

General Rate Case

On May 28, 2021, Liberty filed its General Rate Case (GRC) application for the years 2022–2024. The application seeks California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approval for funding for fixed costs, operational expenses, and critical system investments through an average rate adjustment of 30.9% for 2022. All utilities regulated by the CPUC apply for such funding through this GRC process. Even if the CPUC approves this proposal in its entirety, Liberty will continue to offer the second-lowest rates in California.

Why?

Wildfire Mitigation

Safety is a priority for Liberty and the CPUC. Wildfire mitigation costs comprise the majority of Liberty's requested increase.

Infrastructure Improvements

Liberty intends to harden its infrastructure in order to improve service reliability, mitigate wildfire risk, and reduce the need for public safety power shutoffs (PSPS) by:

- Installing covered conductors (insulated wire)
- Replacing conventional fuses with limiting fuses
- Testing and replace aging poles
- Enhancing grid topology

Tree Safety and Vegetation Management

In compliance with state laws, Liberty identifies and trims or removes trees and vegetation that have grown too close to power lines. This wildfire mitigation occurs year-round along 650 miles of overhead lines in Liberty's service territory.

Helping Our Communities

To help those in need, Liberty proposes to increase the discount from 20% to 25% for low-income customers who qualify for the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) program.

Residential Primary Rate (“Permanent”) vs. Residential Non-Primary Rate (“Seasonal”)

The residential primary rate applies to customers whose home in Liberty's service territory is considered their primary residence. These customers receive a baseline allowance of energy for a lower cost. The residential non-primary rate applies to customers with any other type of residence.

