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PG&E Extends Its Ongoing Support to Customers Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic Through End of June

Numerous Customer Protection and Financial-Assistance Resources Continue During These Trying Times

SAN FRANCISCO, **Calif.**— In response to the ongoing economic challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) said today it will extend the existing COVID 19 customer protections through June 30, 2021. The protections were set to expire on April 16.

This comes after a vote by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) earlier today.

"For nearly a year now, we have supported our customers through unimaginable health and economic circumstances. We believe extending these customer protections like stopping service disconnections for non-payment through June ensures our customers, especially the most vulnerable, have access to safe and reliable power during this challenging time," said Laurie Giammona, PG&E's Chief Customer Officer and a Senior Vice President. "We are here to help so please reach out if you need support."

PG&E Customer Protections through June 30, 2021:

- Moratorium on service disconnections for non-payment for residential and small business customers;
- Post-enrollment verification and re-enrollment requirements have been paused for the <u>California Alternate Rates for Energy Program</u> (CARE) and <u>Family Electric Rate</u> Assistance (FERA) Program (FERA);
- Security deposits are being waived for small commercial customers (residential customers are not required to submit security deposits);
- Customers on the <u>Medical Baseline</u> program offering customers with qualifying medical conditions a lower monthly rate on energy bills are not being asked to re-certify through a doctor or other eligible medical professionals for up to one year.

Additional Billing and Service Modifications

PG&E understands many of its customers are facing economic challenges because of the COVID-19 pandemic. PG&E is here to help with:

- Flexible payment plans for customers to schedule payment over several months to help address temporary financial strains.
- Budget Billing to help avoid or manage unanticipated high bills.
- Customer online support through their <u>PG&E online account</u> to monitor energy use and check or compare <u>rate plans</u>.

Financial Assistance for Residential Customers

To take advantage of tools and savings opportunities, PG&E recommends customers become more familiar with the following:

- Separate from CARE, income-qualified households with three or more persons can apply for the FERA at pge.com/FERA for an 18% discount on their electric bill.
- Relief for Energy Assistance through Community Help (REACH) provides incomequalified customers with financial assistance during times of hardship. The program is funded through tax-deductible contributions from PG&E customers and employees. To help those in need of energy assistance, click here to donate.
- The federally-funded <u>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)</u> provides financial assistance to help offset eligible household energy costs, including heating, cooling and home weatherization expenses. To learn more, dial <u>211</u> or (866) 675-6623 for LIHEAP income guidelines and a list of participating agencies.

As some of the financial protections expire in the coming months PG&E continues to help customers manage their bills and enroll in eligible financial assistance programs. PG&E began proactively calling customers last year to ensure they were aware of resources to support their specific needs. To date, PG&E's Customer Advocacy Success Team has connected with more than 42,000 customers, enrolling 51% of them in financial assistance programs and identifying more than \$5 million in savings for customers by changing their rate. In all, PG&E has proactively reached out to more than 200,000 customers to help them manage their bills.

For customers interested in learning more about the financial assistance and bill payment options visit <u>pge.com/billhelp</u>.

About PG&E

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