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NOTICE

BVES INC.

**Request for Waiver Renewal to Extend Short
Term Debt pursuant to D.24-08-014**

All Employees



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) #: 551-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: BVES Request for Waiver Renewal to Extend Short Term Debt pursuant to D.24-08-014

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance

AL Type: ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annual ☐ One-Time ☐ Other: 24-months

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.24-08-014

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL?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Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL: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: 8/5/26

No. of tariff sheets: N/A

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%):

Estimated system average rate effect (%):

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:

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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July 27, 2026

Advice Letter No. 551-E

(U 913 E)

California Public Utilities Commission

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

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver Renewal to Extend Short Term Debt pursuant to D.24-08-014

PURPOSE

By this Tier 2 Advice Letter, Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. ("BVES") requests a new waiver as previously granted by the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") in Decision ("D.") 24-08-014 authorizing BVES to continue utilizing short-term debt under its revolving credit arrangements for short-term financing purposes.

BACKGROUND

On August 5, 2024, the Commission issued D.24-08-014 authorizing BVES to issue up to \$120 million of new debt and new equity securities.

The Commission determined that BVES should be granted a waiver from the requirements of Public Utilities Code Section 818 and the Commission's Holding Company Rules (adopted in Decision 98-06-068) as they apply to BVES's new short-term borrowings under its revolving credit arrangements. The Commission authorized BVES to obtain short-term debt under revolving credit arrangements for short-term purposes for a period of up to 24 months and authorized BVES to amend its credit agreement as provided in the Decision.

Ordering Paragraph No. 12 of D.24-08-014 provides:

"Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. shall submit a Tier 2 advice letter for a new waiver before the expiration of each 24-month period from the date of issuance of this decision."

REQUEST FOR WAIVER RENEWAL

To comply with the time periods granted in D.24-08-014, BVES requests that a new waiver from the requirements of Public Utility Code § 818 and BVES's Holding Company Rules as they apply to BVES's new short-term borrowings under its revolving credit arrangements be extended for an additional 24-month period to issue short term debt under its borrowing arrangements for short-term purposes.

BVES's plans for the next 24-month period are consistent with its plans outlined in A.23-06-007. Under BVES's existing short-term borrowing arrangements, amounts are borrowed and repaid based on BVES's monthly cash needs to fund current operations. On a month-to-month basis, BVES can be in a net borrowing or net payment position depending on its cash availability, but in any event such net outstanding borrowings are required to be brought down to zero at least once every 12 months in accordance with Section 818 and the holding company rules. With the new waiver, BVES will continue to be allowed to bring the balance down to zero at least once every 24 months. Even with the waiver, BVES will continue using amounts borrowed under its short-term borrowing arrangements for working capital purposes and will continue to manage such borrowings as short-term debt. Such a waiver allows BVES greater flexibility to defer the issuance of long-term debt and equity in the face of potential market disruptions in order to repay short-term borrowings under these arrangements, and also affords BVES additional flexibility to go out to the market for long-term debt at times when more favorable borrowing rates are available as well as help reduce the costs of obtaining long-term capital by enabling BVES to issue larger amounts of long-term debt less frequently.

The requested waiver will allow BVES to continue accessing short-term debt financing through its revolving credit arrangements for ordinary short-term operational and liquidity needs. Maintaining access to these financing arrangements provides BVES with the flexibility necessary to manage cash requirements, fund operations, and maintain reliable electric service for its customers.

The requested new waiver is consistent with the Commission's findings in D.24-08-014 and does not modify the authority previously granted to BVES. BVES continues to seek only the ability to utilize short-term borrowings under its revolving credit arrangements for short-term purposes.

TIER DESIGNATION

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 2 designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

BVES respectfully requests this advice letter to become effective August 5, 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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