



**Special Meeting**  
MCE Technical Committee Meeting  
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1. Roll Call/Quorum
2. Board Announcements (Discussion)
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4. Committee & Staff Matters (Discussion)
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February 13, 2026

TO: MCE Technical Committee

FROM: Maíra Strauss, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  
Kaladhar R. Bollampalli, Director of Power Systems & Analytics  
Jonnie Kipyator, Principal Manager, Power Analytics

RE: MCE Rate Reduction Proposals (Agenda Item #03)

ATTACHMENT: Presentation FY 2026/27 MCE Rate Reduction Proposals

Dear Technical Committee Members:

**Summary:**

MCE is conducting its annual rate-setting assessment for FY 2026/27. Rates are assessed using six criteria: revenue sufficiency, rate competitiveness, rate stability, customer understanding, equity among customers, and efficiency and conservation.

Power supply costs in the market have dropped in recent months, creating a declining trend in cost of service. This trend is creating headroom in MCE's generation rates that could allow for a reduction for customers, while still meeting MCE's revenue requirements in the next fiscal year.

PG&E implemented new generation rates effective January 1, 2026, which are lower than MCE's current generation rates. At the same time, the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) charged by PG&E to MCE customers ("unbundled customers") has increased dramatically due to a large PCIA true-up recovering 2025 PG&E under-collections, while bundled customers (customers who take generation service from PG&E) are receiving PCIA credits. This gap stems from a 2025 CPUC decision that retroactively recalculated market price benchmarks, creating an alleged PG&E revenue shortfall that is now being recovered primarily from unbundled customers in 2026.

To better align with MCE's declining cost of service and to deepen opportunities for customer savings, staff evaluated multiple rate options, reserve-supported rate relief tools, and potential cost-savings from reduction in clean procurement targets.

Staff evaluated five **Generation Rate Reduction** options for FY 2026/27. Please note:

- Rate comparisons are based on Residential E-TOU-C plan and MCE's 2017 PCIA vintage.
- Residential rates are used for comparison and illustration purposes only; similar rate reductions apply across all customer groups, including commercial, industrial, and other non-residential classes.
- Proposed rate reductions are approximate; actual impacts vary by rate class and time-of-use period.
- Monthly bill impacts assume 438 kWh of typical residential usage.
- All figures are estimates and subject to change.

Table 1. Summary of FY 2026/27 Generation Rate Reduction Options.

MCE's current residential generation rate is 14.62¢/kWh.

Option	Generation Rate Reduction	Under-Recovery of Cost	How the Gap Is Addressed	Residential Bill Impact (w/o PCIA)	Residential Bill Impact (w/ PCIA)
1	<b>1.73¢/kWh</b> (12%)	<b>\$0M</b>	N/A	<b>\$1 above</b> bundled customers	<b>\$22 above</b> bundled customers
2	<b>2.05¢/kWh</b> (14%)	<b>\$17M</b>	Partial ORF (Rate Stabilization Fund)	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21 above</b> bundled customers
3	<b>3¢/kWh</b> (21%)	<b>\$67M</b>	Almost full ORF	<b>\$4 below</b> bundled customers	<b>\$17 above</b> bundled customers
4	<b>3.51¢/kWh</b> (24%)	<b>\$94M</b>	Full ORF + Reserve-backed funding	<b>\$7 below</b> bundled customers	<b>\$14 above</b> bundled customers
5	<b>4¢/kWh</b> (27%)	<b>\$119M</b>	Full ORF + All available reserve-backed funding + Clean energy procurement reduction	<b>\$9 below</b> bundled customers	<b>\$12 above</b> bundled customers

All options would allow MCE to maintain compliance with MCE's reserve and liquidity policies. The resulting revenue reduction or under-recovery of costs would be addressed through a combination of the Operating Reserve Fund (ORF, also referred to as the "Rate Stabilization Fund"), and other reserve-backed funding, and potentially a reduction in clean energy procurement.

## **Background:**

MCE reviews potential rate adjustments each year in alignment with its fiscal year (April 1–March 31). Although this review is conducted annually, rate changes are implemented only when needed. Aligning the review with the fiscal year helps maintain consistency between the agency’s budget and its revenue requirements. Off-cycle adjustments may be made when necessary to ensure full cost recovery.

MCE’s rate design is guided by the following objectives:

- **Revenue sufficiency:** rates should recover all expenses, debt service and other expenditure requirements, and build prudent reserves, i.e., the “revenue requirement”.
- **Rate competitiveness:** rates should allow MCE to successfully compete in the marketplace to retain and attract customers.
- **Rate stability:** rate changes should be minimized to reduce customer bill impacts.
- **Customer understanding:** rates should be simple, transparent, and easily understood by customers.
- **Equity among customers:** rate differences among customers should be justified by differences in usage characteristics and/or cost of service.
- **Efficiency and conservation:** rates should encourage conservation and efficient use of electricity (e.g., off-peak vehicle charging or time-of-use load shifting).

These objectives can be in tension with one another. Revenue sufficiency cannot be compromised, but the Board has discretion in balancing the remaining objectives.

MCE maintains strong financial stability through:

- **Reserves equal to 60%** of annual energy and operating expenses.
- **Liquidity of 240 days** cash on hand.

FY 2025/26 projections show MCE exceeding both targets, with reserves expected at **109%** and liquidity at **274 days**.

The PG&E PCIA charges remain volatile. CCA customers face higher PCIA charges, while bundled PG&E customers receive credits. According to industry forecasts, PCIA costs are expected to converge across vintages beginning in 2027 and beyond.

## **Rate-Setting Process**

The FY 2026/27 rate analysis incorporates updated load forecasts, customer participation assumptions, and projected procurement costs. Projected revenue at current rates is compared to the revenue requirement to determine whether adjustments are needed. Rates are then designed to recover each customer class’s allocated costs while balancing competitiveness and stability.

## Rate Relief Tools

The following table summarizes the tools available to support rate competitiveness in FY 2026/27. All amounts are estimates and subject to change as forecasts are updated.

Table 2. Potential Resources to Support Rate Competitiveness (FY 2026/27).

Tool	Amount	Description
Rate Reduction Headroom	\$89M	Ability to reduce rates to align projected FY 2026/27 revenues with cost levels without creating a deficit
Operating Reserve Fund	\$70M	Funds available currently for targeted rate relief
Reserve-Backed Funding	\$24 to 36M	Up to \$36M available from reserves for rate relief with no impact on MCE's reserve or liquidity targets
Reduced Clean Energy Procurement	\$0 to 17M	Potential savings from lowering Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS)/Carbon-Free (CF) procurement targets
<b>Total Potential Rate Relief</b>	<b>\$183 to 212M</b>	<b>Sum of all available tools for FY 2026/27</b>

## Clean Procurement Reduction Measures

California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) requires:

- 60% renewable energy by 2030.
- 100% zero-carbon electricity by 2045.

