



**Councilmember David Alvarez  
Councilmember Todd Gloria**

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**Proposed electricity rate increase opposed by  
Councilmembers Alvarez & Gloria**

SAN DIEGO, CA. Committee Chair David Alvarez and Committee Member Todd Gloria today stated their opposition for proposed changes to SDG&E's Residential Electricity Tariff Structure.

San Diego City Council's Environment Committee today will hear this resolution, introduced by Alvarez, which can be found here: [ITEM 9: RESOLUTION REGARDING SDG&E RATE DESIGN PROPOSAL](#)

"I'm very concerned that residential customers who are conserving the most will see high electricity rates and high energy users will pay less for not conserving," said Councilmember and Environment Committee Chair David Alvarez.

Points from the proposal include:

- Tier 1 and 2 customers will experience an 11 to 15 percent rise in electricity costs in 2015
- High users of electricity will receive a cost savings on current Tier 3 and 4 rates of 21 to 24 percent under new rate structure
- Customers with limited economic means who are eligible for California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) program will have this subsidy decreased from 39 to 34 percent in 2017

"The proposed increase will hurt low-income San Diego families and small businesses. Folks who already struggle to make ends meet will see higher energy bills if this is approved, despite using less energy," stated Councilmember Gloria.

The California Public Utilities Commission will issue a proposed decision on SDG&E's plan soon.

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