

**VCE Community Advisory Committee Meeting – October 24, 2024** 



# **Item 6 - Receive legislative update**

## **2024 Session Look Back**

- New Leadership and Assembly U&E Chair
- Budget Deficit of \$45 Billion
- Focus Shifts from Reliability to Affordability
  - Reliability improves
  - Rate increase after rate increase
  - Income Graduated Fix Charge "IGFC"
  - NEM changes
  - "Affordability Package"
- Special Session Once Again



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# 2025-26 Session Look Ahead: Landscape

- Governor Newsom enters final two years
  - All state constitutional officer races
- Many new members coming in 2025
  - 2024 ends first cycle of new term limit rules
- Senator Dodd Terms Out
- Senate Leadership Transition?
  - Senate Pro Tem. Mike McGuire terms out in 2026
- Budget Stability



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## 2025-26 Session Look Ahead: Considerations

- Affordability Still a Concern
  - AB 3264 Implementation
- Senate Energy and Assembly U&E Changes
  - Sens. Chair Bradford, Eggman, Min, Skinner out
  - Asms. Friedman, Holden, Ting, Wood out
- Regional Grid
  - West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative





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Requested Action: Review and recommend approval of Hourly Flex Pricing (HFP) Pilots

#### **Background & Context:**

VCE's Successful implementation of Agricultural Flexible Irrigation Technology (AgFIT) Pilot led to California Public Utilities Commission Decision on Expanded Pilots Jan '24

#### 4 Pilots under HFP Umbrella:

- 1. Hourly Flex Pricing (a.k.a. Expanded Agricultural Flexible Irrigation Technology, or AgFIT, Pilots)
  - a. Agricultural ("Expanded Pilot #1")
  - b. Residential and Non-Residential (Expanded Pilot #2)
- 2. Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) Pilots (a.k.a. VGI)
  - a. Residential
  - b. Non-Residential



## **HFP Goals:**

- Reduce congestion on the grid (infrastructure costs), greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Improve reliability, integration of renewables
- Facilitate greater integration, fair compensation of distributed energy resources (DERs)



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### **Cross-Program Compatibility:**

Possibility to leverage other program incentives

- Suite of programs, bringing customers more value
- Integrate into existing and future program design
  - E.g. REACT



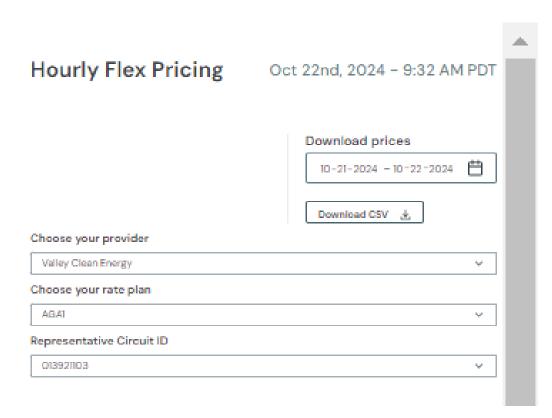
## **Design for Pilots:**

- Day-ahead, hourly prices
  - Customers may access on PG&E's website
  - For residential pilot, Automation
     Service Providers play a big role
- Shadow billed
  - Low/no risk for customers
- PG&E administering all pilots except for HFP/Expanded Pilot #1 (VCE administers)
- Little/no flexibility in design/implementation



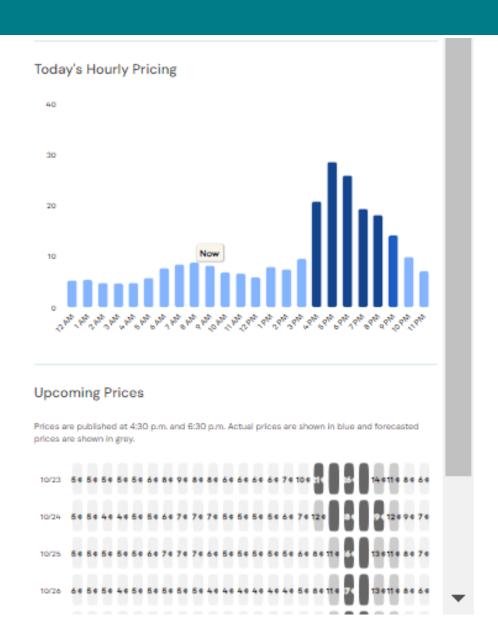
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#### **HFP Customer Price Interface**



https://www.pge.com/en/account/rate-plans/find-your-best-rate-plan/current-hourly-flex-pricing.html





