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**Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.
ELC (Corp ID 913)
Status of Advice Letter 467E
As of April 25, 2023**

Subject: Establishment of the Residential Disconnect Protections Memorandum Account and the Residential Uncollectibles Balancing Account

Division Assigned: Energy

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Resolution Required: No

Resolution Number: None

Commission Meeting Date: None

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From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

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ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY

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

Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (913-E)

Utility type:

- ELC GAS WATER
 PLC HEAT

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

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

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 467-E

Tier Designation: Tier 2

Subject of AL: Establishment of the Residential Disconnect Protections Memorandum Account and the Residential Uncollectibles Balancing Account

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Balancing Account, Memorandum Account

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.22-08-037

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL?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Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL:

Confidential treatment requested? Yes No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:

Resolution required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 8/25/22

No. of tariff sheets: 3

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

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: Preliminary Statement, Table of Contents

Service affected and changes proposed¹: See Advice Letter

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

¹Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

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

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March 3, 2023

(913 E)

Advice Letter No. 467-E

California Public Utilities Commission

SUBJECT

Establishment of the Residential Disconnect Protections Memorandum Account and the Residential Uncollectibles Balancing Account

PURPOSE

In compliance with California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Decision (“D.”) 22-08-037, dated August 25, 2022, Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (“BVES”) hereby submits this Tier 2 Advice Letter to establish the Residential Disconnect Protections Memorandum Account (“RDPMA”) and the Residential Uncollectibles Balancing Account (“RUBA”). Specifically, Ordering Paragraph Nos. (“OP”) 11 and 12 in D. 22-08-037 states,

11. Southwest Gas Company, Liberty Utilities LLC, Bear Valley Electric Service, a division of Golden State Water Company, PacifiCorp, Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, and West Coast Gas Company, Inc. may each establish a two-way balancing account for recovery of residential uncollectible charges in rates through a Tier 2 Advice Letter. The advice letter must affirm the utility’s intention to apply for available California Arrearage Payment Program funding.

12. Southwest Gas Company, Liberty Utilities LLC, Bear Valley Electric Service, a division of Golden State Water Company, PacifiCorp, Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, and West Coast Gas Company, Inc. may each establish a memorandum account to track the administrative costs associated with implementing the requirements of this decision through a Tier 2 Advice Letter.

This advice letter establishes the RUBA, a two-way balancing account to reflect the difference between actual residential uncollectibles and authorized uncollectible expense, and establishes the RDPMA, a memorandum account to track the incremental administrative costs associated with implementing the requirements of D. 22-08-037.

BACKGROUND

On July 20, 2018, the Commission initiated a rulemaking proceeding (R.18-07-005) to consider new approaches to reduce residential customer disconnections and improve reconnections and energy access across California’s energy investor-owned utilities and to implement specific requirements in Senate Bill 598.

On June 16, 2020, the Commission issued D.20-06-003 (Phase 1 Decision) adopting rules and policy changes for investor owned utilities designed to reduce the number of residential customer disconnections and to improve reconnection processes for disconnected customers for California's large energy utilities.

On August 29, 2022, the Commission issued D.22-08-037 adopting rules and policy changes for investor owned utilities designed to reduce the number of residential customer disconnections and to improve reconnection processes for disconnected customers for California's small energy utilities, also known as the Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities ("SMJUS"). The SMJUS include Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc., Southwest Gas, PacifiCorp, West Coast Gas Company and Liberty Utilities LLC.

CALIFORNIA ARREARAGE PAYMENT PROGRAM FUNDING

BVES intends to apply for available California Arrearage Payment Program funding ("CAPP"). Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 205, which includes nearly \$1.2 billion in additional funding for CAPP. The CAPP was established in the 2021-22 state budget and previously awarded \$1 billion to California energy utilities prior to January 31, 2022, to address California customer bill arrearages accrued between March 4, 2020 and June 15, 2021.

