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VIA EMAIL AND UPS

**Advice Letter No. 134-E-A
(U 933-E)**

California Public Utilities Commission
Energy Division, Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

Subject: Low-Income Programs Bridge Funding Post 2020

PURPOSE

Pursuant to Commission Decision (D.)19-11-005, Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (U 933-E) (“Liberty CalPeco”) hereby submits forecast requirements for its low-income programs bridge funding post 2020. The purpose of this supplemental filing is to provide additional information, including the forecast average cost by home and the forecast number of expected treatments.

BACKGROUND

In Ordering Paragraph five of D.19-11-005, Liberty CalPeco was authorized to file a Tier 1 Advice Letter 45 days after the issuance of the Decision “with calculations of their Energy Savings Assistance program bridge funding amount, source for bridge funds, and treatment goal for the January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021 bridge period.”¹ The bridge funding was authorized by the Commission in anticipation of the potential need to cover Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Program activity post 2020, assuming there is no program budget application approval by November 16, 2020 from the Commission.²

ESA BRIDGE FUNDING AND TREATMENT GOALS

Liberty CalPeco anticipates all treatment goals for the January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021 bridge period to be accommodated by utilizing unspent funds from program years 2018-2020. Therefore, no new revenue collection is required for the bridge period. The following table shows the forecast ESA expenses, approved budget per D.18-08-020, and number of expected treatments:

¹ D.19-11-005, p. 11.

² D.19-11-005, p. 8.

	Estimated	2020 PY	Number of	Approved	Forecast
2021	Amount (\$)	Approved	Expected	Average Cost	Average Cost
		Budget	Treatments	per Home	per Home
Q1	\$ 41,692	\$ 190,407	40	\$ 1,494	\$ 1,055
Q2	\$ 41,692	\$ 190,407	40	\$ 1,494	\$ 1,055

Estimated amounts for each of the first two quarters of 2021 are based on approximately one quarter of 2018 total program year’s actual expenses and treatments. In 2018, total ESA expenditures amounted to about 23 percent of the approved budget.

CARE BRIDGE FUNDING

California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program bridge funding is authorized in D.19-11-005 on page 10 of the Decision. The Decision authorizes the amount approved for the CARE budget in 2020 per D.18-08-020 to be extended for six months if the Commission has not voted to approve post 2020 budget applications by November 16, 2020 which is 45 days prior to the end of the current approved budget cycle. If the program budget has not been approved by Commission vote by May 16, 2021 (45 days prior to end of six-month bridge), the CARE bridge funding is authorized to extend through the end of 2021.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Forecast Average Cost per Home

The average cost per home approved for the current budget cycle in D.18-08-020 is \$1,494. This cost is compared to the forecast average cost per home amount of \$1,055. The forecast amount is based on recorded expenditures and is used to illustrate the likelihood of funding from the previous budget cycle being available; thus, additional bridge funding beyond the amount authorized for the 2020 program year is not required to support the ESA program through the first two quarters of 2021. This calculation assumes the 2020 approved funding of \$190,407 per quarter continues until the post 2020 budget application is approved.

Forecast Number of Expected Treatments

Liberty CalPeco based the forecast number of expected treatments on recorded data from the 2018 program year. The data suggests a lower number of homes treated than in the 2020 budget is a realistic assumption to make when proposing a conservative estimate for treatments post-2020. In 2018, about 20 percent of total treatments were completed in the first half of the year. Seven percent of the total treatments for 2019 occurred in the first half of the year. Using the average number of treatments (500) per year authorized in D.18-08-020 as a baseline, Liberty forecasts that approximately 16% of total forecast treatments will be completed in the first half of 2021. This estimate supports the approved 2020 ESA budget will fund post 2020 program requirements without the need for additional bridge funding over the authorized current program budget.

TIER DESIGNATION

Pursuant to General Order 96-B, Section 5, this Advice Letter is being submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Liberty CalPeco requests that this Tier 1 Advice Letter be effective as of January 1, 2021.

PROTESTS

Anyone wishing to protest this Advice Letter may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or by email, any of which must be received no later than January 20, 2020, which is 20 days after the date of this Advice Letter. There are no restrictions on who may submit a protest, but the protest shall set forth the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously.

Protests should be mailed to:

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San Francisco, CA 94102-3298
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
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The protest should be sent via email and U.S. Mail (and by facsimile, if possible) to Liberty CalPeco at the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC
Attn: Advice Letter Protests
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NOTICE

In accordance with General Order 96-B, Section 4.3, a copy of this Advice Letter is being sent electronically to parties shown on the attached service list.

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If additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

LIBERTY UTILITIES (CALPECO ELECTRIC) LLC

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Advice Letter Filing Service List
General Order 96-B, Section 4.3

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ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY



MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (U 933-E)

Utility type:

- ELC GAS WATER
 PLC HEAT

Contact Person: Daniel W. Marsh

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas WATER = Water
 PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 134-E-A

Tier Designation: 1

Subject of AL: Bridge Funding Mechanism Account for post 2020 Low-Income Program and Budgets Cycle 2021-2026.

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.19-11-005

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: N/A

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL: N/A

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: 1/1/21

No. of tariff sheets: 0

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

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: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed¹: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

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:

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ENERGY Advice Letter Keywords

Affiliate	Direct Access	Preliminary Statement
Agreements	Disconnect Service	Procurement
Agriculture	ECAC / Energy Cost Adjustment	Qualifying Facility
Avoided Cost	EOR / Enhanced Oil Recovery	Rebates
Balancing Account	Energy Charge	Refunds
Baseline	Energy Efficiency	Reliability
Bilingual	Establish Service	Re-MAT/Bio-MAT
Billings	Expand Service Area	Revenue Allocation
Bioenergy	Forms	Rule 21
Brokerage Fees	Franchise Fee / User Tax	Rules
CARE	G.O. 131-D	Section 851
CPUC Reimbursement Fee	GRC / General Rate Case	Self Generation
Capacity	Hazardous Waste	Service Area Map
Cogeneration	Increase Rates	Service Outage
Compliance	Interruptible Service	Solar
Conditions of Service	Interutility Transportation	Standby Service
Connection	LIEE / Low-Income Energy Efficiency	Storage
Conservation	LIRA / Low-Income Ratepayer Assistance	Street Lights
Consolidate Tariffs	Late Payment Charge	Surcharges
Contracts	Line Extensions	Tariffs
Core	Memorandum Account	Taxes
Credit	Metered Energy Efficiency	Text Changes
Curtable Service	Metering	Transformer
Customer Charge	Mobile Home Parks	Transition Cost
Customer Owned Generation	Name Change	Transmission Lines
Decrease Rates	Non-Core	Transportation Electrification
Demand Charge	Non-firm Service Contracts	Transportation Rates
Demand Side Fund	Nuclear	Undergrounding
Demand Side Management	Oil Pipelines	Voltage Discount
Demand Side Response	PBR / Performance Based Ratemaking	Wind Power
Deposits	Portfolio	Withdrawal of Service
Depreciation	Power Lines	