

## Tributes

**William J. Alvernaz**  
9/2/2013; Ret. 2/1/1991  
Line; Gas Construction

**Robert E. Anberg**  
9/3/2013; Ret. 10/1/1993  
Electric Maintenance and  
Construction; San Francisco

**Rodinio M. Apolonio**  
10/2/2013; Ret. 4/1/2007  
General Office

**Charles C. Bailey**  
7/25/2013; Ret. 2/1/1991  
Electric Transmission and  
Distribution; San Joaquin

**Frank G. Bingham**  
9/11/2013; Ret. 2/1/1991  
Electric Operations;  
General Office

**Elwood D. Bona**  
8/13/2013; Ret. 2/1/1991  
Mission District; East Bay

**Robert J. Callaghan**  
9/27/2013; Ret. 1/1/1995  
Gas Service; North Valley

**Walter R. Carrothers**  
10/4/2013; Ret. 2/1/1991  
General Office

**Ralph W. Clark**  
10/11/2013; Ret. 1/1/1995  
Gas; Diablo

**Scott B. Clay**  
10/18/2013; Ret. 1/1/2010  
Customer Energy Efficiency;  
General Office

**Dan F. Crockell**  
10/4/2013; Ret. 7/1/1993  
Gas Operations; Sacramento

**Marlin R. Davis**  
9/4/2013; Ret. 12/1/1993  
Gas; Gas Construction

**Kathleen M. Dugan**  
6/6/2013; Ret. 2/1/1991  
Tax; General Office

**Denis W. Dumble**  
9/27/2013; Ret. 11/1/1993  
Electric Service; Kern

**Leland J. Flores**  
9/20/2013; Ret. 2/1/1991  
Nuclear Plant Operations;  
General Office

**James R. Fugatt**  
8/31/2013; Ret. 10/1/1990  
Electric Operations;  
General Construction

**Henry S. Garcia**  
9/24/2013; Ret. 7/1/2006  
Electric Maintenance and  
Construction; Operations  
Maintenance and  
Construction Area 6

