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# Electric Service Upgrades for Multifamily and Commercial Building Decarbonization

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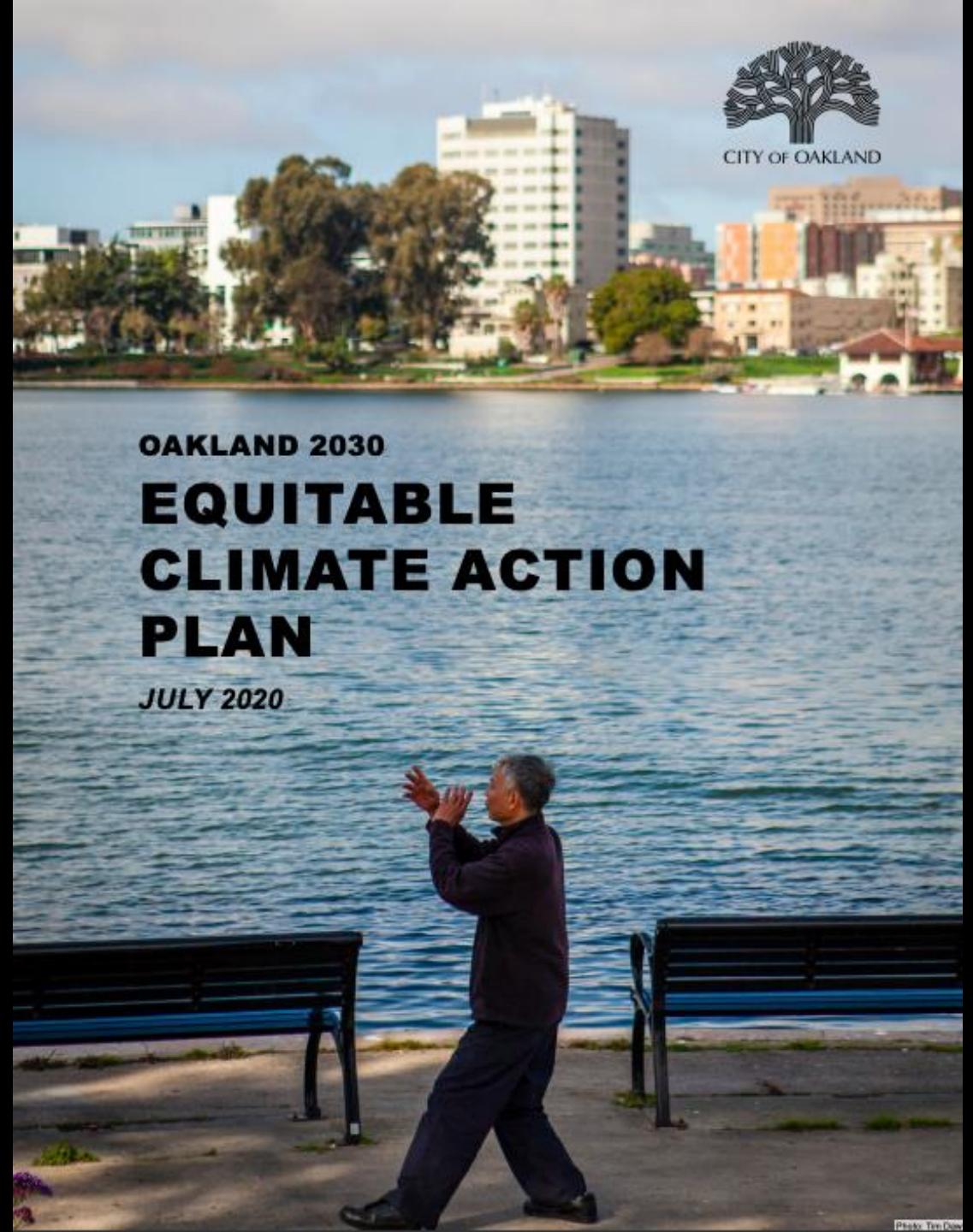
# Electrifying Existing Buildings for Health & Equity

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OAKLAND 2030  
**EQUITABLE  
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# Equitable Electrification

- *Replacing gas appliances with efficient electric alternatives = health + safety + justice*
- Gas = toxic, flammable, explosive
- Justice = Affordability, energy reliability (solar + storage), related upgrades, JOBS
- Efficiency reduces energy bills, upgrade costs, & grid stress





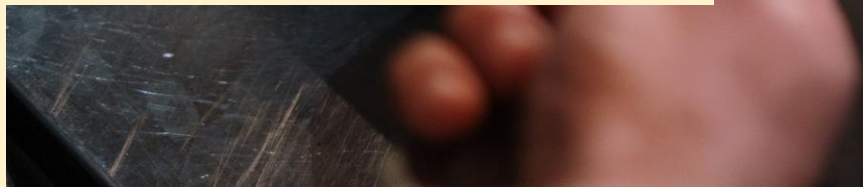
# Key Challenges

- Housing costs
- Utility costs
- Education & awareness
- Old infrastructure
- Ensuring access
- Added complexity:
  - Restaurants
  - Affordable housing



# Major Opportunities

- Clean grid... & getting cleaner!
- EBCE, BayREN, Switch is On, IRA (Rebates, Incentives, Info)
- Workforce development
- Electrification + Resilience
- Ripe technologies and Statewide momentum





# Oakland Timeline

- All-electric new construction (Dec. 2020... the first step)
- Workforce Focus (2021-23)
- Continued Engagement (ongoing)
- Existing Building Electrification Roadmap (Summer 2023)
- Major Renovations (2023?)
- **All buildings all electric: 2040**







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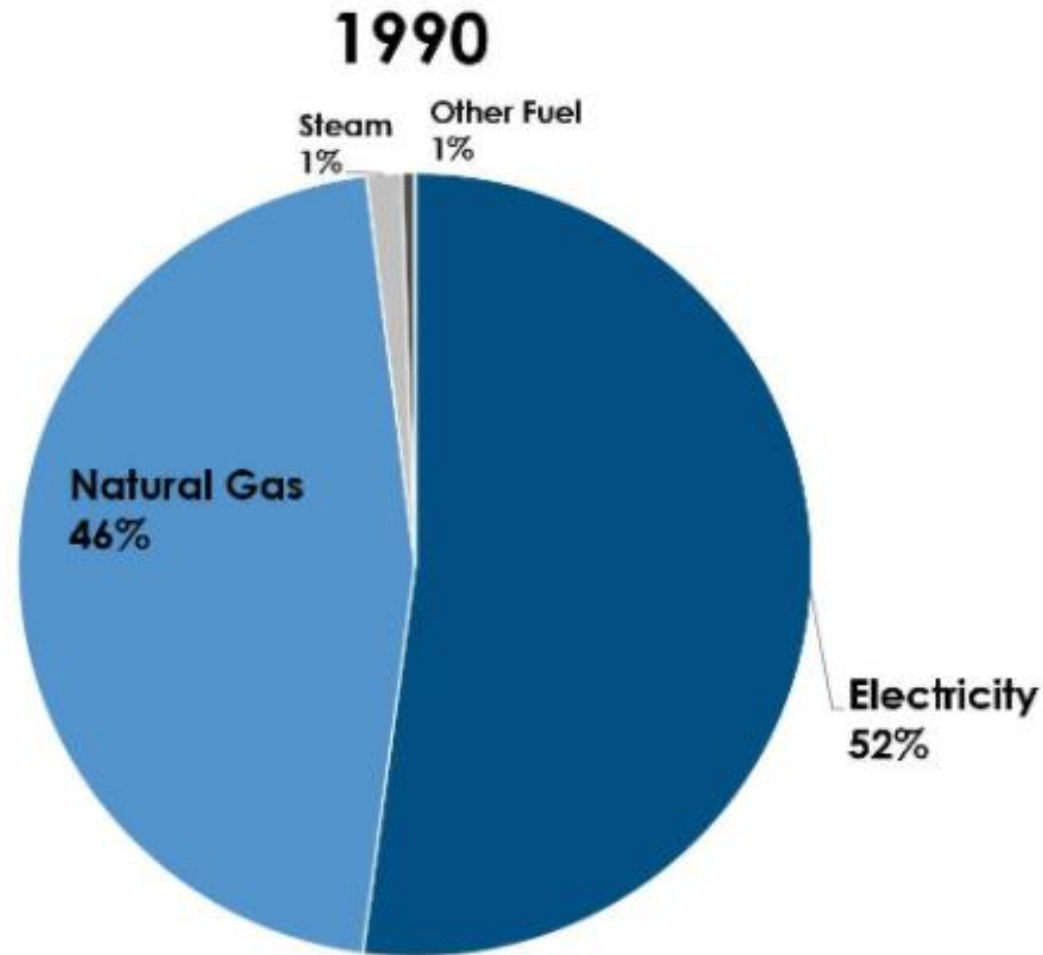
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# Electrification in San Francisco

