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MCE Notice of Proposed Credit Adjustments

Effective November 1, 2026 if Approved

MCE – the primary electric generation provider in Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and Solano Counties – is proposing to extend a customer bill credit, set to expire 12/31/26, to 3/31/27, and increase it from \$0.0062 to up to \$0.03725 per kWh to provide additional rate relief, reducing total energy bills for average homes by about 9%. MCE's Board will consider the adjustment at its October 15, 2026 meeting.

As a not-for-profit public agency, MCE reinvests revenues locally in customer programs, clean energy projects, and workforce development rather than shareholder profits.

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September 24, 2026

TO: MCE Finance Committee

FROM: Maíra Strauss, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
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RE: Proposed Fiscal Year End 2027 Budget Amendment with Increased Temporary Rate Credit (Agenda Item #05)

ATTACHMENTS: A. Presentation FYE 2027 Proposed Increased Rate Credit and Budget Amendment
B. FYE 2027 Proposed Operating Fund Amended Budget
C. FYE 2027 Proposed Program Development Fund Amended Budget
D. FYE 2027 Proposed Resiliency VPP Fund Amended Budget
E. FYE 2027 Approved Energy Efficiency Fund Budget

Dear Finance Committee Members:

Summary:

Since adoption of the FYE 2027 Budget, actual results and updated projections indicate that MCE is expected to perform materially better than assumed when the budget was approved. Based on actual results through July and updated projections for the remainder of the fiscal year, staff projects year-end change in net position of approximately \$7.7 million, compared to \$1.4 million in the approved budget, and no longer projects the need for the \$62.0 million Operating Reserve Fund withdrawal included in the approved budget. Based on this improved outlook, staff recommends a targeted FYE 2027 Budget Amendment to: (1) increase the authorized Operating Reserve Fund withdrawal from \$62.0 million to \$85.9 million to fund a temporary rate credit of up to \$0.03725/kWh from November 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027 to provide rate relief; (2) approve the line item amendments shown in Table 8, including updated energy revenue, cost of energy, grant income and expense, other income, Transportation Electrification, and Energy Storage Program amounts; and (3) present contingency as a separate Operating Fund category and authorize the Finance Department to apply contingency to any Operating Fund expense line item other than cost of energy. The proposed credit would remain in effect through March 31, 2027, at which time staff would return to the Board with recommendations as part of the FYE 2028 budget process.

Overview:

This report presents two related financial views: the current financial outlook and the Proposed Amended Budget. The outlook estimates where MCE is expected to end FYE 2027 based on actual results through July and updated projections for the remainder of the year. The Proposed Amended Budget reflects only the specific budget authority changes staff is requesting from your Board. Because this is a targeted amendment, all other budget authority would remain unchanged, and staff will continue to report significant variances through the normal Treasurer’s quarterly reporting process.

The outlook reflects staff’s best estimate based on information available at this time, but actual results may differ as conditions change. Key variables include CAISO market prices, load and usage patterns, contract performance, weather, and other market or regulatory developments that could affect revenues, power costs, reserves, or liquidity.

In March 2026, your Board approved the FYE 2027 Budget, including a 2.05 cent/kWh generation rate reduction effective April 1, 2026, a temporary 0.62 cent/kWh rate credit from April through December 2026, and a \$10 million allocation for the MCE Cares Credit program. Together, these measures were intended to provide broad rate relief while delivering additional targeted assistance to eligible residential and small commercial customers.

Current Financial Outlook

The approved budget assumes a \$62.0 million withdrawal from the Operating Reserve Fund (ORF) and a \$1.4 million change in net position. Under the current outlook, which reflects rates in place today and the temporary 0.62¢/kWh credit ending December 31, 2026 (the “status quo”), MCE would instead finish the fiscal year with a \$7.7 million change in net position and no ORF withdrawal.

The ORF balance grew from \$70 million to \$150 million in July 2026, when the Board approved setting aside \$80 million of FYE 2026 revenue. Drawing the budgeted \$62.0 million would leave an ending balance of \$88 million; because the outlook shows a positive change in net position without any withdrawal, the full \$150 million would remain intact. Table 1 below shows the ORF withdrawal, change in net position, and ORF balance under the approved budget and status quo outlook.

Table 1: ORF Withdrawal, Balance, and Change in Net Position.

