

**NOTICE OF GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY
BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE DIVISION
REQUEST TO CHANGE RATES FOR LOW-
INCOME PROGRAMS FOR YEARS 2021-2026**

APPLICATION No. A.20-05-015

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) that will decrease rates for its Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) and California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) programs for program years 2021-2026. The ESA and CARE programs offered by BVES to income-qualified customers are designed to help reduce their energy bills. The rate change BVES is seeking is expected to go into effect on January 01, 2021.

Why am I receiving this Notice?

The CPUC, in Decision No. D.19-11-005, requires BVES to submit a budget and program changes for approval for its ESA and CARE programs for the 2021-2026 program cycle. The ESA program helps BVES customer's conserve energy and improve energy efficiency of BVES customers' homes. The CARE program assists BVES low-income customers by providing a rate discount. The proposed changes will better align CARE and ESA program budgets with its actual costs, and treatment goals with those outlined by the Commission. The CARE and ESA programs are funded through the Public Purpose Program (PPP) Surcharge found on customers' bills. All customers are subject to the PPP Surcharge.

What changes is BVES requesting?

BVES is seeking the CPUC's approval to continue operating the programs between 2021-2026. BVES is requesting authority to: 1) Adjust the annual budget of the CARE program; and 2) Maintain the current annual budget for the ESA program.

The proposed change in rates based on current 2020 annual PPP revenue is as follows:

Public Purpose Program (PPP) Revenue Requirement			
	Current 2020	Proposed Estimate 2021	Percentage Difference
CARE	\$778,606.13	\$280,851.25	-63.93%
ESA/LIEE	\$138,699.66	\$138,699.66	0.00%
Total PPP Revenue Requirement	\$1,227,027.82	\$729,272.94	-40.57%

How could this affect my bill?

If the CPUC approves BVES's application as proposed an average non-CARE residential customer using 315 kWh per month could see a monthly decrease of \$1.17 or 2.43% on average, per bill.

BVES 2021 Forecasted Rate Impact*

	Current (\$/month)	Proposed Estimated (\$/Month)	% Change
Non-CARE Residential Bill**	\$48.14	\$46.97	-2.43%
CARE residential Bill**	\$37.31	\$37.30	-0.03%

*For customers using 315 kWh per month.

**Current bill based on rates effective advice letter 373-E.

What happens next?

The 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's 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 will review this application. The Public Advocates Office 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. For more information, please call **(415) 703-1584**, e-mail **PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov**, or visit **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/>
- If you have questions about the application, you may contact the Bear Valley Electric Service's Office:

Mail: Attention: Zeng Zhu – BVES
 Regulatory Affairs
 630 E. Foothill Blvd
 San Dimas, CA 91773

Email: customerservice@bves.com

Phone: 1-800-808-2837 (toll-free)
 1-877-933-9533 (toll-free) TTY

Contact the CPUC

- If you would like to make a comment, please visit **cpuc.ca.gov/A2005015Comment** 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.20-05-015** in any communications with the CPUC regarding this matter.

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