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Advice Letter 379-E-A

Nguyen Quan
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Subject: 2021 CARE and ESA Bridge Funding in compliance with Decision No. 19-11-005

Dear Mr. Quan:

Supplemental Advice Letter 379-E-A is effective as of January 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Randolph".

Edward Randolph
Deputy Executive Director for Energy and Climate Policy/
Director, Energy Division



ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY



MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Bear Valley Electric Service (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) #: 379-EA

Tier Designation: Tier 1

Subject of AL: 2021 CARE and ESA Bridge Funding in compliance with Decision No. 19-11-005.

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, CARE, LIEE

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.19-11-005

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL?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Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL: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: 1/1/21

No. of tariff sheets:

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: 379-E

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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February 10, 2020

Advice Letter No. 379-EA

(U 913 E)

California Public Utilities Commission

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

SUBJECT: 2021 CARE and ESA Bridge Funding in compliance with Decision No. 19-11-005.

SUPPLEMENT

GSWC is supplementing its Advice Letter No. ("AL") 379-E 2021 CARE and ESA Bridge Funding in compliance with Decision No. 19-11-005, filed December 23, 2019. The purpose of this supplemental AL is to make changes to language found in the "ESA Funding and Activities" section at the request of Energy Division staff. This supplemental filing reflects the modifications proposed by Energy Division. This supplemental filing replaces AL 379-E in its entirety.

PURPOSE

Pursuant to Decision No. ("D.") 19-11-005, BVES is seeking approval for 2021 bridge funding for the California Alternative Rates for Energy ("CARE") program and the Energy Saving Assistance ("ESA") program for the period of January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

This Advice Letter ("AL") is in compliance with D.19-11-005 Ordering Paragraph No. ("OP") 4, No. 5, and No. 6.

BACKGROUND

1) CARE/ESA Decisions

In D.19-11-005, the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "CPUC") provides guidance to the Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities ("SMJUs"), including BVES, for the 2021-2026 ESA and CARE programs budgets application. The Commission also authorizes bridge-funding amounts, for ESA and CARE programs, for the period January 1, 2021 to June 20, 2021 up to the authorized 2020 budget levels.

D.19-11-005, OP 4, 5, and 6 state:

4. *If the California Public Utilities Commission has not made a decision authorizing budgets for the post 2020 California Alternate Rates for Energy and the Energy Savings*

Assistance Programs by November 16, 2020, the six Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities shall continue the previously authorized low income activities and expend up to the 2020 budget level, as authorized in Decision 18-08-020, for six months to a year, beginning in January 2021, until the Commission issues a final decision on the post-2020 program applications.

5. *The Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities, excluding West Coast Gas, shall submit a tier 1 Advice Letter 45 days after the issuance of this Decision with calculations of their Energy Savings Assistance program bridge funding amount, source for bridge funds, and treatment goal for the January 1, 2021- June 30, 2021 bridge period.*

6. *The Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities are authorized to carry over and spend remaining funds from prior years for authorized Energy Savings Assistance program activity that has not been completed, if the California Public Utilities Commission has not yet approved post 2020 budgets through a decision on the Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities' filed applications.*

2) 2020 CARE and ESA Authorized Budgets

D.18-08-020 authorizes BVES the following annual budgets for the CARE and ESA programs as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. CARE and ESA Program Authorized Annual Budgets

	2018	2019	2020	Total
CARE Total Budget	\$347,614	\$364,945	\$374,216	\$1,086,775
ESA Total Budget	\$316,012	\$316,013	\$316,013	\$948,038

Source: D.18-08-020 Appendix A, and Appendix B.

2020 Budget Details

The budget components for the CARE and ESA programs are shown below in Table 2 and Table 3, respectively.

