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Advice Letter 296-E
(U 933-E)

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

Subject: Liberty’s Tariff Reflecting Updated Income Eligibility Levels for the California Alternate Rates for Energy Program and the Energy Savings Assistance Program

Pursuant to Decision 12-08-044, Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (U 933-E) (“Liberty”) requests California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) approval to revise its tariffs to update the income eligibility guidelines for the California Alternate Rates for Energy (“CARE”) Program and the Energy Savings Assistance (“ESA”) Program.

Background

In a letter dated April 2, 2026, Kerry Fleisher, Director of the Office of Distributed Energy Resources, Natural Gas, and Retail Energy Rates requested that energy utilities file revised tariffs with Energy Division reflecting the new income levels.

Proposed Changes

Liberty seeks to implement the new income levels provided in the letter from Energy Division. All tariffs, internet sites, and printed materials about CARE and ESA Programs will display the revised income eligibility guidelines and their effective dates, for household sizes of 1-8 persons in alignment with Federal Poverty Guidelines.

The 2026-2027 income limits for CARE and ESA are provided below for household sizes of 1-8 persons.

Effective June 1, 2026, to May 31, 2027, CARE Programs’ income limits are as follows:

Table 1: CARE Income Guidelines

Household Size	Income Eligibility Upper Limit *
1-2	\$43,280
3	\$54,640
4	\$66,000
5	\$77,360
6	\$88,720
7	\$100,080
8	\$111,440
Each Additional Person	\$11,360
*Upper Limit Calculation = 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines	

Effective June 1, 2026, to May 31, 2027, ESA Programs' income limits are as follows:

Table 2: ESA Income Guidelines

Household Size	Income Eligibility Upper Limit *
1	\$39,900
2	\$54,100
3	\$68,300
4	\$82,500
5	\$96,700
6	\$110,900
7	\$125,100
8	\$139,300
Each Additional Person	\$14,200
*Upper Limit Calculation = 250% of Federal Poverty Guidelines	

Effective Date

Liberty requests that this Tier 1 advice filing become effective **June 1, 2026**.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or by email, any of which must be received no later than **May 21, 2026**, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. The protest shall set forth the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously. There is no restriction on who may file a protest. Protests should be mailed to:

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 Energy Division, Tariff Unit
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 Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
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The protest also should be sent via email and U.S. Mail (and by facsimile, if possible) to Liberty at the addresses show below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC
Attn.: Advice Letter Protests
933 Eloise Avenue
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Email: CaseAdmin@libertyutilities.com

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 list.

If additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me at Elly.ODoherty@libertyutilities.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Elly O'Doherty

Elly O'Doherty
Manager, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

cc: Liberty Utilities General Order 96 –B Advice Letter Service List

SCHEDULE NO. EXPCARE
EXPANDED CARE
SERVICE TO QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING
AND NONPROFIT GROUP LIVING FACILITIES

APPLICABILITY

This schedule provides a California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) rate discount to qualified Homekey facilities, nonprofit group living facilities, migrant farm worker housing centers, privately owned employee housing, or agricultural employee housing operated by nonprofit organizations, and is taken in conjunction with the customer's otherwise applicable service schedule.

TERRITORY

Entire California Service Area.

RATES

Qualifying customers will receive a 20% discount on all customer, demand, and energy charges on their otherwise applicable service schedule. In addition, such customers will not be charged the CARE Surcharge.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. **APPLICABLE CONDITIONS**

All special conditions contained in the customer's otherwise applicable schedule are applicable to service under this schedule.

2. **NONPROFIT GROUP LIVING FACILITIES**

- a. To be eligible for service under this schedule, the total gross annual income, both taxable and non-taxable, from all sources from each resident residing in the nonprofit group living facility may not exceed the Commission's CARE eligibility income level established for June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2027 as shown below for a single-person household, and each resident may not be claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return. (T)

	<u>Total Gross Annual Income</u>	
Each Resident	\$43,280	(I)

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Decision No.		<u>President</u> <small>Title</small>	Effective Date:	<u>June 1, 2026</u>
			Resolution No.	<u></u>

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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: Elly O'Doherty

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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) #: 296-E

Tier Designation: 1

Subject of AL: Liberty's Tariff Reflecting Updated Income Eligibility Levels for the California Alternate Rates for Energy Program and the Energy Savings Assistance Program

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): CARE, Compliance

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

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: 6/1/26

No. of tariff sheets: 2

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: Schedule No. CARE, Schedule No. EXPCARE

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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San Francisco, CA 94102
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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	