Compliance is tracked through Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), which certify that one megawatt-hour of electricity was generated from a renewable resource, and these certificates are issued and managed in the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS). Compliance is enforced by the CPUC and the California Energy Commission (CEC), and annual procurement obligations are set within multi-year compliance periods (Compliance Period CP5: 2025-2027; CP6: 2028-2030).

## MCE's Current Clean Energy Goals

MCE's Light Green service provides:

- 60% renewable energy (minimum achieved since 2017).
- 95% GHG-free energy (achieved since 2022).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> MCE uses the CEC Power Content Label reported emissions factor (lbs of CO<sub>2</sub>e emitted per megawatt-hour) to calculate its carbon-free percentage equivalent. GHG intensity figures exclude biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> and emissions from geothermal sources and grandfathered imports of firmed-and-shaped energy. For detailed

MCE's customer messaging for the Light Green product would need to be adjusted if the renewable and GHG-free content is reduced. MCE's anticipated progress to increase renewable content to **85% by 2031** is shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3. State and MCE Light Green Targets. Summary of California State and MCE RPS and Carbon-Free (CF) Targets.

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b>State RPS targets</b>	47%	49%	52%	55%	57%	60%
<b>MCE RPS Goals</b>	60%	60%	65%	70%	75%	80%
<b>State Carbon Free target</b>	100% Carbon Free by 2045					
<b>MCE Carbon Free goals</b>	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%

Deep Green remains unaffected by any cost-saving adjustments.

### Procurement Options Evaluated

Table 4. Cost Summary. Summary of the procurement options and the associated net changes to the cost of energy relative to current estimates. Scenario #1 represents no change to current targets. Scenario #2 would delay increasing RPS content from 60% to 65% by one year. Scenarios #3-7 represent a departure from MCE's Board policy towards an incrementally cleaner portfolio over time and would require changes to customer messaging, product descriptions, and materials. Reductions would likely create customer and community partner concern and confusion, and affect trust in MCE's clean energy commitments.

Scenario #	RPS/CF %	Renewable Content	FY 2026/27		FY 2027/28	
			Cost of Energy (M)	Savings (M)	Cost of Energy (M)	Savings (M)
1	60-65/95	60%	\$643	\$0	\$636	\$0
2	60/95	60%	\$642	\$0	\$634	\$2
3	60/70	60%	\$630	\$13	\$618	\$18
4	RPS Compliance/95	49-52% (RPS Compliance)	\$640	\$3	\$632	\$4

information about all GHG emissions from California's retail electricity suppliers, visit the CEC [webpage](#). Resource Adequacy (RA) is not reflected in the CEC Power Content Label, which reports only delivered retail energy and does not account for individual load serving entity RA contracts. RA is procured to meet CAISO reliability requirements and is not attributed to MCE's retail energy portfolio for emissions reporting purposes.

5	RPS Compliance/85	49-52% (RPS Compliance)	\$634	\$9	\$625	\$11
6	RPS Compliance/70	49-52% (RPS Compliance)	\$627	\$16	\$617	\$19
7	RPS Banking/70	45% (RPS Banking)	\$626	\$17	\$615	\$21

RPS Compliance: Meet the state RPS requirements without banking any RECs.

RPS Banking: Bank excess 2025 RECs for use in 2026 and 2027 under CP5, which lowers the effective RPS to 45% for those years.

These measures could provide up to **\$17 million** in cost savings in FY 2026/27 and **\$21 million** in FY 2027/28.

### FY 2026/27 Proposed Rate Options

MCE's current residential E-TOU C generation rate is 14.62¢/kWh. This represents a weighted average rate that accounts for customer usage patterns as well as seasonal (summer/winter) and time-of-use (on-peak/off-peak) pricing.

#### **Option 1: Generation Rate Reduction of 1.73¢/kWh (12%) – Full Cost Recovery**

- Achieves break-even and fully recovers projected costs.
- **Generation Rate:** MCE 12.89¢/kWh vs. Bundled 12.57¢/kWh (0.32¢/kWh higher).
- **Gen + PCIA:** MCE 16.55¢/kWh vs. Bundled 11.56¢/kWh (4.99¢/kWh higher).
- **Monthly Residential Bill Impact:**
  - Without PCIA: **\$1 below** bundled.
  - With PCIA: **\$22 above** bundled.

#### **Option 2: Generation Rate Reduction of 2.05¢/kWh (14%)**

- Results in a \$17M under-recovery of projected costs.
- Under-recovery addressed through the operating reserve fund.
- **Generation Rate:** MCE 12.57¢/kWh vs. Bundled 12.57¢/kWh (at parity).
- **Gen + PCIA:** MCE 16.23¢/kWh vs. Bundled 11.56¢/kWh (4.67¢/kWh higher).

- **Monthly Residential Bill Impact:**
  - Without PCIA: **Equal** to bundled.
  - With PCIA: **\$21 above** bundled.

#### **Option 3: Generation Rate Reduction of 3¢/kWh (21%)**

- Results in a \$67M under-recovery of projected costs.
- Under-recovery addressed through the Operating Reserve Fund (ORF or “Rate Stabilization Fund”).
- **Generation Rate:** MCE 11.62¢/kWh vs. Bundled 12.57¢/kWh (0.95¢/kWh lower).
- **Gen + PCIA:** MCE 15.28¢/kWh vs. Bundled 11.56¢/kWh (3.72¢/kWh higher).
- **Monthly Residential Bill Impact:**
  - Without PCIA: **\$4 below** bundled.
  - With PCIA: **\$17 above** bundled.

#### **Option 4: Generation Rate Reduction of 3.51¢/kWh (24%) – Uses All Available Reserves Without Falling Below Liquidity Targets**

- Results in a \$97M under-recovery of projected costs.
- Under-recovery addressed through the ORF; this option fully exhausts ORF and reserve-backed funding while maintaining liquidity targets.
- **Generation Rate:** MCE 11.11¢/kWh vs. Bundled 12.57¢/kWh (1.46¢/kWh lower).
- **Gen + PCIA:** MCE 14.77¢/kWh vs. Bundled 11.56¢/kWh (3.21¢/kWh higher).
- **Monthly Residential Bill Impact:**
  - Without PCIA: **\$7 below** bundled.
  - With PCIA: **\$14 above** bundled.

