



# 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) #: 534-E

Tier Designation: Tier 2

Subject of AL: Implementation of Base Services Charge and updated rates as authorized by Resolution E-5395, approved by Decision No. 24-05-028

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance

AL Type: ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annual ☐ One-Time ☒ Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: Resolution E-5395, Decision 24-05-028

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: N/A

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL: N/A

Confidential treatment requested? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, specification of confidential information: Confidential vendor quotes in Appendix B  
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: Jeff Linam, regulatoryaffairs@bvesinc.com

Resolution required? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Requested effective date: 4/1/26

No. of tariff sheets: 7

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): 0

Estimated system average rate effect (%): 0

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: Rate Schedule No. D, DE, DLI, DMS, DO, Table of Contents

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: N/A

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

<sup>1</sup>Discuss 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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December 30, 2025

Advice Letter No. 534-EA

(U 913 E)

## California Public Utilities Commission

Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. ("BVES") hereby transmits for filing the following:

**SUBJECT:** Implementation of Base Services Charge and updated rates as authorized by Resolution E-5395, approved by Decision No. 24-05-028

### **PURPOSE**

Pursuant to Decision No. ("D." and "Decision") 24-05-028, BVES submits this Advice Letter to implement the Income-Graduated Fixed Charge (IGFC, fixed charge, Base Services Charge, or BSC) consistent with the requirements and approval set forth in Resolution No. E-5395, adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") on September 23, 2025.

### **BACKGROUND**

On May 15, 2024, the Commission adopted a Decision that authorizes all California investor-owned electric utilities ("IOUs") to change the structure of residential customer bills in compliance with Assembly Bill ("AB") 205. This change shifts the recovery of a portion of fixed costs from the volumetric rates to a separate, fixed amount on residential customer bills. This change does not change the total costs that utilities may recover from customers, but it reduces the volumetric price of electricity (in cents per kilowatt hour) for residential customers.<sup>1</sup>

The Decision also approved the Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") filed by the California Association of Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities<sup>2</sup> ("CASMU") and the Commission's Public Advocates Office on January 16, 2024. This Agreement approved

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<sup>1</sup> D.24-05-020, p. 2

<sup>2</sup> Collectively Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc., Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC, and PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power.

the adopted BVES-specific income-graduated fixed charges<sup>3</sup> to residential customer bills by implementing the adopted base billing structure below:<sup>4</sup>

- a) Tier 1 will be assigned to CARE customers with incomes of 0 to 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline levels. Customers will need to declare to having eligible incomes. The initial base fixed charge would be no more than \$5.00/month.
- b) Tier 2 will be assigned to CARE customers with incomes above 100 percent and at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline levels. The initial base fixed charge would be no more than \$10.06/month.
- c) Tier 3 will be assigned to customers who do not qualify for the first or second tiers. The initial base fixed charge would be no more than \$23.22/month.<sup>5</sup>

The new billing structure will apply to all residential rates of the electric IOUs, except for master-metered rates that are not sub-metered, separately metered electric vehicle rates for customers whose primary meter has a fixed charge, or rate schedules that are scheduled to be eliminated by the second quarter of 2026. The revenues from fixed charges will be applied to reduce volumetric rates equally across all time-of-use (TOU) periods.

On September 12, 2025, as directed by AB 205, BVES filed Advice Letter No. 495-E to shift the recovery of a portion of fixed costs from volumetric rates to a separate, fixed amount. On October 1, 2025, BVES filed Advice Letter No. 495-EA (supplement to 495-E) to provide additional details regarding anticipated costs associated with its Marketing, Education & Outreach (“ME&O”) Plan. In accordance with D.24-05-028, BVES submitted these advice letters to implement the Fixed Charge, remove minimum bills from residential customers bills (where applicable), and propose a ME&O Plan.<sup>6</sup>

On September 23, 2025, the Commission issued Resolution No. E-5395, approving with modifications, BVES’s Advice Letter No. 495-EA to implement an income-graduated fixed charge (IGFC, fixed charge, Base Services Charge, or BSC) for residential customers. Resolution No. E-5395 directs BVES to file a Tier 2 advice letter to implement the adopted BSC design and rates.

## **RATES**

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<sup>3</sup> Joint Motion for Adoption of the Track A Settlement Agreement Regarding First Version Income-Graduated Fixed Charges For Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (U 913 E), Liberty Utilities (Calpeco Electric) Llc (U 933 E), and PacifiCorp (U 901 E) at page 9.

<sup>4</sup> The settlement at page 9 included “Total Adjustment Rates Converted to a Fixed Charge” of \$0.77 for Tiers 1-2, and \$2.02 for Tier 3. The Advice letter only approved the base fixed charge, and not the “Total IGFC” which includes the adjustment component based on the recovery of specific revenue requirements.

<sup>5</sup> Settlement Agreement at Attachment 1, D.24-05-028 at 120.

<sup>6</sup> D.24-05-028., COL 33 at 153 - 154.

In compliance with Resolution No. E-5395, BVES proposes to implement the BSC with an effective date of April 1, 2026. The approved fixed charge levels, by income tier, are shown below:

Dwelling Type	Income Level	Base Service Charge
Residential	Up to 100% FPL Tier 1 (CARE Plus)	\$5.00
Residential	100%-200% FPL Tier 2 (CARE)	\$10.06
Residential	>200% FPL Tier 3	\$23.22

The variable volumetric rate component will be adjusted to maintain revenue neutrality within the residential class, consistent with the Commission direction. The fixed charges will be applied based on income tiers to ensure that the burden of the fixed charge is distributed fairly and does not disproportionately affect lower-income households.

Customers enrolled in the CARE program will be placed on the Tier 2 income level and will have the opportunity to apply for the CARE Plus program. All customers will have the opportunity to apply for the CARE or CARE Plus program.

Advice letter 530-EA was approved on December 17, 2025 to implement new rates effective January 1, 2026. This Tier 2 Advice Letter finalizes its adjustment schedule conversion and net fixed charge accounting based on the most recent rates to be effective on January 1, 2026.

BVES proposes to maintain revenue neutrality by increasing its fixed charge revenues for the residential permanent rate class by approximately \$1.2 million and non-permanent rate class by approximately \$2 million, while reducing usage charge revenues by the same amounts, as shown in Figures 1 and 2 below.

