

# 2027-2030 General Rate Case



## Powering the Mountain Since 1929

On January 30, 2026, Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES) submitted its 2027– 2030 General Rate Case (GRC) application to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). If approved on schedule, updated rates would go into effect on January 1, 2027.

## Safe, Reliable Power for Big Bear

Your safety and the safety of our mountain communities guide every decision we make. The GRC request supports essential day-to-day operations as well as major upgrades that strengthen reliability and reduce wildfire risk. These investments reinforce our system, modernize aging equipment, and help limit the need for Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events during extreme weather.

## Why is BVES Requesting a Rate Increase?

Every four years, BVES is required to file a GRC to ensure that rates accurately reflect the cost of delivering safe, reliable electric service. Much of the requested increase directly supports public safety and wildfire mitigation. From 2027–2030, BVES is proposing approximately \$109 million in new capital investments to:

- Reduce ignition risk
- Improve system reliability
- Strengthen resilience against extreme weather
- Support emergency response and community safety

Delaying these upgrades would increase the likelihood of outages, emergency repairs, and wildfire-related hazards.

## Balancing Safety and Affordability

We understand that energy costs matter. BVES works hard to balance affordability with the critical need to maintain a safe and dependable electric system. Our goal is to invest wisely today to prevent more costly and disruptive problems tomorrow. We understand that financial circumstances change. BVES offers a variety of financial assistance programs to qualifying customers. Visit [bvesinc.com/customer-service/assistance-programs](https://bvesinc.com/customer-service/assistance-programs) to explore available options.

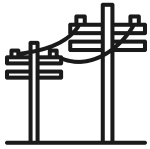
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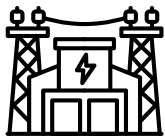
## Building a Safe, Reliable Electric System

The proposed 2027–2030 GRC includes approximately \$109 million in infrastructure improvements focused on reliability, wildfire mitigation and community safety. These projects are designed to reduce ignition risk, keep power flowing during severe weather, and minimize the need for PSPS events.

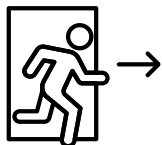
### Key investments include:



**Covered Conductor Replacement:** Replacing 60 circuit miles of overhead power lines with covered conductors to significantly reduce the chance of sparks if lines contact vegetation or debris.



**Substation and Grid Upgrades:** Replacing aging equipment, installing underground lines and upgrading transformers to improve safety and reliability. New safety technologies and mobile generation resources will help reduce PSPS impacts and support the community during emergencies.



**Evacuation Route Hardening:** Investments in fire-hardening projects ensure that evacuation routes remain accessible and allow first responders to safely move people, equipment and resources during wildfire events.



**Switch and Field Device Automation:** Deploying smart technology that detects early signs of equipment issues so crews can respond quickly, helping prevent ignitions and protect public safety.