

**NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FILING BY  
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E): 2009 NUCLEAR  
DECOMMISSIONING COST TRIENNIAL PROCEEDING (NDCTP)**

**What is the NDCTP?**

NDCTP stands for Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding. This proceeding is filed every three years and provides the CPUC with an opportunity to review PG&E's updated nuclear decommissioning cost studies and ratepayer contribution analyses. This review determines the amount of money needed to fully fund the nuclear decommissioning master trusts to the level needed to decommission (remove from service) PG&E's two nuclear power plants: Diablo Canyon Power Plant (Diablo Canyon) and Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3 (Humboldt Unit 3). In addition, Humboldt Unit 3 SAFSTOR operations and maintenance (O&M) costs (a condition of monitored safe storage in which the unit will be maintained until the final dismantling of the facility can be accomplished) are also included in this proceeding.

On April 3, 2009, PG&E filed an application with the CPUC requesting the authority to collect in rates \$23.33 million for the Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts, \$16.98 million for the Humboldt Unit 3 Nuclear Decommissioning Trust, and \$9.22 million for Humboldt Unit 3 SAFSTOR O&M costs.

If approved, the request would result in a slight increase to electric rates for bundled service customers (customers who receive electric generation as well as transmission and distribution service from PG&E) and for customers who purchase electricity from other suppliers (direct access and community choice aggregation). The total change to the system average bundled rate in each year (relative to current rates) is 0.2% and would not have a significant impact on individual customers' rates. The expected rate change would be effective from January 1, 2010 through 2012.

**The CPUC Process**

The CPUC's Independent Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) will review this Application. DRA is an independent arm of the CPUC, created by the Legislature to represent the interests of all utility customers throughout the state and obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe-service levels. DRA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. DRA's views do not necessarily reflect those of the CPUC. Other parties of record will also participate.

The CPUC may hold evidentiary hearings where parties of record present their proposals in testimony and are subject to cross-examination before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). These hearings are open to the public, but only those who are parties of record can present evidence or cross-examine witnesses during evidentiary hearings. Members of the public may attend these hearings, but are not allowed to participate, only listen.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the hearing process, the ALJ will issue a draft decision. When the CPUC acts on this application, it may adopt all or part of PG&E's request, amend or modify it or deny the application. The CPUC's final decision may be different from PG&E's proposed application filing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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*Reviewed by the California Public Utilities Commission*

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