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Changes are coming to your electric bill – learn what's new

This fall, your SDG&E® bill will show electric delivery charges in a new way. This is not an extra charge, rather it is a change in how your bill is structured.

Why is this happening?

California Assembly Bill 205 requires electric utilities across the state to change how residential customers are billed to help make bills more transparent, while making it more affordable to use electric technologies, such as cars and appliances.

What's changing?

We're updating how some existing costs appear on your bill. Starting soon, you'll see a new line item called the Base Services Charge. Most customers will pay approximately \$24 a month¹. Customers enrolled in FERA and CARE will automatically receive a discounted Base Services Charge of approximately \$12 and \$6, respectively.



The Base Services Charge covers some of the fixed costs that were previously included in the electric delivery price like customer service, transformers and meters that help ensure safe, reliable electric delivery to your property. By moving some costs out of delivery pricing, you may pay about 10% less per kWh for the energy you use (roughly 5 cents per kWh on electric delivery)². Each customer's usage varies, so lower electricity prices may or may not lead to a lower total bill. Because this is a reallocation of costs, SDG&E will not earn more profit from this change.

To learn more, visit **sdge.com/BaseServicesCharge** or call **1-800-411-7343**.

- 1 Base Services Charge may vary based on the number of days in the billing month. Most customers will pay between \$22.22 \$26.18, and \$11.11 \$13.10 for FERA customers and \$5.52 \$6.51 for CARE customers. For details on how your Base Services Charge will be calculated, visit sdge.com/BaseServicesCharge.
- 2 Actual price reductions will vary depending on your rate plan, commodity provider, electricity usage and the rates effective at the time of Base Services Charge implementation.

MONTHLY ENERGY TIP

Precool your home before 4 p.m. Take advantage of lower-priced energy by setting your A/C between 68° and 74°F before 4 p.m. During on-peak hours of 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., adjust your thermostat to 78°, health permitting.



Proposition 65 warning

SDG&E is a regulated public utility that provides energy service to 3.7 million people through 1.49 million electric meters and 905,000 natural gas meters in San Diego and southern Orange counties. Our service area spans 4,100 square miles. For a map of our service area, go to **sdge.com/about-us**.

Natural gas and treated wood utility poles are used throughout our service area. In accordance with Proposition 65, the following warnings are provided:

Natural gas combustion

WARNING: Entering this area can expose you to chemicals including formaldehyde, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer, and carbon monoxide, which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to **www.P65warnings.ca.gov**.

Treated wood utility poles

WARNING: Entering this area can expose you to chemicals including pentachlorophenol, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to **www.P65warnings.ca.gov**.

Advertencia de la Proposición 65

SDG&E es una empresa de servicios públicos regulada que ofrece servicio de energía a 3.7 millones de personas a través de 1.49 millones de medidores eléctricos y 905,000 medidores de gas natural en los condados de San Diego y sur de Orange. Nuestra área de servicio abarca 4,100 millas cuadradas. Para ver un mapa de nuestra área de servicio visite a *sdqe.com/about-us*.

En toda nuestra área de servicio se utilizan gas natural y postes de madera tratados para servicios públicos. De conformidad con la Proposición 65, se proporcionan las siguientes advertencias:

Combustión del gas natural

ADVERTENCIA: Entrar a esta área puede exponerle a sustancias químicas, entre las que se incluyen formaldehído, conocido por el estado de California como causante de cáncer, y monóxido de carbono, conocido por el estado de California como causante de defectos congénitos u otros daños reproductivos. Para obtener más información, visite a www.P65warnings.ca.gov.

Postes de madera tratados para servicios públicos

ADVERTENCIA: Entrar a esta área puede exponerle a sustancias químicas, entre las que se incluye pentaclorofenol, conocido por el estado de California como causante de cáncer. Para obtener más información, visite a **www.P65warnings.ca.gov**.



Gas and electric lines can be located anywhere. Stay safe by calling 811 before any projects that involve digging.

Keep your cool in the heat

Record-breaking heat waves are the new norm. Extreme heat events in the US are expected to become



even more common and severe. Here are a few ways to stay cool while reducing your energy use at home.

- Chill out at a Cool Zone. Find one near you at sdge.com/Cool-Zones.
- **2.** Your stove and oven can give off a lot of heat so grill outdoors or make meals that don't require heat like sandwiches and salads.
- **3.** Run heat-generating appliances like the dishwasher before 4 p.m. or after 9 p.m. when electricity costs less.
- 4. Ceiling and portable fans can help circulate air and reduce the need for A/C. Remember to turn them off when leaving a room. Fans cool people, not rooms. You can also put a bowl of ice in front of a fan to create a cool breeze.

- 5. Set the thermostat to 78°F when home and higher when away, if possible. Consider using a programmable thermostat to automate temperature adjustments.
- 6. Keep blinds and curtains closed during the hottest parts of the day to block out direct sunlight and reduce indoor temperatures.
- **7.** Close vents in unused rooms that are not in use to direct airflow to occupied areas.
- 8. Seal drafts by using draft stoppers or rolled-up towels under doors and windows to block hot air from coming in.
- **9.** Don't forget about your pets. When outdoors, carry water for your fur baby, try to stay in the shade and keep their paws off hot asphalt and other hot surfaces. At home, put ice cubes in their water bowl.

For more cool tips, visit sdge.com/SimpleSteps.

Cut energy costs with our Vampire Energy Calculator

Did you know that your toaster or printer can use energy and drive up your bill even when you're not using them? Unused



electronics and appliances that are left plugged in can silently consume energy throughout the day. This Vampire energy, also known as standby or phantom energy, sucks up energy and wastes money.

Now we have a way to help you avoid these extra costs. Our Vampire Energy Calculator helps you identify and eliminate energy vampires. Armed with this knowledge, you can get in the habit of unplugging these energy vampires when you're not using them.

Visit **sdge.com/SimpleSteps** to try the Vampire Energy Calculator today and start saving!

How to locate major pipelines near you

Pipeline markers indicate the locations of most major pipelines near you. Since most pipelines are buried underground, pipeline markers are intended to let you know the approximate locations of major pipelines and include our emergency number. However, markers don't indicate the depth or number of pipelines in the area or their exact locations.

We also provide an online map that shows the location of our transmission and higher-pressure distribution pipelines.

Access our online map at: sdge.com/gas-pipeline-map.

You can view the location of all transmission pipelines in the United States through the National Mapping System at https://pvnpms.phmsa.dot.gov/PublicViewer/.



Cómo ubicar tuberías principales cerca de ti

Los marcadores de tuberías te muestran dónde están la mayoría de las tuberías principales cerca de ti. Como muchas tuberías están enterradas, estos marcadores te avisan de la ubicación aproximada de las tuberías principales e incluyen nuestro número de emergencia. Sin embargo, los marcadores no te indican la profundidad, el número de tuberías ni su ubicación exacta.

También tenemos un mapa en línea que muestra dónde están nuestras tuberías de transmisión y distribución de alta presión.

Entra a nuestro mapa en línea en: **sdge.com/gas-pipeline-map**.

Puedes ver la ubicación de todas las tuberías de transmisión en Estados Unidos usando el Sistema Nacional de Mapas en https://pvnpms.phmsa.dot.gov/Public Viewer/.