



April 25, 2012

Advice Letter No. 268-E

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California Public Utilities Commission

Attention: Energy Division
Advice Letter Filings Room 4005

Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") hereby transmits for filing an original and three conformed copies of the following tariff sheets applicable to its Bear Valley Electric Service ("BVES") district:

<u>CPUC Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling CPUC Sheet No.</u>
Revised No. 2006-E	Schedule No. D-LI Page 2 of 4	Revised No. 1919-E
Revised No. 2007-E	Form No. 17 CARE Application/Notice- English Page 1 of 2	Revised No. 1920-E
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Revised No. 2011-E	Table of Contents Page 2 of 2	Revised No. 1967-E
Revised No. 2012-E	Table of Contents Page 1 of 2	Revised No. 2005-E

GSWC hereby submits this advice letter for the purpose of modifying its electric tariffs to reflect the updated effective date of the eligibility income levels for participating in BVES' California

Alternate Rates for Energy Program ("CARE"). This advice letter is in compliance with the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Energy Division's letter dated March 15, 2012 and pursuant to Commission Resolution E-3524.

In its letter dated March 15, 2012, the Energy Division states that the CARE eligibility income levels for 2012-2013 will be as follows:

Effective June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013

Household Size	Income Level
1	\$ 22,340
2	\$ 30,260
3	\$ 38,180
4	\$ 46,100
5	\$ 54,020
6	\$ 61,940
7	\$ 69,860
8	\$ 77,780
Each Additional	\$ 7,920

TIER DESIGNATION

Pursuant to D. 07-01-024, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

TIER DESIGNATION

It is requested that this advice letter become effective on June 1, 2012.

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.

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
Maria Salinas (mas@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: Gladys Rosendo
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, CA 91773
Fax: 909-394-7427
E-mail: regulatoryaffairs@gswater.com

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact this person at (909) 394-3600 ext. 527.

No individuals or utilities have requested notification of filing of tariffs. A copy of this advice letter is being furnished to the entities listed to the attached BVES service list via U.S. mail service and electronically via e-mail.

In accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 491, notice to the public is hereby given by filing and keeping the advice letter filing open for public inspection at Bear Valley Electric Service and Golden State Water Company Headquarters.

Sincerely,



Gladys Rosendo
Regulatory Analyst

c: Donald Lafrenz, CPUC – Energy Division
R. Mark Pocta, DRA

Schedule No. DLI

**CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE)
DOMESTIC SERVICE - SINGLE FAMILY ACCOMMODATION**

(Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A permanent resident of Bear Valley is one who maintains only one residence and that residence receives electric service from the Bear Valley Electric Service (BVES) and who regularly receives mail, including bills by this utility, through the United States Post Office located at Big Bear City, Big Bear Lake, Fawnskin or Sugarloaf.
2. A customer applying for service under schedule "DLI" will be required to show proof of satisfying Special Condition #1 above and may be required to sign a form that declare that they are not receiving a baseline allowance at any other location (whether inside BVES territory or outside BVES territory).
3. Low-Income Household: A Low-Income Household is a household where the total gross annual income from all sources is no more than shown on the table below based on the number of persons in the household. Total gross income shall include income from all sources, both taxable and nontaxable.

Effective June 1, 2012	
<u>No. of Person In Household</u>	<u>Total Gross Annual Income</u>
1	\$ 22,340
2	\$ 30,260
3	\$ 38,180
4	\$ 46,100
5	\$ 54,020
6	\$ 61,940
7	\$ 69,860
8	\$ 77,780
Each Additional	\$ 7,920

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4. Application and Eligibility Declaration: An Application and eligibility declaration on a form authorized by the Commission is required for each request for service under this schedule. Renewal of a customer's eligibility declaration will be required every two years and may be required at the Company's discretion.
5. An applicant for new service shall pay a service establishment charge as shown on Schedule No. SSC.

