

NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR THE ENERGY RESOURCE RECOVERY ACCOUNT COMPLIANCE APPLICATION (A.18-02-015)

Summary

On February 28, 2018, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed its Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) Compliance application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The purpose of this application is to review costs recorded to the ERRA Balancing Account from the prior year. The application also includes a request to increase rates to recover \$4.74 million in costs related to the seismic (earthquake) studies performed at Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

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.

How will PG&E's application affect me?

Many 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 \$111.33 to \$111.41 or 0.07 percent. Actual bill impacts will vary depending on electricity usage.

How will PG&E's application affect customers who buy electricity from a third party?

Direct Access (DA) and Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) customers only receive electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E. These customers will not be impacted by this application.

Departing Load 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. These customers will not be impacted by this application.

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 (Deaf or Hard of Hearing), 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
2017 ERRA Compliance Application (A.18-02-015)
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 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 or visit ORA's website at www.ora.ca.gov.

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You may also contact the PAO as follows:

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Mail: CPUC
Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

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

TTY: **1-866-836-7825** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-5282**

If you are contacting the CPUC, please include the application number (2017 ERRR Compliance Application; A.18-02-015). All comments will be circulated to the Commissioners, the assigned Judge and appropriate CPUC staff and will become public record.