



Community Power Coalition

MCE

A local, not-for-profit
electricity provider





Agenda

12:00 PM Welcome + Introductions

12:05 PM Drivers of Energy Affordability and Statewide Solutions

12:25 PM MCE's Affordability Focus

12:45 PM MCE 2026 Updates

12:50 PM Listening Session + Q&A

1:25 PM Wrap up and Next Steps

Presenters

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Presenters: Stephanie Chen, Ben Choi, Jared Sherwood



Drivers of Energy Affordability and Statewide Solutions

What's Driving High Electric Bills?

Distribution and Transmission

- PG&E distribution rates increased 38% in 2024
 - Primarily due to wildfire mitigation expenses
- PG&E transmission rates decreased 18% in 2024

Generation

- PCIA for MCE residential customers increased by \$20/month, on average, in 2026
- MCE generation rates have not changed since Jan. 2023

AB 1761 (Rogers) - PCIA Data Transparency



The Problem

Lack of data transparency can lead to costly errors and make it harder to mitigate rate shock



The Solution

Make key data available to all parties, with strong confidentiality protections



The Ask

Consider organizational support for AB 1761

SB 1138 (Padilla) - Lowering RA Costs

The Problem

- Resource adequacy compliance is hourly, but RA purchases must be monthly

The Solution

- Allow RA transactions on an hourly basis

The Ask

- Consider organizational support for SB 1138

California's RA Program: Why buy a crate of oranges when you only need a few slices?



Other Electric Affordability Hot Topics

Data centers and large energy users

- Avoid shifting costs to other customers
- Allocating the cost of grid upgrades
- Power supply, including backup generation

Transmission

- Timely, affordable buildout
- Building on 2025 Transmission Infrastructure Accelerator