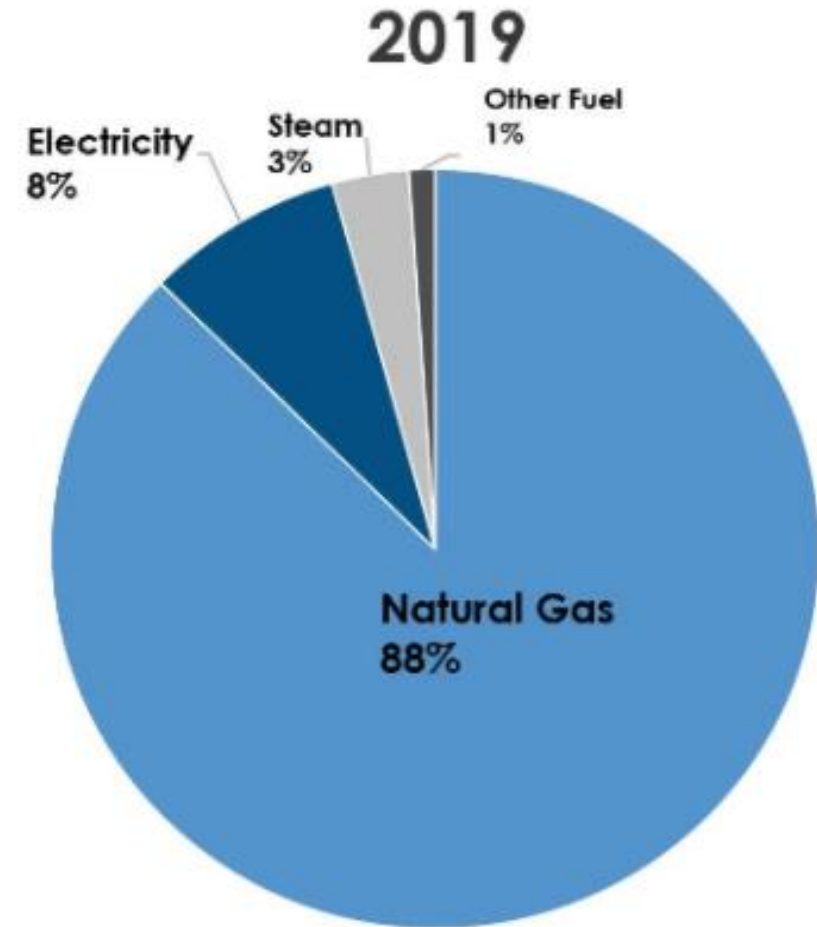
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# Emissions from San Francisco Buildings



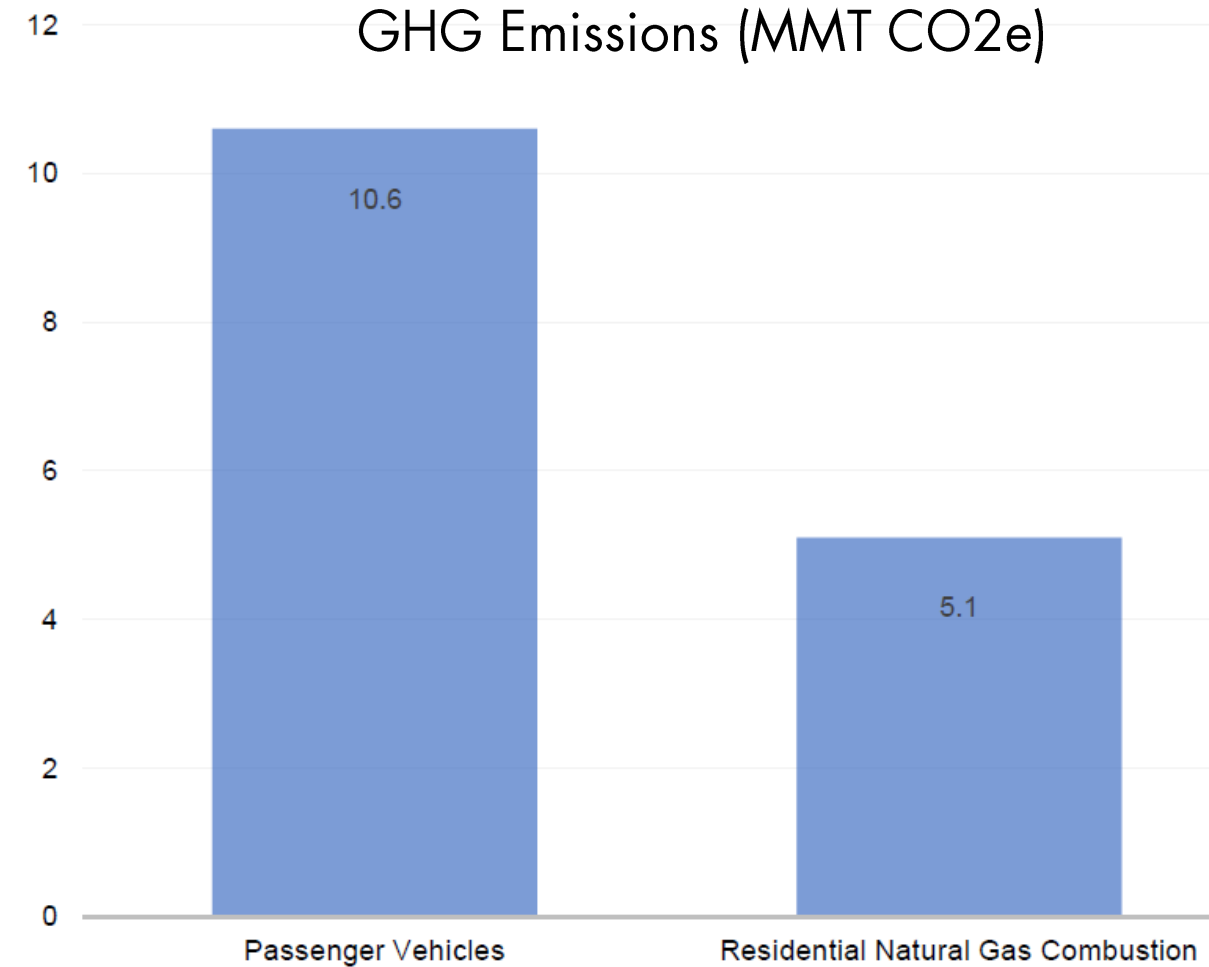
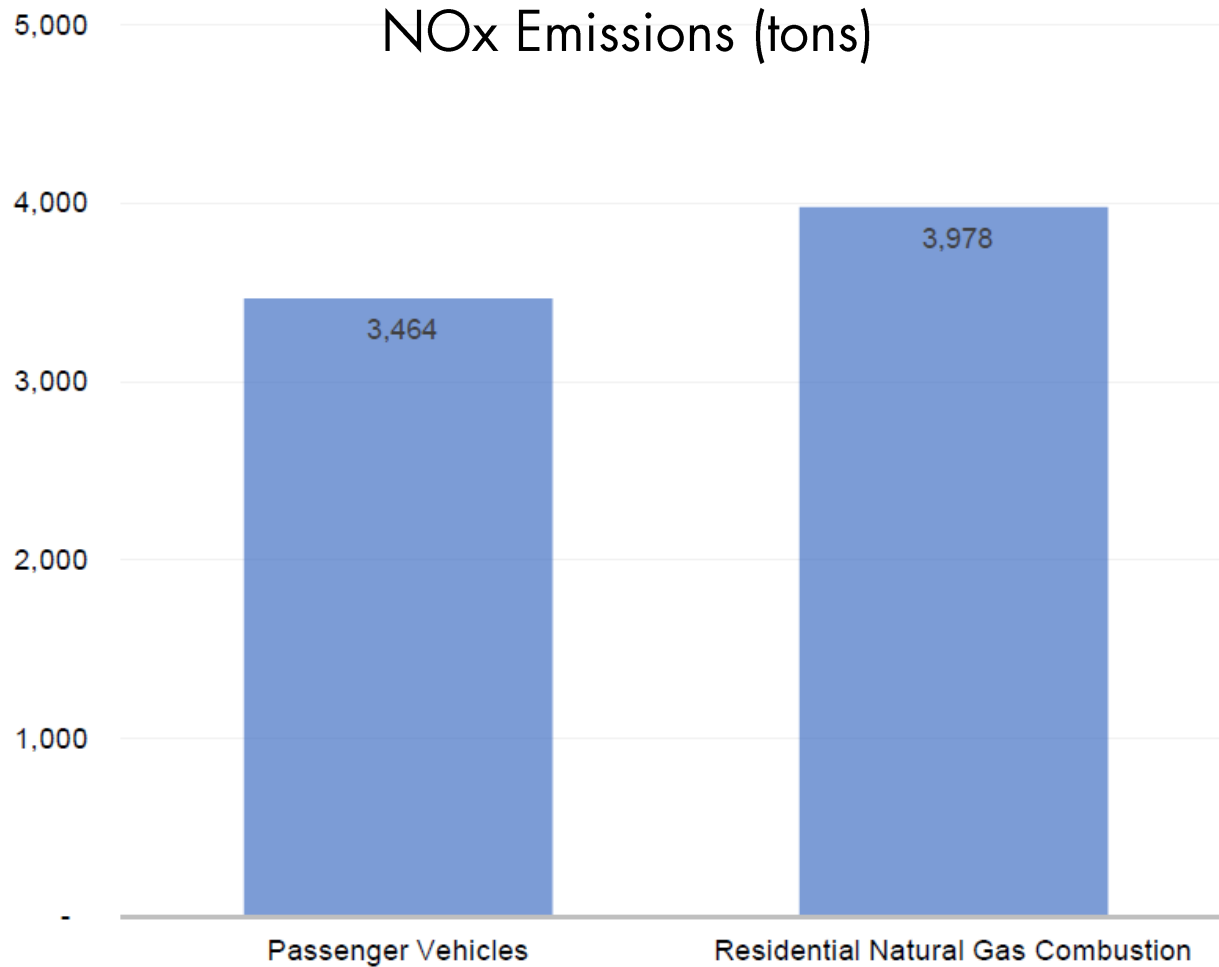
Total Building Emissions:  
**4.4 Million mtCO<sub>2</sub>e**



