

NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO FURTHER REDUCE RATES FOR AGRICULTURAL CUSTOMERS (A.18-11-013)

Summary

On November 20, 2018, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed its 2019 Rate Design Window (RDW) application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The application is focused on agricultural customers. Its goal is to reduce the number of customers highly impacted by previously approved rate increases by offering new and modified rate plan options.

Background

In PG&E's 2017 General Rate Case Phase II application, the CPUC approved simplified default and voluntary rate plans for agricultural customers. These rate plans are currently scheduled for implementation on a mandatory basis by March 2021. If approved, this application would modify rate plans even further to reduce bill impacts. If approved, the changes included in this application will replace previously approved rate plan changes. Customers will be able to evaluate and choose from modified rate plan options. In addition, PG&E will provide online tools to help customers decide which rate plan is best for them.

How will this application affect agricultural customers?

There is no request to increase rates in this application. However, if approved, the new rate plans will impact bills for agricultural customers as rate design changes are implemented and customers make decisions about their rate plans. The new rate plans will reduce the number of highly impacted customers estimated to receive bill increases. Highly impacted is defined by both a percentage and a dollar amount. In order to fall into this category, bill increases would have to exceed both 7% and \$100 per year. The new rate plans will also provide flexibility for agricultural customers to select a rate plan that works best for them.

Bill impacts will vary based on how much energy customers use, when they use it, and which rate plan they select.

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 TTY 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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2019 RDW Application (A.18-11-013)
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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 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 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 California Public Advocates Office (CalPA) may review this application. CalPA 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. CalPA has a multidisciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about CalPA, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email **PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov** or visit CalPA's website at **www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov**.

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Call: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074**

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