**Figure 1: Residential Permanent IGFC Rate Design**

Residential Permanent	2026 Current	2026 IGFC	Change	Change %
Fixed Charge Revenues	\$ 789,265	\$ 2,032,318	\$ 1,243,053	157%
Usage Charge Revenues	\$ 8,209,839	\$ 6,966,786	\$ (1,243,053)	-15%
Total Base Revenues	\$ 8,999,105	\$ 8,999,105	\$ -	0%

**Figure 2: Residential Non-Permanent IGFC Rate Design**

Residential Non-Permanent	2026 Current	2026 IGFC	Change	Change %
Fixed Charge Revenues	\$ 2,155,769	\$ 4,203,018	\$ 2,047,249	95%
Usage Charge Revenues	\$ 16,684,427	\$ 14,637,178	\$ (2,047,249)	-12%
Total Base Revenues	\$ 18,840,195	\$ 18,840,195	\$ -	0%

Ordering Paragraph #3 of Resolution E-5395 requires the following to be addressed in this advice letter filing regarding changes to the volumetric rate components of all residential tariffs:

- Specification of the proposed loading order and cost component breakdown for each tier of the fixed charge utilizing the latest revenue requirement data
- Updated Bill Impact Rate Analysis workpapers with the updated total ("net") BSC, including converted adjustment rates
- Plans to convert volumetric adjustment rates to monthly tiered fixed charges to be layered on top of the base fixed charge to create a "net fixed charge", using the most current values and revenue requirements.

#### **Proposed Loading Order and Cost Component Breakdown:**

Utilizing 2026 costs adopted in Decision 25-01-007, BVES updated its cost component analysis to include the fixed costs BVES proposes to be recovered through its BSC. Consistent with AL 495-EA and as approved in Resolution E-5395, these costs include Marginal Customer Access costs that vary with the number of customers, such as costs associated with providing customers access to the electric grid (e.g. meters, services, and a portion of distribution plant related to providing customer access to the electric grid) and providing basic customer services (e.g., meter reading, billing, and customer care).

BVES's updated customer cost analysis shows those costs that vary with the number of residential customers represent \$46.03 per customer per month, as shown in Figure 3 below.

**Figure 3: Breakdown of Customer Costs**

Summary of Costs	Total Company Customer Costs		Residential Class Allocation	Customer Cost Monthly		
Services, Meters, Transformers Costs	\$	2,587,305	\$	1,991,060	\$	7.11
Poles, Lines, and Conductors	\$	6,234,717	\$	4,797,925	\$	17.13
Customer Accounts	\$	866,054	\$	666,472	\$	2.38
General Admin Costs	\$	5,117,396	\$	3,938,091	\$	14.06
Taxes	\$	2,443,512	\$	1,880,404	\$	6.71
Rate Base Offset	\$	(494,320)	\$	(380,404)	\$	(1.36)
Total Costs	\$	16,754,665	\$	12,893,549	\$	46.03
		Non-CARE		CARE Tier 2		CARE Plus Tier 1
Customer Charge	\$	23.22	\$	10.06	\$	5.00
% Cost Recovery		50.45%		21.86%		10.86%



BVES's analysis shows that the BSCs adopted in Resolution E-5395 recover 50.45%, 21.86% and 10.86% of the adopted 2026 customer costs for Non-CARE, CARE and CARE Plus customers, respectively. As such, BVES's proposed fixed cost categories continue to support the base fixed charge levels adopted in Resolution E-5395.

#### Updated Bill Impact Rate Analysis:

BVES updated customer bill impacts of the BSCs adopted in Resolution E-5395 utilizing rates effective January 1, 2026.

**Figure 4: Customer Bill Impacts (Non-CARE) Tier 3**

<b>Non-Care Customers</b>						
<b>Bill Impact Analysis</b>	<b>Monthly Usage (kWh)</b>	<b>IGFC Rates</b>	<b>2026 Current</b>	<b>Bill Increase /</b>	<b>Bill Increase /</b>	
<b>Total Rates</b>		<b>Bill \$</b>	<b>Bill \$</b>	<b>(Decrease) \$</b>	<b>(Decrease) %</b>	
<b>Winter Season</b>						
50% Below Avg. Usage	223.5	\$ 98.73	\$ 90.91	\$ 7.82	8.61%	
25% Below Avg. Usage	335.3	138.79	134.47	4.32	3.21%	
Average Usage	447.0	188.47	188.18	0.29	0.16%	
25% Above Avg. Usage	558.8	249.35	253.37	(4.03)	-1.59%	
50% Above Avg. Usage	670.5	310.22	318.57	(8.34)	-2.62%	
<b>Summer Season</b>						
50% Below Avg. Usage	176.9	\$ 82.36	\$ 73.10	\$ 9.26	12.67%	
25% Below Avg. Usage	265.3	113.38	106.85	6.54	6.12%	
Average Usage	353.7	146.28	142.61	3.67	2.58%	
25% Above Avg. Usage	442.1	185.80	185.32	0.48	0.26%	
50% Above Avg. Usage	530.6	233.97	236.91	(2.93)	-1.24%	
Monthly Average Usage	400.4	\$ 167.38	\$ 165.39	\$ 1.98	1.20%	

Figure 4 shows monthly bill impacts for non-CARE customers (Tier 3). The Figure shows bill changes under the IGFC rate design as compared to the proposed rate design in the GRC proceeding for non-CARE customers who use on average 447 kWh during the winter months and 354 kWh during the summer month.