	Status Quo			
	FYE 2027 Approved	FYE 2027 Outlook	Variance \$	Variance %
ORF Withdrawal	62,000,000	-	(62,000,000)	(100.0%)
Change in Net Position	1,423,000	7,728,000	6,305,000	443.1%
ORF Balance	88,000,000	150,000,000	62,000,000	70.5%

More details on the status quo outlook are provided below. Operating performance is projected to finish approximately \$68.3 million better than budget, enough to cover the \$62.0 million ORF withdrawal entirely and still improve the year end net position.

Table 2: FYE 2027 Outlook Under the Status Quo

		Status Quo			
	FYE 2027 Approved	FYE 2027 Outlook	Variance \$	Variance %	
Energy Revenue, Net	\$ 621,291,000	\$ 636,950,000	\$ 15,659,000	2.5%	
ORF Withdrawal	62,000,000	-	(62,000,000)	(100.0%)	
Cost of Energy	(631,944,000)	(597,830,000)	34,114,000	5.4%	
Operating Expenses	(52,443,000)	(49,287,000)	3,156,000	6.0%	
Non-Operating Revenues	19,157,000	28,075,000	8,918,000	46.6%	
Non-Operating Expenses	(6,018,000)	(1,611,000)	4,407,000	73.2%	
Contingency	(1,500,000)	(550,000)	950,000	63.3%	
Program Expenses	(25,201,000)	(22,695,000)	2,506,000	9.9%	
Program Income	16,081,000	14,676,000	(1,405,000)	(8.7%)	
Change in Net Position	1,423,000	7,728,000	6,305,000	443.1%	
Capital outlay	10,397,000	167,000	(10,230,000)	(98.4%)	
ORF Balance	88,000,000	150,000,000	62,000,000	70.5%	

Table 2 compares the Board Approved FYE 2027 Budget to staff's current status quo outlook. The current outlook projects operating performance approximately \$68.3 million better than budget. Of that amount, \$62.0 million replaces the budgeted ORF withdrawal, leaving the reserve untouched, and the remaining \$6.3 million improves the projected change in net position from \$1.4 million to \$7.7 million.

Table 3: Sources of Favorable Operating Variance

	<u>Favorable / (Unfavorable)</u>
Cost of Energy	\$ 34,114,000
Energy Revenue, Net	15,659,000
Non-Operating Revenues	8,918,000
Non-Operating Expenses	4,407,000
Operating Expenses	3,156,000
Program Expenses	2,506,000
Contingency	950,000
Program Income	(1,405,000)
Total Favorable Operating Variance	68,305,000
Amount offsetting the budgeted ORF withdrawal	(62,000,000)
Improvement in Change in Net Position	6,305,000

The discussion below identifies the sources of the \$68.3 million favorable variance. The largest source is cost of energy, which is projected to finish at \$597.8 million, approximately \$34.1 million, or 5.4%, below budget. Table 4 presents the details by the "super six" procurement categories.

Table 4: FYE 2027 Cost of Energy Outlook

	FYE 2027 Budget	FYE 2027 Outlook	Variance \$	Variance %
Hedge Contracts	\$ 225,028,000	\$ 234,236,000	\$ 9,208,000	4.1%
Renewable - Long Term	158,798,000	137,914,000	(20,884,000)	(13.2%)
Renewable - Short Term	33,235,000	47,851,000	14,616,000	44.0%
Resource Adequacy	105,565,000	98,002,000	(7,563,000)	(7.2%)
Net CAISO Costs	88,104,000	55,971,000	(32,133,000)	(36.5%)
Carbon Free - Large Hydro/ACS	21,214,000	23,855,000	2,641,000	12.4%
Total	631,944,000	597,830,000	(34,114,000)	(5.4%)

Net CAISO costs are projected to finish at approximately \$56.0 million, about \$32.1 million below the budget projection, representing the largest favorable variance in the portfolio. CAISO market prices have remained below the levels assumed when the budget was adopted, reflecting ample solar and storage supply and moderate load conditions. Additional hedge contracts executed after the budget adoption increased hedge costs but reduced exposure to CAISO market purchases. MCE pays a fixed price under these contracts and receives the floating market price, offsetting budgeted open positions for system power under Net CAISO Costs.

Long-term renewable costs are projected to finish \$20.9 million below budget projections, while short-term renewable costs are projected to end \$14.6 million above. A significant portion of this movement reflects the reclassification of a \$14.7 million contract from the long-term renewable category to the short-term renewable category to more accurately reflect its nature. An additional \$3.5 million reflects higher than anticipated prepay savings resulting from updates to the timing and recognition of annual prepay deposits. Long-term renewable costs are presented net of these prepay savings. The remaining variance is primarily attributable to portfolio management activities and differences between how costs are now expected to be incurred and how they were represented during the budget development process. On a combined basis, renewable procurement costs are projected to finish approximately \$6.3 million below budget.

