



October 24, 2016

Advice Letter No. 318-E

(U 913-E)

## California Public Utilities Commission

Attention: Energy Division  
Advice Letter Filings Room 4005

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

<u>CPUC Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling CPUC Sheet No.</u>
Revised No. 2381-E	Preliminary Statements Part H, Energy Savings Assistance Balancing Account Page 4	Original No. 1592-E
Revised No. 2382-E	Preliminary Statements Part H, Energy Savings Assistance Balancing Account Page 5	Original No. 1593-E
Revised No. 2383-E	Table of Contents Page 1 of 3	Revised No. 2380-E

**SUBJECT: Revisions of Preliminary Statements to reflect the new name of Bear Valley Electric Service's Low Income Energy Efficiency Program**

### PURPOSE

This filing revises Preliminary Statement, Part H, Low Income Energy Efficiency Balancing Account to reflect the proposed name change of BVES' low income energy efficiency program. In an effort to be consistent and uniformed with Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas & Electric, San Diego Gas & Electric, and Southern California Gas Company, GSWC desires to change the name of BVES' e low income energy efficiency program from the Low Income Energy Efficiency ("LIEE") Program to the Energy Savings Assistance ("ESA") Program.

### BACKGROUND

On March 30, 2011, the California Public Utilities Commission issued an Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Providing Guidance Concerning The California Alternate Rates

For Energy (CARE) Program and Energy Savings Assistance Program (Formerly and Generally referred to as Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) Program) And Related 2012-2014 Budget Applications. Among other things, this ruling ordered Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas & Electric, San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Gas Company to begin using the title Energy Savings Assistance Program for their respective low income energy efficiency programs. Accordingly, GSWC desires to rename BVES' low income energy efficiency program with the same new name.

### **PROPOSED TARIFF LANGUAGE CHANGE**

GSWC proposes to revise BVES' Preliminary Statements, Part H, which is currently titled "Low-Income Energy Efficiency ("LIEE") Balancing Account" and rename it "Energy Savings Assistance ("ESA") Balancing Account". The name of the balancing account and any reference to the LIEE program will be changed to ESA. There are no other changes being proposed to Preliminary Statements, Part H. The balancing account's purpose, description, and mechanics will remain the same; this is only a name change request.

BVES will provide notice to all of its customers of the low income energy program's name change upon receiving approval of this advice letter.

No cost information is required for this advice filing.

This filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

### **TIER DESIGNATION**

GSWC is filing this Advice Letter with a Tier 1 designation.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

GSWC respectfully request this Advice Letter become effective upon its filing date, which is October 24, 2016.

### **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](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:**

California Public Utilities Commission, Energy Division

ATTN: Tariff Unit

505 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94102

E-mail: [jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jnj@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: Ronald Moore

630 East Foothill Blvd.

San Dimas, CA 91773

Fax: 909-394-7427

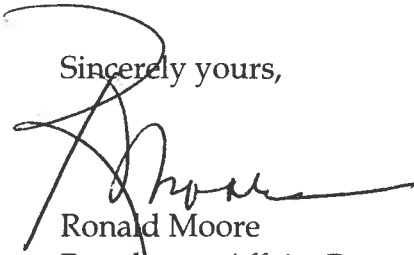
E-mail: [rkmoore@scwater.com](mailto:rkmoore@scwater.com)

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact Ron 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 list.

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, appearing to read "Ronald Moore", written over the typed name.

Ronald Moore  
Regulatory Affairs Department  
Golden State Water Company (DBA Bear Valley Electric Service)

c: Edward Randolph, Director, Energy Division  
James Loewen, Energy Division  
R. Mark Pocta, Office of Ratepayer Advocates