Figure 5: Customer Bill Impacts (CARE) Tier 2

<b>CARE Rate - Tier 2</b>						
<b>Bill Impact Analysis</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>IGFC Rates</b>	<b>2026 Current</b>	<b>Bill Increase /</b>	<b>Bill Increase /</b>	
<b>Total Rates</b>	<b>Usage (kWh)</b>	<b>Bill \$</b>	<b>Bill \$</b>	<b>(Decrease) \$</b>	<b>(Decrease) %</b>	
<b>Winter Season</b>						
50% Below Avg. Usage	223.5	\$ 69.42	\$ 71.68	\$ (2.26)	-3.15%	
25% Below Avg. Usage	335.3	101.23	106.29	(5.06)	-4.76%	
Average Usage	447.0	140.75	149.03	(8.28)	-5.56%	
25% Above Avg. Usage	558.8	189.21	200.95	(11.74)	-5.84%	
50% Above Avg. Usage	670.5	237.68	252.87	(15.19)	-6.01%	
<b>Summer Season</b>						
50% Below Avg. Usage	176.9	\$ 56.42	\$ 57.53	\$ (1.11)	-1.93%	
25% Below Avg. Usage	265.3	81.05	84.34	(3.29)	-3.90%	
Average Usage	353.7	107.19	112.76	(5.58)	-4.95%	
25% Above Avg. Usage	442.1	138.62	146.75	(8.13)	-5.54%	
50% Above Avg. Usage	530.6	176.97	187.84	(10.86)	-5.78%	
Monthly Average Usage	400.4	\$ 123.97	\$ 130.89	\$ (6.93)	-5.29%	

Figure 5 shows monthly bill impacts for CARE customers (Tier 2). The Figure shows bill decreases under the IGFC rate design as compared to the proposed rate design in the GRC proceeding for Tier 2 CARE customers who use on average 447 kWh during the winter months and 354 kWh during the summer month.

Figure 6: Customer Bill Impacts (CARE Plus) Tier 1

<b>Care Plus Rate - Tier 1</b>						
<b>Bill Impact Analysis</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>IGFC Rates</b>	<b>2026 Current</b>	<b>Bill Increase /</b>	<b>Bill Increase /</b>	
<b>Total Rates</b>	<b>Usage (kWh)</b>	<b>Bill \$</b>	<b>Bill \$</b>	<b>(Decrease) \$</b>	<b>(Decrease) %</b>	
<b>Winter Season</b>						
50% Below Avg. Usage	223.5	\$ 64.36	\$ 71.68	\$ (7.32)	-10.21%	
25% Below Avg. Usage	335.3	96.17	106.29	(10.12)	-9.52%	
Average Usage	447.0	135.69	149.03	(13.34)	-8.95%	
25% Above Avg. Usage	558.8	184.15	200.95	(16.80)	-8.36%	
50% Above Avg. Usage	670.5	232.62	252.87	(20.25)	-8.01%	
<b>Summer Season</b>						
50% Below Avg. Usage	176.9	\$ 51.36	\$ 57.53	\$ (6.17)	-10.72%	
25% Below Avg. Usage	265.3	75.99	84.34	(8.35)	-9.90%	
Average Usage	353.7	102.13	112.76	(10.64)	-9.43%	
25% Above Avg. Usage	442.1	133.56	146.75	(13.19)	-8.99%	
50% Above Avg. Usage	530.6	171.91	187.84	(15.92)	-8.48%	
Monthly Average Usage	400.4	\$ 118.91	\$ 130.89	\$ (11.99)	-9.16%	



Figure 6 shows monthly bill impacts for CARE Plus customers (Tier 1). The Figure shows bill decreases under the IGFC rate design as compared to the proposed rate design in the GRC proceeding for Tier 1 CARE Plus customers who use on average 447 kWh during the winter months and 354 kWh during the summer month.

**Plans to convert volumetric adjustment rates to monthly tiered fixed charges:**

Resolution E-5395 adopts BVES's proposal to convert volumetric adjustment rates from the Energy Savings Assistance ("ESA"), CARE, Public Purpose Program ("PPP") and Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account ("CEMA") to a monthly charge to be added to the base monthly fixed charge to create a net fixed charge. The CPUC recently approved BVES's Advice Letter 527-E to establish a 12-month volumetric adjustment rate for ESA, CARE and PPP to be effective January 1, 2026. Given that the new BSC charges will not take effect until April 1, 2026, BVES proposes to keep these adjustment charges as volumetric through the duration of the amortization period (1/1/26 through 12/31/26) and propose that any subsequent ESA, CARE and PPP filing request amortization of the balance through a monthly charge added to the BSC at that time. BVES does not have any volumetric adjustment rates associated with CEMA as of January 1, 2026 but will similarly request amortization of any future CEMA balances through a monthly service charge added to the BSC at that time.

**APPLICABILITY**

The BSC applies to its permanent residential customers (served under Schedules D, DE, DMS Perm, DMS Low Income, and DLI) and its non-permanent residential customers (served under Schedule DO, DMS Seasonal) within the BVES service territory. The BSC is a monthly fixed charge based on household income level and replaces the existing Service Charge and Minimum Bill. The BSC shall not apply to non-residential customers, street lighting, or other specialized service schedules.

**Clarifying Exceptions from Fixed Charges:**

D.24-05-028 allowed for the exemption of fixed charges for master-metered rates that are not sub-metered, which is BVES's "DM" rate schedule. Exceptions will be made to master-meter rates that are not sub-metered, separately metered electric vehicle rates (TOU-EV-1) for customers whose primary meter has an IGFC, and rate schedules that are scheduled to be eliminated by the second quarter of 2026.<sup>7</sup> The exemption applies to TOU-EV-1 which is an adjunct rate applicable to customers on a premise concurrently served under a Domestic (D and DO) schedule, and customers should not be required to pay two fixed charges per single residence.<sup>8</sup> TOU-EV-2 and TOU-EV-3 are not residential rates.

Ordering paragraph #3.g. requires that this advice letter include a table clarifying the applicability of the Base Services Charge with each available residential rate by Rate

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<sup>7</sup> D.24-05-028 at 133

<sup>8</sup> D.24-05-028 at 87

Schedule ID, Common Rate Name, Current Applicability of a Base Services Charge or Minimum Bill, and whether or not customers on this rate schedule will be exempted from an Income-Graduated Fixed Charge. Refer to Table 1 below for the requested information.

**Table 1. Exemption Status for BVES's Residential Rates**

Schedule Abbreviation	Common Rate Name	Current Fixed Charge	Exemption from IGFC
D	Domestic Service - Single-Family	Yes	No
D ALL E	Aggregate of all Domestic Exemptions	Yes	No
DE	Domestic Employee	Yes	No
DLI	Domestic Low Income (CARE and CARE Plus)	Yes	No
DLS	Domestic Life Support	Yes	No
DM	Domestic Multi-Family	Yes	Yes
DMS - Life Support	Domestic Multi-Family Sub metered - Life Support	Yes	No
DMS - Low Income	Domestic Multi-Family Sub metered - Low Income (CARE)	Yes	No
DMS - Perm	Domestic Multi-Family Sub metered - Permanent Residence	Yes	No
DMS - Seasonal	Domestic Multi-Family Sub metered - Seasonal	Yes	No
DO	Domestic Other - Non-permanent Residence	Yes	No
TOU-EV-1	Electric Vehicle Charging 1	Yes	Yes

## **CUSTOMER OUTREACH AND IMPLEMENTATION**

BVES has begun to provide targeted outreach and education materials to customers regarding the new fixed charge, income verification procedures (self-attestation), and available assistance programs (CARE and CARE Plus) consistent with its Marketing, Education and Outreach Plan adopted in Resolution E-5395.

