

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S 2017 GENERAL RATE CASE PHASE II APPLICATION (A.16-06-013)**

### **Background**

On June 30, 2016, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed its phase II application in the 2017 General Rate Case with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). In this application, PG&E is requesting approval from the CPUC to assign previously approved revenues (Phase I) and design electric rates across different customer classes. This proposal will more accurately align rates with the costs of providing electric service to customers, as well as simplify rates to make them easier to understand.

### **Will rates increase as a result of this application?**

Approval of this application will result in a decrease in rates for some customers and an increase in rates for others. PG&E's GRC Phase II application proposes an increase of \$0.5 million in annual revenues for costs incurred and recorded for real-time rate designs, which were proposed in prior rate design proceedings. As directed by the CPUC's Energy Division, PG&E is requesting to recover these recorded costs in the 2017 GRC Phase II rate design proceeding. Although this application is requesting an increase, the primary purpose is to assign authorized revenues to its customers, and adjust rate design. The actual rate increases or decreases will depend on the CPUC's final decision in this application and will go into effect as early as mid-2017.

### **How will PG&E's application affect me?**

Most of PG&E's customers are bundled customers which receive electricity (generation), transmission and distribution services from PG&E. The projected electric rate changes for bundled customers by customer group are illustrated in the table inside.



## PROJECTED CHANGES IN REVENUE BY CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

Customer Class	Dollar Change	Total Percentage Change
<b>Bundled Service</b>		
Residential—Non-CARE	\$3,071	0.1%
Residential—CARE	-\$13,759	-1.5%
Small Commercial	\$409	0.0%
Medium Commercial	\$2,721	0.2%
Large Commercial	\$3,321	0.2%
Streetlights	-\$107	-0.2%
Standby	-\$640	-0.9%
Agriculture	\$5,099	0.4%
Industrial	\$3,652	0.3%
<b>Total Bundled Change</b>	<b>\$3,767</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

PG&E estimates the requested changes in electric revenues would be distributed as shown in the table below.



## PROPOSED ELECTRIC RATE CHANGES

Customer Class	Present Average Rate (¢/kWh)	Proposed Average Rate (¢/kWh)	Average Rate Change (¢/kWh)	Percentage Change
<b>Bundled Service</b>				
Residential—Non-CARE	21.925	21.941	0.016	0.1%
Residential—CARE	12.749	12.555	-0.194	-1.5%
Small Commercial	22.386	22.392	0.006	0.0%
Medium Commercial	19.662	19.711	0.049	0.2%
Large Commercial	16.798	16.826	0.028	0.2%
Streetlights	21.771	21.737	-0.034	-0.2%
Standby	16.348	16.203	-0.145	-0.9%
Agriculture	17.357	17.429	0.072	0.4%
Industrial	13.369	13.404	0.035	0.3%
<b>Total Bundled Rate Change</b>	<b>18.268</b>	<b>18.273</b>	<b>0.005</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

If approved, PG&E's request would change electric rates effective as early as mid-2017 for customers who receive electric generation and distribution services from PG&E. For a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month the rate would increase from \$96.98 to \$97.05 or 0.1 percent. Individual customer bills may vary.

## How will PG&E's application affect non-bundled customers?

Direct Access (DA) and Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) customers purchase electricity from another provider and receive electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E. The net impact of PG&E's application on DA and CCA customers is -\$3.5 million, or an average decrease of 0.3 percent.

Departing Load (DL) customers do not receive electric generation, transmission or distribution services from PG&E. However, they are required to pay certain charges as required by law or CPUC decision. The net impact on DL customers is \$0.2 million, or an average increase of 0.6 percent.

## 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 TDD/TTY (speech-hearing impaired), 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:

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A copy of PG&E's filing and exhibits are also available for review at the CPUC's Central Files Office by appointment only. For more information, contact [aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto: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/pao](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao).

## CPUC process

This application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary hearings may be held where parties will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These evidentiary hearings 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 upon at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

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The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) may review this application. ORA 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. ORA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about ORA, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email [ora@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:ora@cpuc.ca.gov) or visit ORA's website at [www.ora.ca.gov](http://www.ora.ca.gov).

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