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NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR ITS WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND CATASTROPHIC EVENTS (WMCE) APPLICATION (A.20-09-019)

## Why am I receiving this notice?

On September 30, 2020, PG&E filed its WMCE Application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The application requests recovery of \$1.3 billion for work performed mainly during the years 2017-2019 related to wildfire mitigation, responding to certain catastrophic events and a number of other activities.

Previously on February 7, 2020, PG&E filed an application (A.20-02-002) requesting authorization to recover, on an interim basis, \$891 million of the costs reflected in the WMCE Application. The CPUC has not yet acted upon this interim rate relief request. The WMCE application seeks an additional \$400 million that was not sought in the interim rate relief application.

If the interim rate relief request is fully approved by the CPUC, PG&E proposes to recover the remaining revenue over a one-year period. If the interim rate relief is not approved, PG&E proposes to recover the remaining revenue over a two-year period.

## Why is PG&E requesting this rate increase?

In accordance with PG&E's Wildfire Mitigation Plan and other fire safety rulemakings, PG&E is enhancing and expanding efforts to reduce wildfire risk. PG&E's wildfire mitigation work is part of a multiyear strategy focused on reducing the potential for fires to be started by electrical equipment and reducing the potential for fires to spread.

# How could this affect my monthly electric rates?

Most customers receive bundled electric service from PG&E, meaning they receive electric generation, transmission and distribution services. A summary of the proposed rate increase for these customers is provided below.



#### PROPOSED ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE

Customer Class	Current Average (¢/kWh) as of 8/1/2020	Proposed Average (¢/kWh) as of 1/1/2022	Total Change (¢/kWh)	Total Percentage Change
Bundled Service				
Residential	22.91	23.96	1.05	4.6%
Small Commercial	26.62	27.67	1.05	4.0%
Medium Commercial	23.72	24.48	0.75	3.2%
Large Commercial	20.69	21.28	0.59	2.8%
Streetlight	30.46	31.06	0.60	2.0%
Standby	18.48	18.96	0.48	2.6%
Agriculture	25.11	26.44	1.33	5.3%
Industrial	16.66	16.98	0.32	1.9%
Average System Rate Change	22.17	23.04	0.87	3.9%

Based on rates currently in effect, the bill for a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month would increase from \$127.40 to \$133.22, or 4.6%.

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 5.7%.

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. On average, these customers would see an increase of 2.4%.

Actual impacts will vary depending on usage and are subject to CPUC regulatory approval.

#### How will the application affect gas rates?

If PG&E's rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average monthly bill for a typical residential customer averaging 32 therms per month would increase from \$53.81 to \$53.91, or 0.2%.

Actual impacts will vary depending on usage and are subject to CPUC regulatory approval.

#### How does the rest of this process work?

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt PG&E's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding are currently reviewing PG&E's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on PG&E's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

## Where can I get more information?

#### **CONTACT PG&E**

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 the filing and exhibits, please write to the address below:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company Wildfire Mitigation and Catastrophic Events Application (A.20-09-019) P.O. Box 7442 San Francisco, CA 94120

#### CONTACT CPUC

Please visit cpuc.ca.gov/A2009019Comment to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

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Call: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074

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Please reference Wildfire Mitigation and Catastrophic Events Application A.20-09-019 in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.