**Bear Valley Electric Service (BVES) Advice Letter (AL) 422-E –** The CPUC has authorized Bear Valley to annually recover balances in its regulatory accounts (D.19-08-027). This advice letter adjusts rates due to changed balances in several balancing accounts related to costs for electric operations, maintenance and capital; employee pensions; and catastrophic event cost recovery. The adjustments also involve Bear Valley’s share of certain costs incurred by its parent company, Golden State Water Company (Golden State).[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Estimated Bill Impacts of All Requested Rate Changes Effective June 30, 2021:**

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| Estimated Electric Bill Impacts[[2]](#footnote-2) | Bear Valley – June 30 2021 |
| * Average Residential Non-CARE electric bill | $70.81 |
| * Average Residential Non-CARE electric bill decrease | -$1.22 or -1.69% |
| * Average Residential CARE electric bill | $56.52 |
| * Average Residential CARE electric bill decrease | -$0.98 or -1.70% |

**Bear Valley electric rates will change based on the following:**

* The net total under-collected balance of $0.681 million to be recovered over the next 12 months results in an overall electric bill **decrease** for both Non-Care and CARE residential customers.[[3]](#footnote-3)
  + BVES rates are decreasing because the rates over the next year are based on lower costs for electric operations, maintenance and capital; employee pensions; and catastrophic event cost recovery than the previous year.
* Recovery of $0.247 million from the 2019 Base Revenue Requirement Adjustment Mechanism (BRRAM) balance.
* Recovery of $0.694 million from the under-collected balance in the 2020 BRRAM.
* Refund of $0.276 million in over-collection recorded in the 2020 Pension Balancing Account.
* Recovery of $0.016 million from the under-collected balance in the Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account .[[4]](#footnote-4)

1. In D.19-05-044, the CPUC authorized Golden State to allocate to BVES expenses incurred in the operation of the General Office, Common Plant Costs, and employee pension and benefit costs. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Based on a “typical” residential customer using, on average, 350 kilowatt-hours per month. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. BVES’ current rates through June 29, 2021 are based on the $1.189 million under-collected balance approved in AL 387-E, whereas the new rates effective June 30th, 2021 are based on the $0.681 million under-collected balance approved in AL 422-E. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. In D.12-06-006 Ordering Paragraph 1, the CPUC authorized BVES to recover the CEMA balance, and in AL 269-E authorized BVES to move any residual CEMA balance to its BRRAM. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)