### **Tier Assignments**

Tier 1, marketed as "CARE Plus" will be assigned to CARE customers with incomes of 0 to 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline levels. CARE customers will need to take additional action to be assigned to the lowest Base Services Charge (Tier 1).

Tier 2, marketed as CARE, will be assigned to CARE customers with incomes above 100 percent or below 200 percent of Federal Poverty Guideline levels. CARE customers will not need to take action to remain on the CARE rate and qualify for the Tier 2 Base Services Charge.

Tier 3 will be assigned to non-CARE customers who do not qualify for the first or second tiers. Non-CARE customers will need to take additional action to be assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier if the customer is income eligible.

As provided in the Settlement Agreement, BVES will assign customers to the appropriate tier through a self-attestation process consistent with the existing CARE application framework. BVES will employ a single CARE application that distinguishes between the CARE and CARE Plus programs.

BVES has undertaken extensive customer outreach to ensure that current CARE participants understand the requirement to take additional action in order to qualify for the lowest Base Services Charge. Outreach efforts include:

- Development of a dedicated BSC webpage on the BVES website (launched September 18, 2025) providing program information and application instructions.
- Paid Facebook advertisements (boosted posts on December 1, 2025, and December 16, 2025) directing customers to the BVES website for CARE/CARE Plus applications.

Direct mail campaigns:

- October 23, 2025: CARE customers received mailers including CARE/CARE Plus applications.
- December 4, 2025: All residential customers received mailers including CARE/CARE Plus applications.
- Bill inserts for all residential and CARE customers, scheduled to begin distribution at the end of December 2025.

All outreach communications clearly inform residential customers that additional action is required to be assigned to the lowest BSC tier.

BVES has reduced barriers to enrolling in Tier 1 by:

- Providing customers with the benefits of Tier 1, including potential cost savings
- Eligibility criteria and how it differs from the standard CARE enrollment
- The enrollment process and timeline
- How to self-certify and apply online

This information was included in bill inserts, BVES website, Facebook, and direct mail campaigns. Consistent with ordering paragraph #3.e., BVES is providing updated marketing materials in Attachment A to this advice letter.

## **TARIFF SHEETS**

The tariff sheets updated by this advice letter are Schedule D, DE, DLL, DO and DMS. Consistent with ordering paragraph #3.f. BVES is providing revised tariff sheets for every modified rate as part of this advice letter filing.

**TIER DESIGNATION**

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 2 designation as ordered by Resolution No. E-5395.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

BVES respectfully requests an effective date of April 1, 2026.

**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 Commission in acting on the request.

A protest must be mailed within 20 days of the date the Commission accepts the advice letter for submission. The Calendar is available on the Commission'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 within five days.

**All protests and responses should be sent to:**

California Public Utilities Commission, Energy Division  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102  
E-mail: [EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)

The protest or correspondence should also be sent via U.S. mail and/or electronically, if possible, to BVES at the addresses shown below on the same date it is delivered to the Commission.

Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.  
Regulatory Affairs  
E-mail: [RegulatoryAffairs@bvesinc.com](mailto:RegulatoryAffairs@bvesinc.com)

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, please contact Alicia Menchaca at (909) 630-5555.

**Correspondence:**

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

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San Dimas, California 91773  
Email: [RegulatoryAffairs@bvesinc.com](mailto:RegulatoryAffairs@bvesinc.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.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alicia Menchaca

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Rate Analyst, Regulatory Affairs  
Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.

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BVES General Order 96-B Service List

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Schedule No. D  
DOMESTIC SERVICE - SINGLE FAMILY ACCOMMODATION

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable only to permanent residents of Bear Valley for separately metered residential single-phase service to a single-family accommodation and to individuals living in a multi-unit complex, where such units are separately metered by BVES. Where electricity is furnished for EV charging, a customer may use the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) as a submeter to measure EV charge load, and ancillary EV charge service. All EVSE used for submetering purposes must meet the requirements established in the Plug-in Electric Vehicle Submetering Protocol pursuant to Decision 22-08-024.

**TERRITORY**

Big Bear Lake and vicinity, San Bernardino County.

**RATES**

**SERVICE CHARGES**

Per Meter, per day \$0.763 (I)

**ENERGY CHARGES\*** \$ Per kWh

SUMMER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL	
Tier #1 Baseline	\$0.17250	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.05776	\$0.01436	\$0.27996	(R)
Tier #2	\$0.19620	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.08939	\$0.01436	\$0.33529	(R)
Tier #3 Remaining	\$0.21659	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.20749	\$0.01436	\$0.47378	(R)
WINTER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL	
Tier #1 Baseline	\$0.17250	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.05776	\$0.01436	\$0.27996	(R)
Tier #2	\$0.19620	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.08939	\$0.01436	\$0.33529	(R)
Tier #3 Remaining	\$0.21659	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.20749	\$0.01436	\$0.47378	(R)

\* Supply charges will not be applicable to direct access purchases all other charges will be assessed.

