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NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR A DAIRY BIOMETHANE PILOT PROJECT APPLICATION (A.23-04-005)

Acronyms you need to know

PG&E: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

CPUC: California Public Utilities Commission

Why am I receiving this notice?

On April 5, 2023, PG&E filed a Dairy Biomethane Pilot Project application with the CPUC. In this application, PG&E is proposing approximately \$8.7 million to support state-wide clean energy goals and the reduction of methane emissions.

The proposals in this application are specifically to support a dairy biomethane pilot project in Merced. The costs included in the application are costs incurred by the project developer over and above the amounts initially authorized by the CPUC. If these additional project costs are determined by the CPUC to be reasonable, PG&E will reimburse the project developer.

Why is PG&E requesting this?

The dairy biomethane pilot project in Merced was selected by the CPUC's Dairy Pilot Project Selection Committee as part of the state's strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including methane. Legislation adopted in 2016 requires the state to reduce methane emissions from dairy sources and other livestock sectors by 40 percent by the year 2030.

The dairy biomethane pilot project in Merced and others like it will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from animal manure into the atmosphere by safely converting the emissions into biomethane for use in natural gas pipelines.

PG&E is filing this application to initiate the CPUC's reasonableness review because the project is in PG&E's service territory and it is interconnected to PG&E's gas transmission system.

How could this affect my monthly gas rates?

Bundled gas customers receive transmission, distribution, and procurement services from PG&E. PG&E is proposing to recover the costs included in this application in gas rates over a one-year period beginning in either 2024 or 2025, depending on when the CPUC issues a final decision.

Based on rates currently in effect, the bill for a typical non-CARE residential customer averaging 33 therms per month would increase from \$67.89 to \$67.93, or 0.1%.

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** 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 **1-800-652-4712**.

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

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Dairy Pilot Project Application (A.23-04-005)
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CONTACT CPUC

Please visit **apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2304005** 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**

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Call: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074**

Please reference the **Dairy Biomethane Pilot Project Application A.23-04-005** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.