

SCHOOL PROJECT FOR UTILITY RATE REDUCTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN OPPOSITION TO LARGE RATE INCREASES PROPOSED IN PG&E'S 2023 GENERAL RATE CASE FILING TO THE CPUC

WHEREAS, the largest Investor Owned Utility in California, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), has in its 2023 General Rate Case, submitted as California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Application A.21-06-021 (the 2023 GRC), proposed very large gas and power rate increases.

WHEREAS, according to case documents filed by PG&E on June 30, 2021, PG&E projects the following sample class average rate increases effective in January 2023, as compared to current rates, if their 2023 GRC application is approved as requested:

- Bundled Electricity, Residential Customer Class: 18.0%
- Bundled Electricity, Small Commercial Customer Class: 18.4%
- Bundled Electricity, Medium Commercial Customer Class: 13.4%
- Bundled Electricity, Large Commercial Customer Class: 12.3%
- Natural Gas Transport, Residential non-CARE Customer Class: 29.2%
- Natural Gas Transport, Core Small Commercial Customer Class: 25.4%
- Natural Gas Transport, Core Customer CNG Stations: 30.7%
- Natural Gas Transport, Noncore Distribution Level: 23.0%; and

WHEREAS, according to "Designing Electricity Rates for An Equitable Energy Transition," a report issued in February 2021 by the Energy Institute at Haas UC Berkeley, PG&E residential customers on average pay 80% more per kWh than the national average; and

WHEREAS, SPURR is a duly-authorized joint powers authority whose members are more than 300 California public K-12 school districts, community college districts, and county offices of education; and

WHEREAS, SPURR conducts aggregated, competitive procurements for energy goods and services, including natural gas, electricity, and solar energy and energy storage for its members and for other organizations eligible to participate in SPURR programs, such as municipal agencies; and

WHEREAS, continuing PG&E rate increases are concerning and result in a significant cost burden on California public K-12 school districts, community college districts, and county offices of education; and

WHEREAS, even customers purchasing energy supply through SPURR or other providers such as Community Choice Aggregations or Energy Service Providers are harmed by continued rate increases for PG&E Transportation services and other charges; and

WHEREAS, the SPURR Board of Directors believe that the CPUC, State leaders, and PG&E must commit to significant rate reforms to protect against the burden of PG&E rates on our constituents.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby DETERMINED and ORDERED as follows:

- 1) SPURR hereby calls upon PG&E and the CPUC to freeze PG&E electric and natural gas rates at levels in place prior to implementation of the 2023 GRC (a Rate Freeze).
- 2) SPURR hereby calls upon PG&E and the CPUC to lift the Rate Freeze only after (a) PG&E has identified internal cost cutting and spending control measures, including a substantial reduction of non-essential expenses within their existing organization, and (b) PG&E has committed to internal cost reductions that will lead to rate increases significantly below the increases proposed in the 2023 GRC.
- 3) This resolution shall be effective upon adoption by this Board and may be submitted to the CPUC or to other interested parties upon its adoption by this Board.

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THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION is approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the School Project for Utility Rate Reduction this 5th day of February 2022, by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES: B. Stephens, K. Temple, S. Siegel, G. Senstraro, C. Miktarian, R. Schmitt, L. Freese, C. Clark

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: A. Williams-Harmon

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