\*\* Tier#1 a Baseline allowance includes use up to 10.52 kWh/day

\*\*\* 130% of baseline allowance includes use between 10.52 kWh/day up to 13.68 kWh/day

**OTHER ENERGY CHARGES:**

\$ Per kWh

PPPC <sup>6</sup>	\$0.00333	
Taxes & fees <sup>7</sup>	\$0.00130	(P)
MHP BTM Capital Project <sup>8</sup>	\$0.00194	
RPS <sup>9</sup>	\$0.00241	
FRMMA/WMPMA <sup>10</sup>	\$0.00720	
FHPMA <sup>11</sup>	\$0.01217	
Wildfire <sup>12</sup>	\$0.01753	
GRCMA <sup>13</sup>	\$0.02505	
Semi-annual Credit		
California Climate Credit	(\$17.52)	

**MINIMUM CHARGE**

Will be equal to the Service Charge per meter, per day

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**RATES**

**SERVICE CHARGES**

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**ENERGY CHARGES\* \$ PenkWh**

SUMMER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL
Tien#1 Baselice	\$0.0f - 25	\$0.00f 15	\$0.00952	\$0.02f ff	\$0.0071f	\$0.1399f
Tien#2	\$0.09f 10	\$0.00f 15	\$0.00952	\$0.04470	\$0.0071f	\$0.1- 7- 5
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WINTER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL
Tien#1 Baselice	\$0.0f - 25	\$0.00f 15	\$0.00952	\$0.02f ff	\$0.0071f	\$0.1399f
Tien#2	\$0.09f 10	\$0.00f 15	\$0.00952	\$0.04470	\$0.0071f	\$0.1- 7- 5
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**OTHER ENERGY CHARGES:**

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PPPC	\$0.00333
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RPS <sup>9</sup>	\$0.00241
FRV V A/WV PV A <sup>10</sup>	\$0.00720
FHPV A <sup>11</sup>	\$0.01217
Wildpim <sup>12</sup>	\$0.01753
GRCV A <sup>13</sup>	\$0.02505

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Schedule No. DLI  
CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE)  
DOMESTIC SERVICE - SINGLE FAMILY ACCOMMODATION

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable only to permanent residents of Bear Valley for domestic single-phase service to low-income households, including lighting, heating, cooking and power or combination thereof in a single-family accommodation where the customer meets all the Special Conditions of this rate schedule. Where electricity is furnished for EV charging, a customer may use the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) as a submeter to measure EV charge load, and ancillary EV charge service. All EVSE used for submetering purposes must meet the requirements established in the Plug-in Electric Vehicle Submetering Protocol pursuant to Decision 22-08-024.

**TERRITORY**

Big Bear Lake and vicinity, San Bernardino County.

**RATES**

**SERVICE CHARGES**

Per Meter, per day for CARE	\$0.331	(I)(T)
Per Meter, per day for CARE Plus	\$0.164	(N)

**ENERGY CHARGES\*** \$ Per kWh

SUMMER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL	
Tier #1 Baseline	\$0.13800	\$0.01304	\$0.01523	\$0.04621	\$0.01149	\$0.22397	(R)
Tier #2	\$0.15696	\$0.01304	\$0.01523	\$0.07151	\$0.01149	\$0.26823	(R)
Tier #3 Remaining	\$0.17328	\$0.01304	\$0.01523	\$0.16599	\$0.01149	\$0.37903	(R)
WINTER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL	
Tier #1 Baseline	\$0.13800	\$0.01304	\$0.01523	\$0.04621	\$0.01149	\$0.22397	(R)
Tier #2	\$0.15696	\$0.01304	\$0.01523	\$0.07151	\$0.01149	\$0.26823	(R)
Tier #3 Remaining	\$0.17328	\$0.01304	\$0.01523	\$0.16599	\$0.01149	\$0.37903	(R)

\* Supply charges will not be applicable to direct access purchases all other charges will be assessed.

\*\* Tier#1 a Baseline allowance includes use up to 10.52 kWh/day

\*\*\* 130% of baseline allowance includes use between 10.52 kWh/day up to 13.68 kWh/day

**OTHER ENERGY CHARGES:**

\$ Per kWh

PPPC – Low Income <sup>6</sup>	\$0.00032	
Taxes & fees <sup>7</sup>	\$0.00130	(P)
MHP BTM Capital Project <sup>8</sup>	\$0.00155	
RPS <sup>9</sup>	\$0.00193	
FRMMA/WMPMA <sup>10</sup>	\$0.00576	
FHPMA <sup>11</sup>	\$0.00974	
Wildfire <sup>12</sup>	\$0.01402	
GRCMA <sup>13</sup>	\$0.02004	

Semi-annual Credit

California Climate Credit	(\$17.52)
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**MINIMUM CHARGE**

Will be equal to the Service Charge per meter, per day

- 1 Base = Local Generation plus Local Transmission & Distribution charges
- 2 BasAdj = Adjustments to “Base” charges above authorized by the CPUC (can be negative or positive)
- 3 Trans = Transmission Charges (SCE & California Independent System Operator charges)
- 4 Supply = Fuel & Purchased Power costs incurred in providing energy to customers plus Generation charges, if any.
- 5 SupplyAdj = Adjustments to the “Supply” charges above authorized by the CPUC (can be negative or positive)
- 6 PPPC = Public Purpose Charges to fund public goods programs authorized by the CPUC including, the CEC renewable technologies, R&D and demonstration programs, low income energy efficiency programs, and the low income payment assistance (CARE) program as described in Preliminary Statement Part K
- 7 Taxes & Fees = Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Surcharge described in Schedule No. UF-E plus the Energy Commission Surcharge that has been established by the California Energy Commission. The CARE discount is not applied to Taxes & fees.

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Schedule No. DMS  
DOMESTIC SERVICE - MULTI-FAMILY ACCOMMODATION - SUBMETERED

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable only to mobile home residents of Bear Valley for separately metered single phase service to a multi-family accommodation on a single premise where all single-family accommodations are separately metered and billed by others. This schedule is closed to new installations.

Where electricity is furnished for EV charging, a customer may use the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) as a submeter to measure EV charge load, and ancillary EV charge service. All EVSE used for submetering purposes must meet the requirements established in the Plug-in Electric Vehicle Submetering Protocol pursuant to Decision 22-08-024.

**TERRITORY**

Big Bear Lake and vicinity, San Bernardino County.

