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**CPUC TO HOLD INFORMATION SESSIONS AND PUBLIC FORUMS
ON PG&E RATE INCREASE REQUESTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11, 2018 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold several information sessions and public comment forums related to Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) request to increase rates and reallocate costs to its customers as part of its Gas Transmission and Storage Rate Case and its Gas Cost Allocation Proceeding, respectively. The purpose of these events is to inform the public about PG&E's requests, how the CPUC will evaluate PG&E's requests, and how members of the public can participate. These forums provide an opportunity for customers of PG&E to give their perspective and input about PG&E's request. The public information sessions and comment forums will take place as follows:

- **June 26, 2018:**
1 p.m. AND 6 p.m. Information Sessions
2 p.m. AND 7 p.m. Public Comment Forums
California Energy Commission, Hearing Room, 1516 9th St., Sacramento, CA 95814
- **June 27, 2018:**
1 p.m. AND 6 p.m. Information Sessions
2 p.m. AND 7 p.m. Public Comment Forums
Fresno City Hall Council Chambers, 2600 Fresno St., Fresno, CA 93721
- **June 28, 2018:**
1 p.m. AND 5 p.m. Information Sessions
2 p.m. AND 6 p.m. Public Comment Forums
Bakersfield City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301
- **July 10, 2018:**
1 p.m. AND 6 p.m. Information Sessions
2 p.m. AND 7 p.m. Public Comment Forums
Manzanita Place at Elks Lodge, Room 3, 1705 Manzanita Ave., Chico, CA 95926



- **July 11, 2018:**
1 p.m. AND 6 p.m. Information Sessions
2 p.m. AND 7 p.m. Public Comment Forums
 CPUC Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102
- **July 16, 2018:**
1 p.m. AND 6 p.m. Information Sessions
2 p.m. AND 7 p.m. Public Comment Forums
 Scottish Rite Center, 2455 Masonic Dr., San Jose, CA 95125
- **July 17, 2018:**
2 p.m. AND 7 p.m. Public Comment Forums
 Elihu M. Harris Building, Room 1, 1515 Clay St., Oakland, CA 94612

Information Sessions

At the information sessions prior to the public comment forums, there will be tables hosted by PG&E, the CPUC, and other groups participating in the proceeding. These groups are called “parties” to the proceeding, and they advocate for different perspectives, such as small businesses, agricultural customers, and residential customers. Attendees will be able to stop by each table and get information on the proceeding and ask questions.

Public Comment Forums

The public comment forums, called Public Participation Hearings, will begin with a brief overview of PG&E’s rate increase request, and then public comments will be heard. The CPUC Administrative Law Judges assigned to these cases will preside over each public comment forum. The Administrative Law Judges are scheduled to write Proposed Decisions in these matters for CPUC Commissioners’ consideration by the end of the year. The CPUC welcomes attendance and participation, as public comments help the CPUC reach an informed decision.

Rate Cases

These proceedings are known as PG&E’s Gas Transmission and Storage Rate Case (A.17-11-009) and PG&E’s 2018 Gas Cost Allocation Proceeding (A.17-09-006).

In the Gas Transmission and Storage Rate Case, PG&E proposes to increase rates to meet new safety requirements for PG&E’s gas transmission pipelines and gas storage facilities; infrastructure investments to ensure PG&E’s gas transmission pipelines and storage facilities continue to operate safely and reliably; and retirement of two gas storage fields in order to reduce costs to customers in

the long-term, reduce risk, and streamline operations. Based current rates, the bill for a typical residential customer averaging 34 therms per month of natural gas usage would increase from \$54.85 to \$55.96, or 2 percent.

In the Gas Cost Allocation Proceeding, PG&E proposes changes to residential cost allocations, and the resulting billing rates, that PG&E says will reduce monthly fluctuations in customer bills and spikes in winter bills. Based on current rates, the bill for a typical residential customer averaging 33 therms per month of natural gas usage would increase from \$52.59 to \$54.26, or 3.2 percent.

While a quorum of Commissioners or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken.

For those unable to attend a public comment forum in person, written comments on any proceeding may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to the proceeding number on any written or email correspondence about this proceeding:

- Gas Transmission and Storage Rate Case: A.17-11-009
- 2018 Gas Cost Allocation Proceeding: A.17-09-006

All public comments received are provided to the CPUC's Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case.

The Ruling setting these public comment forums is available at

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M214/K861/214861565.PDF>.

Documents related to these proceedings are available at:

- Gas Transmission and Storage Rate Case(A.17-11-009):
https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1711009.
- 2018 Gas Cost Allocation Proceeding (A.17-09-006):
https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1709006.

If specialized accommodations such as non-English language interpreters are needed, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least five business days in advance of the hearing.

For more information on public comment forums, please see www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH.



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