

## HR 2596

### Stop PG&E Price Gouging During Emergencies Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Apr 13, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy, Climate and Grid Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy, Climate and Grid Security. (Apr 21, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/2596>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 21, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Apr 13, 2023)

#### Stop PG&E Price Gouging During Emergencies Act

This bill prohibits utility companies from selling, in any county where a declared major disaster applies, natural gas at a price that (1) is unconscionably excessive, and (2) indicates that the utility company is taking unfair advantage of the disaster to unreasonably increase prices.

The bill provides for enforcement by the Federal Trade Commission, including a maximum civil penalty of \$100 million for a violation.

In addition, the Department of Justice may bring a criminal action with a maximum penalty of \$500 million for a violation.

State attorneys general also may bring a civil action to enforce the prohibitions of this bill.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy, Climate and Grid Security.
- **Apr 13, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 13, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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