#### **Option 5: Generation Rate Reduction of 4¢/kWh (27%)**

- Results in a \$119M under-recovery of projected costs.
- Under-recovery addressed through ORF, reserve-backed funding, and reduced clean energy procurement.
- **Generation Rate:** MCE 10.62¢/kWh vs. Bundled 12.57¢/kWh (1.95¢/kWh lower).
- **Gen + PCIA:** MCE 14.28¢/kWh vs. Bundled 11.56¢/kWh (2.72¢/kWh higher).
- **Monthly Residential Bill Impact:**



- Without PCIA: **\$9 below** bundled.
- With PCIA: **\$12 above** bundled.

### Reserve & Liquidity Outlook

- All options maintain compliance with MCE's reserve and liquidity policies.
- Option 4 represents the break-even point for reserve sufficiency.
- Projections assume stable customer participation.

### Sustainability of Proposed Generation Rate Options

When evaluating the FY 2026/27 rate options, it is important to distinguish between the *size of the rate reduction* and the *resulting generation rate level*. Sustainability is determined by the **generation rate level** in each option, not by how large the reduction is.

Based on current forecasts, projected FY 2027/28 costs are slightly below the **generation rate associated with Option 2**. This means:

- **Options 1 and 2**  
Both options set **generation rate levels that are at or above** projected FY 2027/28 costs, allowing them to be sustained next year without the need for a rate increase.
- **Options 3, 4, and 5**  
These options reduce the **generation rate** to levels that fall **below** what is needed to recover projected FY 2027/28 costs.
  - Each option relies heavily on the ORF in FY 2026/27, leaving insufficient reserves to continue supporting these lower generation rates.
  - As a result, the generation rate levels in Options 3-5 **cannot be sustained** into FY 2027/28.
  - Under any of these options, the generation rate would need to increase next year to a level **at or slightly below the Option 2 generation rate** to achieve cost recovery.

In summary, while deeper reductions (Options 3-5) produce lower generation rates in the near term, those generation rate levels are not financially sustainable beyond FY 2026/27. Options 1 and 2 provide the only generation rate levels that can be maintained without requiring an upward adjustment next fiscal year.

### Fiscal Impact:

None at this time. Fiscal impacts to be determined by future board action.

### Recommendation:

Consider recommending a preferred rate reduction option to the full Board to assist with FY 2026/27 budget planning and finalization.



# Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 MCE Rate Reduction Proposals

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# Meet the Presenter



## Maíra Strauss

### Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Maíra leads all of MCE's financial operations and strategies which include FP&A, Strategic Finance, Accounting and Risk Management.

Maíra brings over 15 years of experience in financial management and strategic planning to her role. Prior to joining MCE, she consulted on strategic business practices for various international foundations and startups and worked in the energy industry in Brazil. Maíra holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from SFSU and a post-baccalaureate certificate in business strategies from ESPM- RJ in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

# Meet the Presenter



## Kaladhar R. Bollampalli (Kal)

Director, Power Systems & Analytics

Kal joined MCE in June 2025 and leads the organization's rates design, portfolio planning and analytics, and CAISO market operations.

Before joining MCE, Kal spent 16 years at Southern California Edison (SCE), where he managed energy portfolios valued at up to \$2 billion and advanced market strategy, clean energy procurement, and portfolio optimization - efforts that delivered more than \$150 million in customer savings over his tenure.

Prior to his work at SCE, Kal spent over 6 years as a software engineer, successfully implementing technology solutions in the energy and supply chain management sectors.

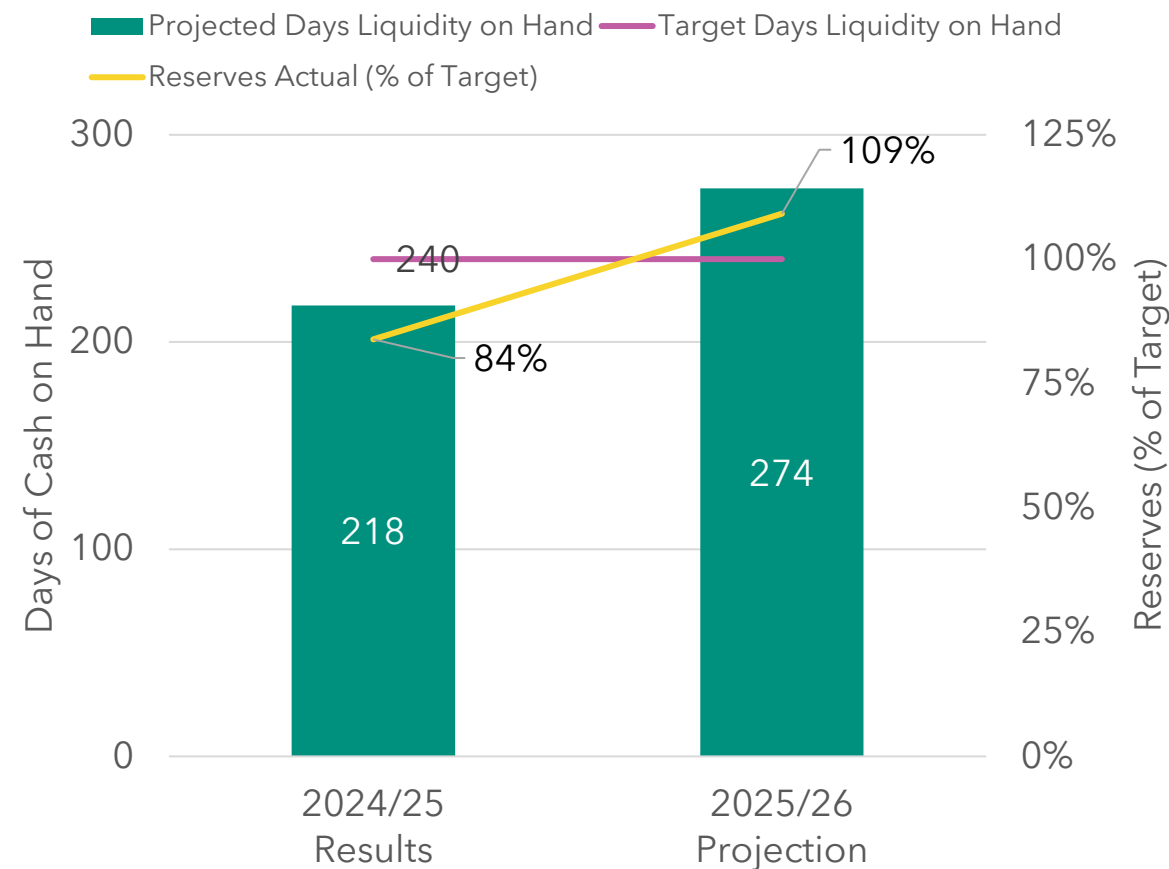
Kal holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Communications Engineering from OUCB and an MBA from UCLA.

