Glossary of Fees/Surcharges Terms

PCIA (Power Charge Indifference Adjustment)
PCIA (Power Charge Indifference Adjustment) Commonly referred to as an “exit fee,” charged to all Community Choice Aggregation (CCAs) and direct access customers by Southern California Edison (SCE) to recover a portion of long-term costs incurred on behalf of departing customers. SCE bundled customers pay the same PCIA costs as CCA customers, but they are imbedded as part of SCE's generation rate.

For your information: in 2019, the PCIA also includes a portion of SCE’s recovery of $825 million losses in the short-term energy market in the summer of 2018; the PCIA will go down after SCE has recovered these costs, which are also being recouped from bundled customers through higher rates. The PCIA is the only surcharge on your bill that you would not otherwise have paid as a bundled SCE customer.

DWR Bond Charge (Department of Water Resources Bond Charge)
Pays for bonds issued by DWR to cover the costs of purchasing power during the electricity crisis. Non-bypassable charge paid by all customers. On a bundled SCE bill this is listed as a line item under Delivery Charges.

CTC (Competition Transition Charge)
Non-bypassable charge paid by all customers to recover utility stranded costs resulting from electricity market deregulation. On a bundled SCE bill, the CTC is embedded in SCE’s generation charge, with a side-note specifying the amount (e.g., “Your Generation charges include: $XX.XX competition transition charge”).

Generation Municipal Surcharge
Franchise fee paid to municipalities by all customers. On a bundled SCE bill this is embedded in SCE’s generation charge, with a side-note specifying the amount (e.g., “Your overall energy charges include: $XX.XX franchise fees”).