Resource Adequacy is projected at \$98.0 million, approximately \$7.6 million below projections reflecting excess sales of RA as part of portfolio optimization efforts.

Partially offsetting these favorable results, hedge contracts are projected to finish at \$234.2 million, approximately \$9.2 million above budget due to additional hedge purchases after the budget was set. Similarly, carbon-free energy (large hydro and ACS) is projected at \$23.9 million, approximately \$2.6 million above budget.

The remaining favorable variance is spread across the following lines:

- Energy revenue, net, is projected to finish at \$637.0 million, approximately \$15.7 million above budget. Revenue is projected about 2.5% higher than the approved budget, while total energy consumption remains largely consistent. The minor variance primarily reflects

differences in the load mix, customer class mix, seasonal usage patterns (summer vs. winter), and on-peak/off-peak consumption patterns.

- Non-operating revenues at \$28.1 million, approximately \$8.9 million above budget, primarily reflecting a one-time payment for damages received under an amendment to an energy storage service agreement approved by the Technical Committee in February 2026. This payment was not contemplated in the approved budget.
- Program expenses at \$22.7 million, approximately \$2.5 million below budget;
- Non-operating expenses at \$1.6 million, approximately \$4.4 million below budget;
- Operating expenses at \$49.3 million, approximately \$3.2 million below budget reflecting lower than budgeted spending under certain operating expense categories; and
- Contingency utilization of \$550,000. Staff already reserved approximately \$550,000 of contingency this fiscal year: \$250,000 under Other Professional Services for costs related to the CEO search, and \$300,000 under Legal and Policy for litigation and claims.
- Program income is projected at \$14.7 million, approximately \$1.4 million below budget, primarily reflecting lower expected spending against the virtual power plant grant found in the Resiliency Virtual Power Plant Fund. Because these funds reimburse program costs, less spending means less reimbursement.

Impact of the Proposed Additional Rate Credit

Table 5 compares the status quo revenue projection against the projection with the increased credit starting in November 2026 and ending in March 2027.

Table 5: Impact of Increased Credit under the Proposed Budget Amendment

	Status Quo FYE 2027 Outlook	After Increased Credit FYE 2027 Amended	Variance \$	Variance %
Energy Revenue, Net	\$ 636,950,000	\$ 554,158,000	\$(82,792,000)	(13.0%)
ORF Withdrawal	-	85,906,000	85,906,000	NM
Change in Net Position	7,728,000	1,423,000	(6,305,000)	(81.6%)
ORF Balance	150,000,000	64,094,000	(85,906,000)	(57.3%)

Under the status quo outlook, no withdrawal from the Operating Reserve Fund is needed. The proposed increased credit reduces projected energy revenue, net by \$82.8 million, from \$637.0 million to \$554.2 million. To fund that reduction and the other amendments described below, the Proposed Amended Budget draws \$85.9 million from the ORF, leaving a year end fund balance of \$64.1 million.

Proposed Amended Budget Compared to Approved Budget

Table 6: Proposed Amended Budget compared to the Approved Budget¹

	Proposed			
	FYE 2027 Approved	FYE 2027 Amended	Variance \$	Variance %
Energy Revenue, Net	\$ 621,291,000	\$ 554,158,000	\$(67,133,000)	(10.8%)
ORF Withdrawal	62,000,000	85,906,000	23,906,000	38.6%
Cost of Energy	(631,944,000)	(597,830,000)	34,114,000	5.4%
Operating Expenses	(52,443,000)	(52,443,000)	-	0.0%
Non-Operating Revenues	19,157,000	27,320,000	8,163,000	42.6%
Non-Operating Expenses	(6,018,000)	(4,038,000)	1,980,000	32.9%
Contingency	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	-	0.0%
Program Expenses	(25,201,000)	(26,231,000)	(1,030,000)	(4.1%)
Program Income	16,081,000	16,081,000	-	0.0%
Change in Net Position	1,423,000	1,423,000	-	0.0%
Capital outlay	10,397,000	10,397,000	-	0.0%
ORF Balance	88,000,000	64,094,000	(23,906,000)	(27.2%)

Table 6 compares the proposed FYE 2027 Amended Budget to the Board Approved Budget currently in place. Only the line items listed below are proposed for amendment. All listed line items are included in the Operating Fund, except for Transportation Electrification programs, which is included in the Program Development Fund, and the Energy Storage Program, which is included in the Resiliency Virtual Power Plant Fund.

