0.70 | 3.0% |
| Large Commercial | 20.33 | 20.88 | 0.55 | 2.7% |
| Streetlight | 26.63 | 27.23 | 0.61 | 2.3% |
| Standby | 16.66 | 16.98 | 0.32 | 1.9% |
| Agriculture | 22.02 | 22.91 | 0.89 | 4.0% |
| Industrial | 16.25 | 16.51 | 0.26 | 1.6% |
| Average System Rate Change | 21.55 | 22.35 | 0.80 | 3.7% |

Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation customers only receive electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E. On average, these customers would see an increase of 5.8%.

Another category of nonbundled customers is Departing Load. These customers do not receive electric generation, transmission or distribution services from PG&E. However, these customers are required to pay certain charges by law or CPUC decision. The impact of PG&E's application on these customers is an average increase of 1.9%.

Actual impacts will vary depending on usage.

How do I find out more about PG&E's proposals?

If you have questions about PG&E's filing, please contact PG&E at **1-800-743-5000**. For TTY, call **1-800-652-4712**. If you would like a copy of PG&E's filing and exhibits, please write to PG&E at the address below:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Wildfire Mitigation and Catastrophic Events
Interim Rates Application (A. 20-02-003)
P.O. Box 7442
San Francisco, CA 94120

A copy of PG&E's filing and exhibits is also available for review at the CPUC's Central Files office by appointment only. For more information, contact aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or **1-415-703-2045**. PG&E's application (without exhibits) is available on the CPUC's website at www.cpuc.ca.gov.

CPUC process

This application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related information necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary hearings (EHs) may be held where parties will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are formal parties in the case can participate.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the hearings, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt PG&E's proposal, modify it or deny it. Any of the five CPUC Commissioners may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted on at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting that is open to the public.

The California Public Advocates Office (CalPA) may review this application. CalPA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. CalPA has a multidisciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about CalPA, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov or visit CalPA's website at www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

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You may also contact the PAO as follows:

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San Francisco, CA 94102

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Please reference **Wildfire Mitigation and Catastrophic Events Interim Rates Application (A. 20-02-003)** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review by the assigned Judge, Commissioners and appropriate CPUC staff.