FORM NO. 17

**BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE
 NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA
 ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM**

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A DISCOUNT ON YOUR ENERGY BILL

To apply for a 20% discount at your residence, please fill out this application and mail it to your utility. You will receive the discount on the next bill after the utility receives and approves your completed and signed application. If you need help filling out the application, or would like more information about the program, call (909) 866-4678 or visit our office at 42020 Garstin Drive, Big Bear Lake, California 92315.

Other California utilities offer similar bill discounts. Contact your gas utility to receive an application for a discount on your gas bill.

INCOME REQUIREMENTS

Effective June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2013	
No. of Person In Household	Total Gross Annual Income
1	\$ 22,340
2	\$ 30,260
3	\$ 38,180
4	\$ 46,100
5	\$ 54,020
6	\$ 61,940
7	\$ 69,860
8	\$ 77,780
Each Additional	\$ 7,920

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WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS?

To qualify for the discount I understand:

- The energy utility bill will be in my name.
- I may not be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.
- My total annual income cannot exceed the chart above. *Total income means the gross income of ALL persons living in my home.*
- I will reapply each time I move.
- I will renew my application every two (2) years, or sooner, if requested.
- I will renew my application every year if I am a sub-metered tenant, or sooner, if requested.
- I will notify the utility within 30 days when I become ineligible for CARE.
- I will provide verification of my household income.

For the purpose of the CARE program the "gross household income" means all money and non cash benefits, available for living expenses, from all sources, both taxable and non taxable, before deductions for all people who live in my home. This includes, but is not limited to:

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wages or salaries | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security, SSI, SSP | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental or royalty income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest or dividends from:
Savings accounts, stocks or bonds | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships, grants, or other aid
used for living expenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Profit from self-employment
(IRS form Schedule C, Line 29) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker's Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TANF(AFDC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pensions | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance settlements | <input type="checkbox"/> Spousal Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal settlements | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Income |

Proof of income acceptable to the utility will be provided when applying for or renewing application.

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**BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE
APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA
ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM**

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APPLICATION INFORMATION (please print clearly):

Applicant Name _____

I am a primary residential customer of Bear Valley Electric Service

Bear Valley Electric Account Number

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Or a sub-metered tenant of a mobile home park or apartment complex

Master-Metered Account Number

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Service Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone No. (home) _____ Telephone No. (work) _____

Number of Adults Living in Household _____

Number of child(ren) Living in Household _____

Gross Annual Income of Household _____

By signing below, I certify under penalty of perjury that this information is true and correct under the laws of the state of California. I will provide proof of income and I will notify my energy utility of any changes that affect my eligibility. I understand that this information may be shared with my other energy utility, if applicable.

Customer Signature _____ Date Signed _____

FOR BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE USE ONLY

Date received _____ Date Verified/By _____ Date Effective _____

ISSUED BY

R. J. SPROWLS
President

Date Filed: April 25, 2012

Effective Date: June 1, 2012

Resolution No. E-3524

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Decision No. _____

FORM NO. 17

**BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE
 AVISO Y SOLICITUD PARA EL PROGRAMA
 DE CALIFORNIA PARA TARIFAS ALTERNAS (CARE)**

USTED PODRIA CALIFICAR PARA UN DESCUENTO EN SU FACTURA DE ENERGIA ELECTRICA

Para solicitar un descuento del 20% en su residencia, por favor llene esta solicitud y envíela a Bear Valley Electric Service. Usted recibirá el descuento en su próxima factura después de haber recibido y aprobado su solicitud completamente llena y firmada. Si usted necesita ayuda para llenar la solicitud; o le gustaría recibir mas información sobre este programa, sírvase llamar al (909) 866-4678 o visite nuestra oficina localizada en el 42020 Garstin Drive, Big Bear Lake, California 92315.

Otras compañías de servicios publicos de California ofrecen descuentos similares. Contacte su compañía de gas para recibir una solicitud para un descuento en su factura de gas.