Energy Revenue, net: \$554,158,000 (10.8% less than the Approved Budget)

Energy revenue after uncollectibles and the MCE Cares Credit program is decreasing by about \$67.1 million or 10.8% relative to the approved budget as a result of the proposed increased rate credit. MCE Cares Credit would remain funded at \$10 million while uncollectibles would remain at 1.2% of sales bringing the energy revenue, net figure to \$554.2 million as shown above and in Table 7 below.

Table 7: Energy Revenue breakout

	Proposed			
Energy Revenue	FYE 2027 Approved	FYE 2027 Amended	Variance \$	Variance %
Operating Revenues	\$ 638,933,000	\$ 570,977,000	\$(67,956,000)	(10.6%)
Cost Relief Program	(10,000,000)	(10,000,000)	-	0.0%
Uncollectible Accounts	(7,642,000)	(6,819,000)	823,000	(10.8%)
Energy Revenue, net	621,291,000	554,158,000	(67,133,000)	(10.8%)

ORF Withdrawal: \$85,906,000 (38.6% more than the Approved Budget)

¹ The Approved budget places contingency in Operating Expenses. This line is presented as its own category in this table and others for illustrative purposes in light of the proposed amendment.

Your Board has already authorized a \$62.0 million withdrawal from the Operating Reserve Fund for FYE 2027 to fund the rate relief measures currently in place. The proposed amendment would increase that authorization by \$23.9 million, to \$85.9 million to fund the proposed increased rate credit of up to \$0.03725/kWh effective from November 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.

Cost of Energy: \$597,830,000 (5.4% less than the Approved Budget)

Cost of energy is proposed to be amended to \$597.8 million, consistent with the amount shown in the financial outlook presented earlier. This reflects a decrease of \$34.1 million from the approved budget of \$631.9 million.

Grant Income: \$3,038,000 (39.5% less than the Approved Budget)

Grant income is proposed to decrease by about \$2 million, from approximately \$5.0 million to \$3.0 million, to reflect an updated estimate for the Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff (DAC-GT)² program. The amount in the approved budget incorrectly included revenues that had already been received (in the prior fiscal year) and did not align with the timing of when MCE expects the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) reimbursements. The updated amount corrects these timing and forecasting assumptions.

Other Income: \$10,143,000 (% variance not meaningful relative to the Approved Budget)

Other Income is proposed to increase from \$0 to \$10.1 million reflecting \$10 million in damages payments to MCE related to project delays, plus approximately \$143,000 of other miscellaneous income MCE expects to receive as a participant in the Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) Displacement Program.

Grant Expenses: \$3,038,000 (39.5% less than the Approved Budget)

Grant expense matches grant income. The proposed reduction reflects the adjustment to the DAC-GT program described earlier. Grant income offsets grant expenses.

Transportation Electrification Programs: \$6,984,000 (17% more than the Approved Budget)

Transportation Electrification Programs is a line item found in the Program Development Fund. These programs provide incentives for buying electric vehicles (EVs) and installing EV charging stations. The proposed amendment represents a \$1 million increase that would be used to pay incentives on previously reserved projects that are closing out sooner than anticipated during the fiscal year. The increased budget would pay for approximately 612 new EV charging ports. If approved, MCE's operating fund would show an increase in the transfer to the Program Development Fund equal to the \$1 million being requested.

² The DAC-GT program reimburses MCE for bill credits it provides to customers. Because bill credits reduce what the customer owes, they reduce incoming sales revenue. As such, a matching expense for this grant would not show up in the grant expense section when reviewing budget reports with actuals. However, for budgeting purposes, grant income matches grant expenses as MCE can only recognize income when there's a matching expense. Grants are not additional income for the agency.

Energy Storage Program: \$167,000 (22% more than the Approved Budget)

MCE's Energy Storage Program is a program within the Resiliency Virtual Power Plant (VPP) Fund. The program facilitates the adoption of customer-owned energy storage systems paired with on-site solar. The proposed amendment reflects a \$30,000 increase for the Energy Storage Program to support the integration of non-residential batteries installed through the program into MCE's Distributed Energy Resource Management System (DERMS) Platform. No additional transfer from the Operating Fund would be required, as the existing Resiliency Virtual Power Plant Fund balance is sufficient to cover the proposed increase.

Staff would also like to request that the Committee discuss requesting an additional contribution of up to \$3 million for a range of customer programs. The programs to be discussed would aim to equitably and equally distribute these funds across our four-county service area.