Total Building Emissions:  
**1.9 Million mtCO<sub>2</sub>e**



# Gas in the Bay Area



Source: Bay Area Air Quality Management District



# Natural gas impacts . . .



Health



Safety



Resilience



Equity



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# Today's Focus: Existing Multifamily and Commercial



- Electrification = opportunity
- Smart use of existing electric service can mean
  - Faster, Simpler Projects
  - Lower Cost
  - Comfort and Performance
- When upgrading electric service
  - Process
  - Timing
  - Cost



# Inflation Reduction Act - Commercial



## Commercial Building Energy Efficiency Tax Deduction (179D)

<b>Site EUI Reduction</b>	<b><i>Without Prevailing Wage</i></b>	<b><i>With Prevailing Wage &amp; Apprenticeship</i></b>
Minimum 25%	\$0.50 / square foot	\$2.50 / square foot
Each added 1%	\$0.02 / square foot	\$0.10 / square foot
Cap: 50%	\$1.00 / square foot	\$5.00 / square foot

AND

- Solar Investment Tax Credit (25D): 30% on PV and battery storage  
or
- new Production Tax Credit (PTC): \$0.026/kWh for 10 years
- Commercial and fleet electric vehicle tax credit: \$7,500/vehicle



Secondary Network  
Limitations



Big Impacts

Simplified. Consult your tax professional for details.



# Inflation Reduction Act - Multifamily



Program	Key Features	When Available
Energy Efficient Home Credit	30% tax credit Does not affect LIHTC basis Available to multifamily owners	<i>Starts 2023</i>
HOMES Rebates	Rebate program based on projected energy savings Rebate amount is increased for measured energy savings and for low- and moderate-income Range: \$2,000 to \$8,000 – capped at 50% of project cost	<i>Expected mid-2023</i>
High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program (HEERA)	Up front rebates (point of sale) Income-qualified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Up to 100% of project cost for &lt;80% AMI</li><li>• Up to 50% for households 80% to 150% AMI</li></ul>	<i>Expected mid-2023</i>
Solar Investment Tax Credit	30% on PV and battery storage	Now

Simplified. Consult your tax professional for details.

# Navigating Multifamily Electrical Constraints

*Bringing the benefits of clean energy  
& energy efficiency to underserved &  
communities*

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September 2022





# MF Electrification Hurdles

- Electrical capacity is often limited
- Electrical upgrades can be expensive, time consuming, or invasive
- How difficult is it to electrify these electric loads\*?
  - DHW (easier)
  - Heating (moderate)
  - Dryers (moderate)
  - Cooking (difficult)

*\*Newer buildings, buildings with cooling, and buildings with existing electric cooking are much easier to electrify*



# Working with Existing Capacity

## Right size

- Contractor or engineer must size equipment\*
- Do not match existing
- Factor in envelope and distribution improvements

## Not enough electrical capacity?

- Increase equipment efficiency, further reduce loads
- Eliminate or reduce electric resistance (DHW)
- Reduce or eliminate redundancy
- **Require conversation between electrical, mechanical engineers and contractor to understand impacts and opportunities.**



*\*HVAC - Using load calculation tools such as Wrightsoft, CBECC, EnergyPro, Manual J, IES  
DHW – Use [Ecosizer](#), manufacturer tools, and/or monitored existing load.*



# Example Electric Load Impacts

Space Heating	Electric Load Sizing Impact
Mini split single zone (1 ton)	1200 W
Mini split multi zone (3 ton)	4,000 W
Central (3 ton)	5,500 W
Central (3 ton) with electric resistance	10,300 W

Water Heating	Electric Load Sizing Impact
Low Power 120V model	900W
240V 15 Amp Hybrid	2300W
Split Heat Pump	3120W
Standard 240V 30Amp Hybrid	4500W



# Cooking

Electrification usually triggers electrical upgrades

- First, engage aggressive electrical engineer to look at all pathways
- Plan for electrical upgrades

If stuck, alternate solutions:

- (Future) low amp induction stove
- Induction cooktop only with countertop plug in oven or combination microwave/convection oven: **turkey dilemma.**

Ensuring success:

- We must deliver an **excellent** cooking experience! **USE INDUCTION.**
- Provide training, pot/pan/gift card to help with transition.

Cooking	Electric Load (Sizing Impact)
2 burner induction	1800W
Cooktop	3000W
Wall Oven	3400W
Induction Range	9600W





# Navigating Electrical Load Calcs

- **NEC Deemed Calc: Default approach, Conservative**
  - Uses combination of actual and deemed values, and demand factors to calculate capacity
  - Various exceptions and “levers” can be adjusted by engineer
- **NEC Load Monitoring Study: Generous**
  - Uses actual peak energy use to calculate whether new loads can be added
  - 30-day study using power meter or 1-year of monthly peak-demand recordings
    - 30-day study must include time period of highest usage
    - Meter where potential infrastructure limitations exists (pinch points)
    - If limitation is at unit level, confirm if monitoring a sample of units is acceptable by (CBO and Electrical engineer)
- **Above are used for AHJ permitting and discussions with utility (when service upgrades are required). Utility engineers may perform their own internal calculation.**

# Electrical Capacity Results

## **Still not possible to go all electric with existing service?**

- Checked all reasonable pathways to make project feasible such as:
  - Combining low amperage equipment, efficiency measures, and electric load monitoring
  - Move from central heating to in unit or vice versa?
- Are default values being used in calculations? Validate.

## **If a service upgrade is needed**

- Utility cost, timelines, and scope are often assumed to be the worst case by project team before having a conversation. Don't let this kill the project.
- Talk to utility early and plan on submitting an all-electric design for their review to understand implications.
- Do partial electrification now



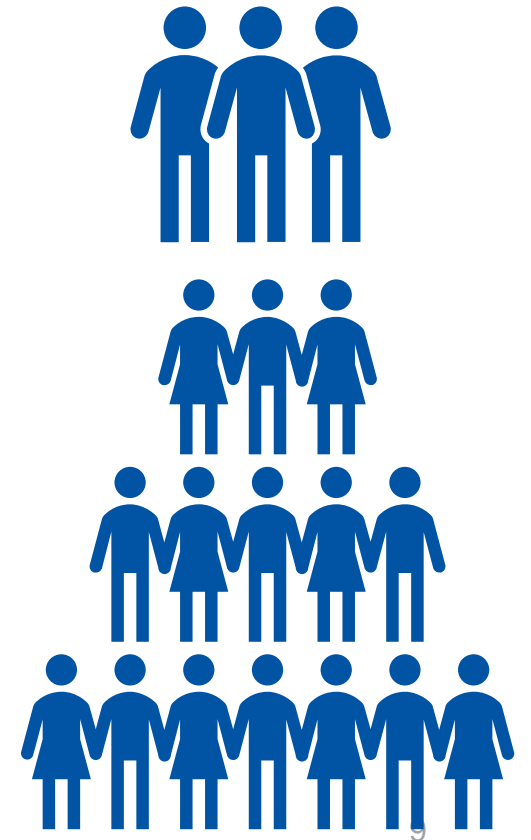
# Project Development Approach

1. Define initial goals for project
2. Identity potential funding
3. Recruit the right team, with experience appropriate to the scale and complexity of project
4. **Have team work together to identify critical decision points and dependencies**
5. **Engage with utility early to discuss project**
6. **Refine project scope and specifications within bounds of goals**
7. Initiate project with flexibility!
8. Complete project
9. Monitor performance



