

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco CA 94102-3298



**Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.
ELC (Corp ID 913)
Status of Advice Letter 468E
As of May 1, 2023**

Subject: 2023-2024 CARE and ESA Eligibility Income Levels Update

Division Assigned: Energy

Date Filed: 03-28-2023

Date to Calendar: 03-31-2023

Authorizing Documents: None

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| Disposition: | Accepted |
| Effective Date: | 06-01-2023 |

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.

The AL status certificate indicates:

- Advice Letter Number
- Name of Filer
- CPUC Corporate ID number of Filer
- Subject of Filing
- Date Filed
- Disposition of Filing (Accepted, Rejected, Withdrawn, etc.)
- Effective Date of Filing
- Other Miscellaneous Information (e.g., Resolution, if applicable, etc.)

The Energy Division has made no changes to your copy of the Advice Letter Filing; please review your Advice Letter Filing with the information contained in the AL status certificate, and update your Advice Letter and tariff records accordingly.

All inquiries to the California Public Utilities Commission on the status of your Advice Letter Filing will be answered by Energy Division staff based on the information contained in the Energy Division's PAL database from which the AL status certificate is generated. If you have any questions on this matter please contact the:

Energy Division's Tariff Unit by e-mail to
edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov



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

Phone #: (909) 394-3600 x664

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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) #: 468-E

Tier Designation: 1

Subject of AL: 2023-2024 CARE and ESA Eligibility Income Levels Update

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Tariffs

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

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: 6/1/23

No. of tariff sheets: 5

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: Schedule DLI, Form No. 17, Table of Contents

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:

CPUC, Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

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Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.
P.O. Box 9028
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A Subsidiary of American States Water Company

March 28, 2023

Advice Letter No. 468-E

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California Public Utilities Commission

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

SUBJECT: *2023-2024 CARE and ESA Eligibility Income Levels Update*

PURPOSE

This advice letter updates BVES’s Form No. 17 and Rate Schedule No. D-LI to reflect the 2023-2024 eligibility income guidelines for low income programs¹.

This Advice Letter is in accordance and in compliance with Energy Division notice as ordered by Decision No. 12-08-044.

BACKGROUND

On March 22, 2023, the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”), in accordance with Decision No. 12-08-044, issued its annual notice to Investor-Owned and Small Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities regarding updated qualifying income guidelines California Alternative Rates for Energy (“CARE”), Family Electric Rate Assistance (“FERA”) and Energy Savings Assistance (“ESA”) programs for 2023-2024.

The annual income guidelines are compliant with Public Utilities Code Section 739.1 (a).

Utilities are required to file revised applicable tariffs reflecting the new income levels stated in the annual notice by May 1, 2023.

2023-2024 INCOME GUIDELINES

In compliance with the March 22, 2023 notice from the Energy Division, BVES is filing this advice letter to acknowledge, make effective and reflect the CARE and ESA programs eligibility incomes levels for 2023-2024.

BVES updates the new guidelines information on applicable tariffs.

¹ for the California Alternate Rates for Energy (“CARE”) Program and the Energy Savings Assistance Program (“ESA”).

- **CARE**

BVES revises tariffs Form No. 17 and Rate Schedule No. D-LI to reflect the new CARE Program eligibility income levels for 2023-2024 as follows (from “Table 1: CARE Income Guidelines” of the notice):

| Effective June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| No. of Person In Household | Income Eligibility Upper Limit* |
| 1-2 | \$39,440 |
| 3 | \$49,720 |
| 4 | \$60,000 |
| 5 | \$70,280 |
| 6 | \$80,560 |
| 7 | \$90,840 |
| 8 | \$101,120 |
| Each Additional Person | \$10,280 |
| *Upper Limit Calculation = 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines | |

- **ESA**

BVES acknowledges the 2023-2024 ESA program income guidelines and will begin using the new guidelines beginning June 1, 2023. BVES does not have applicable tariffs to update.

The ESA Program eligibility income levels for 2023-2024 will be as follows (from “Table 2: ESA Income Guidelines” of the notice):

| Effective June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| No. of Person In Household | Income Eligibility Upper Limit* |
| 1 | \$36,450 |
| 2 | \$49,300 |
| 3 | \$62,150 |
| 4 | \$75,000 |
| 5 | \$87,850 |
| 6 | \$100,700 |
| 7 | \$113,550 |
| 8 | \$126,400 |
| Each Additional Person | \$12,850 |
| *Upper Limit Calculation = 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines | |

- **FERA**

BVES acknowledges the 2023-2024 FERA program income guidelines. BVES does not participate in FERA. Therefore, the 2023-2024 FERA program income guidelines are not applicable to BVES.

