

CPUC PROCESS

The CPUC welcomes your comments on this amendment to Sierra's application or any other aspect of Sierra's service. All comments are circulated to the Commissioners, the assigned ALJ, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates, and staff of the CPUC's Energy Division. All letters and e-mails received become part of the public comment formal file in this proceeding. To participate in the hearings, submit comments, or obtain advice or other information please call or write to:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

To obtain more information on this amendment to the GRC application, you may write to: Sierra Pacific Power Company, Legal Department, P.O. Box 10100, Reno, NV 89520. Please refer to Application 08-08-004 Sierra Pacific Power Company. You may review a copy of any of Sierra's applications at our corporate headquarters (6100 Neil Road, Reno, NV 89511) or at our division office (7001 National Avenue, Tahoe Vista, CA 96148).



California public notice

Sierra Pacific Power Company Notification Of Filed Amendment To Proposed General Rate Increase By Sierra Pacific Power Company Application No. 08-08-004

On December 19, 2008, Sierra Pacific Power Company (Sierra) filed an amendment to the proposed General Rate Case (GRC) Application 08-08-004 (A.08-08-004) which Sierra originally filed August 1, 2008 with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The proposed amendment to the GRC application requests authorization to increase annual revenues by \$8.9 million or 11%, which is an increase of \$2.3 million over the original application's request of a \$6.6 million or 8.1% increase in annual revenues. The amendment reflects an update to the allocation of Sierra's system-wide production (generation) and transmission costs to Sierra's California jurisdiction.

If the CPUC approves Sierra's application as amended, the GRC request could increase the typical residential bill for a customer using 650 kilowatt hours of electricity by \$9.47, or 9.96% per month. The proposed increase would become effective at the earliest, on October 1, 2009 and would result in the following revenue changes (\$000) by customer class:



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CUSTOMER CLASS	PROPOSED	PRESENT	DIFFERENCE	PROPOSED CHANGE
Residential	\$46,034	\$41,619	\$4,414	10.61%
Small Commercial (A-1)	\$13,795	\$12,701	\$1,094	8.61%
Small Commercial (A-1A)	\$3,790	\$3,496	\$294	8.41%
Medium Commercial (A-2)	\$9,686	\$8,827	\$860	9.74%
Large Commercial & Industrial (A-3)	\$16,431	\$14,199	\$2,232	15.72%
Irrigation (PA)	\$49	\$64	\$(15)	(23.81%)
Street Lighting (SL/OL)	\$326	\$294	\$32	11.00%
Total Increase	\$90,111	\$81,200	\$8,911	10.97%

A copy of the amendment to A.08-08-004 can be furnished to any interested party upon written request, or you can contact Sierra's division office, the address of which is listed below.

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If you wish to receive information only on the proposed GRC application filing or the amendment that was just filed, you may contact the Public Advisor's Office and request to be placed on the service list for A.08-08-004. You will receive information as the proceeding progresses.

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

The CPUC is scheduled to hold evidentiary hearings on Sierra's GRC application March 25-27 and March 30-April 3, 2009. At these hearings the CPUC will receive the testimony of Sierra, the CPUC's Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) and other interested parties. Only formal parties of record may participate in evidentiary hearings, however,

members of the public may attend to listen. Individuals, groups or organizations may decide to formally intervene in the proceeding as parties of record. The CPUC's Public Advisor's Office can assist those wishing to become an intervenor in this proceeding. Formal parties of record present proposals that differ from those of Sierra. After considering these proposals, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will issue a draft decision. The actual decision adopted by the CPUC may differ from what is requested by Sierra in its GRC application and amendment, and could result in an increase or decrease in your individual electric rates.

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