**David P. Garrity**  
9/9/2013; Active  
Maintenance and  
Construction Gas; Mission

**Ann M. Gomez**  
10/12/2013; Ret. 2/1/1991  
District Customer Service  
Office; Stockton

**Guida Gonsalves**  
9/17/2013; Ret. 2/1/1991  
Vice Chairman; General  
Operations

**Sharon M. Guenther**  
8/22/2013; Ret. 1/1/1995  
Customer Service;  
North Coast

**Charles J. Harrell**  
10/18/2013; Ret. 4/1/1976  
Electric Transmission and  
Distribution; San Jose

**Robert A. Joiner**  
10/30/2013; Ret. 1/1/1995  
Line; General Construction

**James H. Kick**  
10/10/2013; Ret. 9/1/1988  
Customer Operations;  
Sacramento

**Antwin L. King**  
10/13/2013; Ret. 5/1/1993  
Electric Construction;  
Russian River

**Oscar P. Kitchens**  
10/26/2013; Ret. 1/1/1995  
Hydro; Hydro Generation

**John J. Kniffen, Jr.**  
8/2/2013; Ret. 8/1/1998  
North Bay

**Raymond Lehr**  
10/15/2013; Ret. 10/1/1988  
Support Services; Stockton

**Benjamin V. Lugo**  
9/27/2013; Ret. 10/1/1980  
Line; General Construction

**Richard E. Martin**  
9/25/2013; Ret. 1/1/2010  
Gas Transmission and  
Distribution; East Bay

**Sammy Mercuris**  
10/5/2013; Ret. 11/1/2000  
Gas Construction;  
Sacramento

**Lenard G. Meyer**  
10/28/2013; Ret. 4/1/1987  
Station; General  
Construction

**Douglas L. McLeod**  
10/9/2013; Ret. 2/1/1980  
Gas Purchase; General Office

**Douglas McNeill**  
10/1/2013; Ret. 5/1/1981  
Customer Services; San Jose

**Raymond F. Michael**  
10/13/2013; Ret. 8/1/1977  
Steam Electric Generation;  
East Bay

**Raymond L. Mills**  
10/23/2013; Ret. 12/1/2001  
Gas Transmission and  
Distribution; East Bay

**John C. Mori**  
10/11/2013; Ret. 1/1/1988  
Customer Services;  
Vaca Valley

**Arthur C. Moss Jr.**  
1/28/2013; Ret. 7/1/1992  
Security; VP General Services

**Stephen J. Nikolski**  
10/11/2013; Ret. 5/1/2013  
Dispatch RMC; Area 2 Diablo

**Raymond L. Nysten**  
9/8/2013; Ret. 2/1/1982  
Electric Transmission and  
Distribution; Stockton

**Claude Parker**  
10/9/2013; Ret. 4/1/1987  
San Joaquin

**Anthony Parsneau**  
9/13/2013; Ret. 9/1/2013  
Electric Transmission  
Tower Construction;  
Davis Service Center

**Robert Reaves**  
10/6/2013; Ret. 1/1/1993  
Gas and Electric; Kern

**Karen Reed**  
10/17/2013; Ret. 4/1/2000  
VP Nuclear Services

**Jacqueline Richardson**  
9/26/2013; Ret. 8/1/1986  
Planning Research;  
General Office

**Edward Robertson**  
10/7/2013; Ret. 5/1/1986  
Gas and General  
Construction; General Office

**Bert Slusher**  
10/2/2013; Ret. 7/1/2012  
General Construction;  
VP Operations Maintenance  
and Construction

**Robert Staab**  
9/25/2013; Ret. 6/1/1981  
San Joaquin

**Mike Vernava**  
9/21/2013; Ret. 2/1/1982  
Gas Services; San Joaquin

**Wendy Vosburg**  
10/7/2013; Active (LTD)  
Diablo Canyon Power Plant

**Kenneth Wolff**  
9/30/2013; Ret. 11/1/1993  
Gas Transmission and  
Distribution; North Bay



# Retiree News

December 2013

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## Broad Coalition, Including PG&E, Helps Pass Rate Reform Legislation

New rate law is a victory for California's electric customers

By Jonathan Marshall

It's not often you see a bill pass the California State Assembly 74-1 with backing from the state's biggest electric utilities (including PG&E), their traditional critics (including The Utility Reform Network), major labor unions, several dozen community groups and local governments, solar companies, taxpayer groups and a wide variety of business advocates.

What brought them all together was the need to fix California's broken and outmoded system of residential electric rates, including those that apply to growing sources of clean customer generation like rooftop solar. Their remedy was Assembly Bill 327, authored by California State Assemblyman Henry T. Perea (D-Fresno). Governor Jerry Brown signed the bill into law on October 7, 2013.

"This bill is about keeping electric rates affordable for all Californians while promoting renewable energy growth," said Perea. "I would like to thank Governor Jerry Brown for signing AB 327, as well as for his leadership on the issue."

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## Retiree Contacts

PG&E Outage Hotline: 1-800-743-5002  
PG&E Customer Service: 1-800-743-5000  
PG&E Pension Payroll: 415-973-3767  
Pacific Service Credit Union: 1-888-858-6878  
Pacific Service Employees Association: 1-800-272-7732  
PG&E Retirement Award Customer Service: 1-800-385-3139  
San Joaquin Power Employees Credit Union:  
1-800-637-5993  
Web: <https://myportal.pge.com>

HR and Benefits questions:  
phone: 1-800-700-0057  
email: [hrbenefitsquestions@exchange.pge.com](mailto:hrbenefitsquestions@exchange.pge.com)  
mail: 1850 Gateway Blvd., 7th floor, Concord, CA 94520

## Reminder: Pension Pay Date Change

2014: Pension payment funds available	
Thursday, January 2*	Monday, February 3*
Monday, March 3*	Tuesday, April 1
Thursday, May 1	Monday, June 2*
Tuesday, July 1	Friday, August 1
Tuesday, September 2*	Wednesday, October 1
Monday, November 3*	Monday, December 1

If you use automatic banking, consider allowing several business days between the funding date of your pension and the date of your automated payments or transfers to ensure your bank has sufficient time to credit your account before making withdrawals.

\*These funds-available dates are the first business day of the month when the first of the month falls on a holiday or weekend.

## Follow Our Progress

We have good news to tell about our progress, about the pride our employees and retirees have for PG&E, and the work we're doing to provide our customers with affordable, reliable and, above all, safe gas and electric service.

Currents ([pgecurrents.com](http://pgecurrents.com)) is a great source of PG&E news and perspectives, and our new See Our Progress website—[pge.com/SeeOurProgress](http://pge.com/SeeOurProgress)—is helping customers and the public see the work we're doing to create the nation's safest and most reliable gas system.

PG&E has more than 14 social media properties, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn and Instagram. If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to like us, follow us and join the conversation!

