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April 28, 2023

**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

**Advice Letter 217-E  
(U 933-E)**

California Public Utilities Commission  
Energy Division, Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **March 22, 2023**, Gillian Weaver, on behalf of Leuwam Tesfai, Deputy Executive Director, Energy and Climate Policy / Director of Energy Division 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 2023-2024 income limits for CARE and ESA are provided below for household sizes of 1-8 persons.

Effective June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024, CARE Programs' income limits are as follows:

**Table 1: CARE Income Guidelines**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Income Eligibility Upper Limit *</b>
1-2	\$39,440
3	\$49,720
4	\$60,000
5	\$70,280
6	\$80,560
7	\$90,840
8	\$101,120
Each Additional Person	\$10,280

\*200\* \*Upper Limit Calculation = 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

Effective June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024, ESA Programs' income limits are as follows:

**Table 2: ESA Income Guidelines**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Income Eligibility Upper Limit *</b>
1	\$36,450
2	\$49,300
3	\$62,150
4	\$75,000
5	\$87,850
6	\$100,700
7	\$113,550
8	\$126,400
Each Additional Person	\$12,850

\*200\* \*Upper Limit Calculation = 250% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

**Effective Date**

Liberty CalPeco requests that this Tier 1 advice filing become effective **June 1, 2023**.

**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 18, 2023**, 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:

California Public Utilities Commission  
Energy Division, Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298  
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
Email: edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov

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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  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150  
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  
Cindy.Fisher@libertyutilities.com.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Cindy Fisher*

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Cindy Fisher  
Manager, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

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

Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC  
Advice Letter Filing Service List  
General Order 96-B, Section 4.3

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**SCHEDULE NO. CARE**  
**CARE DOMESTIC SERVICE**  
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**SPECIAL CONDITIONS** (Continued)

2. Baseline Quantities. (Continued)

(3) Life support devices means those devices which utilize mechanical or artificial means to sustain, restore, or supplant a vital function, or mechanical equipment which is relied upon for mobility both within and outside building. Life support devices or equipment include those listed in PUC Section 739.2.

D. Limitation. Space heating quantities shall be available only where a minimum of 80% of available living area is heated by permanently installed electric space heating equipment. Partial quantities will not be offered.

3. CARE Program. The California Alternate Rates for Energy (“CARE”) is a program of assistance to low-income electric customers. The assistance is in the form of discounted rates that are listed above.

i) Eligibility for CARE. A household eligible for CARE is one in which the total annual gross income from all sources is not more than what is shown on the following table that is based on the number of persons living in the household. For the period of June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024, the combined income of all persons from all sources, both taxable and non-taxable, shall be no more than: (T)

Number of Persons Living in <u>Household</u>	<u>Total Annual Gross Income</u>	
1 or 2	\$39,440	(I)   (I)
3	\$49,720	
4	\$60,000	
5	\$70,280	
6	\$80,560	
7	\$90,840	
8	\$101,120	

For households with more than eight persons, add \$10,280 for each additional person. (I)

A person who is claimed as a dependent on another person’s income tax return is not eligible for service under this rate schedule. Pursuant to CPUC 739.4, the above annual gross income levels are subject to revision subsequent to the Commission’s establishment of new rates on or before May 1 of each year.

A. Application and Eligibility Declaration. An application and eligibility declaration on a form authorized by the Commission is required for each request for service under this rate schedule.

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		<small>Name</small>		
Decision No.		<u>President</u>	Effective Date:	<u>June 1, 2023</u>
		<small>Title</small>		
			Resolution No.	<u></u>

**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 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, 2023 to May 31, 2024 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	\$39,440	(I)

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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: Cindy Fisher

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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) #: 217-E

Tier Designation: 1

Subject of AL: Liberty Utilities 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

AL Type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.12-08-044

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: No

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL:

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: 6/1/23

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 proposed<sup>1</sup>: N/A

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

<sup>1</sup>Discuss 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:**

CPUC, Energy Division  
Attention: Tariff Unit  
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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	