



October 3, 2012

Advice Letter No. 273-E

(U 913E)

## California Public Utilities Commission

Attention: Energy Division  
Advice Letter Filings Room 4005

Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") hereby transmits for filing an original and six conformed copies of the following tariff sheets applicable to its Bear Valley Electric Service ("BVES") division:

CPUC Sheet No.  
Original No. 2034-E

Title of Sheet  
Preliminary Statements  
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Canceling  
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Revised No. 2035-E

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Revised No. 2033-E

Subject: Establishment of the ESA and CARE Programs Bridge Funding Memorandum Account, pursuant to Decision No. 12-09-026

### Purpose

GSWC is seeking approval to establish a new memorandum account to record the difference between the revenue requirement adopted in Decision No. 12-09-026 and that requested by GSWC in its application for funding beginning October 1, 2012, of costs related to both the Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) and California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Programs. The memorandum account will be known as BVES' Bridge Funding Memorandum Account ("BFMA"). This advice letter filing is in compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 6 in California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Decision ("D.") 12-09-026, which states,

*6. During the extended bridge funding period, starting October 1, 2012, and ending simultaneously upon issuance of a final decision in this proceeding, Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, PacifiCorp, Golden State Water Company on behalf of Bear Valley Electric, Southwest Gas Corporation, California Pacific Electric Company, LLC (formerly Sierra Pacific Power Company), and West Coast Gas Company are directed to track in a new*

*memorandum account showing the difference between the revenue requirement adopted in this decision and that requested in the applications beginning January 1, 2012.*

### **Background**

In D. 08-12-019, the Commission approved the budgets for BVES and other Small Multijurisdictional Utilities (SMJUs) for their respective ESA and CARE programs for the 2009 – 2011 cycle. In June 2011, GSWC filed Application No. ("A.") 11-06-018 for the ESA and CARE programs and related activities for the program years 2012 thru 2014. The other SMJUs also filed their respective applications.

At the prehearing conference on October 6, 2011, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Kim advised the parties that some changes to SMJUs' ESA and CARE programs may be potentially considered by the Commission and changes could affect the future of these programs. The ALJ also informed the parties that the Commission is reviewing several significant issues related to the large investor-owned utilities ("IOUs") applications for the ESA and CARE programs budgets for the program years 2012-2014. In order to provide the Commission adequate time to review some critical issues raised in the IOUs consolidated proceeding, the ALJ informed the parties that a bridge funding decision was being contemplated for the SMJUs. The bridge funding is needed to ensure that no hiatus occurs when the authorized budgets for ESA and CARE programs expire at the end of 2011.

In D. 11-11-009, dated November 10, 2011, the Commission authorized BVES and the other SMJUs a bridge funding amount from January 1, 2012 until June 30, 2012. The authorized bridge funding levels correspond to the monthly average budget of each SMJU's 2011 authorized budget for the ESA and CARE programs. In D. 08-12-019, the Commission has authorized BVES 2011 budget for ESA (formerly LIEE) and CARE programs. GSWC filed Advice Letter 259-E in compliance with D. 11-11-009. Advice Letter 259-E became effective on November 28, 2011.

In D. 12-06-023, dated June 21, 2012, the Commission authorized BVES and the other SMJUs a bridge funding amount from July 1, 2012 until the Commission issues a final decision in the SMJUs' Consolidated Proceeding (estimated to be in September 2012). The authorized bridge funding levels correspond to the monthly average budget of each SMJU's 2011 authorized budget for the ESA and CARE programs. GSWC filed Advice Letter 270-E in compliance with D. 12-06-023. Advice Letter 270-E became effective on June 29, 2012.

In D. 12-09-026, dated September 27, 2012, the Commission authorized BVES and the other SMJUs a bridge funding amount from October 1, 2012 until the Commission issues a final decision in the SMJUs' Consolidated Proceeding. The authorized bridge funding levels correspond to the monthly average budget of each SMJU's 2011 authorized budget for the ESA and CARE programs. GSWC is filing this advice letter in compliance with D.12-09-026.

The authorized monthly levels of bridge funding for BVES' ESA and CARE programs are shown below in Table 1.

**Table 1 – BVES Authorized Monthly Bridge Funding Budget**

Month	ESA	CARE	Total
October 2012	\$19,135	\$22,758	\$41,894
November 2012	\$19,135	\$22,758	\$41,894
December 2012	\$19,135	\$22,758	\$41,894

**Disposition of the Bridge Funding Memorandum Account**

As ordered by the Commission, any under- or over-collection that results from authorized program spending level increases or decreases as a result of any subsequent decision in this proceeding will be addressed in BVES Public Purpose Program (PPP) and/or currently authorized ratemaking procedures following the issuance of a final decision by the Commission on the SMJUs' Consolidated Proceeding.