# MCE Rate-Setting Principles



# MCE's Reserve & Liquidity Policy

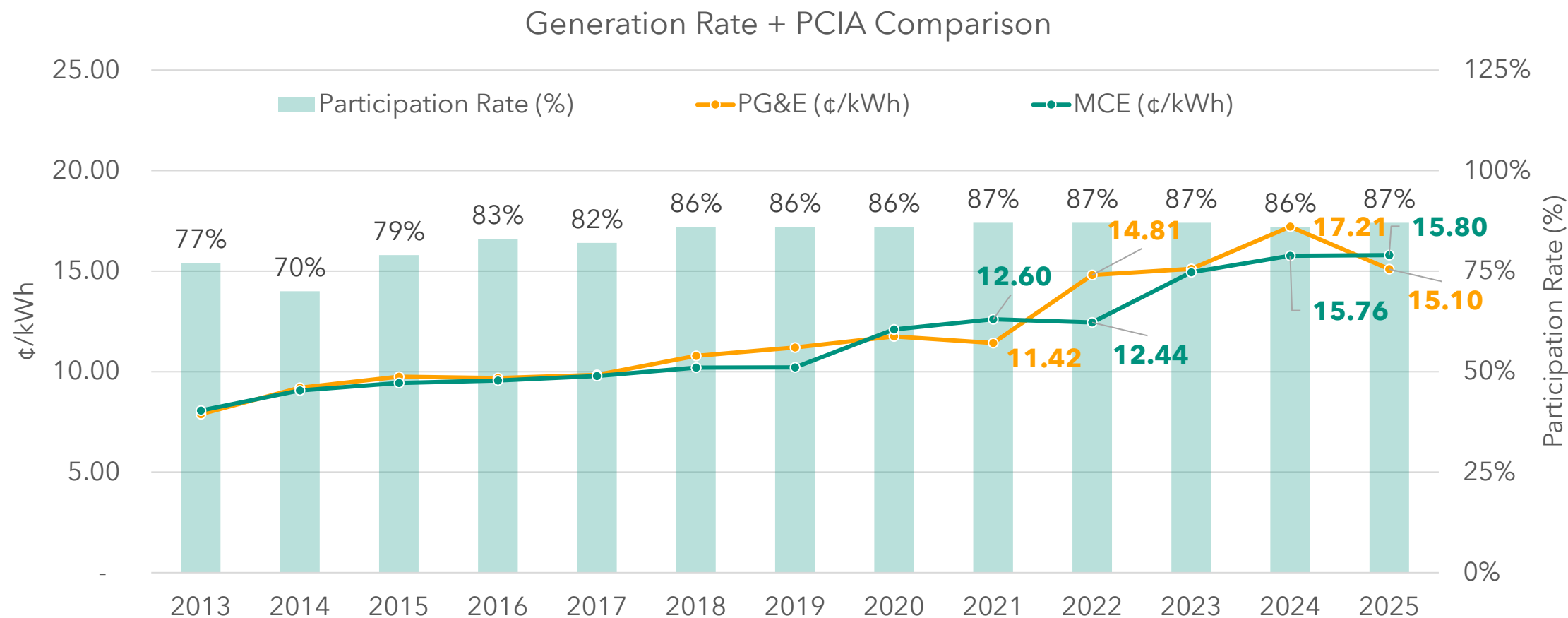
- Maintain MCE's Reserves = **60% of annual energy + operating expenses**
- Liquidity goal of **240 days cash on hand** (unrestricted cash & investments / annual expenses)
- Ensure financial stability, rate stability and strong credit rating



- FY 2025/26 Projection is based on current estimates and will be refined with updated financials

# Historical Generation Rate + PCIA Comparison

MCE’s Generation Rates + PCIA have generally been a lower-cost and stable option, with steady customer participation over time



- Rate comparisons use Residential E1/E-TOU-C plans and MCE’s 2017 PCIA vintage
- PG&E generation and PCIA rates are set on a calendar year; MCE generation rates on a fiscal year (Apr-Mar)



# Customer Participation & Cost Sensitivity

## Despite periods of higher rates, customer participation remains strong

- Since June 2025, MCE generation + PCIA has been higher than PG&E
- Participation at an all-time high: 87.3% (Dec 2025)
- Record customers: 603,478 accounts (Dec 2025)
- Opt-outs remain historically low
- Customers who opt out must decide to stay with MCE for 6 months or take PG&E's inflated transitional bundled service rate (often 2-3x standard rate)

## Key takeaway:

Customers appear to value **long-term stability**, **sustainability**, and **program benefits**; not just short-term price differences

*Affordability remains a core priority, also supported by several bill discount and customer programs for financially vulnerable customers*



# PG&E Switching Limits: Transitional Bundled Service (TBS)

- Customers opting out of CCA have 2 choices:
  - Give 6 month's notice and stay with CCA service for that period, or
  - Return to PG&E immediately
- Opting out of a CCA without 6-month notice triggers PG&E's **Transitional Bundled Service (TBS)** for 6 months
- Under TBS, Transitional Bundled Commodity Cost (TBCC) rates apply
- TBCC is highly volatile and costly, often **2-3× standard rates**, fluctuating weekly with CAISO market prices (~ 14 - 30¢/kWh in recent years)
- Original PCIA vintage applies during the TBS period
- After 6 months, customers move to bundled generation + PCIA rates, followed by a 12-month PG&E lock-in prohibiting them from returning to MCE

# FY 2026/27 MCE Rates Strategy

## Balance Cost with Competitiveness and Long-Term Customer Retention

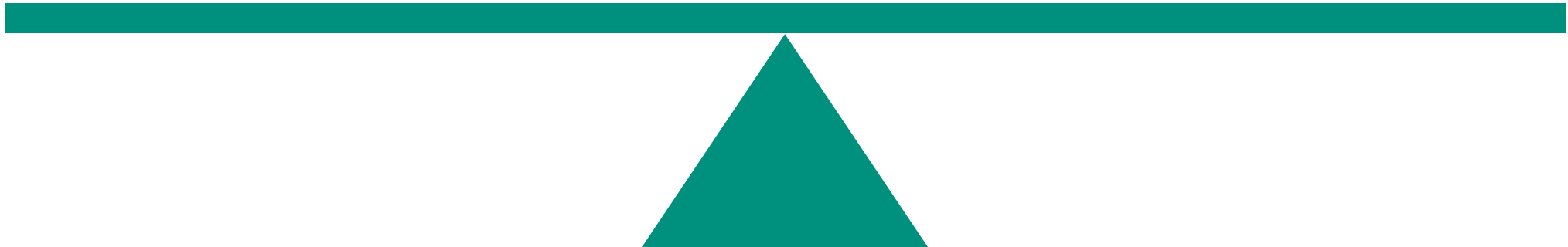
### Reflect True Cost

- Align with reserve policy
- True cost = rate floor
- Supports long-term financial stability