Table 2. 2020 BVES CARE Program Budget

Budget Categories	2020
Outreach	\$7,020
Processing/Certification/Verification	\$0
General	\$1,500
Total Expenses	\$8,520
CARE Program Discount	\$365,696
Total Program Costs	\$374,216

Source: D.18-08-020, Appendix B

Table 3. 2020 BVES ESA Program Budget

Budget Categories	2020
Outreach	\$12,500
Inspections	\$1,000
General	\$37,475
Subtotal Administration	\$50,975
Measures and Energy Education	\$86,080
Total Program Cost (excluding carry-over)	\$137,055
(Over-collection) Carry-over	\$178,958
Total Program Cost (including carry-over)	316,013

Source: D.18-08-020, Appendix A

ESA Funding and Activities

In Augusts 2018, the Commission issued D.18-08-020 and directed BVES to treat and re-treat homes during the program year 2018-2020. In compliance with D.18-08-020, from September 2018 to the first week of December 2019 BVES treated 167 homes or an average of 12 homes per month.

In D.18-08-020, the Commission also authorizes BVES an ESA program budget for 2020 in the amount of \$316,013, including a carry-over of \$178,958 due to over-collection. As of November 30, 2019, BVES has a cumulative over-collection of \$970, 712 in its ESA balancing account. As a result, BVES will not request additional ESA funding for the 2021 bridge period. Instead, BVES proposes to utilize and draw down this over-collected amount. In the 2021-2026 cycle application BVES might request the Commission the authority to refund the over-collection.

To avoid funding uncertainty between the 2018-2020 program and the post-2020 program, the Commission, in D.19-11-005, authorizes BVES, and the other small multi-jurisdictional utilities, to establish bridge funding to cover ESA program activity for the January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021 period. The Commission authorizes a bridge fund amount up to the authorized 2020 budget levels. Furthermore, BVES must continue the previously approved ESA activities and treat the number of homes permitted by the 2020 budget. D.19-11-005 also requires that BVES meet progress milestone for the treatment of homes. Specifically, BVES must treat half of the treatment goals by the third month of the six months of the bridge funding period. BVES must treat 36 homes during the January 1, 2021 – March 30, 2021. BVES will strive to reach the goal of treating 36 homes within 3 months.

As noted above, following D.18-08-020 BVES treated 167 homes from September 2018 through December 3, 2019 or approximately 12 homes per month. BVES anticipates treating at least 72 homes during the six months bridge funding period. Should BVES meet the 72 homes goal before the end of the first 6-month bridge period; then BVES will continue to treat additional homes until the Commission issues a new decision for the subsequent program year.

Table 4 below provides the details of the six-month 2021 Bridge Funding Period and the anticipated number of homes to be treated.

Table 4. 2021 BVES ESA Bridge Funding Period

ESA	
2020 Authorized Total Program Cost (D.18-08-020)	\$316,013
Number of homes treated in compliance with D.18-08-20	167
Cost per Treated Home	\$1,892
Anticipated Treated Homes During the Bridge Funding Period	72 homes
January 1, 2021 -June 30, 2021 Bridge Funding Period Cost	\$136,224

CARE Funding and Activities

BVES requests the following CARE budget for the six months bridge period January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. As shown in Table 5, the requested funding for CARE is half of BVES authorized 2020 CARE Program annual budget.

Table 5. 2021 BVES CARE Bridge Funding Period

CARE	
2020 Authorized Total Program Cost (D.18-08-020)	\$374,216
2020 Authorized Total Program Cost per month	\$31,185
January 1, 2021 -June 30, 2021 Bridge Funding Period Cost	\$187,110

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A: ESA Balancing Account 2019.

COMPLIANCE

This advice letter requesting approval for bridge funding for the CARE and ESA programs for January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 complies with D.19-11-005.

TIER DESIGNATION

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

BVES respectfully requests this advice letter become effective on January 1, 2021.

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 filing. 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
ATTN: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
E-mail: 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:

Golden State Water Company
ATTN: Nguyen Quan
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, CA 91773
Fax: 909-394-7427
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If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, 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/Energy Resource

cc: Edward Randolph, Director, Energy Division
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BVES General Order 96-B Service List

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