

## **NOTIFICATION OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S APPLICATION REQUESTING TO INCREASE RATES FOR COSTS RELATING TO DIABLO CANYON SEISMIC STUDIES AND RPS PROGRAM COSTS (A.17-02-005)**

### **Summary**

On February 28, 2017, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed its 2016 Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) Compliance application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting approval to increase rates to recover costs related to the following programs:

- Seismic (earthquake) studies performed at Diablo Canyon Power Plant; and
- California's Renewable Portfolio Standard, which includes clean energy, clean air and greenhouse gas reduction goals for 2030 and beyond.

Related to the programs above, PG&E is requesting a total of \$5.69 million to be collected in rates from customers. If approved, this application would increase electric rates effective January 1, 2018. This application also includes a review of the recorded costs to the ERRA Balancing Account from the prior year.

### **Background**

The ERRA is used to record fuel and purchased power costs which can be recovered in rates. PG&E recovers these costs with no mark up for return or profit. The purpose of this ERRA Compliance proceeding is to review PG&E's costs associated with obtaining energy for customers and approve rate increases for other program costs noted above. The CPUC will review PG&E's costs to ensure compliance with the previously approved forecast and energy purchasing plans as well as compliance with the goal of minimizing costs for our customers.

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

Most customers receive bundled electric service from PG&E, meaning they receive electric generation, transmission and distribution services. Based on rates currently in effect, the bill for a typical residential Non-CARE customer using 500 kWh per month would increase from \$110.77 to \$110.82 or 0.04%. Actual bill impacts will vary depending on electricity usage.

### **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. PG&E's application will minimally impact these customers with a 0.003% average increase to rates.

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 not impact departing load charges.

## 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:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
2016 ERRR Compliance Application (A.17-02-005)  
P.O. Box 7442  
San Francisco, CA 94120

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** or **1-415-703-2045**. PG&E's application (without exhibits) is available on the CPUC's website at **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 hearing 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** or visit ORA's website at **www.ora.ca.gov**.

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