

DATE: September 23, 2024  
TO: STATE, CITY AND LOCAL OFFICIALS  
**NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S AMENDMENT TO ITS HELMS  
UPRATE COST APPLICATION (A.23-12-014)**

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**Acronyms you need to know**

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

**CPUC:** California Public Utilities Commission

**Why am I receiving this notice?**

On September 6, 2024, PG&E filed an amended version of its Helms Uprate Cost application with the CPUC with the primary purpose of removing Pacific Generation LLC as a joint applicant from the application. The original application's request for up to \$462 million to increase the generation and pumping capacity of the Helms hydroelectric facility is unchanged by the amendment.

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

Increasing the capacity of this facility will expand the availability of clean energy and increase electric reliability for all customers. It will also increase long-duration energy storage in California, which is needed to continue ensuring reliability as the demand for electricity increases.

In order to keep the impact to customers as low as possible, PG&E proposes to make the upgrades when much of the equipment is due for replacement. In addition, PG&E proposes to claim federal tax incentives under the federal Inflation Reduction Act and pass the savings on to customers.

The application proposes a cap of \$462 million for the project, meaning the costs are not to exceed this amount. If PG&E needs to modify the cap, PG&E will update its proposal and seek further approval from the CPUC.

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

The amendment to the application does not change the costs proposed or the rate and bill impacts from the original application. As originally filed, PG&E is currently expecting to begin recovering the costs of the project **beginning in 2029 through 2034**. In 2035, the remaining costs will be included in the company's General Rate Case process.

Many customers receive bundled electric service from PG&E, meaning they receive electric generation, transmission and distribution services. In 2033, which is the year of the highest impact, the bill for a typical residential customer using 500 kWh per month would increase from \$190.84 to \$191.04, or 0.1% compared to current bills.

Direct Access (DA) and Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) customers receive electric transmission and distribution services and select Commission-ordered services from PG&E. In the year of the highest impact, rates for services provided by PG&E to these customers would increase by 0.3% compared to current rates. Check with your DA provider or CCA to learn how this would impact your overall bill.

Another category of nonbundled customers is other Departing Load. These customers do not receive electric generation, transmission or distribution services from PG&E. In the year of the highest impact, rates would increase by 0.2% compared to current rates.

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

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

This application has been assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the amendment does not change this. 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** or visit **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 **711**. 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  
Helms Uprate Cost Application (A.23-12-014)  
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#### **CONTACT CPUC**

Please visit **apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2312014** 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.

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

**Email:** **Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov**

**Mail:** CPUC  
Public Advisor's Office  
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**Call:** **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074**

Please reference **PG&E's Helms Uprate Cost Application A.23-12-014** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.