

Introductions

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What is a CCA?

- Community Choice Aggregators (CCA) allow local governments to purchase electricity on behalf of customers in place of investorowned utilities (i.e., PG&E for Pioneer Community Energy's territory)
- Energy crisis in the early 2000s prompted the California Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 117 in 2002, enabling community choice in its electricity provider
- The first CCA launched in 2010. Today:
 - o More than 25 CCAs throughout California
 - o Serving more than 200 communities
 - Providing generation for approximately 14 million customers

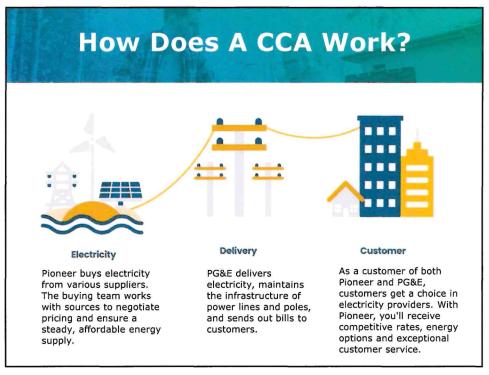


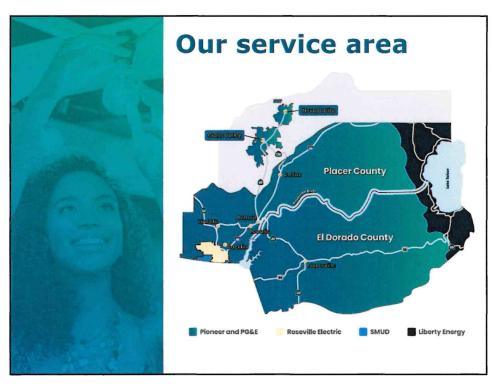
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Why Choose Pioneer?

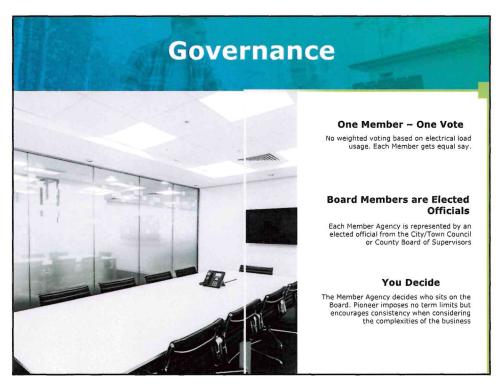
Pioneer serves inland communities with similar priorities like customer savings, community reinvestment, exceptional customer service, and economic development

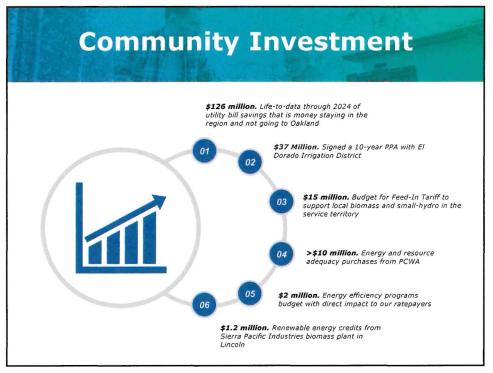
- Local Control Pioneer is a Joint Powers Authority, a not-for-profit public agency, with a board of directors comprised of only elected officials from the jurisdictions we serve.
- Ratepayer Savings We are committed to providing competitive electricity rates and have saved customers \$85 million since launching in 2018, with an additional \$21 million in savings anticipated in 2024.
- Community Reinvestment Creating opportunities to support biomass, and local power purchase agreements
 - El Dorado Irrigation District (\$37 million)
 - PCWA (Over \$10 million)
 - Sierra Pacific Industries (\$1.2 million)
 - Grass Valley Biomass RFP
 - Western Placer Waste Management biomass plant











Biomass & Advocacy

- <u>Legislation</u>: Pioneer sponsored and led AB 843 which passed on a unanimous bipartisan basis – this bill enabled CCAs to participate in the BioMAT program and launched in Spring 2024
- <u>Feed-In Tariff</u>: Pioneer-unique program that incentivizes investment in biomass and small-hydro projects in our service territory to benefit the community and create local jobs
- <u>Education:</u> Recently hosted an event together with SPI, CalFire, and Placer APCD for legislators about the benefits of biomass to support future legislation for biomass
- Advocacy Generally: Ongoing advocacy with legislators and regulatory agencies to keep electricity costs low, promote biomass energy, and grid stability, among other things