Contingency: \$1,500,000 (Unchanged from the Approved Budget)

Staff is not proposing to change the contingency amount, but recommends two changes to how it is presented and applied.

1) Contingency would be removed from operating expenses and shown as its own category within the Operating Fund budget. This means the operating expense lines would reflect planned spending only, making budget to actual comparisons cleaner and contingency usage visible on its own.

2) Staff recommends that your Board authorize the Finance Department to apply contingency to any expense line item except cost of energy in the Operating Fund. Unanticipated costs do not always land in the lines in which they were budgeted, and this change would allow staff to absorb them without returning to your Board for a mid-year amendment or post year ratification³. Line items eligible for contingency offsets would include: operating expenses, non-operating expenses, and revenue reducing cost relief programs (e.g. MCE Cares Credit program). The authority would apply only to the Operating Fund and would not extend to the Program Development, Resiliency VPP, or Energy Efficiency Funds.

³ Staff would return to your Board for an amendment or ratification if costs exceed budget for cost of energy or in the Program Development, Resiliency VPP, or Energy Efficiency Funds.

Table 8: Summary of Proposed Budget Lines for Amendment

Budget Line	Approved Amount	Proposed Amended Amount	Change
Energy Revenue, Net	\$ 621,291,000	\$ 554,158,000	\$(67,133,000)
ORF Withdrawal	62,000,000	85,906,000	23,906,000
Cost of Energy	631,944,000	597,830,000	(34,114,000)
Grant Income	5,018,000	3,038,000	(1,980,000)
Other Income	-	10,143,000	10,143,000
Grant Expenses	5,018,000	3,038,000	(1,980,000)
Transportation Electrification	5,984,000	6,984,000	1,000,000
Energy Storage Program	137,000	167,000	30,000
Contingency*	1,500,000	1,500,000	-

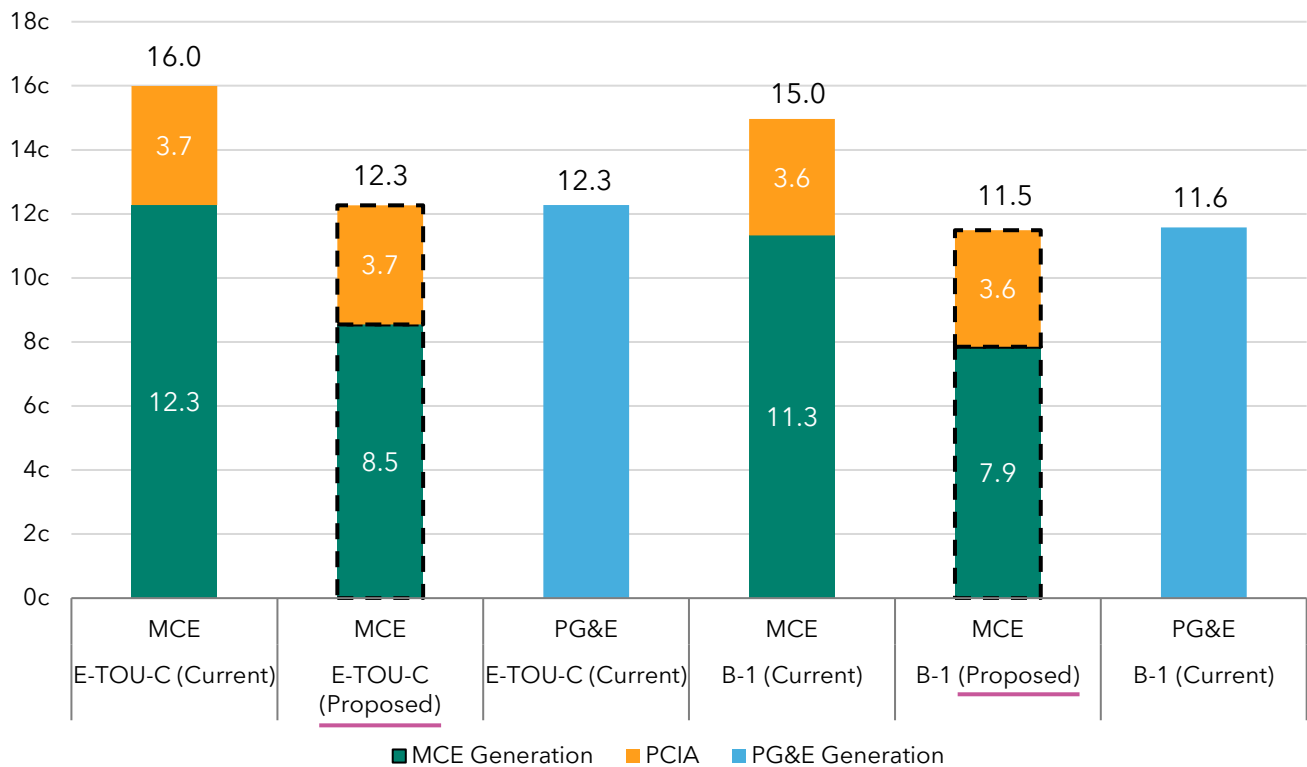
*The amount for contingency is not changing, but its presentation and usage would be revised as discussed above.

