



# PGE Rate Increase Testimony Guide

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## Tell state regulators how an added \$20/mo on your PGE bill will impact you personally!

**The Backstory:** This spring, Portland General Electric (PGE) is asking regulators to approve a new bill increase for customers. At \$338 million, this is the largest request in over 20 years.

The proposed bill increase will impact households differently depending on the type of housing and energy usage. For multifamily residents, it could be an average increase of \$15.81 each month. For single-family residents, it could add \$22.71 each month.

Here's how this case could drastically increase your monthly bill:

|                       | Current Bill<br>(2023) | Potential<br>New Bill (2024) | % Increase |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Average Multifamily   | \$96.80                | \$112.61                     | 16.3%      |
| Average Single-Family | \$143.11               | \$165.82                     | 15.9%      |

### Testimony Template Guideline:

**Introduce yourself.** Give your name, city/town, and your relationship to Portland General Electric. (Are you a customer? How long have you been a customer of PGE?):

**Identify your personal connection to this bill increase:**

- ☐ An extra \$20 would increase or put me under financial strain.
- ☐ I would have to reduce my other bills, like groceries or medication to accommodate this increase.
- ☐ All of my bills are not currently manageable and I am concerned by these increases.
- ☐ I am concerned this rate increase will impact members of my community.
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**Write 2-3 sentences expanding on the issues you checked off. Elaborate on how each concern relates to your personal life.** If you are already financially strained with the high bills, where are you cutting corners financially already? What can you foresee impacting you on an immediate level with this bill increase? How might this increase impact your friends, neighbors, or other members of your community?

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**Restate your position and thank the members of the Commission.** State why reducing the rate increase will directly support you and your community. Encourage them to consider your concern.

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**Here's an example testimony with this outline:**

Members of the Public Utility Commission,

My name is \_\_\_\_ and I am here today to speak out against Portland General Electric's proposed rate increase. I have been a PGE customer for ten years.

Over the past ten years, I have watched as my bills have continuously increased year after year. My current household budget already limits my ability to provide for my family. With an added \$20 a month in my budget towards utility bills, I'm concerned about how I will be able to afford transportation costs and grocery costs.

My savings barely survived the pandemic and my family, along with people like myself, have been struggling to get back on our feet. Each year, I have seen my bills have increased and it's been hard to catch up when my paycheck hasn't changed.

This rate increase harms my family, PGE needs to think about its customers before making such a drastic change to our livelihoods. I implore you not to approve this rate increase and support the needs of PGE customers who are struggling to afford their bills already.

Thank you for your time,

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