# Recruit the right team

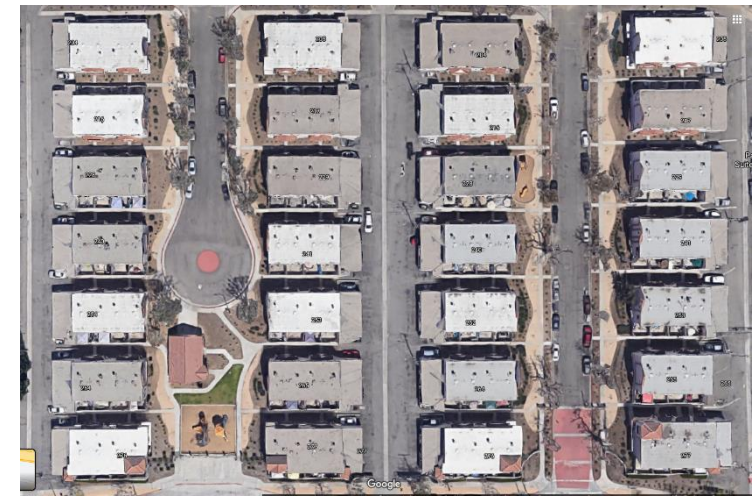
- Contractor and other design professionals should be interested
- **Problem solvers, collaborators, and creative thinkers are necessary**
- Prior experience and references encouraged
- Bring on engineers for larger or more complicated projects
- Understand each person's role and level of expertise
- Team must work together at each step





# Full Electrification Example

- Corona, CA | Built 1960s
- (40) Four-plexes (each apt is two bed)
- Central gas DHW
- In unit gas furnaces and ranges
- Each building has pole drop, units and common meter each have a 40 amp service
- Goal of full electrification during rehab, could upgrading existing 40 amp apt services be avoided?



# Full Electrification

		2 Ton Ductless HP Central DHW			
General Loads		Basis of Design			
receptacle and lights		3120			
kitchen appliance circuits		1500			
1st 3KVA @100%		3000			
Remainder at 35%		567			
<b>Total</b>		<b>3567</b>			
HVAC + DHW Load					
HVAC		6630			
HPWH		0			
1st 8KVA at 100%		<b>6630</b>			
Remainder at 40%		<b>0</b>			
Appliances					
garbage disposal		1200			
dishwasher		1200			
microwave		1000			
total w/ 75% demand factor		<b>2550</b>			
Cooking					
electric range/induction cooktop		5000			
80% demand factor		<b>4000</b>			
<b>Total</b>	VA	17,622	16,747	12,322	10,057
	Total Amps		70		8,422





# Full Electrification

	2 Ton Ductless HP In Unit HPWH	2 Ton Ductless HP Central DHW			
<b>General Loads</b>		<i>Basis of Design</i>			
receptacle and lights	3120	3120			
kitchen appliance circuits	1500	1500			
1st 3KVA @100%	3000	3000			
Remainder at 35%	567	567			
<b>Total</b>	<b>3567</b>	<b>3567</b>			
<b>HVAC + DHW Load</b>					
HVAC	6630	6630			
HPWH	1980	0			
1st 8KVA at 100%	8000	6630			
Remainder at 40%	610	0			
<b>Appliances</b>					
garbage disposal	540	1200			
dishwasher	1200	1200			
microwave	1000	1000			
total w/ 75% demand factor	2550	2550			
<b>Cooking</b>					
electric range/induction cooktop	5000	5000			
80% demand factor	4000	4000			
<b>Total</b> VA	<b>17,622</b>	<b>16,747</b>	12,322	10,057	8,422
Total Amps	73	70			



# Full Electrification

	2 Ton Ductless HP In Unit HPWH	2 Ton Ductless HP Central DHW	1 Ton Ducted HP Central DHW		
General Loads		Basis of Design			
receptacle and lights	3120	3120	3120		
kitchen appliance circuits	1500	1500	1500		
1st 3KVA @100%	3000	3000	3000		
Remainder at 35%	567	567	567		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3567</b>	<b>3567</b>	<b>3567</b>		
HVAC + DHW Load					
HVAC	6630	6630	2700		
HPWH	1980	0			
1st 8KVA at 100%	<b>8000</b>	<b>6630</b>	<b>2700</b>		
Remainder at 40%	<b>610</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
Appliances					
garbage disposal	540	1200	540		
dishwasher	1200	1200	1200		
microwave	1000	1000	1000		
total w/ 75% demand factor	<b>2550</b>	<b>2550</b>	<b>2055</b>		
Cooking					
electric range/induction cooktop	5000	5000	5000		
80% demand factor	<b>4000</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>4000</b>		
<b>Total</b> VA	<b>17,622</b>	<b>16,747</b>	<b>12,322</b>	10,057	8,422
Total Amps	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>51</b>		





# Full Electrification



	2 Ton Ductless HP In Unit HPWH	2 Ton Ductless HP Central DHW  Basis of Design	1 Ton Ducted HP Central DHW	Low Load HP Central DHW + Aggressive Cooking	
<b>General Loads</b>					
receptacle and lights	3120	3120	3120	3120	
kitchen appliance circuits	1500	1500	1500	1500	
1st 3KVA @100%	3000	3000	3000	3000	
Remainder at 35%	567	567	567	567	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3567</b>	<b>3567</b>	<b>3567</b>	<b>3567</b>	
<b>HVAC + DHW Load</b>					
HVAC	6630	6630	2700	1635	
HPWH	1980	0		0	
1st 8KVA at 100%	8000	6630	2700	1635	
Remainder at 40%	610	0	0	0	
<b>Appliances</b>					
garbage disposal	540	1200	540	540	
dishwasher	1200	1200	1200	1200	
microwave	1000	1000	1000	1000	
total w/ 75% demand factor	2550	2550	2055	2055	
<b>Cooking</b>					
electric range/induction cooktop	5000	5000	5000	3500	
80% demand factor	4000	4000	4000	2800	
<b>Total</b> VA	<b>17,622</b>	<b>16,747</b>	<b>12,322</b>	<b>10,057</b>	<b>8,422</b>
Total Amps	73	70	51	42	

# Full Electrification

	2 Ton Ductless HP In Unit HPWH	2 Ton Ductless HP Central DHW <i>Basis of Design</i>	1 Ton Ducted HP Central DHW	Low Load HP Central DHW + Aggressive Cooking	Central Heat Central DHW + Aggressive Cooking
<b>General Loads</b>					
receptacle and lights	3120	3120	3120	3120	3120
kitchen appliance circuits	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
1st 3KVA @100%	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
Remainder at 35%	567	567	567	567	567
<b>Total</b>	<b>3567</b>	<b>3567</b>	<b>3567</b>	<b>3567</b>	<b>3567</b>
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<b>Cooking</b>					
electric range/induction cooktop	5000	5000	5000	3500	3500
80% demand factor	<b>4000</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>2800</b>	<b>2800</b>
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Total Amps	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>

- No scenarios triggered utility service upgrades
- Last two scenarios were viable but not desirable
- Final scope will require upgrading unit feeder and sub panel to accommodate electric cooking



# Incentives for Multifamily Electrification

NOW/SOON

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# Existing Commercial Buildings

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# Decarbonization framework for Existing Buildings



## LEVERAGE EXISTING POLICIES

- Energy benchmarking
- 100% Renewable Electricity

## NEW

- Require a Plan for Decarbonization
- Require decarbonization by 2035 and regular progress reports
- **Flexibility:** Invest fees in decarbonization of low-income and affordable housing

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# Energy Code



California's codes are evolving to better support efficient electrification

and

Cities cannot waive Title 24.

Efficiency requirements apply.

Electric resistance boilers are not the solution.