**RATES**

**SERVICE CHARGES**

Special Discount, Per Occupied Space, Per Day	(\$0.100)	
Per Meter, per day	\$0.763	(I)
Per Meter, per day for CARE	\$0.331	(N)
Per Meter, per day for CARE Plus	\$0.164	(N)

**ENERGY CHARGES\*** \$ Per kWh

A. For All Occupied Spaces qualifying as "Permanent" residences the following basic energy rates apply

SUMMER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL	
Tier #1 Baseline	\$0.17250	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.05776	\$0.01436	\$0.27996	(R)
Tier #2	\$0.19620	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.08939	\$0.01436	\$0.33529	(R)
Tier #3 Remaining	\$0.21659	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.20749	\$0.01436	\$0.47378	(R)
WINTER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL	
Tier #1 Baseline	\$0.17250	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.05776	\$0.01436	\$0.27996	(R)
Tier #2	\$0.19620	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.08939	\$0.01436	\$0.33529	(R)
Tier #3 Remaining	\$0.21659	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.20749	\$0.01436	\$0.47378	(R)

\*\*Tier#1 a Baseline allowance includes use up to 10.52 kWh/day

\*\*\*130% of baseline allowance includes use between 10.52 kWh/day up to 13.68 kWh/day

B. For All Occupied Spaces qualifying as "Low Income" residences the following basic energy rates apply

SUMMER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL	
Tier #1 Baseline	\$0.13800	\$0.01304	\$0.01523	\$0.04621	\$0.01149	\$0.22397	(R)
Tier #2	\$0.15696	\$0.01304	\$0.01523	\$0.07151	\$0.01149	\$0.26823	(R)
Tier #3 Remaining	\$0.17328	\$0.01304	\$0.01523	\$0.16599	\$0.01149	\$0.37903	(R)
WINTER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL	
Tier #1 Baseline	\$0.13800	\$0.01304	\$0.01523	\$0.04621	\$0.01149	\$0.22397	(R)
Tier #2	\$0.15696	\$0.01304	\$0.01523	\$0.07151	\$0.01149	\$0.26823	(R)
Tier #3 Remaining	\$0.17328	\$0.01304	\$0.01523	\$0.16599	\$0.01149	\$0.37903	(R)

\*\*Tier#1 a Baseline allowance includes use up to 10.52 kWh/day

\*\*\*130% of baseline allowance includes use between 10.52 kWh/day up to 13.68 kWh/day

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ENERGY CHARGES\* \$ Per kWh (Continued)

C. Occupied Spaces qualifying as “Seasonal” residences the following basic energy rates apply

SUMMER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL	(R)
	\$0.30083	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.09092	\$0.01436	\$0.44145	
WINTER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL	(R)
	\$0.30083	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.09092	\$0.01436	\$0.44145	

\*Supply charges will not be applicable to direct access purchases all other charges will be assessed  
The number of occupied spaces of each type above will be reported by the customer to the Utility to be used as the Multiplier (see Special Condition 2) in the billing process. Baseline allowances will be multiplied by the number of occupied spaces reported in each category.

OTHER ENERGY CHARGES:

\$ Per kWh

PPPC <sup>6</sup>	\$0.00333	
PPPC - Low Income <sup>6</sup>	\$0.00032	(P)
Taxes & fees <sup>7</sup>	\$0.00130	
MHP BTM Capital Project <sup>8</sup>	\$0.00194	
MHP BTM Capital Project - Low Income <sup>8</sup>	\$0.00155	
RPS <sup>9</sup>	\$0.00241	
FRMMA/WMPMA <sup>10</sup>	\$0.00720	
FHPMA <sup>11</sup>	\$0.01217	
RPS - Low Income <sup>9</sup>	\$0.00193	
FRMMA/WMPMA - Low Income <sup>10</sup>	\$0.00576	
FHPMA - Low Income <sup>11</sup>	\$0.00974	
Wildfire <sup>12</sup>	\$0.01753	
Wildfire - Low Income <sup>12</sup>	\$0.01402	
GRCMA <sup>13</sup>	\$0.02505	
GRCMA - Low Income <sup>13</sup>	\$0.02004	

Semi-annual Credit

California Climate Credit (\$17.52)

MINIMUM CHARGE

Will be equal to the Service Charge per meter, per day

- 1 Base = Local Generation plus Local Transmission & Distribution charges
- 2 BasAdj = Adjustments to “Base” charges above authorized by the CPUC (can be negative or positive)
- 3 Trans = Transmission Charges (SCE & California Independent System Operator charges)
- 4 Supply = Fuel & Purchased Power costs incurred in providing energy to customers plus Generation charges, if any.
- 5 SupplyAdj = Adjustments to the “Supply” charges above authorized by the CPUC (can be negative or positive)
- 6 PPPC = Public Purpose Charges to fund public goods programs authorized by the CPUC including, the CEC renewable technologies, R&D and demonstration programs, low income energy efficiency programs, and the low income payment assistance (CARE) program as described in Preliminary Statement Part K
- 7 Taxes & Fees = Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Surcharge described in Schedule No. UF-E plus the Energy Commission Surcharge that has been established by the California Energy Commission

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Schedule No. DO  
DOMESTIC SERVICE - OTHER

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to nonpermanent residents for domestic single-phase service, in a single-family accommodation. Does not apply to permanent residents, see Schedule "D".

Where electricity is furnished for EV charging, a customer may use the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) as a submeter to measure EV charge load, and ancillary EV charge service. All EVSE used for submetering purposes must meet the requirements established in the Plug-in Electric Vehicle Submetering Protocol pursuant to Decision 22-08-024.

TERRITORY

Big Bear Lake and vicinity, San Bernardino County.

RATES

SERVICE CHARGES

Per Meter, per day \$0.763 (I)

ENERGY CHARGES\* \$ Per kWh

SUMMER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL	(R)
	\$0.30083	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.09092	\$0.01436	\$0.44145	
WINTER	Base1	BasAdj2	Trans3	Supply4	SupplyAdj5	TOTAL	(R)
	\$0.30083	\$0.01630	\$0.01904	\$0.09092	\$0.01436	\$0.44145	

\* Supply charges will not be applicable to direct access purchases all other charges will be assessed.

OTHER ENERGY CHARGES:

\$ Per kWh

PPPC <sup>6</sup>	\$0.00333	
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FRMMA/WMPMA <sup>10</sup>	\$0.00720	
FHPMA <sup>11</sup>	\$0.01217	
Wildfire <sup>12</sup>	\$0.01753	
GRCMA <sup>13</sup>	\$0.02505	
Semi-annual Credit		
California Climate Credit	(\$17.52)	

MINIMUM CHARGE

Will be equal to \$0.850 per meter, per day

- 1 Base = Local Generation plus Local Transmission & Distribution charges
- 2 BasAdj = Adjustments to "Base" charges above authorized by the CPUC (can be negative or positive)
- 3 Trans = Transmission Charges (SCE & California Independent System Operator charges)
- 4 Supply = Fuel & Purchased Power costs incurred in providing energy to customers plus Generation charges, if any.
- 5 SupplyAdj = Adjustments to the "Supply" charges above authorized by the CPUC (can be negative or positive)
- 6 PPPC = Public Purpose Charges to fund public goods programs authorized by the CPUC including, the CEC renewable technologies, R&D and demonstration programs, low income energy efficiency programs, and the low income payment assistance (CARE) program as described in Preliminary Statement Part K
- 7 Taxes & Fees = Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Surcharge described in Schedule No. UF-E plus the Energy Commission Surcharge that has been established by the California Energy Commission

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Attachment A – Marketing Materials

# The CPUC's New Billing Structure

Governor Gavin Newsom recently enacted state legislation (AB 205), directing the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to modify the structure of electric bills for customers of Investor-Owned Utilities. Under this mandate, Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES) must implement a Base Service Charge (BSC) rate structure, which will introduce a fixed rate determined by the customer's income level.