REQUISITOS DE INGRESOS ANUALES

Efectivo junio 1, 2012 – mayo 31, 2013	
No. de Personas Viviendo en mi casa	Total de ingresos combinados de todas las personas
1	\$ 22,340
2	\$ 30,260
3	\$ 38,180
4	\$ 46,100
5	\$ 54,020
6	\$ 61,940
7	\$ 69,860
8	\$ 77,780
Por cada persona adicional, agregue	\$ 7,920

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CUALES SON LOS REQUISITOS?

Para calificar para el descuento yo entiendo que:

- La factura de energía esta bajo mi nombre
- No soy reportado como dependiente en los impuestos de otra persona.
- Mi ingreso anual total no puede exceder los de la tabla citada arriba. *Ingreso total significa el ingreso bruto de TODAS las personas viviendo en mi casa.*
- Solicitoré de nuevo cada vez que me mude de casa.
- Renovaré mi solicitud cada dos (2) años, o antes si es requerido.
- Renovaré mi solicitud cada (1) año si soy inquilino con un sub-medidor, o antes si es requerido.
- Notificaré a la compañía de agua dentro de 30 días si pierdo mi elegibilidad para CARE.
- Proveeré verificación de ingresos de mi hogar.

Para propósitos de CARE "ingreso bruto familiar" significa todo ingreso sea en efectivo o no, disponible para gastos de vivienda, de todas las personas, sea que dichos ingresos sean sujetos a impuestos o no, previo a las deducciones, de todas las personas viviendo en su hogar. Esto incluye, pero no se limita a:

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sueldos | <input type="checkbox"/> Seguro Social, SSI, SSP | <input type="checkbox"/> Ingresos de alquiler o regalías |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interés o dividendos de:
Cuentas de ahorros, acciones, bonos | <input type="checkbox"/> Becas, préstamos de escuela y
otra ayuda financiera | <input type="checkbox"/> Ganancias de autoempleo
(IRS Forma C, Renglón 29) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficios de Jubilación | <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficios por incapacidad | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensación al trabajador |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TANF(AFDC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Estampillas para comida | <input type="checkbox"/> Apoyo para los niños |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pensiones | <input type="checkbox"/> Indemnizaciones de seguro | <input type="checkbox"/> Apoyo cónyuge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regalos en efectivo | <input type="checkbox"/> Indemnizaciones legales | <input type="checkbox"/> Otra ayuda |

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R. J. SPROWLS
 President

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**BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE
SOLICITUD PARA EL PROGRAMA
DE TARIFAS DE ELECTRICIDAD ALTERNAS (CARE)**

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INFORMACION DEL CLIENTE (Favor de Imprimir con Claridad)

Nombre del Cliente _____

Soy cliente principal de Bear Valley Electric Service

Número de cuenta de Bear Valley Electric Service

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Soy inquilino con un sub-medidor en un parque para casas móviles o complejo de apartamentos

Número de cuenta principal

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Domicilio _____

Dirección de correo (si difiere de su domicilio) _____

No. de Teléfono (Casa) _____ No. de Teléfono (Trabajo) _____

Número de personas viviendo en su hogar _____

Número de niño(s) viviendo en su hogar _____

Ingreso bruto anual de los que viven en su hogar _____

Al firmar abajo, certifico bajo pena de perjurio que la información es verdadera y correcta bajo las leyes de California. Proveeré prueba de ingresos y notificaré a mi compañía de energía eléctrica de cualquier cambio que afecte mi elegibilidad. Comprendo que esta información puede ser compartida con otras compañías de energía, si es pertinente.

