

NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR THE GREENHOUSE GAS FINANCING COSTS APPLICATION (A.18-05-014)

Summary

On May 15, 2018, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed its Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Financing Cost Application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

The application seeks recovery of \$7.4 million related to the costs of holding greenhouse gas credits for compliance with Assembly Bill 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 in 2018 and 2019.

If the CPUC approves this application, PG&E will recover costs in rates beginning in January 2019.

Background

Assembly Bill 32 is a California law with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from all sources throughout the state. As part of this bill, the state of California requires PG&E and other California companies with GHG-emitting sources to have enough compliance credits to cover emissions with the goal of offsetting emissions. One compliance credit is required for each ton of greenhouse gas emissions. There are financing costs related to holding these credits for future compliance. The application seeks recovery of those costs.

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 Bundled Non-CARE customer using 500 kWh per month would increase from \$111.59 to \$111.67, or 0.1 percent.

Actual impacts will vary depending on energy 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 see a rate change as a result of 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 see a rate change as a result of 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
GHG Financing Costs Application (A.18-05-014)
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 multidisciplinary 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 <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/ora>.

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You may also contact the PAO as follows:

Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

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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 (GHG Financing Costs Application; A.18-05-014). All comments will become public record and will be circulated to the Commissioners, the assigned Judge and appropriate CPUC staff.