# Bakersfield / Fresno Employee Meetings

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## Responding to Customers

#### Customer Have Concerns

- Bill Increases Driving Complaints and Calls
- Customers Connecting Bill Size with SmartMeter™ Program

#### Actual Drivers of Bill Increases

- Warmer Weather Led to Increased Usage
- Recent Top-Tier Rate Increases

#### Resolving Concerns is our Top Priority

- Mobilized employee team of over 100 to research 4,000 accounts and reach out to customers
- Sent letters and fact sheets to 7,000 customers and called over 600 directly
- Over 300 meters tested at the request of customers in Bakersfield
- Established Answer Center in Bakersfield
- Fresno Answer Center Opened Friday

### Responding to Our Customers

- SmartRate™ Program
- Balanced Payment Plan
- Other Programs and Services



### Warmer Weather in Summer 2009

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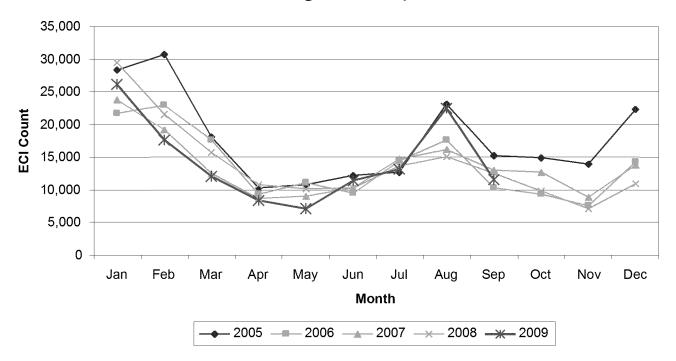
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### Weather Drives Customer Billing Concerns

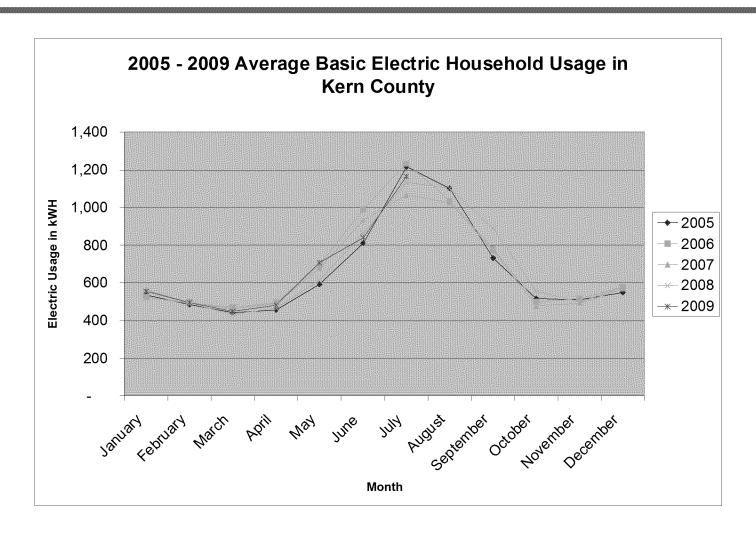
### High Bill Inquiries



Extreme weather drives questions from customers about their bills. During the heat storms of 2005, we experienced 40 days at or above 100 degrees throughout our service area. In 2009 during the same months, we experienced 34 days.



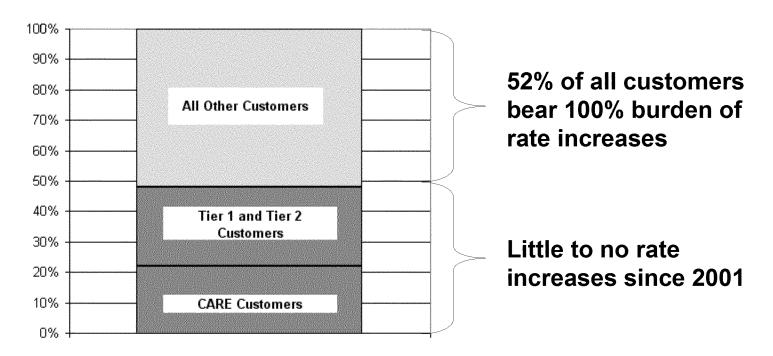
## Electric Company... Consistent Usage Patterns Year Over Year





