

## **NOTIFICATION OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S APPLICATION REQUESTING TO INCREASE RATES FOR TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION INITIATIVES**

### **Background**

On January 20, 2017, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed a request with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for approval to expand the Transportation Electrification (TE) initiatives currently offered by PG&E. This request was made after the CPUC issued a ruling directing PG&E to file a TE application as mandated by Senate Bill 350: Clean Energy & Pollution Reduction Act (SB 350), which established California's new clean energy, clean air and greenhouse gas reduction goals for 2030 and beyond. SB 350 orders the CPUC, along with the help of the California Air Resources Board and the California Energy Commission to direct utilities to file applications for programs and investments to accelerate widespread transportation electrification. If approved, these TE projects and programs will help achieve the goals outlined in SB 350 as well as Charge Ahead California to reduce dependence on petroleum, meet air quality standards, and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

### **Summary**

PG&E's application proposes an expansion of the current PG&E TE portfolio and promotes accelerated adoption of electric vehicles across all sectors. In support of the goals established in SB 350, PG&E is proposing programs to promote electricity as a cleaner transportation fuel. The transportation sector has potential to help California achieve clean energy and air quality goals. If approved, the proposals in the application would encourage customers in all transportation sectors to choose electricity as a viable fuel source.

The proposed programs aim to address barriers to widespread TE and help determine how utilities can reduce these barriers through future projects and investments. PG&E is requesting a total of approximately \$253 million. The cost to ratepayers over the first five years will be \$15.1 million in 2018, \$17.6 million in 2019, \$18.5 million in 2020, \$25.3 million in 2021, and \$33.7 million in 2022. The cost of the infrastructure to support TE expansion will continue to impact rates beyond 2022 and PG&E expects this impact to gradually decline over time.

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

If approved, this application would increase rates in order to continue supporting California's global leadership efforts related to air quality and climate change.

Most customers receive bundled electric service from PG&E, meaning they receive electric generation, transmission and distribution services. In 2022, the year of the largest annual increase, the bill for a typical residential Non-CARE customer using 500 kWh per month would increase from \$99.13 to \$99.41 or 0.3%.

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

Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation customers only receive electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E. In 2022, the year of the largest annual increase, the average increase to the PG&E portion of rates for these customers would be 9.43 cents per kWh to 9.46 cents per kWh or 0.3%.

Another category of non-bundled customers is Departing Load customers that 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. PG&E's application will impact Departing Load customers with an increase to rates of approximately \$40,000 or 0.1%.

## 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 is 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](http://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 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.

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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