COMPLIANCE

This advice letter requests approval in compliance with March 22, 2023 notice from Energy Division.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A: 2023-2024 CARE ESA and FERA Annual Income Guideline Letter.

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, 2023.

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:

Nguyen Quan
Manager, Regulatory Affairs
Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, California 91773
Email: RegulatoryAffairs@bvesinc.com

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/Ronald Moore

Ronald Moore
Senior Regulatory Analyst, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Laura Martin, Energy Division
R. Mark Pocta, California Public Advocates Office
BVES General Order 96-B Service List

| Cal P.U.C. Sheet No. | Title of Sheet | Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No. |
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| 3371-E | Form No. 17 AVISO Y SOLICITUD PARA EL PROGRAMA DE CALIFORNIA PARA TARIFAS ALTERNAS (CARE) Sheet 1 | 3220-E* |
| 3372-E | Schedule No. D-LI CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) DOMESTIC SERVICE - SINGLE FAMILY ACCOMMODATION Sheet 2 | 3173-E |
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Form No. 17
NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA
ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A DISCOUNT ON YOUR ENERGY BILL

To apply for a 20% discount at your residence, please fill out this application and mail it to Bear Valley Electric Service, P.O. Box 1547, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. You will receive the discount on the next bill after the utility receives and approves your completed and signed application. If you need help filling out the application, or would like more information about the program, call (800) 808-BVES (2837) or visit our office at 42020 Garstin Drive, Big Bear Lake, California 92315.

Other California utilities offer similar bill discounts. Contact your gas utility to receive an application for a discount on your gas bill.

INCOME REQUIREMENTS

| Effective June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <u>No. of Person In Household</u> | <u>Total Gross Annual Income*</u> |
| 1-2 | \$39,440 |
| 3 | \$49,720 |
| 4 | \$60,000 |
| 5 | \$70,280 |
| 6 | \$80,560 |
| 7 | \$90,840 |
| 8 | \$101,120 |
| Each Additional Person | \$10,280 |
| *Upper Limit Calculations = 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines | |

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WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS?

To qualify for the discount, I understand:

- The energy utility bill will be in my name.
- I may not be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.
- My total annual income cannot exceed the chart above. *Total income means the gross income of ALL persons living in my home.*
- I will reapply each time I move.
- I will renew my application every two (2) years, or sooner, if requested.
- I will renew my application every year if I am a sub-metered tenant, or sooner, if requested.
- I will notify the utility within 30 days when I become ineligible for CARE.
- I will provide verification of my household income.

For the purpose of the CARE program the "gross household income" means all money and non cash benefits, available for living expenses, from all sources, both taxable and non taxable, before deductions for all people who live in my home. This includes, but is not limited to:

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wages or salaries | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security, SSI, SSP | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental or royalty income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest or dividends from Savings accounts, stocks or bonds | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships, grants, or other aid used for living expenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Profit from self-employment (IRS form Schedule C, Line 29) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker's Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TANF(AFDC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pensions | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance settlements | <input type="checkbox"/> Spousal Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal settlements | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Income |

Proof of income acceptable to the utility will be provided when applying for or renewing application.

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| | | Resolution No. _____ |

Form No. 17
AVISO Y SOLICITUD PARA EL PROGRAMA
DE CALIFORNIA PARA TARIFAS ALTERNAS (CARE)

USTED PODRIA CALIFICAR PARA UN DESCUENTO EN SU FACTURA DE ENERGIA ELECTRICA

Para solicitar un descuento del 20% en su residencia, por favor llene esta solicitud y envíela a Bear Valley Electric Service, P.O. Box 1547, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. Usted recibirá el descuento en su próxima factura después de haber recibido y aprobado su solicitud completamente llena y firmada. Si usted necesita ayuda para llenar la solicitud; o le gustaría recibir mas información sobre este programa, sírvase llamar al (800) 808-BVES (2837) o visite nuestra oficina localizada en el 42020 Garstin Drive, Big Bear Lake, California 92315.

Otras compañías de servicios publicos de California ofrecen descuentos similares. Contacte su compañía de gas para recibir una solicitud para un descuento en su factura de gas.

REQUISITOS DE INGRESOS ANUALES

| Efectivo junio 1, 2023 hasta mayo 31, de 2024 | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Numero de Personas Viviendo en mi casa | Ingresos total anual combinado |
| 1-2 | \$39,440 |
| 3 | \$49,720 |
| 4 | \$60,000 |
| 5 | \$70,280 |
| 6 | \$80,560 |
| 7 | \$90,840 |
| 8 | \$101,120 |
| Para cada persona adicional, agregar | \$10,280 |
| *Cálculos de Limite Superior = 200% de Directrices Federales de Nivel de Pobreza | |

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CUALES SON LOS REQUISITOS?

