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December 30, 2014

**Advice Letter 291-E**

Nguyen Quan  
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Golden State Water Company  
630 East Foothill Boulevard  
San Dimas, CA 91773

**Subject: Bear Valley Electric Service Bridge Funding for ESA and CARE Programs for 2015-2017, pursuant to D.14-11-005**

Dear Mr. Quan:

Advice Letter 291-E is effective as of November 17, 2014. The balances in the CARE and ESA balancing accounts remain subject to future review and verification by the Energy Division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward Randolph".

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. Golden State Water Company (DBA Bear Valley Electric Service)/ 913-E

Utility type:

ELC     GAS  
 PLC     HEAT     WATER

Contact Person: Nguyen Quan

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### EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric      GAS = Gas  
PLC = Pipeline      HEAT = Heat      WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 291-E

Subject of AL: Bear Valley Electric Service Bridge Funding for ESA and CARE Programs for 2015-2017, pursuant to D. 14-11-005

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, CARE

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.14-11-005

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL No

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL<sup>1</sup>: N/A

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Tier Designation 1X 2 3

Requested effective date: November 17, 2014

No. of tariff sheets: 0

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): None

Estimated system average rate effect (%): None

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed: None

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: None

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division  
Attention: Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Ave.,  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
[EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)

Golden State Water Company  
Attention: Nguyen Quan  
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San Dimas, CA 91773  
[nquan@gswater.com](mailto:nquan@gswater.com)



November 17, 2014

Advice Letter No. 291-E

(U 913 E)

## California Public Utilities Commission

Golden State Water Company (GSWC) hereby transmits for filing an original and two copies of this advice letter for its Bear Valley Electric Service (BVES) Division.

**SUBJECT:** Bridge Funding for ESA and CARE Programs for 2015 – 2017

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this filing is to confirm BVES authorized monthly budgets for the ESA and CARE Programs as well as note the anticipated budget increases to be filed in the ESA and CARE Budget Application for Program Years 2015 – 2017.

Pursuant to Decision (“D.”) 14-11-005, BVES hereby submits the authorized monthly budgets for the Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) and the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Programs and the related bridge funding memorandum account balance.

### BACKGROUND

In June and July of 2011, Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company No. 1 LLC (Alpine), PacifiCorp, Bear Valley Electric Service (BVES), a division of Golden State Water Company, Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas), Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC, and West Coast Gas Company (West Coast Gas) (collectively, Small and Multi-jurisdictional Utilities or SMJUs) filed the above-captioned applications, Application (A.) 11-06-016, A.11-06-018, A.11-06-019, A.11-06-020, A.11-06-021, and A.11-07-015 (SMJUs’ Consolidated Proceeding). In the six applications, the SMJUs sought approximately \$13,066,970 in ratepayer funds for the SMJUs’ Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Program and \$48,785,574 in ratepayer funds for their California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program for 2012-2014.

On May 1, 2014, the Commission adopted Decision (D.) 14-05-004 regarding the SMJUs’ 2012-2014 ESA Program and CARE Program Applications. Because the six applications A.11-06-018, A.11-06-019, A.11-06-020, A.11-06-021, and A.11-07-015 are related, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Kim consolidated the applications in a ruling on September 26, 2011.

Ordering Paragraph 27 of D.14-05-004 requires the SMJUs to file their 2015 - 2017 CARE and ESA Programs Applications by August 15, 2014. On July 1, 2014, Alpine, CalPeco Electric, BVES, PacifiCorp, and Southwest Gas (collectively, Joint Utilities) submitted a joint request for an extension of time to comply D.14-05-004 (Joint Request). The Joint utilities requested relief from the August 15, 2014 deadline to file their 2015-2017 CARE and ESA programs and budgets applications and instead proposed a new deadline of 60 days after the large investor-owned utilities (IOUs) are required to file their 2015-2017 cycle ESA and CARE programs and budgets applications.

The Joint Utilities also requested a month-to-month bridge funding, if their request for time extension was granted. On July 23, 2014, Executive Director Paul Clanon granted the request for a short time extension in light of the delays in the large IOUs' final decision. The final decision in the large IOUs' 2012-2014 ESA and CARE Proceeding, A.11-05-017 *et al.* was adopted on August 14, 2014 (Phase II D.14-08-030).

On August 19, 2014, the Joint Utilities filed a joint Petition to Modify (PTM) D.14-05-004. The PTM was submitted pursuant to the Executive Director's prior letter granting a short extension of time to file 2015-2017 CARE and ESA programs and budgets applications and directing the Joint Utilities to file the PTM seeking further relief from the Commission.