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**H. ENERGY SAVINGS ASSISTANCE BALANCING ACCOUNT (ESABA)**

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1. **Purpose:** The purpose of the ESABA is to track the Public Purpose Program Surcharge (PPP Surcharge) funds allocable to the Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Program and ESA Program costs. This is an interest bearing one-way account where over-expenditures are not recovered. (T)  
(T)
2. **Applicability:** The ESABA applies to certain rate schedules and certain special contracts within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (T)
3. **Definitions:**
  - a. **Effective Date:** Implementation of the ESA component of the PPP Surcharge to recover the Total Authorized ESABA Revenue Requirement shall be effective as of April 1, 2009. (T)  
(T)
  - b. **FF&U:** The applicable Franchise and Uncollectible (FF&U) percentages will be those specified in the Commission's Decision in BVES' most recent Base Rate Case
  - c. **Interest Rate:** The Interest Rate shall be 1/12 of the most recent interest on Commercial Paper (prime, 3 months), published in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15. Should publication of the interest rate on Commercial Paper (prime, 3 months) be discontinued, interest will so accrue at the rate of 1/12 of the most recent month's interest rate on Commercial Paper, which most closely approximates the rate that was discontinued, and which is published in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor publication.
  - d. **ESABA Revenue:** The monthly ESABA revenue is determined by multiplying the net unbundled PPC-OLI and PPC-LI revenue billed during the month by the appropriate ESA percentage allocation factors specified in the PPPAM table in this Preliminary Statement. (T)  
(T)
  - e. **ESABA Expenses:** ESABA expenses are to be authorized by the Commission and expenses recorded to the ESABA shall be in compliance with the guidelines and ESA budgets authorized by the Commission. (T)  
(T)
  - f. **Total Authorized ESABA Revenue Requirement:** The total Authorized ESABA Revenue Requirement shall be the current Commission-adopted Revenue Requirement associated with ESA Program and its goals, plus amortization of any ESA over or under collection from a previous period authorized by the Commission. (T)  
(T)  
(T)
  - g. **Total Authorized BVES Public Purpose Programs Revenue Requirement:** The total authorized BVES PPP Revenue Requirement shall be the sum of the Commission-adopted Revenue Requirement associated with all of BVES' Public Purpose Programs, including both Public Goods Programs (legislatively mandated) and all other Commission-authorized Public Purpose Programs. Such amounts are to be detailed and stated in the Public Purpose Program Adjustment Mechanism (PPPAM) described in this Preliminary Statement.

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Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by  
**R. J. SPROWLS**  
President

Date Filed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. **Accounting Procedure:** The Utility shall make the following entries to the account as follows:
- a. A credit entry equal to the monthly ESABA Revenue as specified in section 3.d. (T)
  - b. A debit entry equal to the monthly ESABA Expenses as specified in section 3.e. (T)
  - c. A debit entry equal to the ESA Program performance incentives, as approved by the Commission, if any. (T)
  - d. A debit entry equal to the FF&U specified in section 3.b. above times ESABA Revenue. (T)
  - e. An entry equal to the monthly interest as specified in section 3.c applied to the average of the beginning and ending balances in the ESABA. (T)

If the above calculations produce a negative amount (under-collection), such amount will be debited to the Balancing Account. If the above calculation produces a positive amount (over collection), such amount will be credited to the Balancing Account. While the ESABA is a one-way balancing account, any PPP Surcharge revenues recorded in the ESABA exceeding authorized program costs expended shall be carried forward to supplement the subsequent year's program. (T)

5. **Annual Review of Reasonableness and Revision to the ESABA Revenue Requirement:** (T)  
Each year by April 1, BVES shall review the ESA program, the reasonableness of costs charged to ESABA, and the balance between ESABA Revenue collected and the ESABA Expenses expected over the following year. In addition: (T)
- a. BVES may propose an update of the ESABA Revenue Requirement if there is a need to achieve a closer balance between ESABA Revenue and ESABA Expenses as long as this proposal is within guidelines provided by the Commission. (T)
  - b. BVES may propose an update of the ESABA component of the PPP Surcharges to amortize any under or over collection of the ESABA based on the balance. (T)
  - c. Should BVES propose to update the ESABA Revenue Requirement, it must also update the Total PPP Revenue Requirement to reflect such changes it proposes in the ESABA Revenue Requirement and, if necessary, specify an associated change to the PPP Surcharge, including a revision to the percentage allocation factor for determining the ESABA's share of the Total PPP Revenue Requirement. (T)
  - d. If BVES has no updates or changes to propose, BVES will take no action. If BVES has any updates or changes to propose, it will do so through the Advice Letter process. (T)

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