Para calificar para el descuento yo entiendo que:

- La factura de energía esta bajo mi nombre
- No soy reportado como dependiente en los impuestos de otra persona.
- Mi ingreso anual total no puede exceder los de la tabla citada arriba. *Ingreso total significa el ingreso bruto de TODAS las personas viviendo en mi casa.*
- Solicitoré de nuevo cada vez que me mude de casa.
- Renovaré mi solicitud cada dos (2) años, o antes si es requerido.
- Renovaré mi solicitud cada (1) año si soy inquilino con un sub-medidor, o antes si es requerido.
- Notificaré a la compañía de agua dentro de 30 días si pierdo mi elegibilidad para CARE.
- Proveeré verificación de ingresos de mi hogar.

Para propósitos de CARE "ingreso bruto familiar" significa todo ingreso sea en efectivo o no, disponible para gastos de vivienda, de todas las personas, sea que dichos ingresos sean sujetos a impuestos o no, previo a las deducciones, de todas las personas viviendo en su hogar. Esto incluye, pero no se limita a:

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sueldos | <input type="checkbox"/> Seguro Social, SSI, SSP | <input type="checkbox"/> Ingresos de alquiler o regalías |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interés o dividendos de: Cuentas de ahorros, acciones, bonos | <input type="checkbox"/> Becas, préstamos de escuela y otra ayuda financiera | <input type="checkbox"/> Ganancias de autoempleo (IRS Forma C, Renglón 29) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficios de Jubilación | <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficios por incapacidad | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensación al trabajador |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TANF(AFDC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Estampillas para comida | <input type="checkbox"/> Apoyo para los niños |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pensiones | <input type="checkbox"/> Indemnizaciones de seguro | <input type="checkbox"/> Apoyo cónyuge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regalos en efectivo | <input type="checkbox"/> Indemnizaciones legales | <input type="checkbox"/> Otra ayuda |

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Schedule No. D-LI
CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE)
DOMESTIC SERVICE - SINGLE FAMILY ACCOMMODATION

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A permanent resident of Bear Valley is one who maintains only one residence and that residence receives electric service from the Bear Valley Electric Service (BVES) and who regularly receives mail, including bills by this utility, through the United States Post Office located at Big Bear City, Big Bear Lake, Fawnskin or Sugarloaf.
2. A customer applying for service under schedule "DLI" will be required to show proof of satisfying Special Condition #1 above and may be required to sign a form that declare that they are not receiving a baseline allowance at any other location (whether inside BVES territory or outside BVES territory).
3. Low-Income Household: A Low-Income Household is a household where the total gross annual income from all sources is no more than shown on the table below based on the number of persons in the household. Total gross income shall include income from all sources, both taxable and nontaxable.

| Effective June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| No. of Person In Household | Total Gross Annual Income* |
| 1-2 | \$39,440 |
| 3 | \$49,720 |
| 4 | \$60,000 |
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| Each Additional Person | \$10,280 |
| *Upper Limit Calculations = 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines | |

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4. Application and Eligibility Declaration: An Application and eligibility declaration on a form authorized by the Commission is required for each request for service under this schedule. Renewal of a customer's eligibility declaration will be required every two years and may be required at the Company's discretion.
5. An applicant for new service shall pay a service establishment charge as shown on Schedule No. SSC.

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ATTACHMENT A

2023-2024 CARE ESA and FERA Annual Income Guideline Letter

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RE: Notice to update the income guidelines to Investor Owned and Small Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities providing services under the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE), Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) and Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) programs.

Dear representatives from Investor Owned and Small Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities,

Energy Division is issuing this notice to update the income guidelines for the CARE, FERA, and ESA Programs in compliance with Decision (D) 12-08-044.¹ The utilities are requested to file revised tariffs with the Energy Division reflecting the income levels specified below by May 1, 2023.

CARE and ESA Program Income Guideline Updates:

The 2023-2024 CARE and ESA Programs' income limits have been updated in compliance with Public Utilities ("P.U.") Code Section 739.1 (a) and 2790 (f)(g).² Federal Poverty Guideline values and corresponding household size are used to determine the revised annual CARE, ESA, and FERA Programs'

¹D.12-08-044. Ordering Paragraph 119.

