

## **NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR ITS ENERGY RESOURCE RECOVERY ACCOUNT COMPLIANCE APPLICATION (A. 20-02-009)**

### **Summary**

On February 28, 2020, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed its 2019 Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) Compliance application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Each year PG&E forecasts its fuel and purchased power costs for the following year in the ERRA and Portfolio Allocation Balancing Account (PABA). PG&E recovers these costs with no mark up for return or profit.

The application also includes a request to increase rates to recover \$3.996 million in costs related to the seismic (earthquake) studies performed at Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

### **Background**

The purpose of this ERRA Compliance proceeding is to review PG&E's costs associated with obtaining energy for customers and to review 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 the application affect electric rates?**

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 nonCARE customer using 500 kWh per month would increase from \$124.08 to \$124.10 or 0.02%.

Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation are unbundled electric service customers who only receive electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E. On average, these customers would see an increase of 0.04%.

Another category of nonbundled customers is Departing Load. These customers 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. The impact of PG&E's application on these customers is an average increase of 0.4%.

Actual impacts will vary depending on usage.

### **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 ERRA Compliance Application (A. 20-02-009)  
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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](mailto:aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov) or **1-415-703-2045**. PG&E's application (without exhibits) is available on the CPUC's website at [cpuc.ca.gov](http://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 information necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary hearings (EHs) may 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 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 on at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting that is open to the public.

The Public Advocates Office (CalPA) has reviewed this application. CalPA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a statutory mandate to represent customers of investor-owned utilities to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with safe and reliable service and the state's environmental policy goals. 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](mailto:PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov), or visit CalPA's website at [www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov).

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Please reference **2019 ERRA Compliance Application (A. 20-02-009)** 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 by the assigned Judge, Commissioners and appropriate CPUC staff.