

I'm Patti Poppe, CEO of PG&E. And I want to share a postcard from the future. Imagine an energy system for California that's resilient to the climate challenges we face, one that our customers can rely on 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Imagine a system that harnesses a bounty of clean energy resources to not only reach net zero emissions, but to begin healing the planet. Imagine a system that's always safe, delivering energy that's always affordable.

At PG&E, we are drafting this postcard right now, and we want to work with the best and brightest minds to make it come to life. That's why we created our 2023 research and development strategy. Our new report outlines nearly 70 of the highest priority challenges we face in building California's energy future.

For example, in the next 20 years, we expect our electric load to grow by 70%, much of that from new electric vehicles. That's astounding growth, particularly after years of relatively flat demand. Growth on this scale will touch every corner of our system and requires a reimagining of the grid. We need to make the smartest investments in the right way at the lowest cost for customers.

To do this, we need solutions and ideas from all sources and players, near and far, large and small. We need breakthrough thinking, collaboration, and swift execution. We need you, the thinkers, dreamers, and doers. And we invite you to join us on this innovation journey. Join us in service to people, the planet, and California's prosperity. The future is ours to imagine and build, and I can't wait to see what we'll create together.

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