Other Electric Affordability Hot Topics

Increasing Grid Efficiency

- Metrics and incentives for grid optimization
- Optional dynamic rates

IOU Return on Equity

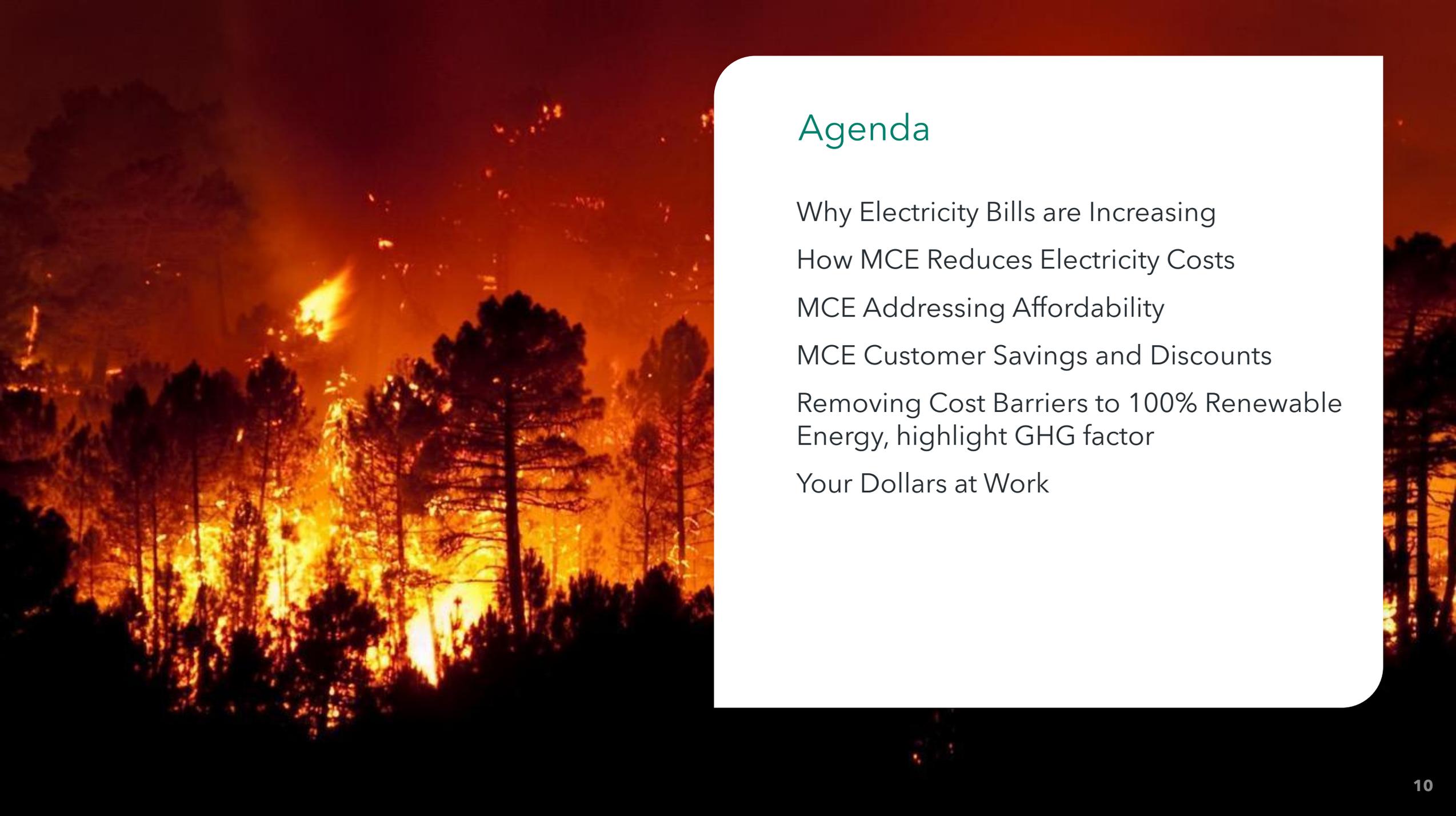
- Methodology
- Maximum allowable ROE

Public Purpose Programs

- Some potential savings, significant potential harm



**MCE's
Affordability
Focus**



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Why Electricity Bills are Increasing

