

# AB 2313 – THE HOME ENERGY CHOICE ACT

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## SUMMARY

AB 2313, the Home Energy Choice Act, gives Californians a new opportunity to upgrade their homes with modern electric appliances. When a utility needs to replace an aging gas service line, this bill gives homeowners the option to instead receive an incentive to electrify their home.

By redirecting funds that utilities would otherwise spend on replacing fossil fuel infrastructure, the Home Energy Choice Act reduces barriers to electrification, improves safety, and reduces risk and costs for all ratepayers.

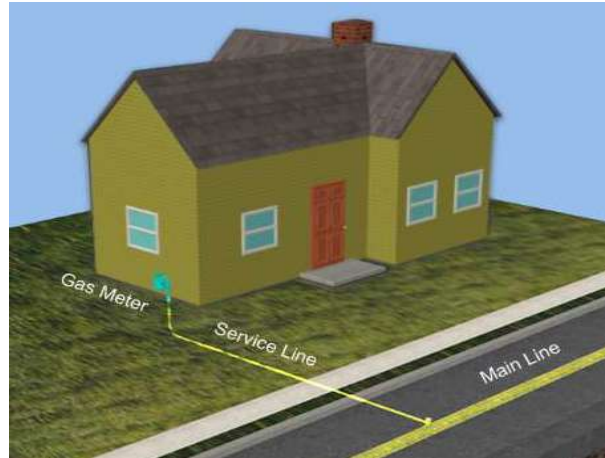
## BACKGROUND

Gas service lines are the pipelines that connect a customer's gas meter and the utility's larger main pipeline under their street. Gas utilities are required to routinely replace these pipelines to avoid leaks. For example, PG&E replaces an average of 15,000 service lines each year, the vast majority of which connect to a single home.

Today, customers are not given a choice when a gas service line to their home is replaced. The gas utility notifies the customer of upcoming work, digs up their property, and replaces their service line.

The cost of replacing a gas service line often exceeds \$20,000. This expense is paid for by all current gas customers through natural gas rates over approximately 55 years. This means that gas service lines replaced today would not be paid off until after 2080, well after California has committed to achieve carbon neutrality.

[New York](#) has already launched a program that makes the choice to electrify available to the 10% of ConEdison gas customers with the oldest and leakiest gas service lines.



## THIS BILL

The Home Energy Choice Act requires gas utilities to offer a Gas Distribution Service Line Replacement Alternatives Program.

*Key elements include:*

- **Customer Choice:** Customers facing a planned or forecasted gas service line replacement must be offered a voluntary incentive to electrify their home and discontinue gas service.
- **Protects All Ratepayers:** Avoids gas infrastructure becoming underutilized or “stranded” assets, which increases rates for customers that continue to use gas.
- **Clear Implementation, Transparency & Equitable Outreach:** The program must provide outreach to disadvantaged communities and include robust customer notice to allow customers to easily determine eligibility.

AB 2313 will enable Californians to access clean electric appliances and improve health and safety, while supporting progress on climate change.

## SUPPORT

- Earthjustice (co-sponsor)
- NRDC (co-sponsor)

- Advanced Energy United
- American Lung Association
- Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet
- Active San Gabriel Valley
- All-Electric California
- Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
- Asian Pacific Environmental Network Action
- Ban SUP (Single Use Plastic)
- Building Decarbonization Coalition Action Fund
- CA Community Choice Association (CalCCA)
- California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA)
- California Environmental Voters
- California Green New Deal Coalition
- CA Nurses for Environmental Health & Justice
- CALPIRG
- Carbon Free Palo Alto
- Carbon Free Silicon Valley
- Center for Biological Diversity
- Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)
- Central California Asthma Collaborative
- Chris Duncan Architect
- City and County of San Francisco / SF Dept of Environment
- City of Irvine
- City of San José
- City of San Leandro
- City of San Luis Obispo
- City of Sunnyvale
- City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG)
- CleanEarth4Kids.org
- Clean Power Alliance (CPA)
- Climate Action California
- Climate Action Campaign
- Climate Future California
- Climate Health Now Action Fund
- Climate Reality Project San Francisco Bay Area
- Coalition for Clean Air
- College Democrats at UCI
- Cool the Earth
- Courage California
- Democrats of Greater Irvine
- Efficiency First California
- Elders Climate Action
- Fallbrook Climate Action Team
- Friends Committee on Legislation of California
- Green Change
- GRID Alternatives
- HED
- Irvine Valley College Democrats
- Harvest Thermal
- Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
- LIFT Economy
- Local Government Climate Alliance (LGCA)
- Local Government Sustainable Energy Association
- Marin Electrification Council
- MCE
- Menlo Spark
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners - Orange County Chapter
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners - SF Bay Area Chapter
- Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE)
- Physicians for Social Responsibility - Sacramento
- Physicians for Social Responsibility - San Francisco Bay
- QuitCarbon
- Reclaim Our Power!
- Redwood Energy
- Regional Asthma Management & Prevention (RAMP)
- Resilient Palisades
- Resource Renewal Institute
- Rewiring America
- Rising Sun Center for Opportunity
- San Diego Building Electrification Coalition
- San Diego Community Power (SDCP)
- SanDiego350
- San Francisco Climate Emergency Coalition
- San José Clean Energy (SJCE)
- Sierra Club California
- Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE)
- SoCal 350 Climate Action
- Solano County Democratic Central Committee
- Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authorities
- Sonoma Clean Power
- South Bay Progressive Alliance
- Southern California Edison (SCE)
- SPUR
- StopWaste
- Sunrise Movement Orange County
- Sustainable Mill Valley
- The Climate Center
- Union of Concerned Scientists
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, Green Sanctuary Committee
- Urban Environmentalists Los Angeles
- U.S. Green Building Council California
- Vote Solar
- Women for American Values & Ethics (WAVE)
- 350 Berkeley Hub
- 350 Conejo / San Fernando Valley
- 350 Humboldt
- 350 Santa Barbara
- 350 South Bay Los Angeles
- 350 Southland Legislative Alliance