Image: Dicklyon







# Efficient Electrification



## **SPUR Urban Center**

14,500 sq ft building

## **188 Embarcadero**

99,625 sq ft building

## **Levi's Plaza**

867,000 sq ft, 6 buildings

## **Empire Building Challenge**

131 Buildings, 10 Owners, 52M sq ft

## **SFO Central Plant**

3.3M sq ft, 4 terminals

**More Examples:** [electrifiedbuildings.org](http://electrifiedbuildings.org)





# Small Office



## SPUR Urban Center

14,500 sq ft office, 4 stories

- Existing conditions
  - Efficient, and room to improve
  - Space conditioning: rooftop AC units with gas burners (only use of gas)
- Decarbonization plan
  - Specify heat pumps when rooftop HVAC units are replaced.
- Implications
  - No change to electric peak: no change to electric service
  - Can qualify for over-the-counter building permits
  - Similar cost to like-for-like

More Info: [spur.org/news/2022-08-31/spurs-plan-decarbonize-urban-center](https://spur.org/news/2022-08-31/spurs-plan-decarbonize-urban-center)



# Medium Office



## 188 The Embarcadero

99,625 sq ft office, 7 stories

- Existing conditions
  - Efficient, regularly ENERGY STAR
  - Gas uses: Hydronic boiler (reheat) and SHW/DHW
- Piloted Strategic Decarbonization Assessment
  - Defined the cost of inaction
  - Owner set decarbonization goal; communication was key
- Outcomes
  - Upgraded HW and heating to heat pumps
  - No change to electric service
  - Having a plan facilitated action

Thanks: Google





# Office Campus



## Levi's Plaza / 867,000 sq ft office

- Existing conditions
  - Built 1981, purchased 2019, zero by 2025
  - Typical office: chillers, cooling towers, AHUs, gas fired boilers with VAC reheat at zone/floor
- Challenges in first 2 buildings
  - Space: An air-source heat pump is larger than a boiler
  - Supply water temp: VAVs required adjustment
  - Electric capacity: Efficiency allowed re-distribution of existing power to meet changes in load
- Outcomes
  - Transition required integrated design
  - No change to electric service
  - Phased installation completed while occupied

Thanks: Jamestown Properties

More Info: [casestudies.uli.org/all-case-studies/](https://casestudies.uli.org/all-case-studies/)





# Very Large Office



**345 Hudson St / 100 Ave of the Americas, NYC**

**978,277 sq ft / 376,965 sq ft**

- Existing conditions
  - Built in 1930s; hot summers and cold winters
  - Fully occupied
  - Steam heating, PTAC cooling
- Challenges: Space for heat pumps, Electric service
- Solutions:
  - Floor-by-floor water-source heat pump
  - Dedicated outside air energy recovery ventilation
  - Dynamic thermal storage
- Outcomes: Reduced heating, cooling and electric use by recycling heat from space to space in the building.

Thanks to: NYSERDA Empire Building Challenge

Empire Building Playbook: [knowledge.nyserda.ny.gov/display/EBP](https://knowledge.nyserda.ny.gov/display/EBP)



Image: Vladimir Kudinov



# Emerging Practice for Heating Hot Water



## Evaluate “How low can it go?”

### 1. Best Case Scenario

- 120F to 110F supply
- Single stage air source heat pump

### 2. Minimum operational change

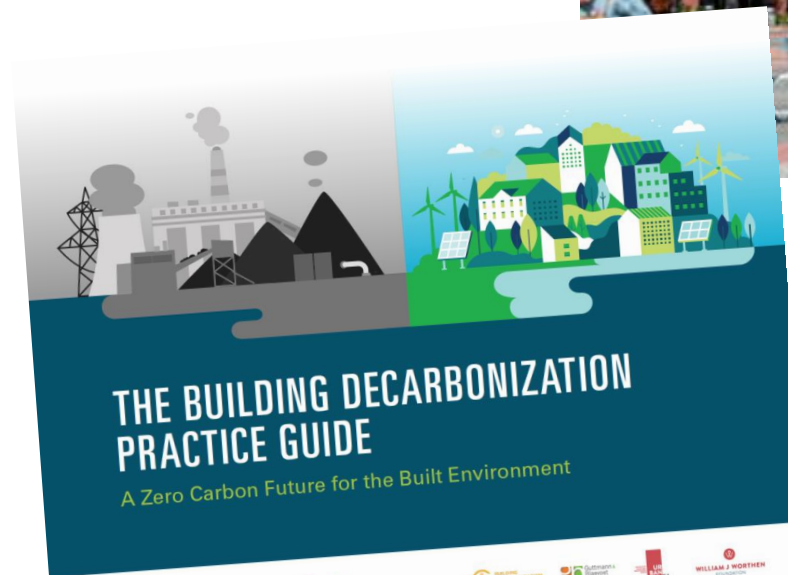
- 175F supply
- 2-stage ASHP and WSHP

### 3. Happy Medium

- 160F supply
- Single stage ASHP low-GWP

### 4. Major System Replacement

- Highest efficiency
- 100 to 110F supply



A Pocket Guide to Compressors for  
Electric Heating and Cooling



Thanks: SmithGroup

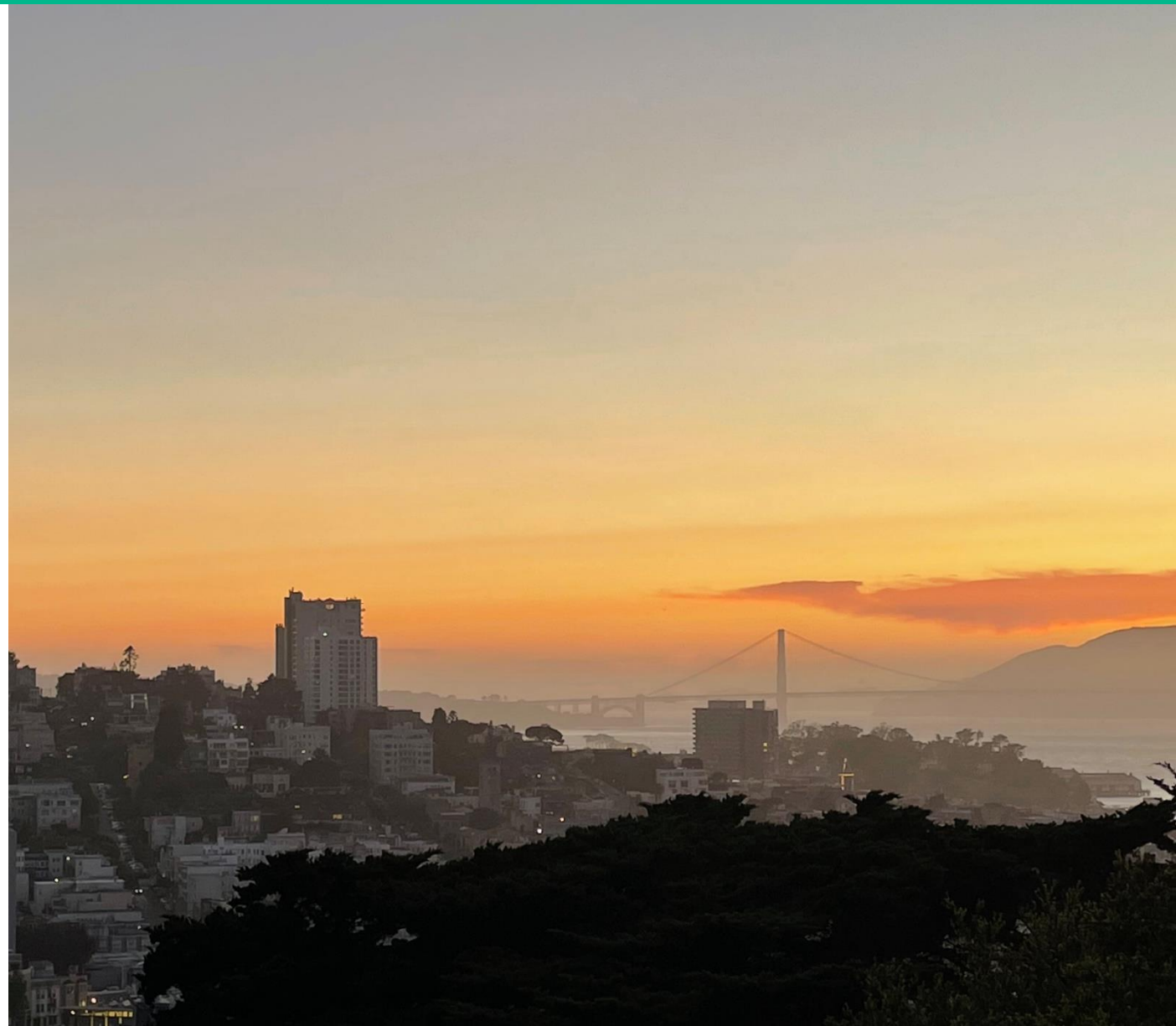
More Info: [collaborativedesign.org](https://collaborativedesign.org); [redwoodenergy.net/research/](https://redwoodenergy.net/research/)

Images: Redwood Energy, WJW Foundation, Jamestown

# Summary



- Electrification = opportunity
- Assess and plan
- Efficient optimization of existing electric service can mean
  - Faster, less complex projects
  - Lower cost
  - Improved performance
- Electric service must sometimes be upgraded