Estimated Rates and Bill Impacts of the Proposed Increased Rate Credit

Updated FYE 2027 financial projections showed stronger than expected fiscal year 2027 results that can support additional funds to expand and increase the temporary rate credit that is set to expire on December 31. The proposal aims to provide additional rate credit while preserving the ability to reassess the credit after March 31, 2027. MCE would raise the existing temporary credit from \$0.0062 per kilowatt-hour up to \$0.03725 per kilowatt-hour for all customer rate plans, applying to usage from November 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. The proposal would provide an additional credit of up to \$0.03105 per kilowatt-hour compared with the existing credit.

Figure 1 shows the change in average rates in cents per kWh for residential E-TOU-C customers under this proposal and assumed 2017 PCIA vintage year. Actual average rates for each customer vary depending on load pattern and vintage year. The proposed increased credit brings average MCE generation charges plus PCIA in line with PG&E for representative non-summer usage as shown in Figures 1 and 2 below.

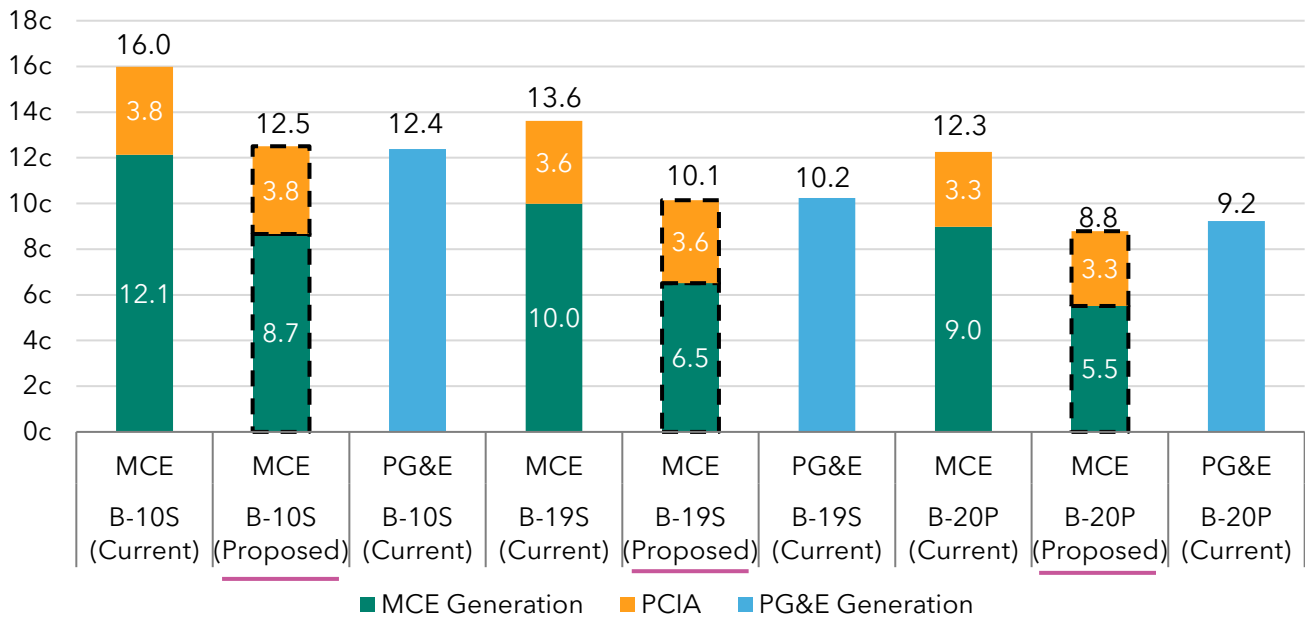
Figure 1: Residential and small commercial non-summer average generation rates (cents per kWh)



Estimated average generation rates for non-summer months from November through March based on forecasted energy sales. Assumes a 2017 PCIA vintage year and includes franchise fee as well. Values have been rounded up for simplicity. Actual average rates for each individual customer vary depending on usage pattern and vintage year.