<b>Pilot Rate Name</b>	Eligibility	Incentives	Pilot Duration
HFP #1, aka	Ag <35 kW Low Use (AG-A1)	\$160/kW (~\$120/HP) of	November/December 2024 through
Expanded AgFIT	Ag <35 kW High Use (AG-A2)	enrolled customer controllable	December 31, 2027
Pilot #1	Ag 35+ kW Medium Use (AG-B)	load	
	Ag 35+ kW High Use (AG-C)	¢100 000 nonverse and an	
HFP #2, aka	Electric Home (E-ELEC) rate plan	\$100,000 per year and an	
Expanded AgFIT	Home Charging (EV2-A)	enrollment incentive of	
Pilot #2	Business Low Use Alternative (B6) Business Medium Use (B10)	\$20/kW-year of controllable load payable to	
	Business Medium-High Use (B19)	the ASP for load that the ASP	
	Business High Use (B20)	has enrolled.	
VCL Des	E-ELEC or EV2A	Incentives Per Charger Upfront	Until funds are exhausted or
VGI - Res	E-ELEC OF EVZA	+ Kicker for DAC	December 31, 2027
		Customers:	December 31, 2027
		\$2,500 + \$500.	
		Performance	
		(up to)	
		\$2,175	
VGI - Non-Res	Small Business – B6	EVSE <50 kW \$2,500 + \$500.	
	Medium Business – B10	Performance (up to) \$3,625	
	Large – B19 or B20	EVSE >=50 kW \$4,500 + \$500	
	Business Electric Vehicle – BEV-1 or BEV-2	\$5,000	



## **Next Steps:**

- Finalize program design and agreement with PG&E; VCE webpages for pilots
- Clarify cross-program eligibility
- Continue discussions with other agencies
- Bring to Board for approval



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# Requested Action: Review and recommend approval of Phase 2 VCE's EV Rebates Pilot Program

#### **Background & Context:**

Nat'l, Statewide push toward transportation electrification

- Five Million Zero Emission Vehicles on the road in CA by 2030 (E.O. B-48-18)
- All new cars and passenger trucks sold in CA must be Zero Emission Vehicles by 2035 (E.O. N-79-20)
- In 2023, Californians bought almost 450,000 new zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs), a 30% increase from 2022. ZEVs made up 25% of new vehicle sales in 2023, up from 20% in 2022.

The total number of cars registered in CA is 31.3M vehicles, with 1,256,646 being allelectric as of Dec 2023



# Proposed Program Design:

#### 3 components:

- 1. Incentives for vehicle purchase
- 2. Incentives for at-home charging systems
  - a. Bonus for VGIcapable charging equipment
- 3. Incentives for panel upgrades

Proposed Incentive	Proposed Amount	Proposed Budget	
EV Rebates	\$2,000 (low-income); \$1,000 (standard)	\$120,000	
VGI Bonus with HFP Participation	\$500		
In-home residential charging	\$500	\$40,000	
In-home panel upgrades	\$500		
Multi-family housing charging	\$3,000 each, up to \$21,000/property	\$100,000	
Program Admin		\$20,000	
Program contingency		\$20,000	
Total		\$300,000	



**Program Equity:** Ensuring that income-qualified customers have equitable access to rebates

Staff is seeking CAC feedback on the following recommendations

- 1. Income-qualified applications are given priority processing
  - 1. Income-qualified applicants fill out a VCE rebate interest form, VCE would consider these rebate funds reserved for a period of time (suggest 6 months)
- Allocate 25% of rebate funds in Phase 1 for income-qualified applicants. 6 months after program launch, the funds would be released for standard applications









## **Next Steps:**

- Communicate with customers on EV Rebate Waitlist
- Develop full list of eligibility criteria with Terms and Conditions
- Finalize pilot administration processes, potentially contract with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties for support
- Bring to Board for approval
  - [Pending Board approval] Timeline: Launch Q1 2025
    - program funding is exhausted