# Thank You



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Previously: September 7 –  
Electric Service Optimization for Existing Single Family:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tv\\_bccFGT2Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tv_bccFGT2Q)  
– *Or visit City of Oakland's YouTube channel*



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# Meeting Agenda

Date/Time:	September 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 at 10 am-12 pm		
Location:	Teams (Virtual)	Recorder	Hannah Kaye
Desired Outcomes:	1. Webinar attendees are informed of PG&E’s Added Load process.		
Number	Agenda Item(s)		
1	Introductions		
2	Building and transportation electrification		
3	Impacts of electrification on primary and secondary distribution		
4	Primary trigger of electric service upgrades		
5	Added Load process and timeline		
6	Helpful resources		
7	Wrap up		

## Transportation Electrification



100% zero emission passenger vehicle sales by 2035



100% zero emission drayage truck operations by 2035



100% zero emission from on-road medium and heavy-duty vehicles by 2045

## Building Electrification



California Air Resources Board approved a plan to ban sale of gas water and space heating appliances by 2030



25+ cities in PG&E's territory are considering electrification retrofit targets



California Energy Commission recommended a goal of 6 million heat pumps by 2030

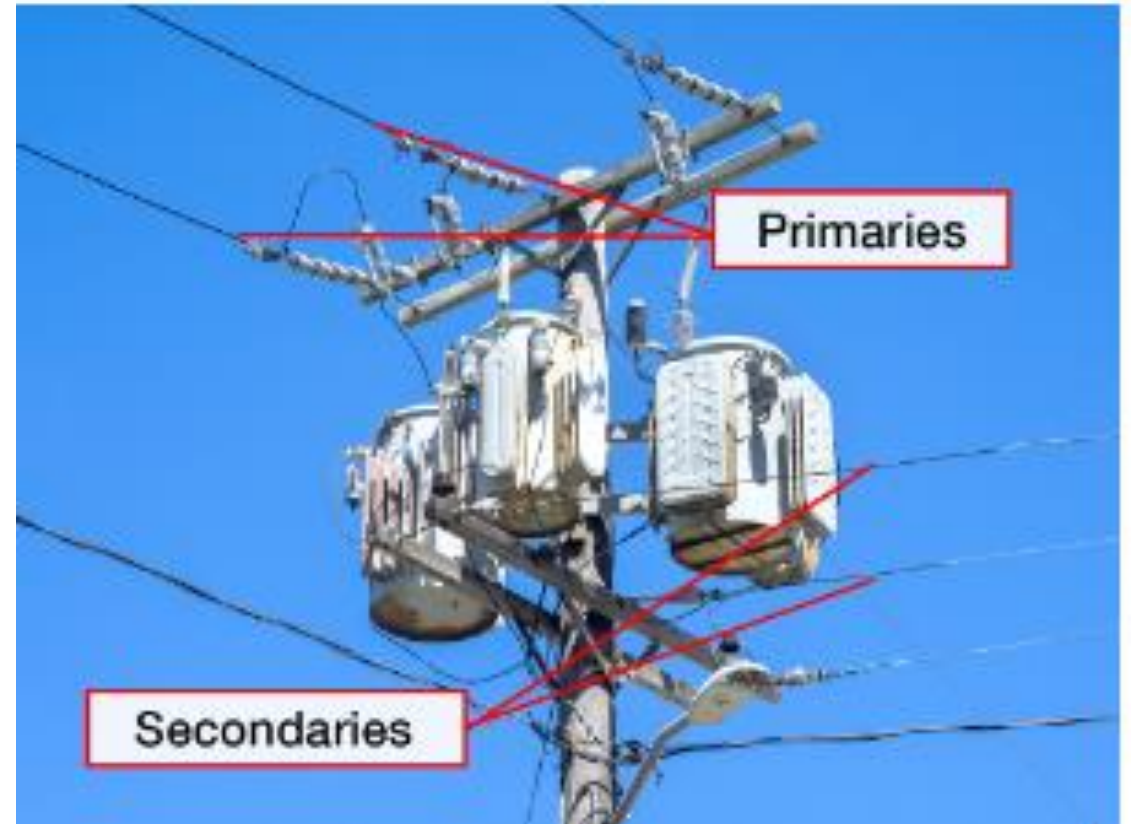


# Impacts of Electrification on Primary and Secondary Distribution

Commercial and large multifamily building electrification projects can trigger primary and secondary system upgrades, particularly when installing EV charging. PG&E is preparing for the anticipated impacts of electrification on the electric grid by improving grid planning.

**Primary lines:** higher-voltage lines located at the top of utility poles, above transformers. Voltages range from 4,12,21,34kV (in select areas).

**Secondary lines:** lower voltage lines are below transformers. Typical secondary voltages range between 120, to 480 volts.



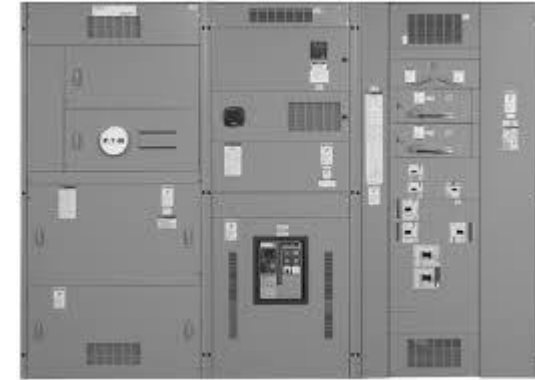
# Primary Triggers of Electric Service Upgrades

Customers upsizing their main switch gear (i.e., electric panel) or termination section is the primary cause of service upgrades.

**Multi-family Switchgear Equipment**



**Commercial Switchgear Equipment**



## Stages of Added Load Process

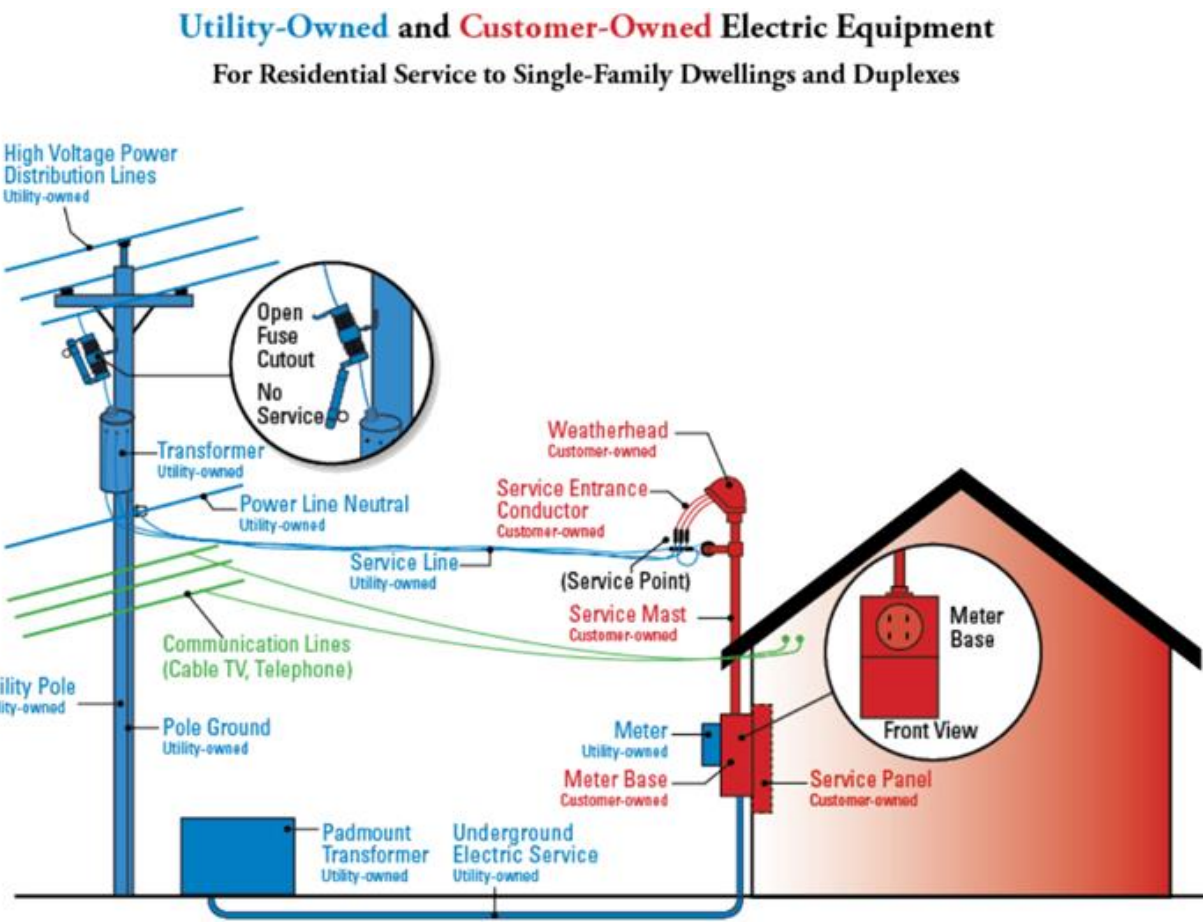
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1. Customer planning and application
2. Load assessment and/or service design
3. Contract and payment
4. Construction and energization