### Competitiveness & Retention

Retention is influenced by more than price

- Cleaner, greener power; programs
- Historically stable & often lower rates
- Long-term value proposition (future years may be lower)



**Strategic implication:** MCE must balance cost recovery with maintaining a compelling customer value proposition across **price, sustainability, stability, programs** and **long-term certainty**

# FY 2026/27 Rate Relief Tools

## Potential Resources to Support Rate Competitiveness (FY 2026/27)

Tool	Amount	Description
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# FY 2026/27 Proposed Gen Rate Reduction Options

Option	Gen Rate Reduction	Under-Recovery	How Addressed	Bill Impact (w/o PCIA)	Bill Impact (w/ PCIA)
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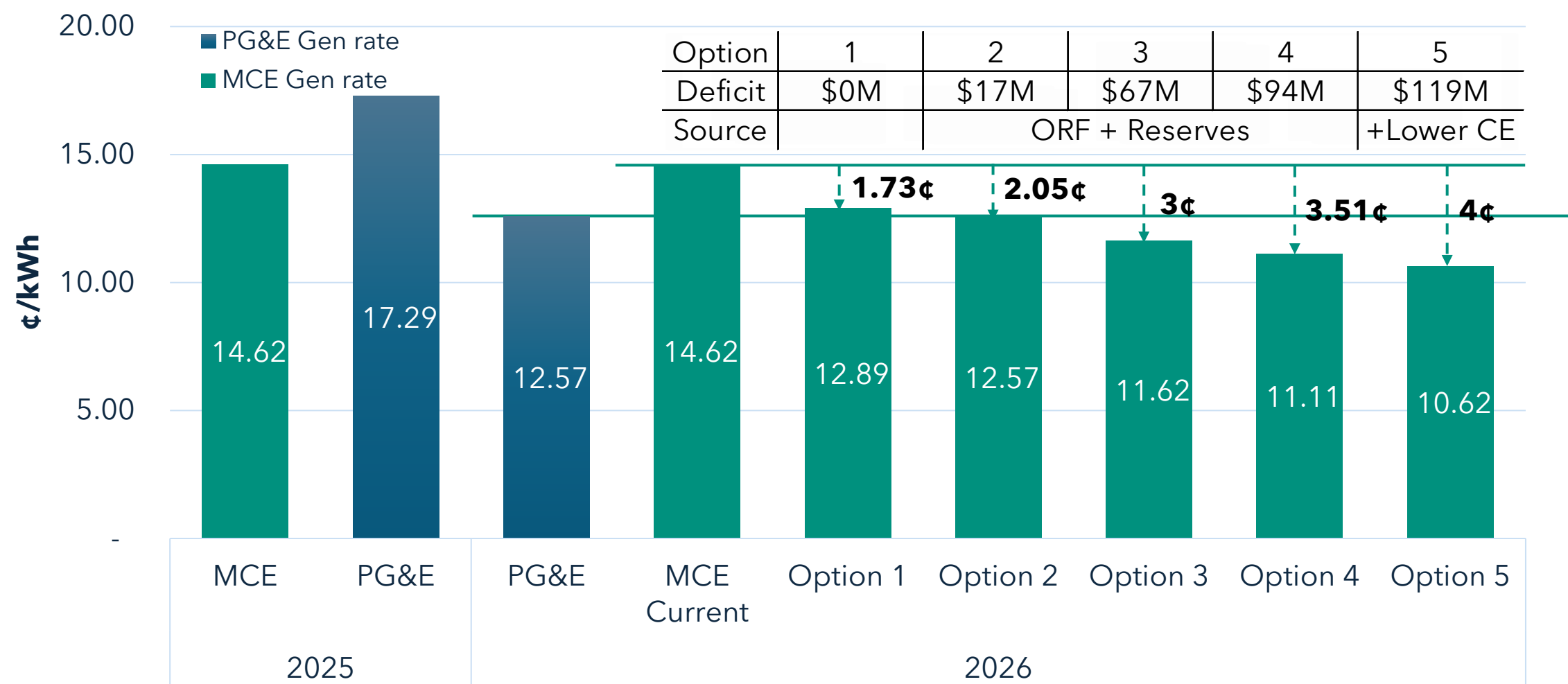
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# Reduced Clean Energy Procurement Scenarios

