

Additional News

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California's new rate structure

New California State legislation, Assembly Bill 205, mandates the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to change the structure of electric bills for investor-owned utility customers. As a result, the CPUC requires Liberty to adopt a Base Services Charge (BSC) rate structure where residential customers pay an approved monthly fixed charge beginning in 2026.

Overview

The purpose of the BSC is to shift fixed costs that don't change with a customer's demand – such as wildfire mitigation – to a fixed service charge, which results in a more equitable allocation of fixed costs across residential customers.

When system maintenance, wildfire mitigation, reliability upgrades, and regulated programs are all charged to customers through volumetric rates, high-usage households end up paying a disproportionate share of the physical infrastructure costs, while low-usage homes may not contribute proportionally to the upkeep of the system they rely on for grid connectivity.

This shift will reduce the volumetric rate that customers pay for their electricity usage. The shift from volumetric rates to the monthly fixed charge will result in little to no impact to an average customer's bill. Additionally, with the reduced volumetric rates, the new BSC rate structure aims to make it more affordable for customers to transition to clean, all-electric vehicles and homes.

Customers who qualify for CARE or CARE Plus programs will have a lower monthly BSC in addition to a reduced volumetric rate, resulting in a reduced bill.

New Base Services Charge planned to take effect in September 2026

Residential customers: **\$31.70** | CARE customers: **\$10.00** | CARE Plus customers: **\$5.00**

CARE / CARE Plus

Customers who qualify for the CARE or CARE Plus program are encouraged to apply now in order to qualify for the reduced BSC; otherwise, they will be charged the standard fixed rate of \$31.70. Please scan the QR code below to view eligibility requirements and apply for our CARE or CARE Plus program.

Customers who are already enrolled in the CARE program will automatically receive the lower BSC rate on their bills when the BSC rate structure takes effect in September 2026.

Scan below to learn more about the **Base Services Charge** and bill impacts:



Scan below to learn more and apply for **CARE/CARE Plus**:





August 11 is National 811 Day

Celebrated each year on August 11 (8/11), National 811 Day reminds homeowners and contractors to contact 811 before starting any digging project.

Many essential utility lines, including water, wastewater, natural gas, electric, communications, and internet services, are buried underground. Even routine projects like planting a tree, installing a mailbox, building a fence, or digging for a patio can accidentally damage these lines if their locations aren't marked first.

Striking an underground utility line can disrupt service, lead to costly repairs, and create serious safety hazards.

The good news? Putting safety first is easy.

One free call or online request gets underground utility lines marked before you dig, helping protect you, your neighbors, and critical infrastructure.

Before starting any digging project, know what's below by calling 811 or visiting www.call811.com.

It's free, it's easy, and it's the law. Scan the QR code to learn more.