There is no cost information required for this filing.

**Memorandum Account Treatment**

GSWC is aware that a memorandum account is not a guarantee of eventual recovery of expenses, nor is it carried as a regular account under the uniform system of accounts for water utilities. It is carried "off the books", as a memorandum account. Further, it is also known that Commission policy on memorandum account treatment has always been that the burden of proof of the reasonableness of expenses charged to the account is the responsibility of the utility requesting reimbursement of such expenses.

**Existing Rates**

This advice letter does not change any existing rate, propose any new rate or charge, nor cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other schedule or rule.

**Tier Designation and Effective Date**

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 7 in D.12-09-026, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation and GSWC requests that the BFMA be made effective on October 1, 2012.

**Notice and Protests**

A copy of this filing has been served on the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list, including interested parties to service list A.11-06-016 by either providing them a copy electronically or by mailing them a copy hereof, properly stamped and addressed.

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 filing. The Calendar is available on the CPUC'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 with five days.

**All protests and responses should be sent to:**  
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San Francisco, CA 94102  
E-mail: [EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 (same address above).

**Copies of any such protests should be sent to this utility at:**

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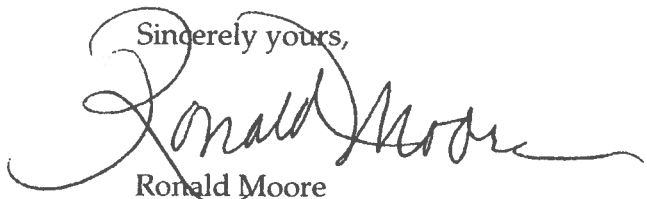
E-mail: [rkmoore@gswater.com](mailto:rkmoore@gswater.com)

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact Ronald Moore at (909) 394-3600 ext. 682.

No individuals or utilities have requested notification of filing of tariffs. In accordance with General Order 96-B, a copy of this advice letter is being furnished to the entities listed on the attached service lists.

In accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 491, notice to the public is hereby given by filing and keeping the advice letter filing open for public inspection at Bear Valley Electric Service and Golden State Water Company Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Ronald Moore

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Service List A.11-06-016 (Consolidated)

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS**

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**CC. Bridge Funding Memorandum Account (BFMA)**

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**1. Purpose**

The purpose of the Bridge Funding Memorandum Account ("BFMA") is to record the difference between the adopted bridge funding revenue requirements for the Energy Savings Assistance ("ESA") Program and the California Alternative Rates for Energy ("CARE") Program in Commission Decision No. 12-09-025 and the proposed revenue requirements requested in Application No. ("A.") 11-06-018 (a consolidated proceeding).

**2. Applicability**

The BFMA shall apply to all ESA and CARE Programs customer classes from October 1, 2012 until there is a final decision in the SMJUs' Consolidated Proceeding.

**3. Procedure**

Bear Valley Electric Service shall maintain the BFMA by making entries at the end of each month as follows:

- a. Record entries to the BFMA at the end of each month representing the total costs associated with complying the measures described above. These costs will be limited to those not previously authorized in a general rate case or any other regulatory proceeding.
- b. Interest shall accrue to the BFMA on a monthly basis by applying a rate equal to one-twelfth of the 3-month Commercial Paper Rate, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, to the average of the beginning-of-month and the end-of-month balances.

**3. Effective Date**

The BFMA shall go into effect on the effective date of Advice Letter 273-E, which is October 1, 2012.

**4. Disposition**

Once all authorized budget cycle program costs have been recorded, the balance in this account will be reported in a supplemental filing to A. 11-06-018 for final disposition or as otherwise authorized by the Commission.

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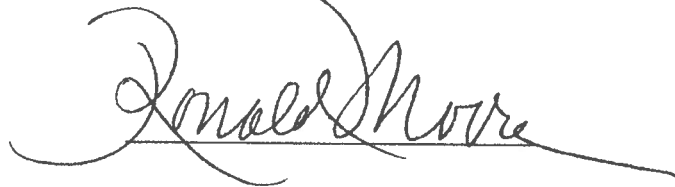
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am an employee of Golden State Water Company (doing business as Bear Valley Electric Service) and on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2012, I served each party on the CPUC website listed in Docket No. A.11-06-016 (a consolidated proceeding) with a copy of Golden State Water Company's Advice Letter 273-E, via electronic mail. U. S. Mail will be used if electronic service cannot be effectuated.

Executed on October 3, 2012, at San Dimas, California.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Moore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ronald Moore



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