



# What are the California Climate Credits?

## A Message from the California Public Utilities Commission

This April\* your utility bill will include a credit identified as the “California Climate Credit” for residential utility customers or the “Small Business Climate Credit” for small business utility customers. Households and small businesses throughout the state, including yours, will receive this credit on their utility bills. This credit is paid as a flat rate amount twice a year.

These Climate Credits are part of California’s efforts to fight climate change. This credit is from the California Cap-and-Trade Program, which requires power plants, fuel providers, and large industrial facilities that emit greenhouse gases to buy carbon pollution allowances. The credit on your bill is designed to help utility customers during the transition to a low-carbon future.

The California Cap-and-Trade Program is one of many programs resulting from the landmark Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Proceeds raised by the Cap-and-Trade Program are used to provide the Climate Credit and fund additional programs that are cutting pollution, creating jobs, and investing in cleaner energy and transportation.

Your Climate Credit is designed to help you join the clean energy transition.

- For more for information about the California Climate Credit (residential), visit **[www.cpuc.ca.gov/climatecredit](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/climatecredit)**.
- For more for information about the Small Business Climate Credit, visit **[www.cpuc.ca.gov/smallbusinessclimatecredit](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/smallbusinessclimatecredit)**.
- For more information about additional programs that are funded by the Cap-and-Trade Program to reduce carbon pollution, improve public health and the environment, and provide meaningful benefits to the most disadvantaged communities, visit **[www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov](http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov)**.

*\* Billing periods vary by utility and may not always coincide with a calendar month. If you do not see a Climate Credit on the bill that arrives this month, it will appear on the bill you receive next month. If you are an electric customer, the electric credit will appear as a line item on the electric portion of your bill. If you are a residential gas customer, the gas credit will appear as a line item on the gas portion of your bill. If you receive both residential electric and gas service, you will also see the electric and gas credits on their respective portions of your utility bill. Small business customers only receive an electric credit.*

The CPUC regulates privately-owned electric and natural gas companies and serves the public interest by protecting consumers and ensuring the provision of safe, reliable utility service and infrastructure at reasonable rates, with a commitment to environmental enhancement and a healthy California economy. For more information about our work, visit **[www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov)**. If you have a question or complaint concerning a privately-owned utility, call **1-800-649-7570** or visit **[www.cpuc.ca.gov/utilitycomplaint](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/utilitycomplaint)**.