Figure 2 shows average generation rates for medium and large commercial customers in cents per kWh for both MCE and PG&E, including the PCIA for the 2017 vintage year. The proposed increase to the rate credit would bring MCE's average rates for medium and large commercial customers in line with, or below, PG&E's rates for the same categories.

Figure 2: Medium and large commercial non-summer average generation rates (cents per kWh)



Estimated average generation rates for non-summer months from November through March based on forecasted energy sales. Assumes 2017 PCIA vintage year and includes franchise fee as well. The values were rounded up for simplicity. Actual average rates for each customer would vary depending on usage pattern and vintage year.

Because customers see monthly bills rather than average rates, Table 9 illustrates estimated MCE generation charges for non-summer months from November through March. The table compares current generation charges plus PCIA and Franchise Fee with the estimated reduction from the rate credit, assuming the current PCIA and franchise fee remain in effect.

Table 9: Monthly MCE generation charges plus PCIA and Franchise Fee for non-summer months

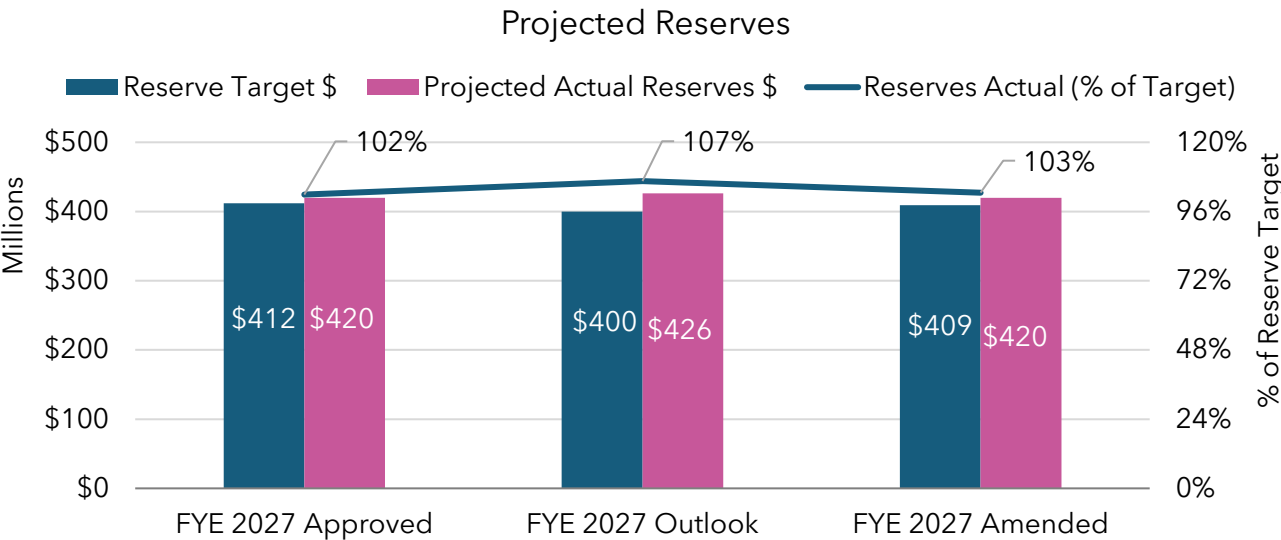
Customer Type	Monthly kWh Usage	Monthly Estimated Average MCE Generation Charges plus PCIA & Franchise Fee from Nov-Mar		
		Current (\$)	Rate Relief (\$)	Change (%)
Residential E-TOU-C	410	\$64.5	-\$14.2	-22%
Small Commercial B-1	1,100	\$164.6	-\$38.3	-23%
Medium Commercial B-10	14,000	\$2,237	-\$486	-22%
Large Commercial B-19S	195,000	\$26,555	-\$6,778	-26%
Large Commercial B-20P	725,000	\$88,843	-\$25,141	-28%

Estimated average generation charges for non-summer months from November through March at assumed average monthly usage, 2017 PCIA and franchise fee vintage year. Actual bill reduction in generation charges will depend on individual load pattern, rates and vintage year.

In summary, the current \$0.0062/kWh rate credit has provided timely customer relief, but MCE customer bills have remained higher than comparable PG&E bundled customer bills, mainly because of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA). The proposed extension and increase to the credit would help offset the temporary impact of the PCIA and bring MCE's average generation charges in line with, or below, PG&E's generation charges.

