

What is SCE's General Rate Case?

At SCE, it's our job to make sure our customers have access to safe and reliable electricity 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The General Rate Case is a request Southern California Edison (SCE) submits to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). It's a regulatory proceeding that determines how much it costs SCE to serve customers and implement state policies, and how much SCE needs to charge its customers in electric rates. As part of this request, we propose an updated infrastructure plan that would allow us to continue the necessary investments to improve the reliability, security and safety of the region's power delivery grid. Rates can also be affected during these years by changes in the other half of utility costs, such as power plant fuel and purchased power. These other factors determining rates are passed along to customers "at cost."

Our plan provides for employees to inspect, repair and, when appropriate, upgrade 1.5 million electric utility poles, 712,605 transformers, and 88,207 miles of distribution lines for SCE's 14 million customers.

If approved, the funding will be used to:

- Replace poles, wires, transformers and other necessary infrastructure.
- Maintain a skilled work force to handle upgrades to the grid and related customer service needs.
- Increase grid security and the security of customer information.



GRC Process

The request is made once every three years, and each rate case covers a three-year period. Each element of the request must be validated by detailed, factual support, known as testimony. This testimony and other supporting documents are then reviewed by the CPUC's Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) staff and other public interest groups. During the following months, SCE works diligently with the CPUC, DRA and other interveners to resolve disputes and defend the requests made.

Final decisions are presented the month before new rates become effective.

To help prepare for this increase, we encourage a smart energy lifestyle and offer customers business and residential programs designed to save electricity and money. Information about the programs can be found at: www.sce.com/rebatesandsavings

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