



CPUC Fact Sheet

PG&E Gas Transmission and Storage

Cost Allocation and Rate Design (CARD)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

Application (A.) 21-09-018

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What is this PG&E CARD Rate Application About?

On September 30, 2021, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) submitted Application (A.) 21-09-018 for approval from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) of its Gas Transmission and Storage (GT&S) Cost Allocation and Rate Design proposals for 2023 through 2026. This proceeding, known as CARD, will review and adopt new cost allocation and rate design methodologies for the gas transmission and storage (GT&S) services PG&E provides to all of its gas customer classes (residential, commercial, etc.). In CARD, the CPUC will use adopted GT&S expenses and capital investments for 2023 through 2026 that are currently under review in PG&E's General Rate Case (GRC) Application A. 21.06-021 to adopt the CPUC's final rates in this proceeding.¹

PG&E owns and operates gas transmission pipelines that bring gas from California's borders to the various parts of PG&E's service territory and several storage facilities along those pipelines. The purpose of the storage facilities is to enable PG&E to provide cost-efficient service, cover demand variations, and improve reliability. PG&E's gas services also include its distribution system and those rates will be developed by the CPUC in a separate proceeding.

The following information is from PG&E's September CARD application and its amendments filed through July 18, 2022. The CPUC will receive comments from the public and hold evidentiary hearings during 2022-2023 prior to making its decision. A Proposed Decision in this proceeding is currently expected to be mailed at the end of the 2d Quarter of 2023.

What Will PG&E's Requested Rate Increase in CARD Mean to You?

In its July 2022 updated testimony, PG&E has stated what it expects the bill impacts to be due to its proposals in this proceeding. Looking solely at its proposals for this proceeding, and without considering the bill impacts from other Commission proceedings, PG&E expects that the average residential customer will see a gas bill increase of 1.3 percent on January 1, 2023 compared to that average customer's June 1, 2021 bill, and the average PG&E small business customer will see a gas bill increase of 1.8 percent on January 1, 2023 compared to that average small business customer's June 1, 2021 bill.²

¹ The CARD and GRC proceedings will require close coordination between them to ensure the final decisions in A.21-09-018 and A.21-06-021 use the same GT&S sales and capacity forecasts as well as revenue requirement.

² Residential customers who are income eligible for the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program receive a monthly discount of 20% or more on their gas and electricity bills.

Based on this application, PG&E's requested 2023-2026 rate increases for customer groups are shown in PG&E's customer notice below from October 2021, available at [NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR ITS 2023 GAS TRANSMISSION & STORAGE COST ALLOCATION AND RATE DESIGN APPLICATION](#)

What Types of Gas Transmission and Storage Costs Does PG&E CARD Request to Recover?

The changes in costs for GT&S for 2023 are relative to PG&E's recorded spending in 2020 and do not include additional requests for 2024-2026.

- Gas Transmission and Storage expense increase of \$165.5 million, or 33.9%, driven by increases in the In-Line Inspection, Direct Assessment and Strength Testing program areas.
- Gas Transmission and Storage capital spending increase of \$322.0 million, or 44.0%, driven by increases in the Strength Test Capital, Shallow and Exposed Pipe, and Over Pressure Protection Enhancement program areas.

How Can My Voice Be Heard?

The CPUC's Public Advisor's Office www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao/ provides information to help the public participate in proceedings. Specifically:

- Customers can remotely attend and speak from their homes by phone or computer at any of the upcoming remote Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) the CPUC will hold in 2022/2023. These hearings will be transcribed by a court reporter and placed into the formal record for this proceeding. During the hearing, you can make comments and raise concerns to the CPUC's Administrative Law Judge overseeing this application. A list of dates, times, and how to participate is at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph/.
- Customers can submit electronic public comments specific to this proceeding and review all other public comments submitted by using the "Add Public Comment" button on the Public Comment tab of the docket card for A.21-09-018 at: apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2109018.
- To view PG&E's CARD application and all formal filings, to include the proposed decision when issued, go to apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/A2109018 and select the "Documents" tab at the top of the page.
- Customers can send a letter to the CPUC's Public Advisor and include this proceeding number, A.21-09-018 at: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or CPUC, Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102.
- The Public Advisor's Office may be reached by phone at 866-849-8390.
- Customers can access the CPUC's home page for further information on consumer programs and services and to explore information on key issues and topics of interest to the public at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/>.