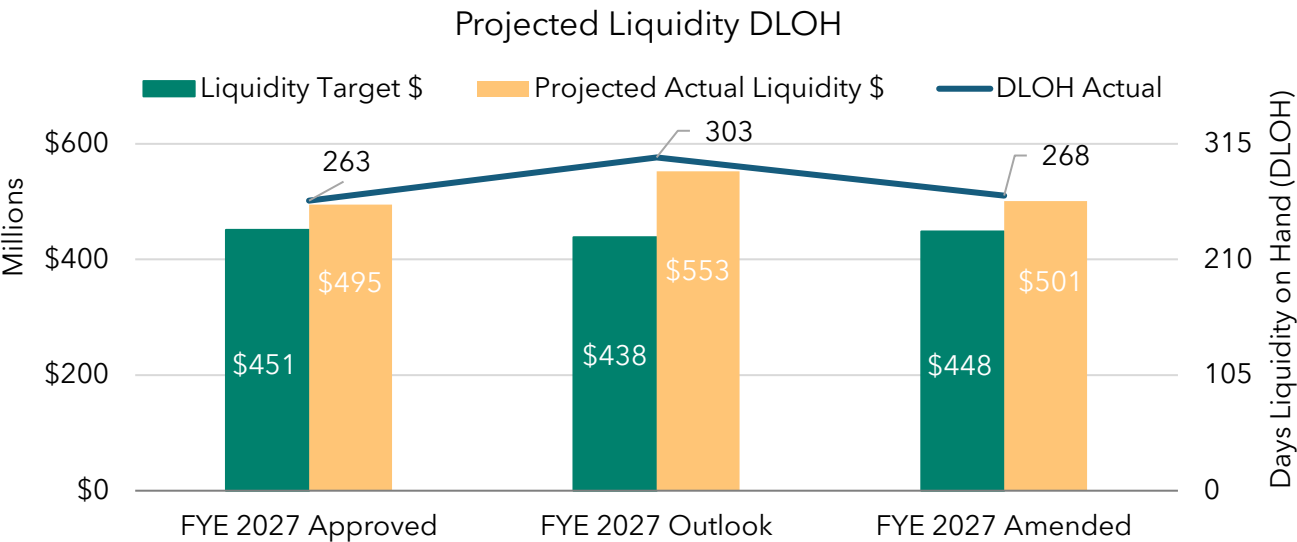
Fiscal Impacts:

Figure 3: Projected Reserves⁴



MCE's reserve target is set at 60% of total expenses and therefore moves with projected spending. Under the approved budget, the target was \$412 million against projected reserves of \$420 million, or 102% of target. The status quo outlook projects lower total expenses, which lowers the target to \$400 million while reserves rise to \$426 million, improving coverage to 107%. Under the Proposed Amended Budget, expenses rise because certain lines remain at their approved amounts, raising the target to \$409 million and returning reserves to \$420 million. Coverage remains above target in all three scenarios.

Figure 4: Projected Liquidity



⁴ Reserves are accounted for as the net position as reported in the financial statements.

MCE's liquidity target reflects 240 days of liquidity on hand (DLOH) and likewise scales with total expenses. The approved budget assumes a target of \$451 million against projected liquidity of \$495 million, equivalent to 263 DLOH. Under the status quo outlook, liquidity increases to \$553 million while the target declines to \$438 million, resulting in 303 DLOH. Under the proposed Amended Budget, the drop in revenue due to the increased rate credit reduces liquidity to \$501 million against a target of \$448 million, or 268 DLOH. Liquidity at 268 days on hand remains above both MCE's 240-day target and the 263 days assumed in the approved budget.

The \$67.1 million reduction in projected energy revenue, net relative to the Approved Budget described earlier does not translate into an equivalent reduction in liquidity. Revenue is recognized when customers are billed, while liquidity reflects cash on hand. Because the proposed increased rate credit applies to usage from November 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, some of the reduced billing would not affect cash by fiscal year end. In addition, the ORF withdrawal recognizes revenue that MCE already holds; drawing on the ORF does not bring in new cash.

Recommendation:

Recommend to the MCE Board of Directors approval of the proposed FYE 2027 Budget Amendment, including:

- (1) Increasing the authorized Operating Reserve Fund withdrawal from \$62,000,000 to \$85,906,000 to fund a temporary increased rate credit of up to \$0.03725/kWh effective November 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.
- (2) Approving the proposed amended budget lines presented in Table 8.
- (3) Authorizing contingency as a separate category within the Operating Fund budget, to be applied to any Operating Fund expense line item other than cost of energy.