Programs

Any program a customer is has with PG&E (e.g. CARE/FERA) carries over to Pioneer

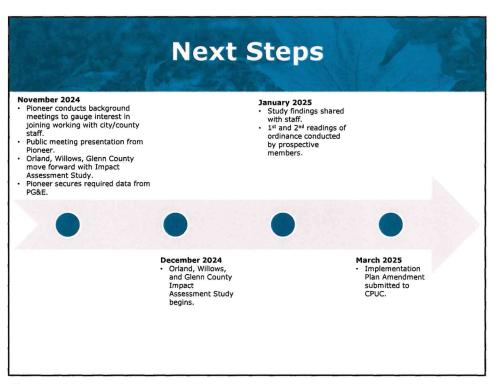
- Additional Pioneer-specific programs include :
- Online Marketplace –guides customers through the maze of complex information when deciding to energize their home, and protects them from bad players
- Participate.Energy \$0 lease program for residents to pair solar+battery storage that provides stability to rates and resiliency to grid outages
- GreenLite subsidized LED lighting through local retailers in Pioneer's service area
- HVAC Tune-Up Rebate provide rebates to incentivize tune-ups on home systems to improve efficiency and lower utility bills
- Demand Side Management programs coming soon that reward customers/businesses to lower energy usage when the grid is stressed
- o Bi-monthly Customer Advisory Committee

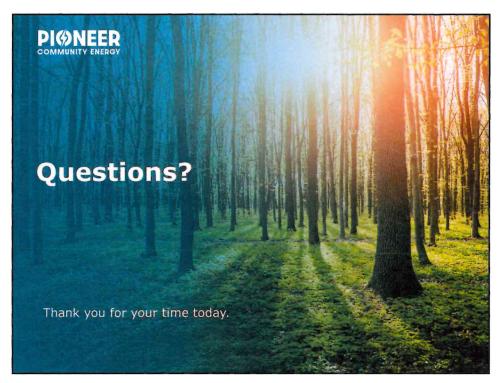
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Community/Regional Partner

- Active involvement with Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) to identify potential biomass projects that leads to economic development
- Participate in member agencies' Chamber of Commerce committees and events
- Recently co-sponsored League of Cities divisional event
- Sponsor of marquee events like Lincoln Potters Baseball Club and Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital gala as examples of engagement
- Partner with California Biomass Energy Alliance and Bioenergy Association of California
- Work with Economic Development groups to entice business location with Green100 product and competitive rates









Mission & Vision

Mission Statement (What we do) – Pioneer Community Energy is a <u>locally</u> owned provider of electricity – powering the communities we serve with competitive rates, reliable service, and a <u>choice</u> in energy options

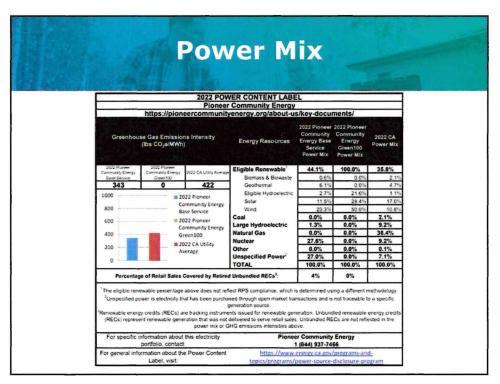
Vision Statement (Where we want to be) – A <u>community partner</u> in reliable energy solutions, and positive <u>local</u> impact, powering today and empowering tomorrow

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Guiding Principles

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- Vision Statement: A community partner in reliable energy solutions and positive <u>local</u> impact, powering today and empowering tomorrow





PG&E Programs Carry Over

- Enrollment in any program with PG&E, carries over to Pioneer. Examples include but not limited to:
 - CARE
 - FERA
 - Medical Baseline
- PG&E service will not be impacted by joining Pioneer (e.g., service request placed last in que with PG&E because you're with Pioneer)
- In addition, customers have access to Pioneer programs that are created to meet the unique needs of the communities we serve.

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Benefits for Solar Customers

- Pioneer has 42,000+ solar accounts
- If you are a net generator, we pay a ½ cent premium over PG&E for your power
- If you are a net consumer, you enjoy the same discount as non-solar customer
- No contract or PPA required
- Reconcile monthly
- Annual pay-outs
- Indifferent on NEM 1,2 or SBP



How are customers billed?

Account No: **ENERGY STATEMENT** Statement Date: 05/03/2023 Www.pge.com/MyEnergy 05/24/2023 **Due Date: Your Account Summary** Service For: Amount Due on Previous Statement Payment(s) Received Since Last Statement -311.00 Outstanding Credit Balance -\$0.75 Current PG&E Electric Delivery Charges Pioneer Community Energy Electric Generation Charges Current Gas Charges 51.35 110.27 Questions about your bill? Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Phone: 1-800-743-5000 www.pge.com/MyEnergy Total Amount Due by 05/24/2023 \$241.60

PG&E Bill - Page #1

- · Pioneer listed on the front page
- Customer pays total energy bill to PG&E one payment
- · PG&E remits \$ to Pioneer