



## Electricity Rates

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The following sets out general information about current agricultural rates and anticipated changes to those rates in the upcoming year for the four utilities regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC): Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, and PacifiCorp. Recognizing that agricultural customers' usage characteristics vary widely within each utility, the average rates are shown as a way to provide benchmarks by which customers might gauge how changes may impact costs for their electric usage. The CPUC docket numbers are referenced after each description where appropriate.

### PG&E Rates

PG&E's current agricultural rates average 15¢/kWh and compare to a system average rate of 17¢/kWh. Current average rates by Schedule are as follows:

AG-1A*	\$0.31/kWh	AG-1B*	\$0.25/kWh
AG-RA*	\$0.23/kWh	AG-RB*	\$0.21/kWh
AG-VA*	\$0.23/kWh	AG-VB*	\$0.20/kWh
AG-4A	\$0.25/kWh	AG-4B	\$0.20/kWh
		AG-4C	\$0.18/kWh
AG-5A	\$0.19/kWh	AG-5B	\$0.13/kWh
		AG-5C	\$0.12/kWh

\*AG -1A and 1 B schedules will be eliminated once all customers currently on those schedules have transitioned

to TOU rates.

The primary drivers for cost increases include the operational cost increases from the general rate case, increased costs for generation (renewable generation costs have increased and low cost hydroelectric generation has been less available due to the drought) and ongoing greenhouse gas emission compliance costs. GHG costs account for up to 1¢/kWh.

Details on PG&E's agricultural rate schedules can be found at: [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com)

## **SCE Rates**

SCE's average agricultural rates are 15.7¢/kWh for TOU-PA-2 customers and 12.3¢/kWh for TOU-PA-3 customers and compare to a system average rate of 16.2¢/kWh. TOU-PA-2 (200 kW demand and below) and TOU-PA-3 (200 kW demand and above) represent the broad rate groupings, so average rates for options within those rate groups, such as super off-peak and interruptible rate options, will vary from the averages. Greenhouse gas cost implementation accounts for about 1/2¢/kWh of the total rate.

Pending actions at the CPUC that may affect rates in the upcoming year are:

- TOU Rate Transition, which requires all customers to transition to TOU Rates by 2015 pursuant to CPUC directive. Customers not currently on TOU rates (only customers with demand under 200 kW), will be placed on TOU-PA-2 rates once 12 months of time varying price information is available. Nearly all customers have now been transitioned to TOU rates.
- Edison's 2015 General Rate Case is pending, with testimony having just recently been submitted for Phase 2, the revenue allocation and rate design portion.

Details on Edison's agricultural rate schedules can be found at: [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com)

## **SDG&E Rates**

Agricultural rates for SDG&E currently average 17.5¢/kWh, and compare to a system average rate of 20.8¢/kWh. (These rates are effective as of January 2015 and reflect a 10.3% decrease for the agricultural class overall, about an 8.4% decrease to PA customers and 10.9% decrease to PA-T-1 customers.) Greenhouse gas cost implementation accounts for about .4¢/kWh.

Pending actions at the CPUC that may affect the rates in the upcoming year are:

- TOU Rate Transition, which imposes time varying rates on all agricultural customers, is required to occur initially on an optional basis for customers with demand 20kW and below. Mandatory implementation will not occur sooner than November 2015.

Details on SDG&E's agricultural rate schedules can be found at: [www.sdge.com](http://www.sdge.com)

## **PacifiCorp Rates**

The average rate to agricultural pumping customers is approximately 15¢/kWh.

Rates have increased to reflect the cost of fuel and purchased power in 2014, included were 2013 costs which had been carried forward. Greenhouse gas cost implementation accounts for close to 1¢/kWh.

Details about PacifiCorp's agricultural rate schedules can be found at: [www.pacificpower.net](http://www.pacificpower.net)

## **General Proceedings**

**Cost impacts to utility customers from AB 32 Cap and Trade Program** – Under the Cap and Trade Program, the state's investor-owned utilities were allocated GHG emission allowances to be auctioned for the benefit of electric customers. 2012 statutory language mandates only certain customers benefit from the return of revenues generated from the auction: small business customers, residential customers and emissions-intensive trade exposed retail customers. Small business customers were defined by the CPUC as any customer on a commercial or agricultural schedule whose demand does not exceed 20 kW.

The credits are included in rates on an ongoing basis to eligible customers as follows:

PG&E: 0.4 cents to 1 cent per kWh; SCE: 0.6 cents per kWh; SDG&E: 0.7 cents per kWh; PacifiCorp: 1.3 cents per kWh