November 23, 2020

President Marybel Batjer
Commissioner Liane M. Randolph
Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves
Commissioner Cliff Rechtschaffen
Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma

Dear CPUC President Batjer and CPUC Commissioners Randolph, Guzman Aceves, Rechtschaffen & Shiroma,

I am writing to request that you place upon the agenda of your December 17 meeting a discussion of PG&E’s Annual Electric True Up advice letter (PG&E’s A.L. 6004-E).

As outlined in the Advice Letter, starting on January 1, PG&E is planning to implement massive increases to residential monthly bills.

1) 7.5% increase to the average system rate.
2) 10.5% increase to non-CARE residential rates.
3) 14.4% increase in CARE rates.
4) For CCA customers, the PG&E portion of rates (everything except for generation) would increase by 21% for non-CARE residential and 50% for CARE residential.

Even before the Covid-19 crisis, PG&E’s customers were facing an affordability crisis. In the midst of this pandemic and economic crisis, the last thing PG&E customers can bear is this kind of rate shock, further stretching their household budget or increasing the amount they will owe at the end of the moratorium.

In the face of these challenges, the Commission should act now to adopt strategies and take actions necessary to protect Californians in the new year.

While a Tier 2 Advice Letter would not necessarily be discussed at a Commission meeting and only would be discussed when there is an Energy Division disposition of the letter, Rule 15.1 of the Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure provides that Commissioners may “take such other action as the Commission deems appropriate.” Meeting policy and guidelines listed on the Commission website (https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=1187) state “Any Commissioner may place any other matter... on the agenda for discussion or action by the Commission.”
TURN will be submitting a timely protest of the PG&E Advice Letter, but in order to ensure the Commission is able to meet the requirements of due process and Bagley-Keene, TURN is reaching out now to request that you use your positions as Commissioners to add this item to the agenda published 10 days in advance of the meeting.

I appreciate your prompt response.

Thank you for your consideration,

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