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**Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.
ELC (Corp ID 913)
Status of Advice Letter 445E
As of June 28, 2022**

Subject: 2021-2026 ESA Program Contract and Solicitation Practices

Division Assigned: Energy

Date Filed: 06-01-2022

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Effective Date:	06-01-2022

Resolution Required: No

Resolution Number: None

Commission Meeting Date: None

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To: Energy Company Filing Advice Letter

From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

Subject: Your Advice Letter Filing

The Energy Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has processed your recent Advice Letter (AL) filing and is returning an AL status certificate for your records.

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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

Contact Person: Nguyen Quan

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E-mail Disposition Notice to: RegulatoryAffairs@bvesinc.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

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

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 445-E

Tier Designation: 1

Subject of AL: 2021-2026 ESA Program Contract and Solicitation Practices

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Contracts

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: Decision No. 21-10-023

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL?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Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL: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: 6/1/22

No. of tariff sheets:

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:

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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June 1, 2022

Advice Letter No. 445-E

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California Public Utilities Commission

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

SUBJECT: *2021-2026 ESA Program Contract and Solicitation Practices*

PURPOSE

This advice letter provides information regarding BVES Energy Savings Assistance ("ESA") program's contract, contracting, and solicitation processes for the 2021-2026 program year cycle.

This Advice Letter is in accordance and in compliance with Decision No. ("D.") 21-10-023 Ordering Paragraph No. ("OP") 25.

BACKGROUND

On October 22, 2021, the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") issued Decision No. 21-10-023. This decision set forth guidance and reporting requirements for BVES's ESA program for the 2021-2026 program year cycle.

D.21-10-023 OP 25 states:

Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company No. 1, LLC, Golden State Water Company on behalf of Bear Valley Electric Service Division, Liberty Utilities LLC, PacifiCorp, and Southwest Gas Corporation must each submit an informational Tier 1 advice letter by June 1, 2022, disclosing discussion of its solicitation and contracting practices.

The decision sets forth the areas in which it would like the utility to discuss and outline its process.

BVES ESA CONTRACTING PRACTICES

BVES hereby summarizes its contracting practices for its ESA program.

BVES conducts its contractor selection via an open competitive bid process. When BVES seeks a contractor, BVES will put forth a request for proposals. BVES will research companies that may best accommodate BVES. BVES puts together a portfolio of potential contractors.

BVES uses platform “PlanetBids” to submit requests and manage bids received from 3rd party contractors. PlanetBids is web-based eProcurement service (run by PlanetBids, Inc.) that provides BVES a modular suite of tools to automate and manage the process. PlanetBids keeps the process fair and impartial.

BVES’s Contracts department will send out bidding invitations to all prospective bidders through PlanetBids. BVES invites at least three or more bidders. BVES is located in rural, mountainous location. The geographic features of the service territory is a deterrent for many contractors. BVES is limited to contractors willing to travel to the remote service territory.

The PlanetBids platform allows BVES to keep all bid evaluations blind. BVES’s requests for proposals are posted directly to PlanetBids. Contractors submit their bids directly and only through PlanetBids.

BVES evaluates all bids received. There are at least three evaluators. Evaluators are aware of the contractor’s name & proposal when ranking the bids. Evaluators are not aware of other evaluators’ rankings until after the process is complete. Bids are evaluated based on the following four criteria:

- Capability/Project Delivery.
Proposal demonstrates firm is suitably equipped to perform the required scope of work within schedule.
- Experience/Past Performance.
Proposal demonstrates experience in a similar scope of work with demonstrable results meeting project objectives.
- Price.
Proposal price is considered reasonable and feasible to complete the project.
- Technical Approach.
Proposal demonstrates full understanding of project needs and applies sound processes to reach project objectives.

The evaluation process can take place over multiple phases. Bids may be evaluated multiple times. BVES may also request re-bid if its request changes.

After evaluation is complete, a bid is selected based on evaluators summaries, rankings, and comments. A Bid Tabulation form is completed, summarizing the bid and evaluation process, as well as list the selected bidder and BVES approval.

BVES will notify the winning bidder so they may consider the offer. Final selection is dependent on execution of Contract and Terms & Conditions.

BVES’s ESA program contractor contract is up for bid or renewal in August 2022.

SMJU ESA CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS STANDARDIZATION

The SMJUs met on several occasions regarding the Standard Contract Terms and Conditions adopted for the large investor-owned utilities (D.18-10-008 Attachment A). Through this collaboration, the SMJUs determined that many of the D.18-10-008's Terms and Conditions may be standardized across the SMJUs with some required modification. These are:

Eligibility:

- Licensing
- Performance Assurance; Bonding
- Insurance
- Good Standing

Safety Requirements:

- Safety
- Background Checks
- Fitness for Duty

Dispute Resolution Process:

- Disputes
- Governing Law
- Venue

Termination Process:

- Event of Default
- Termination for Cause
- Termination/Modification by CPUC Order
- Conclusion of Work

Pending further direction by the Commission, the SMJUs will work to develop standardized terms and conditions. The SMJUs continue to work collaboratively on this matter. As of the filing of this advice letter, no changes have been made to BVES's contracts.

COMPLIANCE

This advice letter requests approval in compliance D.21-10-023.

TIER DESIGNATION

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

BVES respectfully requests this advice letter becomes effective on June 1, 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 submission. 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

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 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/Zeng Zhu

Zeng Zhu

Rate Analyst, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Franz Cheng, Energy Division
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BVES General Order 96-B Service List

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