				FY 2026/27		FY 2027/28	
Scenario #	RPS/Carbon-Free (CF) %	RPS	CF	Cost of Energy (\$M)	Cost Reduction (\$M)	Cost of Energy (\$M)	Cost Reduction (\$M)
1	Status-Quo	60-65%	95%	\$643	\$0	\$636	\$0
2	60/95	60%	95%	\$642	\$0	\$634	\$2
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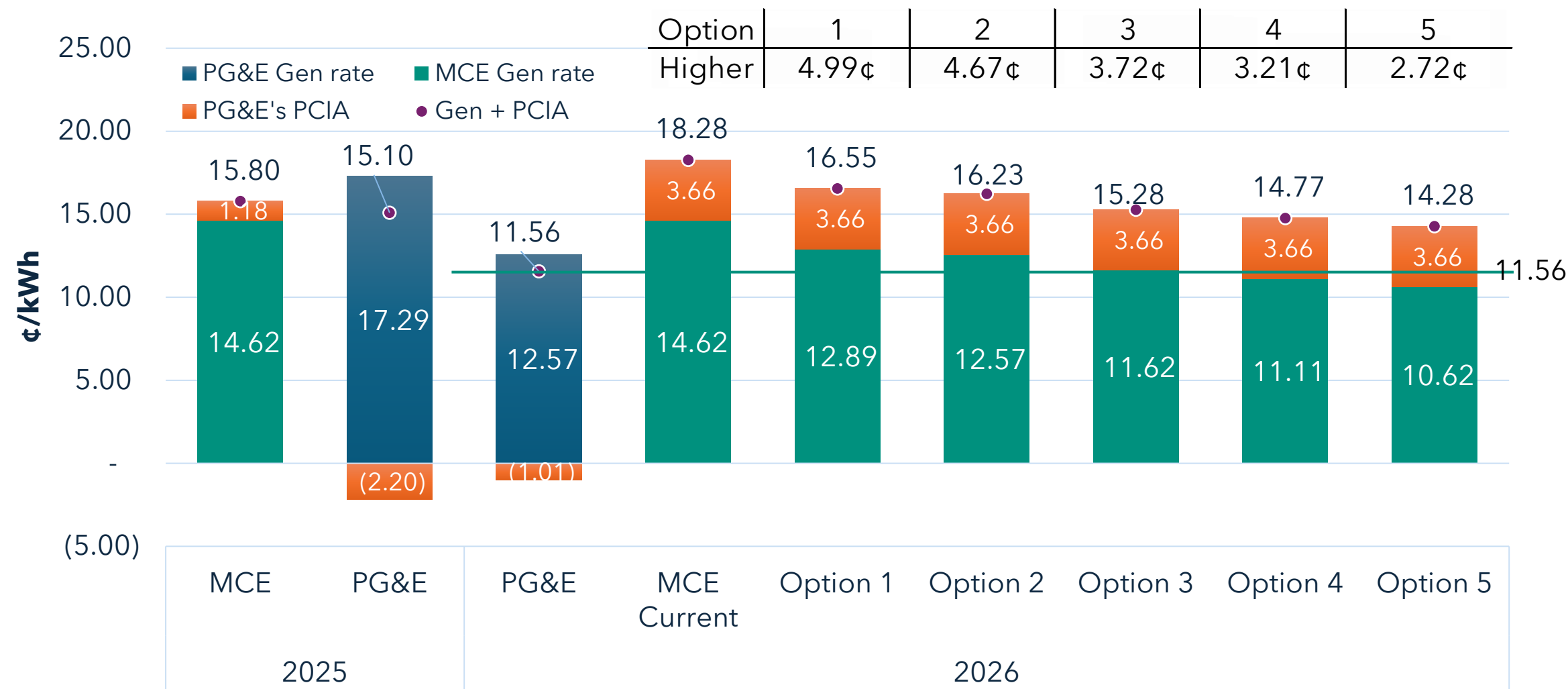
- State RPS goals ('25/'26/'27): **47% / 49% / 52%**; MCE RPS goals ('25/'26/'27): **60% / 60% / 65%**; MCE's CF goal **95%**
- MCE calculates CF percentage based on the CEC Power Content Label (PCL) reported emissions factor (lbs CO<sub>2</sub>e/MWh). Resource Adequacy is not reflected in the PCL and is not attributed to MCE's retail energy portfolio for emissions reporting purposes.
- RPS Compliance options do **not** include REC banking
- REC banking allows excess RPS in one year to be used in later years within the same Compliance Period (CP); CP5 is from 2025-2027
- All figures are estimates and subject to change

# FY 2026/27 Proposed Generation Rate Options



- All rate comparisons use Residential E1/E-TOU-C plans and MCE's 2017 PCIA vintage; Operating Reserve Fund (ORF); Clean Energy (CE)
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# FY 2026/27 Proposed Generation Rate Options + PCIA



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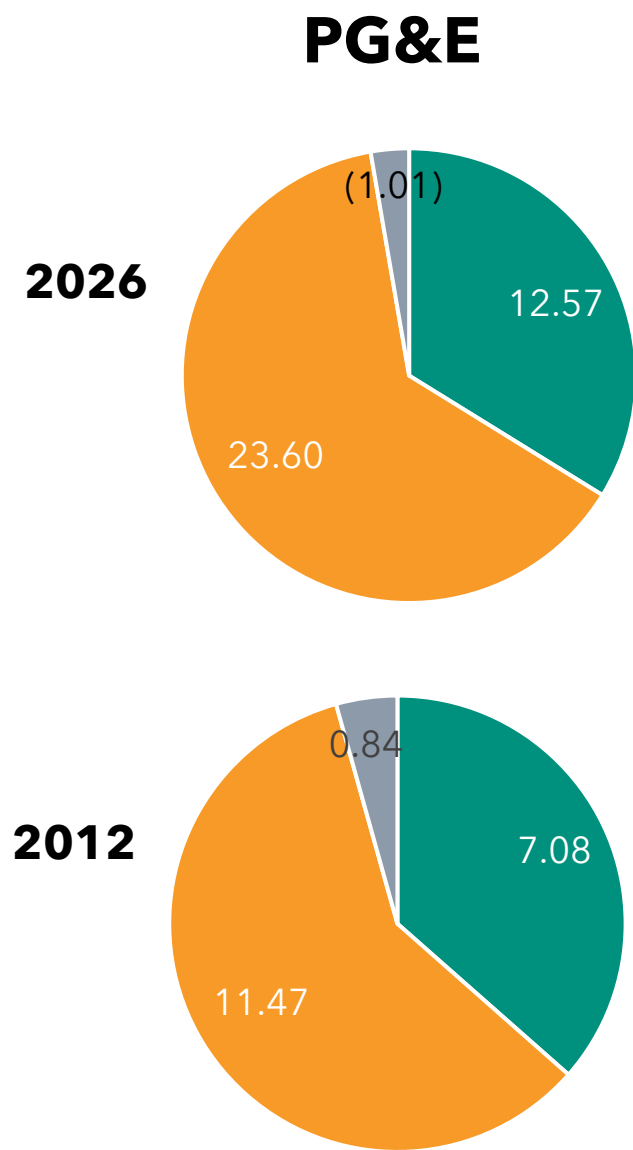
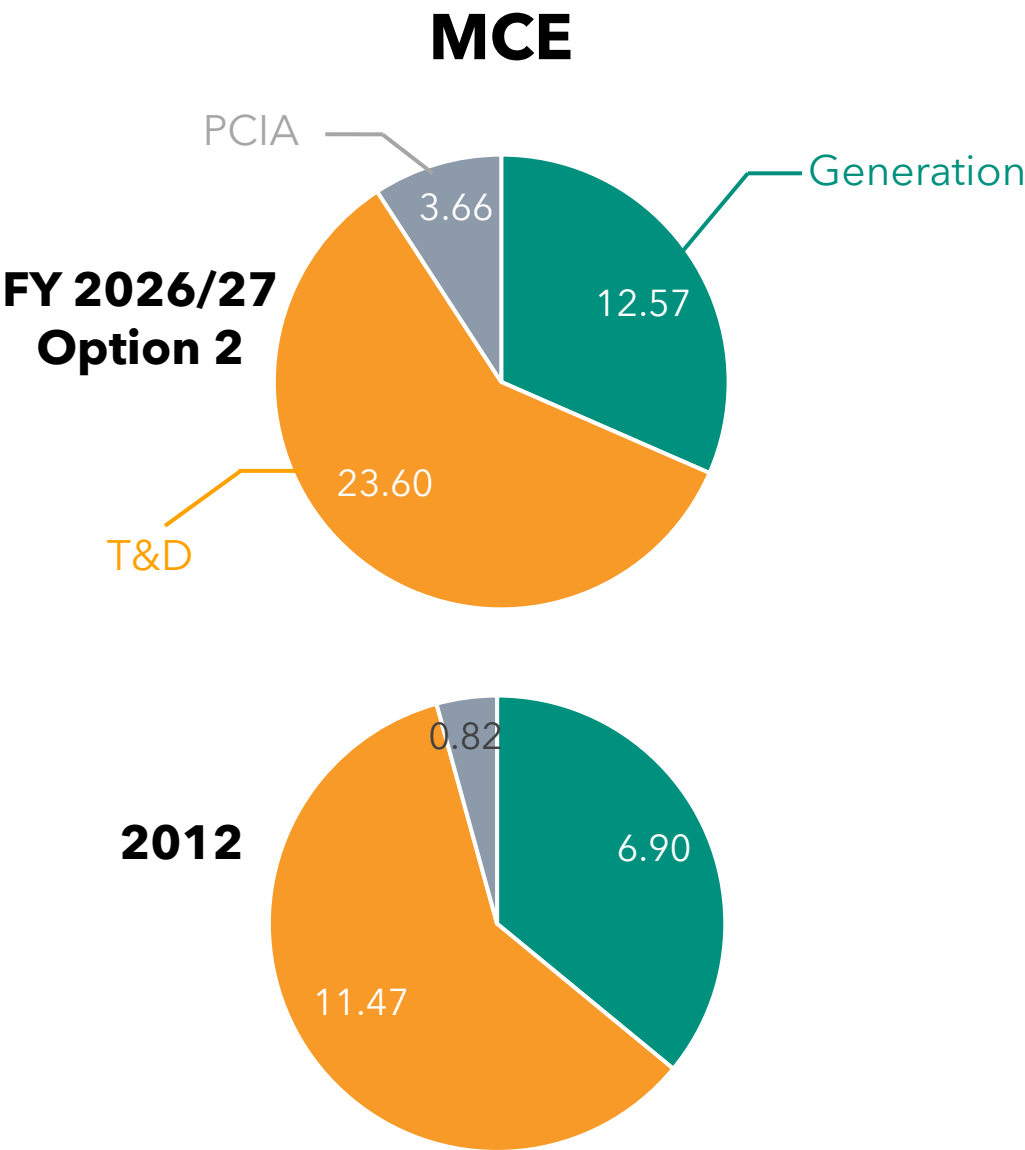
# Bill Comparison: MCE and PG&E