TARIFF REVISIONS

Establish a Preliminary Statement for the Residential Disconnect Protections Memorandum Account and a Preliminary Statement for the Residential Uncollectibles Balancing Account. The disposition of the balances in these accounts will be addressed in a future general rate case proceeding, or other application or proceeding.

COMPLIANCE

This advice letter is in full compliance with OP 11 and OP 12 in D.22-08-037.

TIER DESIGNATION

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 2 designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

BVES respectfully requests this advice letter become effective on August 25, 2022.

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 within 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:

Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.
ATTN: Nguyen Quan
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, CA 91773
Fax: 909-394-7427
E-mail: RegulatoryAffairs@bvesinc.com

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

Correspondence:

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

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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.

Sincerely,
/s/Ronald Moore

Ronald Moore
Regulatory Affairs Department
Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.

c: Laura Martin, Energy Division
R. Mark Pocta, California Public Advocates Office
BVES General Order 96-B Service List

Preliminary Statement
Residential Uncollectible Balancing Account

CCC. Residential Uncollectible Balancing Account (RUBA)

(N)

1. Purpose

The Residential Uncollectibles Balancing Account (RUBA) will record the difference between actual residential uncollectibles and authorized uncollectible expense due to the implementation of Decision No. ("D.") 22-08-037.

2. Applicability

The RUBA is applicable to all BVES Residential rate schedules.

3. Accounting Procedures

BVES shall maintain the RUBA by making entries at the end of each month as follows:

- a. A debit/credit entry equal to the difference between the authorized bad debt expense and actual bad debt expense for the month.
- b. A credit entry shall be made to RUBA for any collections received related to prior bad debt write-offs.
- c. A debit entry equal to the one-time transfer from the COVID-19 CEMA of the revenue shortfalls resulting from uncollectibles that are in excess of those authorized in BVES's last GRC for residential customers related to the implemented customer protections such as the suspension of disconnections, waiving of security deposits, and implementation of flexible payment plans pursuant to D.22-08-037.
- d. BVES shall apply interest to the average net balance in the RUBA account at a rate equal to one-twelfth the interest rate on three-month Commercial Paper for the previous month as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor publication. Accumulated interest will be included in the amount on which interest is accrued, but will be identified as a separate component of the RUBA account.

4. Effective Date

Pursuant to D.22-08-037, the RUBA shall be effective on August 25, 2022.

5. Disposition

The Residential Uncollectible Balancing Account is a two-way balancing account. BVES, in its next GRC application, shall include a summary of the entries to the Residential Uncollectible Charges Balancing Account and a proposal for the disposition of any balance in the account.

(N)

Preliminary Statement
Residential Disconnect Protections Memorandum Account

DDD. Residential Disconnect Protections Memorandum Account

(N)

1. Purpose

The RDPMA is an interest-bearing memorandum account that tracks the incremental costs associated with implementing the disconnection customer protections and other items required by Decision No. (D.) 22-08-037.

2. Applicability

The RDPMA shall apply to residential customers.

3. Accounting Procedures

BVES shall maintain the RDPMA by making entries at the end of each month as follows:

- a. A debit entry equal to the actual incremental costs associated with implementing the disconnection customer protections and other items authorized in D.22-08-037;
- b. An entry equal to the amortization of the RDPMA balance as authorized by the Commission;
- c. A debit or credit entry equal to the interest on the average of the balance at the beginning of the month and the balance after the entries above, at a rate equal to one-twelfth of the interest rate on the three-month nonfinancial Commercial Paper for the previous month, as reported in the federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor publication.

4. Effective Date

Pursuant to D.22-08-037, the RDPMA shall have an effective date of August 25, 2022.

5. Disposition

Disposition of amounts recorded in the RDPMA shall be determined in a subsequent rate-setting filing authorized by the Commission.

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Advice Letter No. 467-E
Decision No. 22-08-037

Issued By
Paul Marconi
President

Date Filed March 3, 2023
Effective January 27, 2023
Resolution No. _____

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