

DATE: August 26, 2022

TO: STATE, CITY AND LOCAL OFFICIALS

**NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR ITS ZONAL ELECTRIFICATION PILOT PROJECT APPLICATION (A.22-08-003)**

**Acronyms you need to know**

**PG&E:** Pacific Gas and Electric Company

**CPUC:** California Public Utilities Commission

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**Why am I receiving this notice?**

On August 10, 2022, PG&E filed its Zonal Electrification Pilot Project Application with the CPUC. Rather than investing in a planned gas line repair project, PG&E is proposing to retire approximately eight miles of existing gas pipeline serving the California State University Monterey Bay campus and to facilitate the conversion of impacted buildings from gas to electric service, including appliances.

In support of this effort, PG&E is proposing to collect \$29.3 million from customers over a 15-year period. Costs will be offset by savings from avoiding the gas repair project and the lack of ongoing maintenance of the gas system at this location. Any cost savings associated with electrification will be returned to customers.

**Why is PG&E requesting this rate change?**

This project is considered a gas safety mitigation strategy. As such, PG&E is proposing to recover costs from gas rates. One of PG&E's strategies to achieve a net zero energy system and reduce CO2 includes retirement of gas pipelines where electrification is both cheaper and a better environmental and safety outcome for customers.

This Pilot Project will help meet California's climate goals while promoting long-term affordability for customers. This Pilot Project would be the largest such project and learnings will be applied to future electrification projects.

**How could this affect my monthly gas rates?**

Bundled gas customers receive transmission, distribution and procurement services from PG&E. Based on rates currently in effect, the bill for a typical residential customer averaging 33 therms per month would increase from \$70.42 to \$70.46, or 0.1% in the year of highest impact (2026).

Actual impacts will vary depending on usage and are subject to CPUC regulatory approval.

**How does the rest of this process work?**

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt PG&E's application, modify it or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

*Parties to the proceeding may review PG&E's application, including the Public Advocates Office. The Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email: [PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov) or visit [PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov](http://PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov).*

**Where can I get more information?**

**CONTACT PG&E**

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**. Para obtener más información sobre cómo este cambio podría afectar su pago mensual, llame al **1-800-660-6789** • 詳情請致電 **1-800-893-9555**.

If you would like an electronic copy of the filing and exhibits, please write to the address below:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Zonal Electrification Pilot Project Application (A.22-08-003)  
P.O. Box 7442  
San Francisco, CA 94120

**CONTACT CPUC**

Please visit [apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2208003](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2208003) to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding. Your participation by providing your thoughts on PG&E's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

**Email:** [Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov)

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Public Advisor's Office  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
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**Call:** 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074

Please reference the **Zonal Electrification Pilot Project Application A.22-08-003** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.