²PU Code Section 739.1(a) states: *The commission shall continue a program of assistance to low-income electric and gas customers with annual household incomes that are no greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline levels, the cost of which shall not be borne solely by any single class of customer.*

PU Code Section 2790 states: (f)(1) *For purposes of this section, "low-income customers" means persons and families whose household income is at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty level...* (g) *This section shall become operative on July 1, 2022.*

income limits.³ The Federal Poverty Guidelines are updated annually in January in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).⁴ In 2021, Senate Bill 756 updated P.U. Code Section 2790 by changing the income limits of ESA program eligibility from referencing P.U. Code 739.1 (which defined low-income as households with income no greater than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines) to now establishing the ESA Programs' income limits at or below 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines beginning July 1, 2022.

The 2023-2024 income limits for CARE and ESA are provided below for household sizes of 1-8 persons.

Effective June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024, CARE Programs' income limits are as follows:

Table 1: CARE Income Guidelines

| Household Size | Income Eligibility Upper Limit * |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 1-2 | \$39,440 |
| 3 | \$49,720 |
| 4 | \$60,000 |
| 5 | \$70,280 |
| 6 | \$80,560 |
| 7 | \$90,840 |
| 8 | \$101,120 |
| Each Additional Person | \$10,280 |
| *Upper Limit Calculation = 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines | |

Effective June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024, ESA Programs' income limits are as follows:

Table 2: ESA Income Guidelines

| Household Size | Income Eligibility Upper Limit * |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | \$36,450 |
| 2 | \$49,300 |
| 3 | \$62,150 |
| 4 | \$75,000 |
| 5 | \$87,850 |
| 6 | \$100,700 |
| 7 | \$113,550 |
| 8 | \$126,400 |
| Each Additional Person | \$12,850 |
| *Upper Limit Calculation = 250% of Federal Poverty Guidelines | |

³ Household income limitations per the Federal Poverty Guidelines are used to determine if a person or household qualifies for CARE, ESA, or FERA. This aligns with the requirements of P.U. Code Sections 739.1 (b)(1), 739.12 (a), and 2790 (f)(1) respectively.

⁴ The Federal Poverty Guidelines are updated annually in January and available online at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>

Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) Program Income Guideline Updates:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) authorized FERA, also known as the Lower Middle Income Large Household Program, in D.04-02-057 on February 26, 2004. In that decision, the CPUC stated that the use of CARE procedures for annual income guideline updates are also reasonable for the FERA program.⁵ P.U. Code Section 739.1 (5)(e)(2) requires a single application form for CARE and FERA to enable applicants to apply for the appropriate assistance program based on their economic need. D.05-10-044, dated October 27, 2005, raised the **lower** income limits of the FERA program to 200%+\$1 of the Federal Poverty Guideline levels, which correspond to the **upper** limits of the CARE program.

Effective June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024, FERA income limits are as follows:

Table 3: FERA Income Guidelines

| Household Size | Income Eligibility Lower Limit * | Income Eligibility Upper Limit ** |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3 | \$49,721 | \$62,150 |
| 4 | \$60,001 | \$75,000 |
| 5 | \$70,281 | \$87,850 |
| 6 | \$80,561 | \$100,700 |
| 7 | \$90,841 | \$113,550 |
| 8 | \$101,121 | \$126,400 |
| Each Additional Person | \$10,280 | \$12,850 |
| *Lower Limit Calculation = 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines (CARE) + \$1 | | |
| ** Upper Limit Calculation = 250% of Federal Poverty Guidelines ⁶ | | |

Note: The income limits established herein are effective for all new FERA, CARE, and ESA Programs’ enrollments as well as CARE and FERA post-enrollment verifications, and re-certifications. The existing list of categorical eligible programs is retained unless updated per the direction of D.21-06-015. The Director of the Energy Division will continue to communicate new income levels annually and require energy utilities to file revised tariffs effective June 1st of each year.

The utilities are requested to file revised tariffs with the Energy Division reflecting the income levels specified above by May 1, 2023. Only the revised tariff sheets are required to be filed, however, please ensure that all tariffs, internet sites and printed materials about the CARE, FERA and/or ESA programs display the current income eligibility guidelines and their effective dates, up through a household of eight, as shown in the above tables. All tariffs, internet sites and printed materials about the CARE program should also indicate that unacceptable energy usage levels could result in removal from the program.⁷

⁵D.04-02-057. Finding of Fact 22.

⁶D.04-02-057. Page 2.

⁷D.12-08-044. Page 124 and PU code 739.1 (i)(1)

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If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Gillian Weaver at (213) 266-4740 or by e-mail at gillian.weaver@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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