# Added Load Process: Customer Planning and Application

- PG&E Responsibility: None
- Applicant Responsibility: Acquire contractor and determine electrification needs
- Timeline: Dependent on applicant



PG&E Infrastructure	Customer Infrastructure
Front-of-the-meter (FTM)	Behind-the-meter (BTM)
PG&E owns and is responsible for constructing, maintaining, and upgrading electrical infrastructure to the meter panel	Customer owns and is responsible for constructing, maintaining, and upgrading infrastructure from meter to the customer appliances

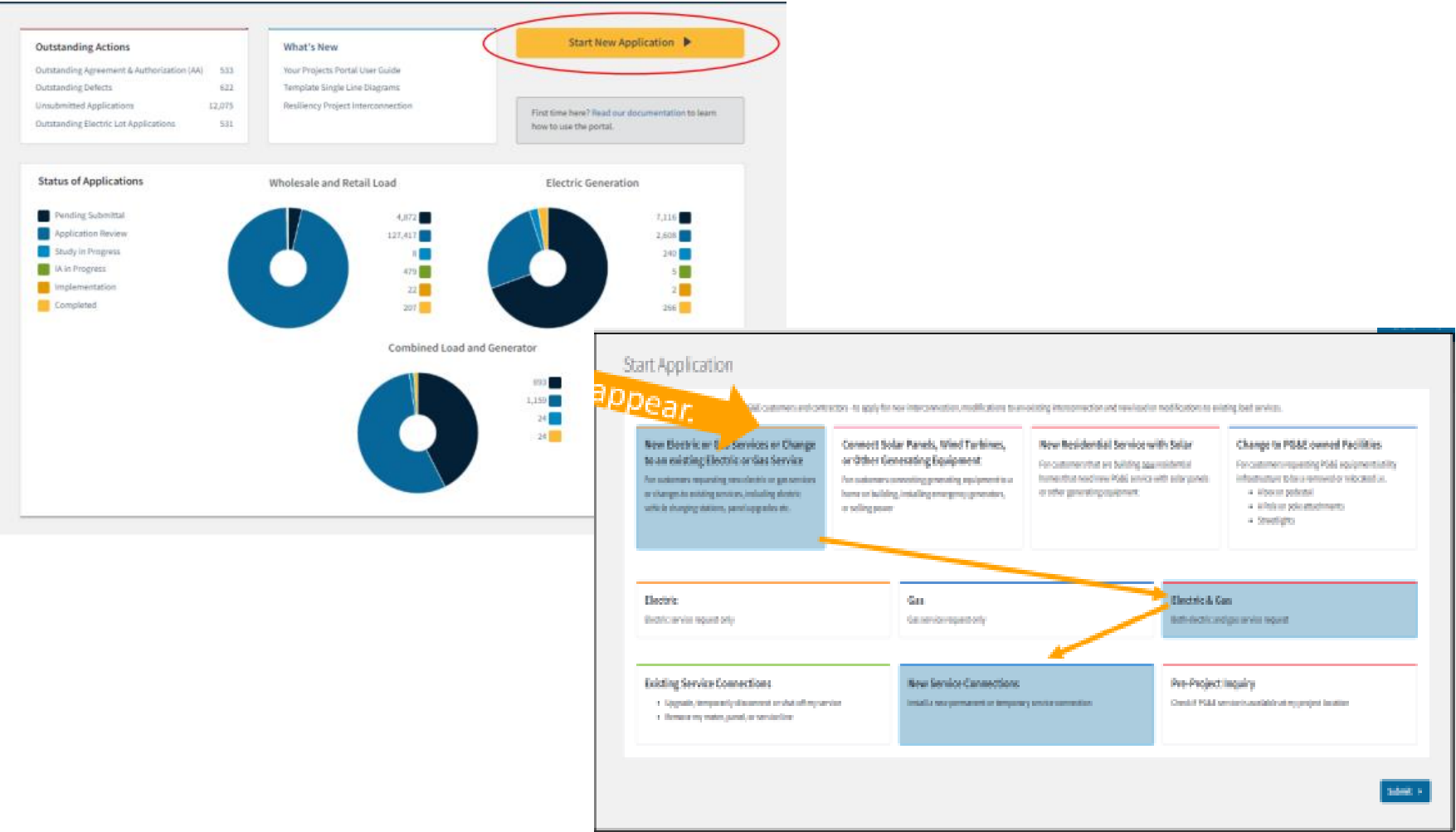
# Added Load Process: Customer Planning and Application

**PG&E Responsibility:** Contact applicant within ~ 3 days and confirm application details

**Applicant Responsibility:** Submit an Added Load application on [YourProjects.pge.com](https://YourProjects.pge.com)

**Timeline:** Applicant Dependent. PG&E will respond within ~ 3 days of application submission

**Helpful Links:** [Application User Guide](#)



Documentation/Information	Type of Documentation	Required?
Picture of electric panel label	Pictures	Required
Picture of the meter number	Pictures	Required
Picture of the main breaker	Pictures	Required
Picture of the electric panel - 6 feet on both sides - 6 feet in front - Include picture of weatherhead	Pictures	Required
Picture of area where new electric panel will be relocated if moving (mark the location on the picture)	Pictures	Required
Picture of service wire where it runs over the job site / neighboring property	Pictures	Required
Picture of where the service wire is attached to the PG&E pole / wire	Pictures	Required
List of new electric appliances and associated new loads (e.g., HVAC tons, wattage, etc.)	Spreadsheet (see next tab)	Required

\* Applicable to Overhead Service Only

# Added Load Process: Load Assessment and/or Service Design

**PG&E Responsibility:** Perform Load Assessment and inform applicant of findings

**Applicant Responsibility:** Pay Engineering advance and support PG&E representative with additional project details as needed

**Timeline:** ~ 90-180 days

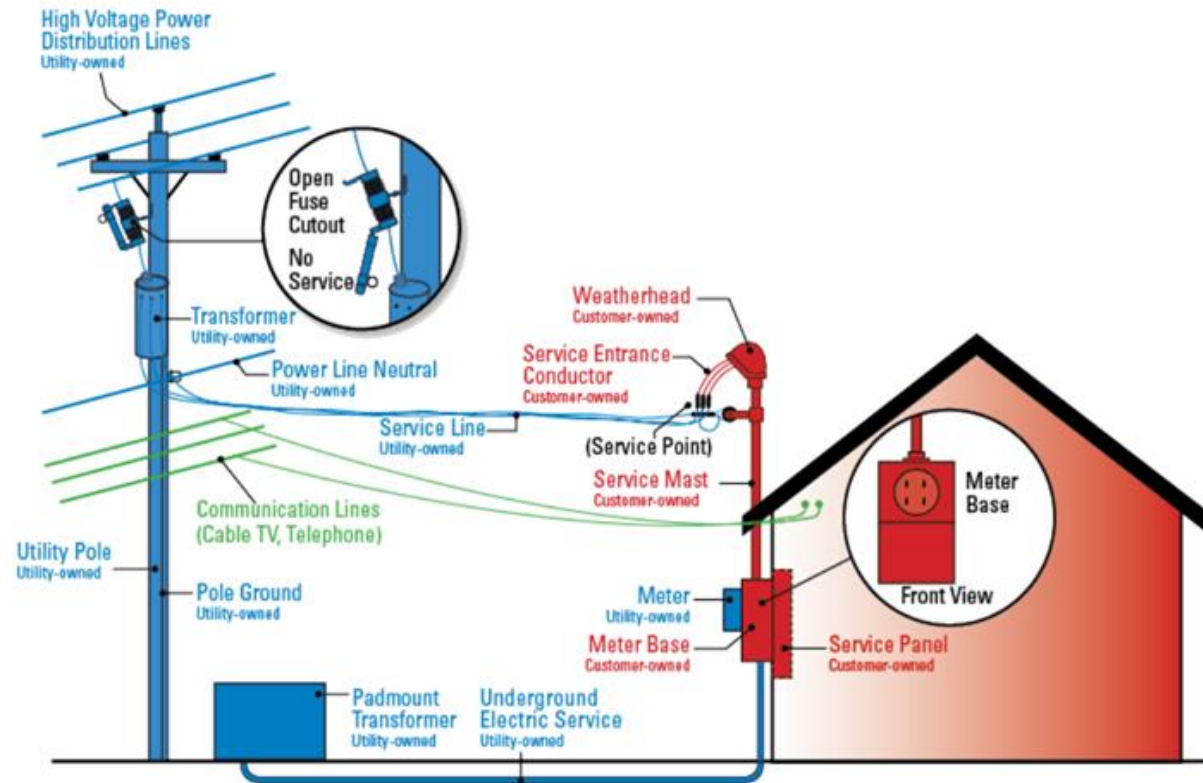
**Helpful Links:** [Make Payments Online](#)

