



Staff Report Item 9

TO: East Bay Community Energy Board of Directors

FROM: Annie Henderson, VP Marketing and Account Services

SUBJECT: EBCE Rate Modifications (Informational Item)

DATE: May 15, 2019

Recommendation

Receive an update from staff regarding EBCE rate modifications

Background

On April 19, 2019, PG&E filed a proposal to change their rates effective May 1, 2019. PG&E increased their generation rates by an estimated average of 2.3% across all rate schedules.

At the September 2018 Board Meeting, the Board gave EBCE staff authority to modify EBCE rates in response to PG&E rate changes to ensure that EBCE continues to offer a 1.5% discount. Therefore, staff updated EBCE rates to reflect this increase and continue to maintain our value proposition of 1.5% discount for Bright Choice, parity for Brilliant 100, and a one cent adder for Renewable 100.

EBCE staff provided an email notice to the Board on April 29, 2019, indicating the intent to make May rate modifications. EBCE back-end systems were updated as of May 13, 2019. Customer bill cycles that begin on or after May 1 will reflect these updated rates. Customer bill cycles that began prior to May 1 will be billed for the entire bill cycle at the previous rates.

EBCE staff communicated this rate adjustment to customers through a message on customer bills indicating that EBCE is continuing to maintain its 1.5% discount relative to PG&E rates, provided talking points for call center representatives, updated EBCE Rate Sheets online, and called a small population of our largest customers to notify them of the changes in PG&E rates and the fact that EBCE is continuing to provide its stated 1.5% discount.

It is anticipated that the final PG&E rate change of 2019 and the update to the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) will be effective on July 1, 2019. EBCE staff will continue to update the board as information is available.

Fiscal Impact

Increase in PG&E rates will result in increased EBCE revenues. At the time of drafting this report, a precise number was not available.

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Not a project

Attachments