

# Rate Changes

For residential customers

SMUD rate changes beginning in 2020 include an increase in rates, a restructure of commercial customer rates and other changes.

## Rate increase

Residential customers as well as non-residential customers will see rate increases of 3.75% on Jan. 1, 2020, 3% on Oct. 1, 2020, 2.5% on Jan. 1, 2021 and 2% on Oct. 1, 2021.

## Why the rate increase is needed

SMUD works hard to control costs and operate as efficiently as possible. The increase in rates is mostly driven by external factors, including:

- Wildfire mitigation, including the increased cost of wildfire insurance and additional vegetation management.
- Additional capacity to provide electricity to ensure we can reliably serve customers' energy needs during times of peak demand.
- New and enhanced technology solutions to support cyber security, customer experience, improved reliability and distributed energy resources.
- Investments to meet carbon reduction goals through transportation and building electrification, investment in renewable energy and increased energy efficiency.

## How this will impact customer bills

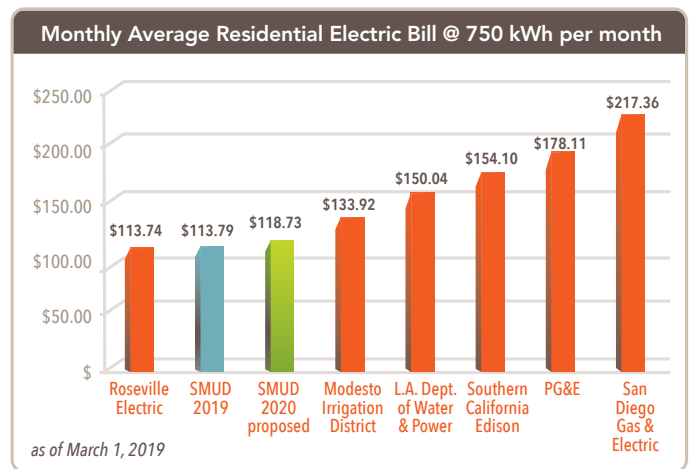
For residential customers, bill impacts will depend on how much electricity customers use each month. The average residential customer will see an increase of about \$4.94 per month in 2020 and an additional \$6.38 per month in 2021.

## Other changes

- A restructure of commercial rates to improve consistency of bill components for business customers.
- Updates to language in the green energy rates to allow them to be updated more frequently as legislation changes.
- Updates to language related to the Time-of-Day Rate (TOD) to reflect the completed transition to TOD as the standard rate for residential customers.
- Clarifying language regarding the Power Factor Waiver.
- Miscellaneous language updates to certain Rules and Regulations.

## How our rates compare

As a community-owned, not-for-profit electric utility, SMUD's rates are among the lowest in California and are on average about 33% lower than those of neighboring PG&E.



## SMUD programs can help

We offer rebates and other programs and services to help manage your energy use and your bill. Learn more at [smud.org](http://smud.org).

## Learn more

For more information about changes to SMUD's rates, please visit [smud.org/RateInfo](http://smud.org/RateInfo).