Beginning in Q1 2026, customers will be automatically shifted to the BSC rate structure. This updated state mandate will not apply to commercial property owners.

This updated approach to evaluating electrical service costs will not compromise reliability and BVES' strong commitment to exceptional customer service. Learn more about the new BSC rate structure: [bvesinc.com/BSC](https://www.bvesinc.com/BSC).

## What will change?

Your current electricity bill includes two main components: a fixed **Service Charge** and a **Volumetric Usage Charge**. The **Service Charge** covers fixed operating costs and investments in the electric grid. This charge remains the same, no matter how much electricity a customer uses. The **Volumetric Usage Charge** is based on the amount of electricity a customer consumes.

The BSC rate structure is designed to align monthly service charges with household income levels. Under this structure, customers will see:



A **fixed monthly service charge** that varies based on income. The fixed service charge is not a new fee.

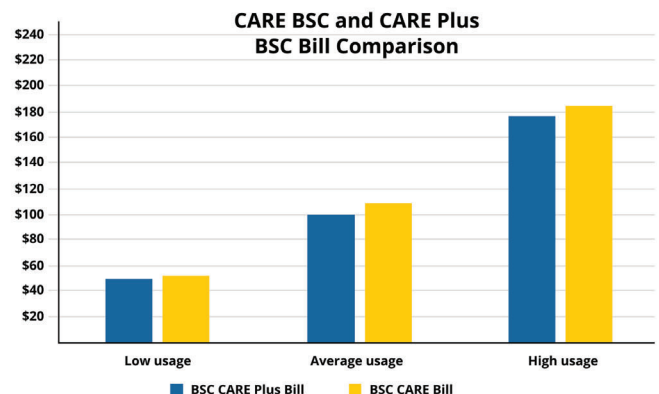
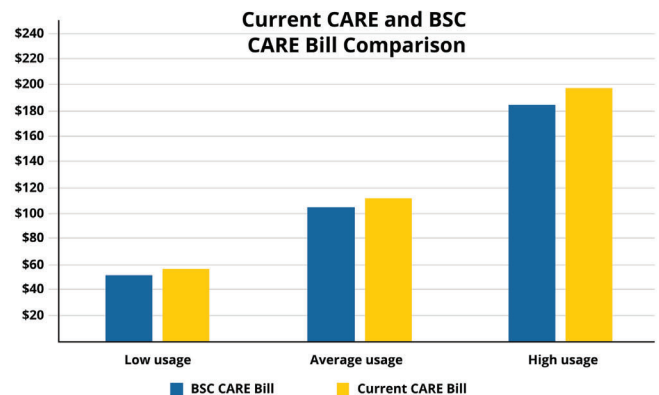
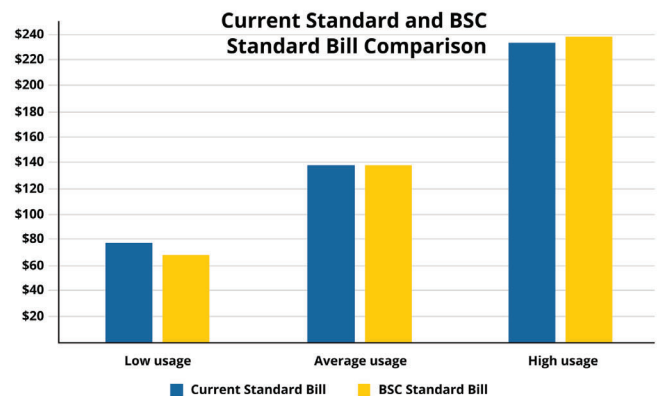


A **reduced electricity usage rate**.

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## Sample Bill Comparisons



## Service Charges

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Learn about your eligibility for the CARE, CARE Plus and other financial assistance programs by scanning the QR code.

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

**YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A DISCOUNT ON YOUR ENERGY BILL**

To apply for a discount at your residence, please fill out this application and mail it to:

Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1547, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

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 **800-808-BVES (2837)** 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, 2025 to May 31, 2026		
No. of Persons In Household	CARE Total Gross Annual Income*	CARE Plus Total Gross Annual Income**
1-2	\$42,300	\$21,150
3	\$53,300	\$26,650
4	\$64,300	\$32,150
5	\$75,300	\$37,650
6	\$86,300	\$43,150
7	\$97,300	\$48,650
8	\$108,300	\$54,150
Each Additional Person	\$11,000	\$5,500
*Upper Limit Calculations = 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines		
**Upper Limit Calculations =100% of Federal Poverty Guidelines		

Under the Base Service Charge rate structure, customers can pay a reduced service charge if enrolled in the CARE or CARE Plus financial assistance program. CARE customers will pay a \$10.06 service charge and CARE Plus will pay a \$5.00 service charge.

**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 or CARE Plus. - I will provide verification of my household income.

For the CARE and CARE Plus programs, "gross household income" refers to the total amount of money and non-cash benefits available for living expenses from all sources. This includes both taxable and non-taxable income, calculated before any deductions, for everyone residing in your home. It 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, stocks, or bonds       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships, grants, or aid 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.



BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.  
NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR  
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APPLICATION INFORMATION (please print clearly):

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a primary residential customer of Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.

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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There are 2 ways to qualify for CARE:

- You can qualify for CARE if you or someone in your home participates in at least one of the eligible public assistance programs.