### Legislation Protects Some Customers

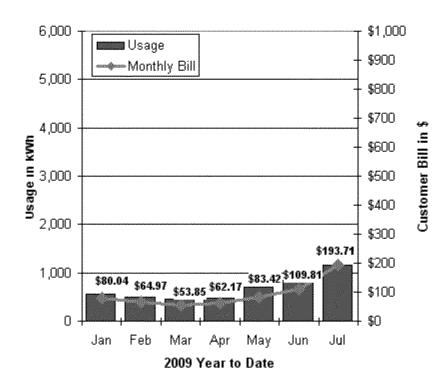
#### **Customer Types**



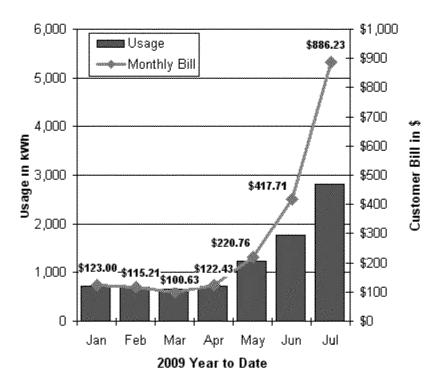
Nearly half of all PG&E electric customers have had little or no increase to rates since 2001. Governor recently signed legislation to begin to address tier differentials.

# Impact of Tiers on High-Use Bill

### **Average Kern Customer Usage and Bill**



#### **High-Use Kern Customer Usage and Bill**



Increased use has an outsized impact on a customer's bill.

# Top Tier Rate Increase

	2008 Rate	2009 Rate
Tier 1 – Baseline Approx. 600 KWH/mo in climate zone W	11.5 ¢	11.5 ¢
Tier 2 – 101-130% of Baseline  Approx. 780 KWH/mo in climate zone W	13.1 ¢	13.1 ¢
Tier 3 – 131-200% of Baseline  Approx. 1,200 KWH/mo in climate zone W	22.6 ¢	26.0 ¢
Tier 4 – 201-300% of Baseline Approx. 1,800 KWH/mo in climate zone W	31.3 ¢	37.9 ¢
Tier 5 – Over 300% of Baseline Over 1,800 KWH/mo in climate zone W	35.9 ¢	44.1 ¢

If your air conditioner uses 5,000 watts of electricity, it costs about 58 ¢ per hour at the Tier 1 rate. If you use it often throughout the month, you use more electricity, which may move you to a higher tier. At the Tier 5 rate, that same hour of air conditioner use can cost about \$2.20 per hour. A similar analysis applies for your other appliances.



## Robust Meter Quality Assurance

### **Vendor Assembly**

#### **All Meters**

- 1.8 M meters shipped -100% tested and passed
- Comply with industry standards
- Use certified testing equipment
- PG&E additional onsite QA testing
- Long history of solid quality performance

# Shipping and Loading Dock

# Systematic Sampling of All Meters

- Samples re-tested at shipping dock
- PG&E receiving dock tests included 6,068 meters YTD 10/13/2009 -100% pass rate

### **Field**

As Requested by Customer and PG&E

- Kern Area Tests YTD 10/13/2009:
  - 115 at customer request
  - 184 PG&E initiated



# SmartMeter™ Program Benefits

### **Customer Service**

Provide our customers more convenience and better, faster service

- Convenient meter reading
- Faster power restoration
- Remote connect / disconnect
- Faster problem resolution
- Better billing
- Power Status Ping
  - Part Out
  - Storms