**CURRENTS** [www.pgecurrents.com](http://www.pgecurrents.com)

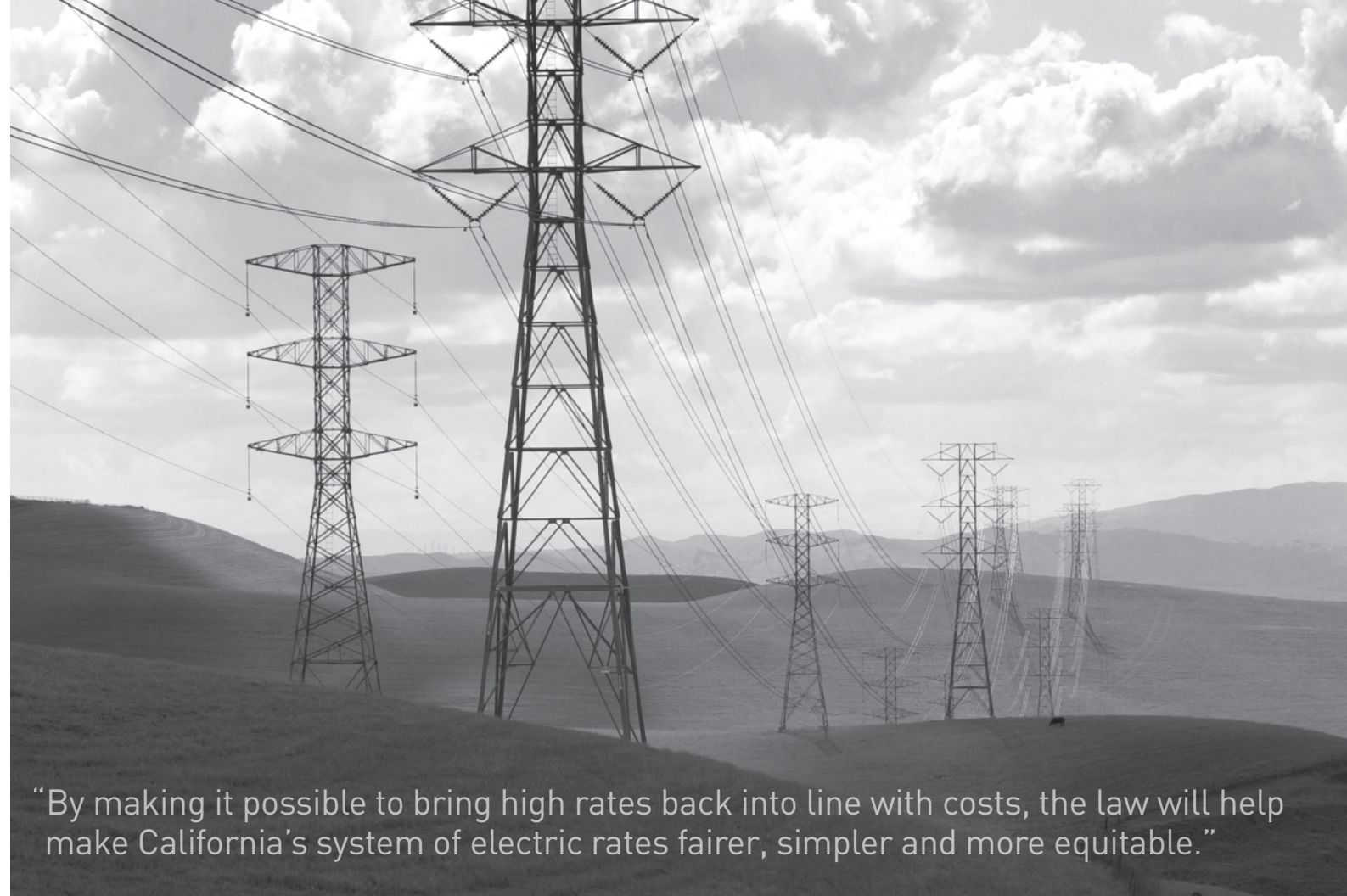
[www.facebook.com/pacificgasandelectric](http://www.facebook.com/pacificgasandelectric)

[twitter.com/pge4me](http://twitter.com/pge4me)

[www.linkedin.com/company/pacific-gas-and-electric-company](http://www.linkedin.com/company/pacific-gas-and-electric-company)

[instagram.com/pacificgasandelectric#](http://instagram.com/pacificgasandelectric#)

[www.youtube.com/user/pgevideo](http://www.youtube.com/user/pgevideo)



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PG&E President **Chris Johns** called AB 327 a “victory” for California’s electric customers.

“By making it possible to bring high rates back into line with costs, the law will help make California’s system of electric rates fairer, simpler and more equitable,” Johns said.