	PG&E	MCE Light Green						
Residential: E-TOU C	2026	2025	Current	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Generation Rate (\$/kWh)	\$0.1257	\$0.1462	\$0.1462	\$0.1289	\$0.1257	\$0.1162	\$0.1111	\$0.1062
PG&E Delivery Rate (\$/kWh)	0.236	0.280	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.236
PG&E PCIA/FF (\$/kWh)	(0.010)	0.012	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.037
Total Electricity Cost (\$/kWh)	0.352	0.438	0.419	0.402	0.398	0.389	0.384	0.379
<b>Average Monthly Bill (\$)</b>	<b>\$154</b>	<b>\$192</b>	<b>\$183</b>	<b>\$176</b>	<b>\$174</b>	<b>\$170</b>	<b>\$168</b>	<b>\$166</b>
<b>Difference (MCE - PG&amp;E)</b>		<b>\$38</b>	<b>\$29</b>	<b>\$22</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$16</b>	<b>\$14</b>	<b>\$12</b>
<b>% Higher than PG&amp;E</b>		<b>25%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>8%</b>

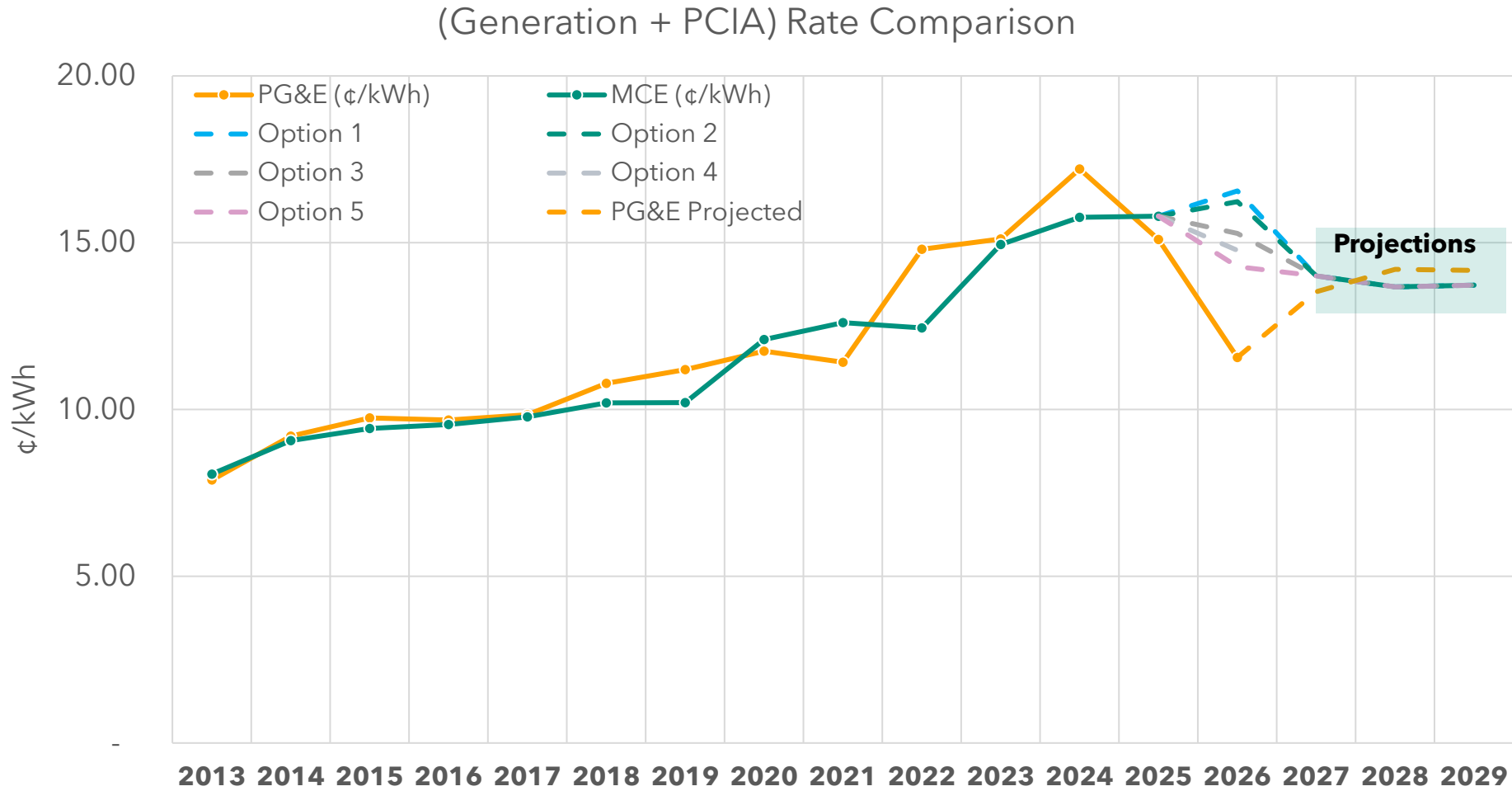
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- Average bills in recent years under **TBCC** range from ~**\$180-\$250** per month; about **16% to 50% higher** than PG&E's standard bundled rates



