



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) #: 538-E

Tier Designation: Tier 1

Subject of AL: Bear Valley Electric Service's Residential Customer Disconnection Rate Cap for 2026

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 #: 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Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL?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Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL: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: 1/31/26

No. of tariff sheets: 0

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: N/A

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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A Subsidiary of American States Water Company

January 30, 2026

Advice Letter No. 538-E

(913 E)

California Public Utilities Commission

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

SUBJECT: Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.'s Residential Customer Disconnection Rate Cap for 2026

PURPOSE

BVES is filing this Advice Letter in compliance with Decision No. ("D.") 22-08-037.

BACKGROUND

On August 25, 2022, the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "CPUC") issued D.22-08-037, in Rulemaking No. 18-07-005, Phase 1-A Decision Establishing Residential Disconnection Protections for Small and Multijurisdictional Utilities ("SMJUS"). D.22-08-037 ordered Southwest Gas Company, Liberty Utilities LLC, Bear Valley Electric Service, PacifiCorp, Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, and West Coast Gas Company, Inc. to, among other things, implement residential customer protections and reporting requirements to reduce disconnections and ease reconnections of residential service.

COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. ("OP") 2 of D.22-08-037, BVES submits this Tier 1 advice letter to provide metrics and calculations determining its disconnections rate cap for 2026. OP 2 states,

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. shall each file a Tier 1 Advice Letter with the following information within 30 days of the effective date of this decision and by February 1st each calendar year thereafter: (i) the total number of its California residential customers during the previous calendar year, (ii) the number of California residential customers it may disconnect during the current calendar year, calculated as the product of its disconnections rate cap and the total number of its California residential customers during the previous calendar year, and (iii) the number of California residential customers it disconnected during the previous year, compared with the number of California residential customers it was permitted to disconnect during the previous year.

BVES provides in Table 1 below its 2025 total number of residential customers at year end, the amount of disconnects permitted in 2025 compared to the amount permitted, and the 2026 number of customers that BVES may disconnect.

Table 1 – BVES Residential Customers and Estimated Number of Permitted Disconnected Customers		
	2025	2026
<p>D. 22-08-037 August 25 2022 R. 18-07-005 Phase 1 - A Decision establishing Residential Disconnection Protection for SMJUs</p> <hr/> <p>Ordering Paragraph # 2 BVES Disconnection Rate Cap: 2.5%</p> <p>The total number of its California residential customers during the previous calendar year (active and inactive)</p>	24,793	
<p>The number of California residential customers it may disconnect during the current calendar year, calculated as the product of its disconnections rate cap and the total number of its California residential customers during the previous calendar year.</p>		620
<p>The number of California residential customers it disconnected during the previous year, compared with the number of California residential customers it was permitted to disconnect during the previous year.</p>	190 out of 621 allowable	

TIER DESIGNATION

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

BVES respectfully requests this advice letter becomes effective on January 30, 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.

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

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

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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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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G.O. 96-B

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