## Engineering Advance

- Covers the cost for PG&E to perform load assessments
- \$2,500 (subject to change)
- May be refunded in like for like panel replacements

Relevant Infrastructure	Capacity
Service wire or cable (if underground)	Your PG&E representative will determine existing capacities for this infrastructure.
Secondary Conductors	
Transformers	
Primary Conductors (depending on size of load)	

## Utility-Owned and Customer-Owned Electric Equipment For Residential Service to Single-Family Dwellings and Duplexes







# Added Load Process: Adding New Load through Building Electrification

Type of Building	Pre-Electrification	Post-Electrification
10-unit Multifamily Building w/ gas water and space heating, cooking	5 kVA per living unit	8-10 KVA per living unit
Commercial Kitchen w/ gas cooking	7-10 kVA	25-35 kVA

**\*Illustrative Example**



# Added Load Process: Adding New Load through Transportation Electrification

Details	Multifamily Building	Commercial Building
Location	Oakland	Bay Area
Number of chargers	~100 L2 (7.2 kW) charging ports	~30 L2 (7.2 kW) charging ports
Total Incremental load	720 KW	216 KW
Necessary upgrades	meter, panel, switch gear, transformer upgrade	meter, panel, switch gear, new additional transformer, and upstream 3 phase switch

# Added Load Process: Contract and Payment

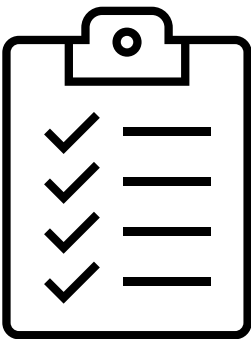
**PG&E Responsibility:** Complete estimating, design and send final contract  
**Applicant Responsibility:** Sign contract and pay for any necessary customer costs  
**Timeline:** ~180 days  
**Helpful Tip:** A detailed added load application can expedite the process

## Site Visit



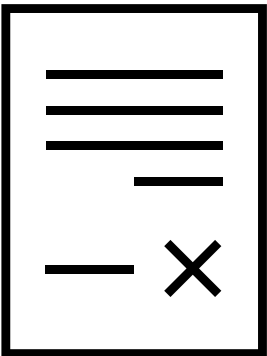
PG&E coordinates a site visit with customer to assess the scope of the project

## Job Package



PG&E designs and estimates necessary service work to send to customer

## Contract



Customer signs contract with PG&E and pays for any necessary costs  
*\* EA is applied to final contract cost*



# Added Load Process: Contract and Payment

**PG&E Responsibility:** None

**Applicant Responsibility:** Sign contract and complete payment

**Timeline:** Dependent on applicant payment timeline

## Electric Rule 15 and 16 govern the allowance for service upgrades

- Residential applicant is responsible to pay all upfront costs associated with service installation and an allowance of \$3,255 per meter will be applied to the refundable portion of costs
- Non-residential applicants receive an allowance based on their expected usage once connected

## The top variables that impact cost

- Panel location and its distance from the nearest distribution point
- Transformer (if a single customer is on a transformer)
- If service is underground (trenching costs)

## Types of customer costs

- Customer costs include any necessary trenching, substructure/conduit installation new service conductor, and protective structure.



# Added Load Process: Construction and Energization

**PG&E Responsibility:** Complete service installation and any applicable distribution betterment work

**Applicant Responsibility:** Complete projects and required inspections

**Timeline:** ~1.5 – 3 months for PG&E work

## Preconstruction Meeting



PG&E coordinates meeting to align on customer and utility tasks and coordinate inspections

## Customer Construction



Customer completes substructure (if underground) installation and inspections (e.g., Green Tag inspection)

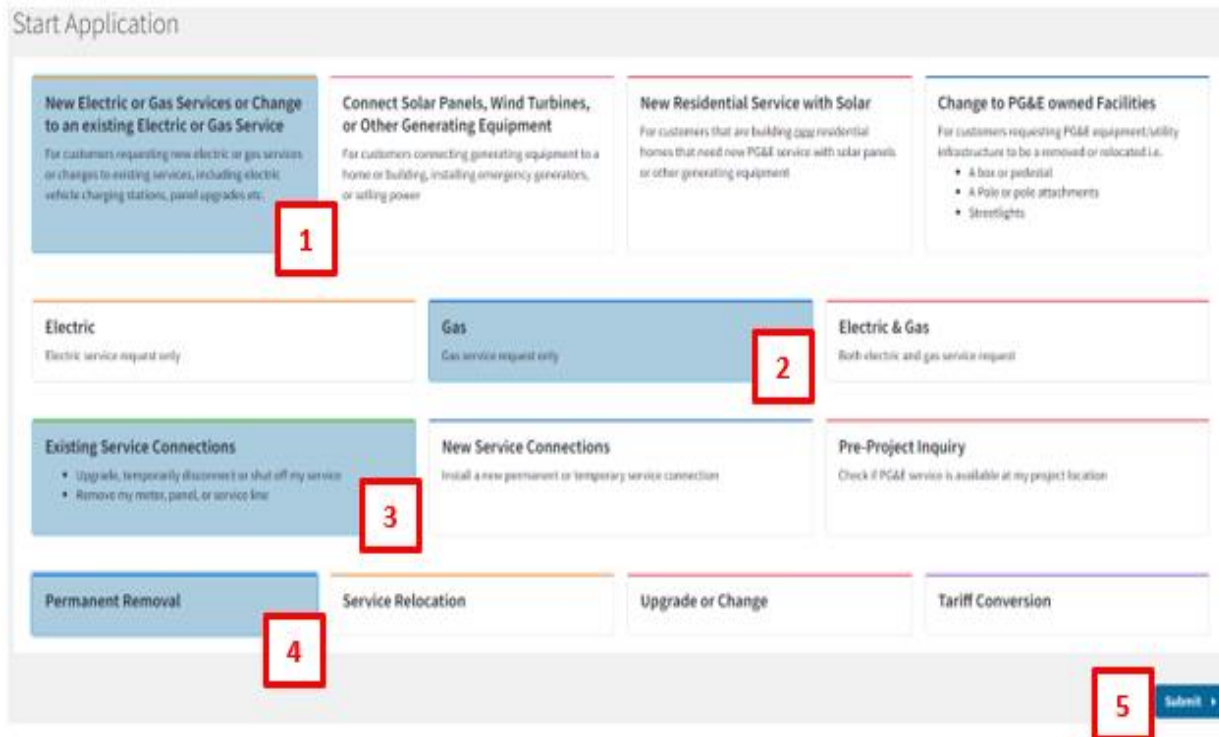
## Service Installation and Energization



PG&E installs new service and coordinates disconnect/reconnect while customer completes panel upgrade

Once your building has converted from dual fuel to all-electric, you can safely stop gas services and gas interconnection charges by applying to modify your existing services

Log in to the *PG&E Your Projects* portal>Start New Application>Select **New Electric or Gas Services or Change to an existing Electric or Gas Service**



The screenshot shows the 'Start Application' portal with the following layout and numbered steps:

- Step 1:** A red box highlights the 'New Electric or Gas Services or Change to an existing Electric or Gas Service' button in the top left.
- Step 2:** A red box highlights the 'Gas' button in the middle row, which is labeled 'Gas service request only'.
- Step 3:** A red box highlights the 'Existing Service Connections' button in the bottom row, which lists options like 'Upgrade, temporarily disconnect or shut off my service' and 'Remove my meter, panel, or service line'.
- Step 4:** A red box highlights the 'Permanent Removal' button in the bottom row.
- Step 5:** A red box highlights the 'Submit' button in the bottom right corner.

### 1. Why stop gas services?

- Safety: eliminate safety concerns during an accidental dig-in or other damage.
- Customer cost savings: customers pay a \$0.13151/day minimum transportation charge to remain connected to the gas system.

### 2. Who pays for removing gas system?

Any gas service greater than 10 years will be removed at PG&E's expense



1. Pacific Energy Center Classes  
([www.pge.com/energyclasses](http://www.pge.com/energyclasses))
2. Induction Loaner program  
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