On November 6, 2014, the Commission issued D.14-11-005 and directed each SMJU to file a Tier 1 advice letter as follows:

*Each SMJU is directed to file a Tier 1 Advice Letter within 10 days of the effective date of this decision. The Advice Letters must show the allocation of the authorized monthly budgets for both the ESA and CARE Programs and the memorandum account showing the difference between the revenue requirement adopted in this decision, and that requested in the applications beginning January 1, 2015 as discussed in this decision. Consistent with Tier 1 procedures under General Order 96-B, the Advice Letters shall be effective on the date filed, subject to Energy Division determining that they are in compliance with this directive.<sup>1</sup>*

### **COMPLIANCE**

BVES annual budget for the 2012 – 2014 Program Year for the ESA and CARE programs are \$229,620 and \$273,096 respectively. On a monthly basis the ESA and CARE budgets are \$19,135 and \$22,758, respectively. These amounts are the previously approved funding amounts. BVES has been able to maintain these budgeted amounts and has not recorded additional expenditures in the bridge funding memorandum account. As of October 31, 2014, the bridge funding memorandum account balance was zero dollars.

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<sup>1</sup> D.14-11-005 at pages 7-8

BVES anticipates that the total annual budgets for the ESA and CARE programs in the 2015 – 2017 Program Year to be slightly lower than in the 2012 – 2014 cycle. Table 1 below provides the 2015 - 2017 anticipated annual budgets for the two programs, as well as the 2012 – 2014 annual budget.

**Table 1 – Anticipated Annual Budgets for ESA and CARE Programs for 2015-2017**

	2012-2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>ESA Program Budget</b>	\$229,620	\$229,625	\$229,625	\$229,625
<b>CARE Program Budget including rate discounts</b>	\$273,096	\$246,429	\$251,187	\$256,041
<b>Total</b>	\$502,716	\$476,054	\$480,812	\$485,666

#### **TIER DESIGNATION**

In compliance with D. 14-11-005, and Energy Industry Rule 5.1 of GO 96-B, Advice Letter 291-E is being filed with a Tier 1 designation.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

BVES respectfully requests that this advice letter become effective on November 17, 2014.

#### **NOTICE AND PROTESTS**

A protest is a document objecting to the granting in whole or in part of the authority sought in this advice letter.

A response is a document that does not object to the authority sought, but nevertheless presents information that the party tendering the response believes would be useful to the CPUC in acting on the request.

A protest must be mailed within 20 days of the date the CPUC accepts the advice letter for filing. The Calendar is available on the CPUC's website at [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

A protest must state the facts constituting the grounds for the protest, the effect that approval of the advice letter might have on the protestant, and the reasons the protestant believes the advice letter, or a part of it, is not justified. If the protest requests an evidentiary hearing, the protest must state the facts the protestant would present at an evidentiary hearing to support its request for whole or partial denial of the advice letter. The utility must respond to a protest with five days.

**All protests and responses should be sent to:**  
California Public Utilities Commission, Energy Division  
ATTN: Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 (same address above).

Copies of any such protests should be sent to this utility at:  
Golden State Water Company  
ATTN: Nguyen Quan  
630 East Foothill Blvd.  
San Dimas, CA 91773  
Fax: 909-394-7427  
E-mail: nquan@gswater.com

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact Nguyen Quan at (909) 394-3600 ext. 664.

A copy of this advice letter is being furnished to the entities listed on the Service List A.11-06-018 and BVES' General Order 96-B Service List.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

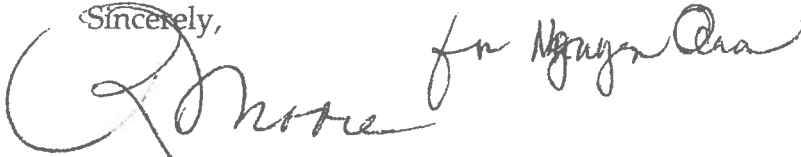
Any correspondence regarding this compliance filing should be sent by regular mail or e-mail to the attention of:

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Golden State Water Company  
630 East Foothill Blvd.  
San Dimas, California 91773  
Email: nquan@gswater.com

The protest shall set forth the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously. There is no restriction on who may file a protest.

November 17, 2014

Sincerely,

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Nguyen Quan  
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

- c: Edward Randolph, Director, Energy Division
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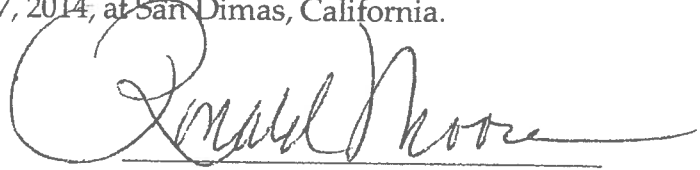
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am an employee of Golden State Water Company (doing business as Bear Valley Electric Service) and on this 17th day of November 2014, I served each party on the CPUC website listed in Docket No. A.11-06-018 with a copy of Golden State Water Company's Advice Letter 291-E, via electronic mail. U. S. Mail will be used if electronic service cannot be effectuated.

Executed on November 17, 2014, at San Dimas, California.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald Moore", written over a horizontal line.

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