# Rate Comparison: MCE and PG&E



# Generation Rate + PCIA Projections



## Projections

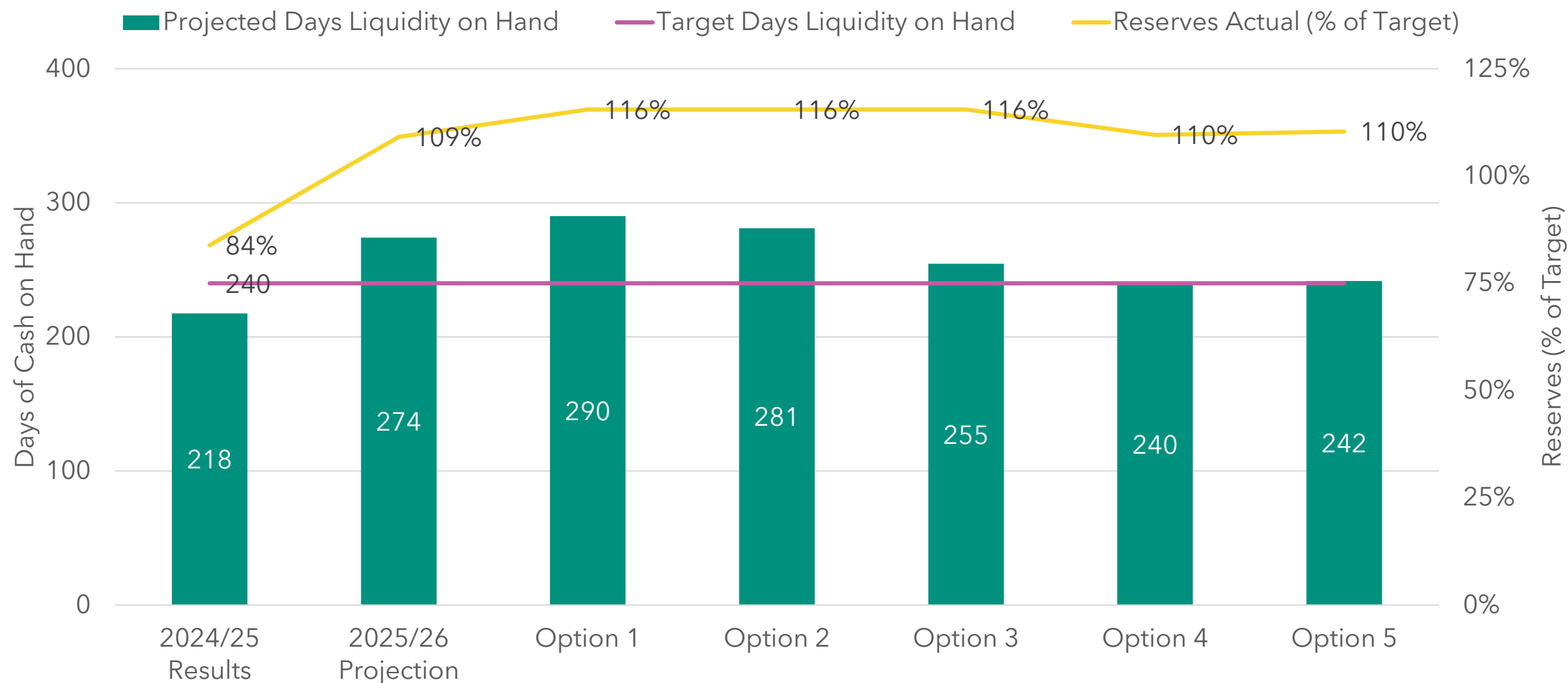
**2027+:** PCIA convergence across all vintages

Cost-based rates keep MCE's Generation + PCIA below PG&E's forecast:

- **Options 1-2:** Generation Rate remains stable and sustainable with no increases
- **Options 3-5:** Use reserves in the near term, then raise the Generation Rate later to at least the Option 1-2 level, with future increases offset by declining PCIA beginning in 2027

- Comparisons use Residential E1/E-TOU-C plans and MCE's 2017 PCIA vintage
- Future PG&E generation rates are assumed to remain at 2026 levels, while PCIA values for 2027 and beyond rely on industry (NewGen Strategies & Solutions) projections

# MCE Reserve & Liquidity Outlook



- Outlook is based on current estimates and will be refined with updated financials
- The revenue projections are based on a stable customer participation rate

# Recommendation

Select a preferred **generation rate reduction option** to support FY 2026/27 budget planning

Option	Gen Rate Reduction	Impacts
1	<b>1.73¢/kWh</b> (12%)	Full cost recovery and sustainable into FY 2027/28; No use of reserves
2	<b>2.05¢</b> (14%)	Sustained rates likely into FY 2027/28; Some use of reserves
3	<b>3¢</b> (21%)	Rate increase likely needed for FY 2027/28; Heavy use of reserves
4	<b>3.51¢</b> (24%)	Maintains liquidity targets; Utilizes all available reserves
5	<b>4¢</b> (27%)	Requires reduced clean energy targets & associated changes to customer messaging





# Thank you!



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