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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO INCREASE RATES
GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY
BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE DIVISION
(APPLICATION A. 20-04-001)**

Golden State Water Company, on behalf of its Bear Valley Electric Service Division (BVES), has filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to increase rates for one year to recover costs already incurred by BVES.

Why am I receiving this Notice?

BVES is seeking approval to recover \$469,002 in costs for the Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account ("CEMA") related to the 2019 February winter storm and a residual balance from its 2010 January storm.

Why is BVES requesting this rate increase?

The 2019 February winter storms caused widespread service outages for BVES' customers and badly damaged BVES' electric system. BVES has already incurred the costs for obtaining of equipment, resources, and restoration of electric service during the February 2019 winter storm requested in the application. These costs are not currently covered in rates. The CPUC has authorized BVES to keep track of these costs and then request reimbursement via an application to increase rates. The total requested increase in this application is \$469,002.

How could this affect my bill?

If the proposed application is approved by the CPUC, the average residential monthly bill would increase by approximately \$1.11. The impact will be less for lower-income residential customers enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program. The monthly increase would be approximately \$1.00.

The bill for a typical residential customer using 315 kWh per month would increase from \$45.60 to about \$46.60.

How does the rest of the process work?

This application will be assigned to a judge, who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt BVES' application, modify it or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners.

The Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates) will review this application. Cal Advocates is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a statutory mandate to represent customers of investor-owned utilities to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with safe and reliable service and the state's environmental policy goals. Cal Advocates has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about Cal Advocates, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit Cal Advocates' website at publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?

Contact BVES

- View GSWC's Application and related exhibits:
<https://www.bves.com/customer-service/rates-&-regulations/cpuc-applications/>
- Contact Customer Service at:
1-800-808-2837
- Contact via email at:
CustomerService@bves.com
- Contact via mail at:
Bear Valley Electric Service
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Contact the CPUC

You may also get information about this proceeding by contacting the CPUC:

- If you would like to make a comment, please visit cpuc.ca.gov/A2004001Comment to submit a comment on the CPUC Docket Card. You can also review other public comments.
- If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office:
Write: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free)
1-866-836-7825 (toll-free) TTY

Please refer to **Application A.20-04-001** in any communications with the CPUC regarding this matter.

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY