



# **CPUC Fact Sheet**

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING

Southern California Edison (SCE)
General Rate Case Application (A.19-08-013)
June/July 2020

### What is this Rate Application About?

Every four years the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requires Southern California Edison (SCE) to file a General Rate Case (GRC) application. This application allows the CPUC to take a broad, in-depth look at SCE's income and expenses and consider quality of service and other factors, and then decide whether to raise or lower SCE's rates, and whether to require other changes in SCE's operations.<sup>1</sup>

In this application, SCE is requesting that the CPUC approve a rate increase. The following information is taken directly from SCE's application and is a brief summary of what SCE is asking the CPUC to approve. The CPUC will receive comments from the public and hold Evidentiary Hearings prior to making its decision.

### What Would SCE's Requested Rate Increase Mean to You?

Under SCE's proposal, the monthly bill for a typical residential customer and a typical lower-income residential customer enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program would approximately **increase** in 2021 as shown in the following table:

2021 Monthly Residential Bill Impact <sup>2</sup>				
Customer	Current Bill <sup>3</sup>	Proposed Increase	Proposed Bill	% Increase
Non-CARE Residential Customer	\$ 110.79	\$ 12.71	\$ 123.50	11.5%
CARE Residential Customer	\$ 74.82	\$ 8.57	\$ 83.39	11.5%

The monthly bill for a typical non-CARE residential customer would increase by an additional \$5 in 2022 and by an additional \$6 in 2023. The monthly bill for a typical CARE residential customer would increase by an additional \$4 in 2022 and by an additional \$4 in 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In Decision (D.) 20-01-002, the CPUC changed the GRC plan for energy utilities from a three to a four year cycle. The CPUC will specify when and how SCE should amend this application to costs and rates for 2024. This Fact Sheet contains information through 2023 from SCE's existing application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bill impacts for a typical non-CARE residential customer and a typical residential CARE customer are based on a monthly average usage of 550 kWh.

The rates in this table are associated with SCE's June 12, 2020 update.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Current bill based on residential average rates in effect July 2019.

# How Much in Additional Costs is SCE Requesting to be Included in Your Rates in 2021-2023 Above the Current Level?

For 2021: \$1.2 billion in additional costs (18.1% increase over 2019 costs)

For 2022: \$486 million in additional costs (6.5% increase over requested 2021 costs)

For 2023: \$503 million in additional costs (6.3% increase over requested 2022 costs)

#### What Type of Additional Costs Does SCE Say it Needs to Recover?

SCE is requesting to recover additional Operation and Maintenance (O&M) costs as well as costs for proposed new capital investments to replace and upgrade its electric facilities and for wildfire risk mitigation activities to allow its electric system to better withstand fire dangers. SCE's application requests:

#### Increases to O&M Costs:

- \$808 million for liability insurance, employee benefits, information systems, and customer service systems.
- \$212 million for vegetation management, enhanced overhead safety inspections, and electricity system operations.

# Proposed New Capital Investments:

- \$107 million for replacements and upgrades to its generating, distribution, and transmission equipment.
- \$820 million specifically for Wildfire Risk Mitigation investments.

## How Can I Have My Voice Heard?

- Speak at an upcoming CPUC public forum (formally called a Public Participation Hearing) in your community. A list of dates, times, and locations is at: <a href="https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph">www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph</a>
- Submit comments electronically to the CPUC using the "Add Public Comment" button on the "Public Comment" tab of the Docket Card for A.19-08-013. You can also review other public comments related to this rate request: <a href="https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/SCE2021GRCPublicComments">www.cpuc.ca.gov/SCE2021GRCPublicComments</a>
- Mail a letter to the CPUC's Public Advisor, and include the proceeding number A.19-08-013, to: <u>public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov</u> or CPUC, Public Advisor's Office, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102.

# Further Information on the Proceeding:

- View SCE's GRC application at: <a href="http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=ALL&DocID=319752951">http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=ALL&DocID=319752951</a> and related materials at: <a href="http://www3.sce.com/law/cpucproceedings.nsf/frmMainPage?ReadForm">http://www3.sce.com/law/cpucproceedings.nsf/frmMainPage?ReadForm</a>. Contact SCE via email at: <a href="mainst-scenarios/sc
- The CPUC's Public Advisor's Office provides information to help the public get involved in proceedings at: <a href="http://subscribe-public-
- The Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that will review, audit, and submit formal testimony on SCE's application. Its website is: <a href="www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov">www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov</a>.
- The CPUC's Energy Division provides information on the regulatory process for energy utilities: <a href="https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/energy">https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/energy</a>.
- The CPUC's Safety and Enforcement Division works to ensure that regulated services are delivered in a safe and reliable manner by conduction audits, investigations, and identifying violations of CPUC safety codes: www.cpuc.ca.gov/safety.
- The CPUC's Safety Policy Division advises on matters of utility safety policies. Its advice enhances safety policymaking: <a href="www.cpuc.ca.gov/spd">www.cpuc.ca.gov/spd</a>.
- Read about the CPUC's ongoing efforts to help reduce the likelihood of utility involvement in wildfires and to help protect customers at: <a href="https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/wildfiresinfo/">www.cpuc.ca.gov/wildfiresinfo/</a>.