How MCE Reduces Electricity Costs

MCE Addressing Affordability

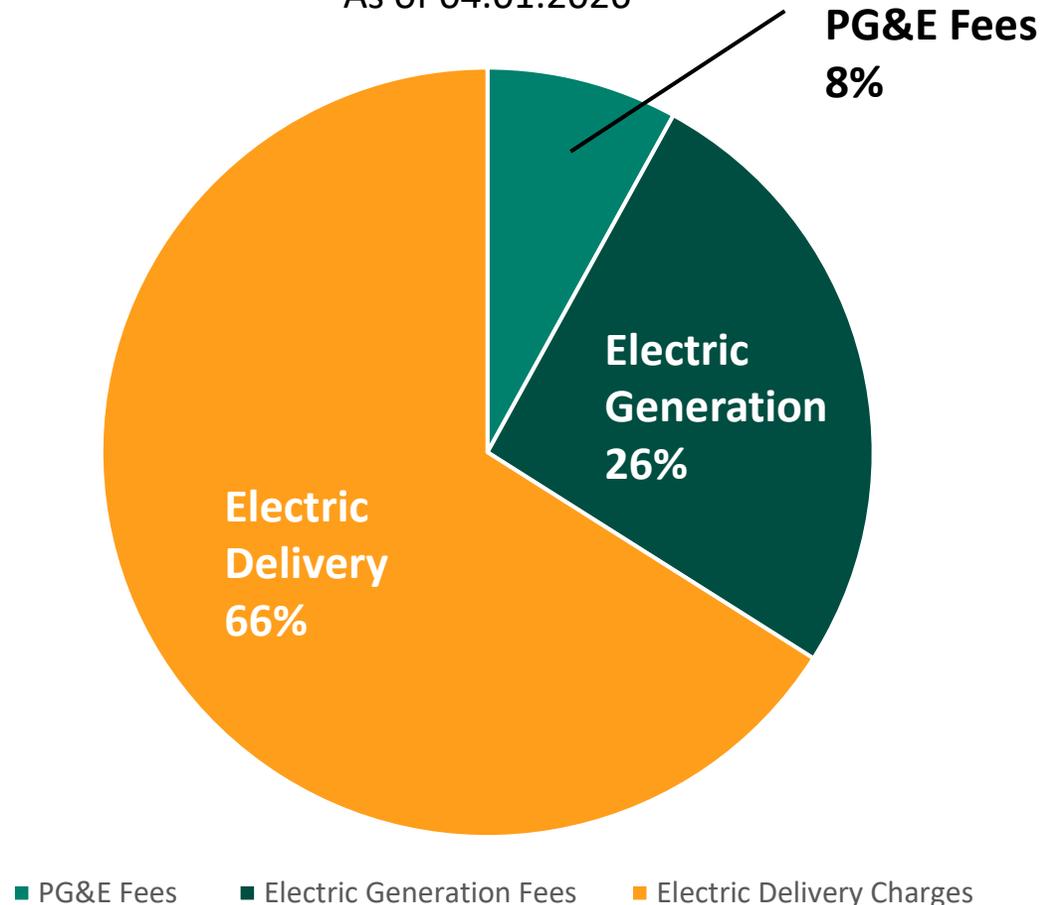
MCE Customer Savings and Discounts

Removing Cost Barriers to 100% Renewable Energy, highlight GHG factor

Your Dollars at Work

Why Electricity Bills Are Increasing

Charges by type for average MCE residential customer
As of 04.01.2026



- **Since 2014:** Over 150% increase in electricity rates, compared to 30% rate of inflation
- Rates are rising primarily due to **rising T&D costs**, driven by wildfire prevention and grid modernization efforts
- Electric Delivery and PG&E fees continue to be a larger share of customer's bills

How MCE Reduces Electricity Costs

- **MCE returns revenues to customers through on-bill savings and clean energy programs.**
- **Leverages green bonds to reduce energy purchase costs**
- Competitive Power Purchase Agreements are secured through **MCE's strong credit and financial standing.**
- MCE **discount programs and community outreach** help customers lower bills.
- **Energy efficiency, demand response, and load shifting programs support energy affordability.**
- **Customer education** on energy usage promotes cost-saving behavioral changes.



Ramar Foods

Strategic
Energy
Management
Participant

MCE Addressing Affordability

- **Rate reduction and temporary bill credit** effective April 1st
 - Average 14% reduction in generation rates
- **MCE Cares Credit** received an additional \$10M funding effective April 1st
 - \$20 and \$25 bill credit for income-qualified homes & businesses
 - Over \$20M funded since 2024
- Promotion and support of **cost relief programs**
 - Green Access, AMP, PIPP





MCE Customer Savings & Discounts

Over \$50M in bill savings compared to PG&E since 2012

\$20M in bill discounts funded through MCE Cares credit (low-income homes and small businesses) since 2024

Over \$8M of customer debt eliminated through Arrearage Management Program (low-income homes)

Over \$4M of bill credits distributed through Green Access

\$600,000 in bill discounts distributed through the Percentage of Income Payment Plan pilot

Removing Cost Barriers to 100% Renewable Energy



Deep Green

- 5,000+ low-income customers enrolled
- 100% renewable energy service
- At no extra cost to CARE/FERA customers



Green Access

- 100% renewable energy at a 20% discount
- 3,265 low-income customers in state-designated disadvantaged communities
- Expanding to 5,500 customers in 2025
- \$1.6+ million in discounts since September 2021.



Local Sol

- 100% local solar service
- Tied to a 20-year Feed-In Tariff contract
- Offers a low-cost option for 100% solar sourced within MCE's service area

Your Dollars at Work



Energy Efficiency

Audits, Rebates,
Usage Reduction

- \$10M in rebates
- Over 5,000 customers served



Electric Vehicles

Vehicle and
Charging Station
Rebates

- 2,000+ EV chargers
- 1,100+ EVs



Energy Resiliency

Distributed
Resources, Demand
Response, Virtual
Power Plant, and
Behavioral Programs

- 33 facilities
- \$300,000+ in bill credits
- \$1.7M in SGIP incentives



Electrification

Heat Pump Installs
and Contractor
Training

- 25+ contractors engaged
- 300 heat pump water heaters



Equity, Health & Safety

Health, Safety,
and Resiliency
Upgrades

- 200 portable batteries distributed
- \$750,000 in solar rebates

Your Local Renewable Electricity Provider



MCE 2026 Updates



MCE Updates

Rate Reduction and MCE Cares Credit: 14% reduction in MCE's generation rates, temporary bill credit thru December 2026, and additional funding of \$10 million for the MCE Cares Credit, effective April 1, 2026.

Because of Youth Impact Award: Nominate a young leader (ages 16-25) in your community. **Deadline is March 27th.**



Listening Session Questions

Where do you see the biggest opportunities or gaps between available energy assistance programs and what your community needs?

Are there any MCE programs that have helped your community with bill savings?

What conversations are you hearing in the community about utility bills?

What legislative or policy changes would most improve energy affordability for the communities you serve?

What is needed to better support low-income and vulnerable communities?

Are there topics you recommend discussing at the ComPow Symposium, or are you interested in being a speaker?



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Thank you!



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