### **Customer Options**

Provide our customers greater choice and more control over their energy bills

- Energy use data
- New pricing plans
- New service offerings
- Lab tests now
- Home Pilot early next year
  - Res/Sm Com

### **Enable the Future**

Put in place a platform for innovation

- In-premise networks Customer energy management / automation
- Distributed generation / storage
- Dual fuel vehicles (PHEV, BEV)

# SmartMeter™ Deployment by Division



		Total	Total	Total		
Area#	Division	Meters	Installed	Percent	Start Date	Stop Date
Area 1	Peninsula	543,398	374,390	69%	Aug-08	Apr-10
Area 1	San Francisco	680,988	23,578	3%	Sep-10	Mar-12
Area 2	Diablo	574,151	321,344	56%	Feb-08	May-10
Area 2	East Bay	689,373	13,616	2%	Jan-10	May-11
Area 2	Mission	704,959	409,974	<b>58</b> %	" Aug-08	Jul-10
Area 3	Central Coast	502,390	7,315	1%	" Jul-10	Feb-12
Area 3	DeAnza	380,356	3,995	1%	Dec-09	Feb-11
Area 3	San Jose	745,647	7,945	1%	" Jul-10	Mar-12
Area 4	Fresno	675,090	517,945	77%	Jul-08	Jul-10
Area 4	Kern	390,181	364,026	93%	Nov-06	Mar-10
Area 4	Los Padres	199,261	56	0%	Mar-11	Mar-12
Area 5	Stockton	515,082	396,295	77%	" May-08	Aug-10
Area 5	Yosemite	509,655	284,621	56%	Mar-08	Aug-10
Area 6	North Valley	348,833	5,599	2%	" May-10	Feb-12
Area 6	Sacramento	854,080	698,911	82%	Jun-07	Jun-11
Area 6	Sierra	475,105	207,335	44%	Sep-08	Apr-11
Area 7	North Bay	447,191	5,225	1%	Feb-10	Mar-12
Area 7	North Coast	592,261	8,964	2%	May-10	Feb-12
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<sup>\* -</sup> Installed counts as of 10/13/09. Start/Stop dates represent Mass Deployment



## **Upcoming Events**

- \$400+Million bill credit for customers announced last week
- Customers eligible for credit will be receiving a letter in their home
- Fresno Answer Center Opened last week
- Small Group meetings with employees and retirees in Bakersfield and Fresno
- Florez Town Hall in Fresno Wed, October 21
- Senator Ashburn Town Hall in Bakersfield Wed, Nov 4
- Customer Advisory Panel being established in Bakersfield and Fresno
- Community Opinion Leader panel being established in Bakersfield and Fresno
- Process to establish an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> part test of meters is underway and will integrate perspectives of the CPUC and the Customer Advisory Panel
- Customer Satisfaction Survey of SmartMeter™ customers will begin next week



### **Tools for Our Customers**

- Focus on energy efficiency. PG&E offers more than 82 energy efficiency programs to help customers reduce their energy use.
- Become a SmartRate™ customer. The SmartRate™ program encourages customers to use less electricity from 2 7 p.m. on no more than 15 of the hottest summer days. Customers are charged more during those hours, but less for all other hours of the summer months.
  - Enabled by SmartMeter<sup>™</sup> technology
  - 8,000 Bakersfield customers enrolled in 2009
  - 76% saved on summer bills; residential customers saved up to \$327, with average savings of \$35
  - 86% highly satisfied with the program
- Sign up for CARE. The CARE Program provides a monthly discount on energy bills
  for income qualified households and housing facilities. Qualifications are based on the
  number of persons living in your home and your total annual household income.
- **Sign up for medical baseline.** Residential customers with special energy needs due to qualifying medical conditions may be eligible to receive additional quantities of gas and/or electricity each month in addition to regular baseline quantities.
- Balanced payment plan: Sets your monthly payment amount based on average energy use to eliminate big swings in your home or business payments and maintains consistent monthly payments during extreme-weather months.