

General Rate Case

What is Southern California Edison's General Rate Case?

At Southern California Edison, it's our mission to safely deliver reliable, affordable and clean energy to our customers.

The General Rate Case funds SCE's day-to-day operations, including maintenance and grid upgrades. Every three years, the California Public Utilities Commission reviews a request from SCE for the next three-year spending cycle. The GRC makes up about half of customer rates. Another one-third comes from the cost of energy sources for power, which are passed through to customers without mark-up or profit for SCE. The remaining costs incurred are from a variety of other factors, such as large transmission projects regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and programs for energy efficiency and low-income customer assistance.

On Sept. 1, 2016, SCE filed a request to recover the costs from 2018 through 2020 for employees to inspect, repair, and when appropriate, upgrade poles, transformers and distribution lines. Throughout its service area, SCE owns more than 1.4 million electric poles, 725,000 transformers and more than 105,000 miles of distribution lines serving 5 million customer accounts.

The funding will be used to:

- Replace or repair poles, wires, transformers and other infrastructure.
- Provide for crews and call center staff to respond to emergencies such as rain or windstorms, earthquakes or wildfires and restore service as quickly and safely as possible.
- Install smart technology that makes the grid better at integrating renewables.
- Upgrade to newer equipment that will make it easier to restore power after an emergency outage in the future.
- Update cybersecurity to keep the grid safe from hackers and increase the security of customer information.
- Advance SCE's overall vision for grid modernization that will enhance system reliability, support consumer use of clean energy technologies and help California meet its clean energy goals.

GRC Process

The CPUC sets rates every three years in a public process, which includes public participation hearings held throughout SCE's 50,000-square-mile service territory. SCE files thousands of pages of documents to detail why the funding is needed and responds to requests from the commission's public interest arm, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates, and other public interest groups.

It is estimated that the CPUC should issue a decision on the rate case at the end of 2017.

Customers are encouraged to become aware of exactly how and when they use energy. Here are some helpful tips:

- Take advantage of SCE's online budget tools to help manage your bill, learn more about time-of-use rates, and get ideas on how to reduce electricity usage.
- Use a variety of tools that are available to better manage your energy use, including smart thermostats and rebates on energy efficient appliances.
- Take an online survey to help figure out exactly how you can achieve the mix of conservation and convenience that's best for your home.

Information about these programs can be found at:
on.sce.com/ratechange

For the most up-to-date information about the GRC, go to:
www.sce.com/grc