Perea introduced the bill to cure a problem that has festered since the state’s energy crisis of 2000-2001, when the Legislature capped residential electric rates for the two lowest “tiers” of usage and for low-income customers in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program.

Over time, in order to pay for the rising cost of grid modernization, service expansion, and renewable energy, uncapped higher-tier rates soared for customers using average to above-average amounts of electricity. Today, some PG&E customers pay about 2.6 times more for each extra kilowatt-hour of electricity than other customers, even though the cost to serve them is roughly the same. Hundreds of thousands of low-to-moderate income customers today pay such punitive rates, effectively subsidizing other customers.

AB 327 authorizes the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to reduce the number of rate tiers and significantly lower top-tier rates. This reform will benefit customers throughout PG&E’s service area, from the coast to the Central Valley, by bringing rates more closely into line with the actual cost of service.

The law guarantees low-income CARE customers a rate discount of 30 to 35 percent. It also allows the CPUC to further moderate rates in exchange for a small customer charge of up to \$10 a month to cover fixed costs (unrelated to energy use), such as billing and grid access. (CARE customers would pay no more than \$5.) Many of California’s municipal utilities already have such charges.

As negotiations over the bill progressed in the Legislature, its scope expanded to address concerns of the state’s residential solar industry about the looming suspension of rules for paying new solar customers for the power they export to the grid. The law directs the CPUC to support sustainable growth of customer-sited renewable generation facilities, including rooftop solar, by creating new rates—to take effect in 2017—that compensate them for their generation without unfairly shifting costs onto other customers.

## Retirements

### RECENT RETIREES

**Armelia Ang**  
8 years of service

**Stephen Barnes**  
34 years of service

**Michael Clet**  
33 years of service

**Daniel Darby**  
30 years of service

**Kathleen Dasso**  
34 years of service

**Robert De Lao**  
42 years of service

**Finola Diaz**  
8 years of service

**John Douglas**  
31 years of service

**John Evans**  
33 years of service

**Donald Freeman**  
34 years of service

**Edwin Glass**  
41 years of service

**Ernesto Gomez**  
41 years of service

**Glenn Griffin**  
42 years of service

**Christine Habecker**  
38 years of service

**Holly Hanes**  
27 years of service

**Debra Hetzer**  
8 years of service

**Rocky Koons**  
35 years of service

**Stephen Kreins**  
46 years of service

**Ruben Leon**  
41 years of service

**William Loud**  
45 years of service

**Edward Mah**  
34 years of service

**George McClendon**  
43 years of service

**Helen McGuire**  
30 years of service

**Vincent Meagher**  
37 years of service

**Linda Norris**  
30 years of service

**Vivian Parrish**  
35 years of service

**R. Payne**  
47 years of service

**Lynne Pruett**  
10 years of service

**Gary Spaeth**  
4 years of service

**Alin Steele**  
7 years of service

**Colleen Sudekum**  
5 years of service

**John Weaver**  
29 years of service

**Patricia Wilson**  
8 years of service

## Retiree Club Activities

**December 3: Sacramento Chapter**  
Lunch: Dante Club  
Arlene Cook: 916-988-8905

**December 3: San Francisco/ Peninsula Chapter**  
Lunch: Elks Club, South San Francisco  
Bob Hillman: 650-583-2799

**December 4: Coast Valleys Chapter**  
Luncheon: Monterey Elks Lodge  
Joanie Lozano: 831-663-4608

**December 5: Fresno Chapter**  
Lunch: Pardini's Restaurant  
Ben Neumann: 559-442-1581

**December 6: Yosemite Chapter**  
Luncheon: Winton VFW Hall  
Les Nickerson: 209-358-4912

**December 10: San Jose-DeAnza Chapter**  
Lunch: Three Flames Restaurant  
Bob Jefferies: 408-225-2772

**December 10: Sierra-Colgate Chapter**  
Lunch: Plaza Room, Yuba City  
Jim Edwards: 530-671-0449

**December 11: Los Padres Chapter**  
Luncheon: SLO IOOF Hall, SLO  
Gary Corsiglia: 805-544-0890

**December 11: North Valley South**  
Lunch: Masonic Lodge, Chico  
Gary San Filippo: 530-873-4571

**December 12: Sierra/Drum Chapter**  
Lunch: Alta Sierra Country Club,  
Grass Valley  
Lou Norton: 530-885-7631

**December 13: North Bay Chapter**  
Lunch: Deer Villa Park, Fairfax  
Patty Waller: 415-892-3408

**December 13: Solano-Yolo Chapter**  
Dinner: Winters Community Center  
Bob Renoude: 707-448-5306