

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS FOR PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES IN ITS 2020 GENERAL RATE CASE (A.18-12-009)

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would like to hear from you. The CPUC will hold Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) on the dates and locations listed below to hear your comments about PG&E's request to increase rates in its 2020 General Rate Case (GRC) Application.

An Administrative Law Judge (Judge) will be presiding at these PPHs to listen to your concerns, comments, and opinions on the proposed application. One or more Commissioners may attend, but no decisions will be reached at these hearings. All public comments from the PPHs will be included in the formal record and become public record.

The locations are wheelchair accessible. If you need a non-English language interpreter or special assistance, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office (PAO) at the address listed at the bottom of this notice at least five days in advance of the hearing date you plan to attend. There will be PG&E representatives at each hearing location to assist customers with their questions.

SAN FRANCISCO

***July 9, 2019**

1:00 p.m.

California Public Utilities
Commission–Auditorium
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

Live-streaming:

www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc

Telephone: **1-877-937-0554**
(Enter Participant Code: 7031793)

STOCKTON

July 17, 2019

1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

State of California Building–
Auditorium
31 East Channel Street
Stockton, California 95202

CHICO

July 18, 2019

1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Butte County Association of
Government Chambers
326 Huss Drive, Suite 100
Chico, California 95928

OAKLAND

July 24, 2019

1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Elihu M. Harris State Office
Building–Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, California 94612

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SAN JOSE

July 25, 2019

1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Alfred E. Alquist State Office Building–Auditorium
100 Paseo de San Antonio
San Jose, California 95113

BAKERSFIELD

August 13, 2019

1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Public Services Building
1st floor Conference Room
2700 M Street
Bakersfield, California 93301

SAN LUIS OBISPO

July 26, 2019

1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

County Government Center–County Board of Supervisors' Chamber
1055 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, California 93408

FRESNO

August 14, 2019

1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Fresno City Council Chambers
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, California 93721

SANTA ROSA

***July 31, 2019**

1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Santa Rosa City Hall Council Chamber
100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, California 95404

Live Streaming: www.youtube.com/user/CityofSantaRosa or
www.facebook.com/cityofsantarosa

Telephone: **1-877-937-0554** (Enter Participant Code: 7031793)
Government Channels (Comcast 28 or AT&T 72)

Remote access

Remote access will be available on the dates designated with an asterisk (*) above. Customers who are unable to attend a hearing in person can watch (live-stream only) and listen to the PPH remotely, **only on the designated dates**. On the designated dates, regardless of where they live or work, customers can use the remote access information included above to simply listen to the PPH.

If you cannot attend a hearing in person or via remote participation, but would still like to comment, you may submit your written comments to the PAO at the address listed at the end of this notice.

About the application

Every three years, PG&E is required to file a GRC application with the CPUC. The application is used to propose costs and money needed for operating and upgrading our gas, electric distribution, and electric generation.

PG&E requests authority to increase its gas, electric distribution, and electric generation base revenue requirement by \$1.058 billion in 2020. This is a 12.4% increase over its 2019 adopted revenues of \$8.518 billion. PG&E also requests that the Commission grant it authority to increase its revenue requirement by \$454 million, or 4.7%, in 2021 and \$486 million, or 4.8%, in 2022. If approved, this application will increase PG&E's rates for 2020 through 2022.

The new rates will go into effect only after a final decision is issued by the CPUC.

PG&E proposes safety investments and infrastructure upgrades to continue to increase wildfire prevention and electric reliability. Programs included in the requested increases include the following:

- Replacing 2,000 miles of distribution overhead power line in high-fire risk areas with covered conductors;
- Replacing wood poles with non-wood poles;
- Implementing SmartMeter™ technology to more quickly identify and respond to fallen power lines;
- Increasing ongoing work to keep power lines clear of branches from the more than 120 million trees with the potential to grow or fall into our overhead power lines;
- Enhancing PG&E's Wildfire Safety Operations Center;
- Adding several hundred more fire cameras, weather stations and communications capabilities.

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 in effect when the application was filed, the electric bill for a typical residential bundled non-California Alternate Rates for Energy Program (nonCARE) customer using 500 kWh per month would increase from \$113.64 to \$122.37, or 7.7%. This amount is based on the year 2020, which is the year of the highest impact. Actual impacts will vary depending on energy usage. Detailed rate information was provided in a bill inset sent directly to customers.

Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation customers only receive electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E. On average, these customers will see an increase of 7.5%.

Departing Load customers do not receive electric generation, transmission or distribution services from PG&E. However, they are required by law or CPUC decision to pay certain charges. On average, these customers will see an increase of 3%.

Based on rates in effect when the application was filed, the gas bill for a typical residential nonCARE customer averaging 34 therms per month of gas usage would increase from \$52.30 to \$54.13, or 3.5%. This amount is based on the year 2020, which is the year of the highest impact. Actual impacts will vary depending on energy usage. Detailed rate information was provided in a bill inset sent directly to customers.

For more information about PG&E's filings

To review a copy of PG&E's application and related exhibits, visit [pge.com/regulatoryfilings](https://www.pge.com/regulatoryfilings).

In addition, a copy of this application may be reviewed at the CPUC's Central Files Office, located in San Francisco, California, by appointment. For more information, please contact aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or call 1-415-703-2045.

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CPUC process

This application has been assigned to an Administrative Law 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 (EHs) will be held where parties will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are parties can participate. After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt PG&E's application as proposed, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may propose an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decision, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled public CPUC Voting Meeting.

As a party of record, the Public Advocates Office (CalPA) has reviewed this application on behalf of PG&E's customers. CalPA is the independent consumer advocacy group 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**.

Stay informed

If you would like to follow this proceeding, or any other issue before the CPUC, you may use the CPUC's free subscription service. Sign up at: **<http://subscribecpuc.cpuc.ca.gov>**.

If you would like to learn how you can participate in the proceeding, have informal comments, or if you have questions about the CPUC processes, you may access the CPUC's PAO webpage at **www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao/**.

You may also contact the PAO as follows:

Email: **public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov**

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**

Please reference **PG&E's GRC Application (A.18-12-009)** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review to the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.