Firma del Cliente _____ Fecha de firma _____

PARA USO DE BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE SOLAMENTE

Date received _____ Date Verified/By _____ Date Effective _____

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R. J. Sprowls

Effective Date: May 1, 2012

Decision No. _____

President

Resolution No. E-3524

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GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

DISTRIBUTION LIST

BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC DIVISION

Big Bear City Community Services Dist
P. O. Box 558
Big Bear City, CA 92314

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City of Big Bear Lake
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Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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March 15th, 2012

NOTICE TO INVESTOR OWNED AND SMALL MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL UTILITIES PROVIDING SERVICE UNDER CALIFORNIA ALTERNATIVE RATE FOR ENERGY (CARE), FAMILY ELECTRIC RATE ASSISTANCE (FERA) AND ENERGY SAVINGS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ESAP)

Energy Division is issuing this notice to update the income limitations for the CARE, FERA and the Energy Savings Assistance Programs. This notice is being issued earlier than in previous years at the request of the utilities to allow additional time for implementation.

The 2012-2013 CARE and ESAP income limits have been updated in compliance with Public Utilities ("P.U.") Code Section 739.1 (b) (1)¹. To better align the methodology Energy Division used in the past, pursuant to Resolution E-3524² to the requirements of P.U. Code Section 739.1 (b)(1), effective immediately and beginning with the 2012-2013 income updates, the correct Federal Poverty Guideline values corresponding to correct household size will be used to calculate and update the annual CARE, FERA and ESAP income limits. The Director of the Energy Division will continue to communicate new income levels to carriers no later than May 1st and require energy utilities to file revised tariffs effective June 1st of each year.

Please note, income limits for households with 1-2 persons are now correctly listed separately and will no longer be consolidated. Additionally, income limits are now displayed for household sizes of 1-8 persons in alignment with actual Federal Poverty Guidelines. The income limits below are effective from June 1st, 2012 until May 31, 2013 for all new CARE, FERA and ESAP program enrollments as well as CARE post enrollment verifications and re-certifications.

The income limits for 2012-2013 in compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 739.1 are as follows:

CARE & ESAP at 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline Level

Household Size	CARE & Energy Savings Assistance Programs (200% of FPG)
1	\$22,340
2	\$30,260
3	\$38,180
4	\$46,100
5	\$54,020
6	\$61,940
7	\$69,860
8	\$77,780
Each Additional Person	\$7,920

The Commission authorized FERA, also known as the Lower Middle Income Large Household Program, in D.04-02-057 on February 26, 2004. In that Decision, Findings of Fact 22, the

¹ The Commission shall establish a program of assistance to low-income electric and gas customers with annual household incomes that are no greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline levels, the cost of which shall not be borne solely by any single class of customer. The program shall be referred to as the California Alternate Rates for Energy or CARE program. The commission shall ensure that the level of discount for low-income electric and gas customers correctly reflects the level of need.

² Resolution E-3524 was adopted on February 19, 1998.

Commission stated that the use of CARE procedures for annual income guideline updates is also reasonable for the FERA program.

In D.05-10-044, dated October 27, 2005, the *lower* income limits of the FERA program were raised to 200%+\$1 of the Federal Poverty Guideline levels, which correspond to the *upper* limits of the CARE program.

The FERA income limits for 2012-2013 are as follows:

FERA at 250% of the Federal Poverty Guideline Level		
Household Size	200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines (CARE/ ESAP)+ \$1	250% of Federal Poverty Guidelines (FERA)
1	\$22,341	\$27,925
2	\$30,261	\$37,825
3	\$38,181	\$47,725
4	\$46,101	\$57,625
5	\$54,021	\$67,525
6	\$61,941	\$77,425
7	\$69,861	\$87,325
8	\$77,781	\$97,225
Each Additional Person	\$7,920	\$9,900

The utilities are requested to file revised tariffs with the Energy Division reflecting the income levels noted above by May 14, 2012. All tariffs, internet sites and printed materials about CARE, FERA and/or Energy Savings Assistance programs are to display the income eligibility guidelines and their effective dates, up through a household of eight, as shown in the above table. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Syreeta Gibbs at (415) 703-1622 or by e-mail at syg@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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