OR

- You can also qualify for CARE if you meet the income guideline qualifications listed in the chart for CARE

There is 1 way to qualify for CARE Plus:

- You can also qualify for CARE Plus if you meet the income guideline qualifications listed in the chart for CARE Plus

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 (**Required for CARE Plus**): \_\_\_\_\_

You may be eligible for the CARE program if you or someone in your household is enrolled in at least one qualifying public assistance program. However, **CARE Plus does not allow direct enrollment into the program.**

- ☐ Medi-Cal/Medicaid
- ☐ Medi-Cal for Families
- ☐ Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)
- ☐ National School Lunch's Free Lunch Program (NSL)
- ☐ CalFresh/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ☐ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Tribal TANF
- ☐ Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only)
- ☐ Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance

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, INC. USE ONLY**

Date received _____	Date Verified/By _____	Date Effective _____
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## Financial Assistance Programs:

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### California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program:

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# La Nueva Estructura de Facturación de la CPUC



El gobernador Gavin Newsom firmó recientemente la Ley de la Asamblea 205, que instruye a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de California (CPUC) a revisar la forma en que se estructuran las facturas eléctricas para los clientes atendidos por empresas de servicios públicos de propiedad privada. Como resultado, Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES) debe adoptar una estructura tarifaria llamada Cargo Base por Servicio (BSC), que establece un cargo mensual fijo según el nivel de ingresos de cada cliente.

**Se espera que la mayoría de los clientes residenciales noten cambios mínimos o ninguno en su factura mensual promedio.**

## Cargos por Servicio

*\*A partir del primer trimestre de 2026, bajo la estructura tarifaria BSC, los clientes residenciales seguirán pagando un cargo fijo mensual por servicio. Los cargos fijos por mes son los siguientes:*

Clientes estándar:  
**\$23.22**

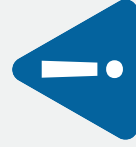
Programa CARE:  
**\$10.06**

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**\$5.00**



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## Programas de Asistencia Financiera

BVES ofrece con orgullo asistencia para clientes de bajos ingresos que califican para los programas de asistencia financiera. Con la estructura tarifaria BSC, los clientes inscritos en los programas CARE o CARE Plus pueden beneficiarse de cargos reducidos.

### Programa de Tarifas Alternativas de California para la Energía (CARE)

Los clientes que aún no forman parte del programa CARE son invitados a inscribirse y aprovechar los ahorros disponibles. **Si ya está inscrito, no necesita realizar ninguna acción adicional**, su descuento continuará automáticamente bajo la nueva estructura de Cargo Base por Servicio (BSC). Para quienes ya reciben beneficios del programa CARE, también existe la oportunidad de solicitar el programa CARE Plus, que ofrece descuentos adicionales para ayudar a reducir aún más sus costos mensuales de energía.

### Programa de Tarifas Alternativas de California para la Energía (CARE) Plus

CARE Plus es un programa recientemente creado para ofrecer ahorros adicionales a los hogares de bajos ingresos que cumplan con los requisitos. Si ya recibe beneficios del programa CARE, también puede calificar para un descuento mensual adicional a través de CARE Plus. **La inscripción en CARE Plus no es automática, los clientes interesados deben presentar una solicitud y cumplir con requisitos específicos de ingresos para participar**. Las solicitudes ya están abiertas, así que actúe hoy para maximizar sus ahorros en su factura de energía. Para más información sobre CARE, CARE Plus, y otros programas de asistencia, visite: [bvesinc.com/customer-service/assistance-programs](https://bvesinc.com/customer-service/assistance-programs)

Nuestros representantes de servicio al cliente están listos para ayudarle con cualquier pregunta.

Para servicio al cliente las 24 horas, llame al: **1-800-808-2837**. Para más información, visite: [bvesinc.com/bsc](https://bvesinc.com/bsc)

# The CPUC's New Billing Structure



Under recently enacted state legislation by Governor Gavin Newsom, Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES) must implement a Base Service Charge (BSC) rate structure, which will introduce a fixed rate determined by the customer's income level. Beginning in Q1 2026, customers will be automatically shifted to the BSC rate structure. This updated state mandate will not apply to commercial property owners.

This updated approach to evaluating electrical service costs will not compromise reliability and BVES' strong commitment to exceptional customer service. **Most residential customers are expected to notice minimal or no change in their average monthly bill.**

Learn more about the new BSC rate structure: [bvesinc.com/BSC](https://bvesinc.com/BSC)



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Your current electricity bill includes two main components: a fixed service charge and a volumetric usage charge. The service charge covers fixed operating costs and investments in the electric grid. This charge remains the same, no matter how much electricity a customer uses. The volumetric usage charge is based on the amount of electricity a customer consumes.



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Este nuevo enfoque para evaluar los costos del servicio eléctrico no comprometerá la confiabilidad ni el firme compromiso de BVES con un servicio al cliente excepcional. **Se espera que la mayoría de los clientes residenciales noten cambios mínimos o ninguno en su factura mensual típico.**

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Su factura actual de electricidad incluye dos componentes principales, un cargo fijo por servicio y un cargo por consumo. El cargo por servicio cubre costos operativos fijos e inversiones en la red eléctrica. Este cargo se mantiene igual sin importar cuánta electricidad consuma el cliente. El cargo por consumo se calcula según la cantidad de electricidad utilizada.



### Programas de Asistencia Financiera:

Con la estructura BSC, los clientes inscritos en los programas CARE o CARE Plus son elegibles para cargos mensuales más bajos, lo que ayuda a que los costos de energía sean más asequibles. Para más detalles sobre CARE, CARE Plus, y otros programas de asistencia, visite: [bvesinc.com/customer-service/assistance-programs](https://bvesinc.com/customer-service/assistance-programs)

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To learn more about the Base Service Charge rate structure, visit: [bvesinc.com/BSC](https://bvesinc.com/BSC)

## **POST 2:**

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The new BSC rate structure will be implemented beginning Q1 2026, with customers automatically transitioned at that time. Most residential customers should see little or no change to their average monthly bill. Customers will receive a lower per-kilowatt-hour usage rate alongside the new fixed BSC. This mandate does not apply to commercial property owners.

CARE customers: If you are currently enrolled in CARE, no action is needed—your discount will continue under the new rate structure. BVES also offers the CARE Plus program for eligible customers, which provides additional monthly savings. CARE Plus enrollment is not automatic; customers must apply and meet income qualifications. Learn more or apply at: [bvesinc.com/care](https://bvesinc.com/care)

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# Base Service Charge Rate Structure

[Learn more](#)



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