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As Electricity Bills Soar, MCE Offers Relief

Residents and business eligible for MCE Cares Credit get up to \$25 in monthly credits

SAN RAFAEL and CONCORD, Calif. – As investor-owned utilities increase prices, **MCE’s Board of Directors is offering bill relief for homes and businesses while keeping rates stable and lower than PG&E.**

Bay Area residents most burdened by energy costs will receive a \$20 monthly MCE Cares Credit through April 2025. Small businesses are eligible for a \$25 monthly credit.

MCE’s Board approved \$5 million for the MCE Cares Credit in March 2024 to lower electricity costs for historically underserved community members.

“No one should have to choose between feeding their family and keeping the lights on,” said Shanelle Scales-Preston, MCE’s Board Chair and City of Pittsburg Councilmember. **“That’s why MCE is helping the most vulnerable folks in our community. Since 2020, we’ve provided \$62 million in bill relief aimed at keeping our service more affordable and equitable, while being better for the planet.”**

Roughly 12,500 income-qualifying households with past-due bills have been auto-enrolled and will see the monthly credit as of May. Almost 100,000 other income-eligible households and 27,500 small to medium businesses can now [sign up](#) for the credit, while funding is available.

To qualify, you must receive MCE service and be either:

- A resident enrolled in California's CARE/FERA energy discount programs, or
- A small business enrolled in A1 or B1 electricity rate.

People enrolled in the [Arrearage Management Program](#) can pair the MCE Cares Credit to remove up to \$8,000 in past-due debt while [lowering their payments](#).

Apply and find more ways to save at mcecleanenergy.org/mce-cares-credit/.

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About MCE: MCE is a not-for-profit public agency and the preferred electricity provider for more than 585,000 customer accounts and 1.5 million residents and businesses across Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and Solano counties. Setting the standard for clean energy in California since 2010, MCE leads with 60-100% renewable, fossil-free power at stable rates, serving a 1,400 MW peak load and significantly reducing greenhouse emissions and reinvesting millions in local programs. For more information about MCE, visit mceCleanEnergy.org, or follow us on your preferred social platform @mceCleanEnergy.