



MCE

A local, not-for-profit
electricity provider



March 19, 2025



Agenda

12:00 PM Welcome + Introductions

12:05 PM What Is Impacting Energy Affordability

12:25 PM Save A Watt: Energy Saving Programs and Bill Savings

12:40 PM Q&A + Listening Session

01:20 PM Wrap up and Next Steps

Presenters

Facilitator: Mariela Herrick

Presenters: Jared Sherwood; Ben Choi; Alice Havenar-Daughton



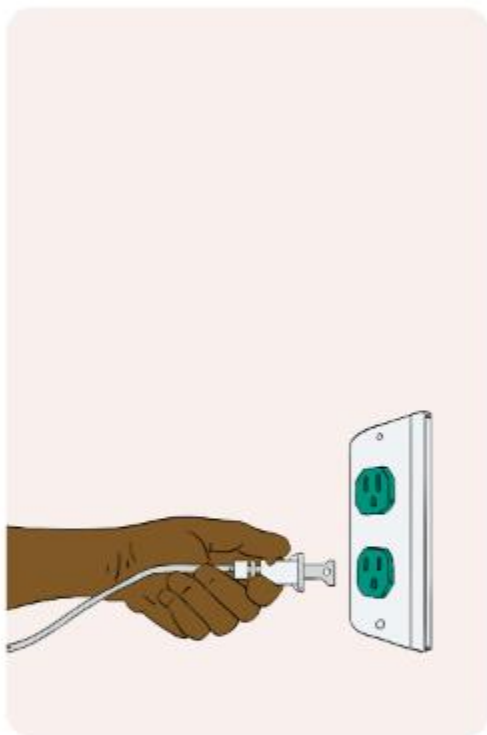
Energy Affordability



Energy Affordability

MCE is committed to ensuring that clean energy remains accessible and cost-effective. By leveraging innovative technologies, financial strategies, and policy advocacy, we are working to keep rates stable.

How MCE Works



You

Benefit from cleaner air,
stable rates, choice,
and local control



PG&E

Delivers energy,
maintains lines, and
sends bills



MCE

Buys and builds
fossil-free energy
for you

What is Impacting Energy Affordability?

- Rising costs for wildfire mitigation
- Growing electricity demand
- Costs for renewable energy
- Solar curtailment
- Regulatory changes
 - Resource adequacy
 - PCIA
 - Line loss accounting
 - 24/7 GHG accounting



PG&E Rate Increases

- PG&E delivery rates have increased nearly 90% since 2020
- 2-5 rate changes per year – March 1st was most recent increase (~1.5% increase)
- ~65% total rate increase for MCE customers since 2020 (including MCE and PCIA rate changes)



Proposed MCE Demand Charge Increase

- MCE is proposing adjustment to demand charges for certain commercial rates effective April 1, 2025
 - B19/20, E19/20, AGC, and AG4B
- The affected rates would increase by 4.4% on average or ~2% total bill impact
- Still a 5% discount relative to PG&E demand charges
- These adjustments impact less than 1% of MCE customers
- Does not impact residential customers



Proposed MCE Demand Charge Increase

- MCE's demand charge increase proposal will be discussed and voted on at the March 20th board meeting
- MCE's first proposed rate increase since January 2023
- Sends stronger price signals and encourages businesses to spread their electricity use throughout the day
- Maintain rate competitiveness for MCE's residential and small business customers





Bill Discount and Payment Assistance Programs

Discount Programs

- **MCE Cares Credit** - Residential Customers enrolled in CARE or FERA are eligible to receive a monthly \$20 discount. Small to medium-sized businesses may receive a monthly \$25 discount.
- California Alternate Rates for Energy (**CARE**) - Income-qualified customers receive a 35% discount on total electricity cost and a 20% discount on natural gas.
- Family Electric Rate Assistance (**FERA**) - Income-qualified customers living in household of three or more are eligible to receive an 18% discount on total electricity cost.
- **Medical Baseline Allowance** - Customers with qualifying medical needs and devices may receive additional gas and electricity usage allotments at the lowest available rate tier - plus notification in the event of a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS).



Bill Payment Assistance

- Arrearage Management Plan (**AMP**) - Customers enrolled in CARE or FERA who have been PG&E customers for more than six consecutive months, and are more than 90 days behind on their bills may receive up to \$8,000 in assistance on their past-due balances -- if they are able to pay the amount due, going forward, for 12 months
- Relief for Energy Assistance Through Community Help (**REACH**) - Income-qualified customers who have been disconnected or received a 15-day or 48-hour disconnection notice may receive an energy credit of up to \$300 based on past-due amount.
- Low income Home Energy Assistance Program (**LIHEAP**) - This federally funded program offers financial assistance of up to \$3,000 per year, along with fee energy-efficient upgrades and energy related home repairs to help lower your energy bills.



Energy Efficiency Programs



Home Energy Savings

Free home upgrades (attic insulation, duct seal, heat pump HVAC, heat pump water heater, etc.)



Multifamily Energy Savings

Technical assistance and rebates for energy efficiency and electrification upgrades at deed-restricted multifamily properties



Small Business Energy Advantage

No- and low-cost upgrades for small businesses in Priority Communities

Energy Efficiency Programs



Strategic Energy Management

Operational changes that save you money



Commercial Efficiency Program

Technical assistance and rebates for energy saving upgrades



Agriculture and Industrial Resources

Technical assistance and rebates for energy saving upgrades

Electric Vehicle Programs



Income-Qualified EV Rebates

\$3,500 per vehicle
Stacks with other incentives



MCE Sync

Automates EV charging at
home to use the least
expensive and cleanest
energy on the grid



Workplace & Multifamily Charging

2,000+ ports
\$3,000 rebates for
workplace
and multifamily properties

Explore MCE's Programs

<https://mcecleanenergy.org/explore-programs-and-offers/>

Explore All of MCE's Programs and Offers

MCE customers have access to additional programs and offers that have been designed to meet the needs of your area. Filter by the type of customer you are to see what you may qualify for.

☒ All Rebates

Residents

- ☐ EV Drivers
- ☐ Homeowners
- ☐ Renters
- ☐ Solar & Battery Storage Owners


Businesses

- ☐ Agricultural
- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Multifamily Properties
- ☐ Small and Medium Size Businesses


Organizations


- ☐ Municipalities
- ☐ Nonprofits
- ☐ Public Organizations

Industry Partners




Get Paid for Your Energy Efficiency Projects





Get Paid for Your Demand Response Projects



Questions + Listening Session



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We Want To Hear From You!

- How can we support our communities in learning more about energy savings?
- What are the avenues to reach our communities with resources?
- What are you hearing from your communities about the cost of electricity/utilities?
- What resources and information can your organization share to help inform our communities about energy costs and energy/bill saving opportunities? What do you need from us?
- What are the barriers for people to adopt technologies and programs for energy savings?
- What do we need to consider to support people in investing in long term energy saving programs?



Announcements

- Because of Youth Festival 3/30
- BARCAP Public Survey
 - English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BARCAP_Survey
 - Spanish: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BARCAP_Survey?lang=es
- MCE Board of Directors Meeting 03/20

FESTIVAL 2025

Empowering Tomorrow's
Green Leaders

March 30, 2025
10 am – 3 pm
Contra Costa County

JOIN THE FUN!

Green job and internship opportunities

Volunteer opportunities

Special guest presentations

Carnival games

Music & Food



FREE EVENT
FOR TEENS &
YOUNG ADULTS
AGES 14-19*

RSVP REQUIRED: [mceBOY.org](https://mceboy.org)

*must reside in MCE service area to participate



Thank you!



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