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ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

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

Utility type:

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

ELC = Electric
PLC = Pipeline

GAS = Gas

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

Advice Letter (AL) #: 90-E

Subject of AL: Luning Solar Project Performance Report

Tier Designation: 1 2 3

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other _____

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL _____

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: March 1, 2018

No. of tariff sheets: 0

Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%)

Estimated system average rate effect (%):

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 proposed: N/A

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

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division Utility Info (including e-mail)

Attention: Tariff Unit

505 Van Ness Ave.,

San Francisco, CA 94102

edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov

Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC

Attention: Advice Letter Protests

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March 1, 2018

ADVICE LETTER 90-E (U 933-E)

VIA EMAIL

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

Subject: Luning Solar Project Performance Report

Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (“Liberty CalPeco”) hereby submits this **Tier 1** Advice Letter regarding the performance of the Luning Solar Project (“Luning” or “Luning Project”), pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 1(e) of Decision (“D.”) 16-01-021.

Background

Ordering Paragraph No. 1(e) of D. 16-01-021 requires Liberty CalPeco to provide “a description of the performance of the Luning facility, actual costs of the power purchased by Liberty [CalPeco], actual generation of the Luning facility, and [identify] all costs incurred during 2017 which Luning has, or intends to, recover in rates.”

Luning Generation

The Luning Project began commercial operations in February 2017. Over the past 12 months, the Luning Project has performed as anticipated, with high energy generation during the summer months. For example, between May and August 2017, Luning averaged approximately 13,850 MWhrs per month.

As anticipated, the performance of the Luning Project has enabled Liberty CalPeco customers to save a significant amount on avoided renewable energy purchases that would otherwise have been required to meet California’s renewables portfolio standard. In addition, Liberty CalPeco customers have received a significant additional benefit by avoiding demand charges that would otherwise be incurred pursuant to Liberty CalPeco’s Services Agreement with NV Energy.¹

¹ The NV Energy Service Agreement was approved in Decision 15-12-021,

In the table below, Liberty CalPeco provides details on the monthly generation from the Luning Project, the value of the avoided renewable energy purchases, and the value of the avoided demand charges.

Month	Luning Generation (kWhrs)	NV Energy Renewable Rate (\$/MWhr)	Avoided Renewable Energy Purchases	Luning Coincident Generation (kW)	Luning Demand Credit (kW)	Avoided Demand Charges ²
Feb-17	7,640,394	\$ 61.42	\$ 469,253			
Mar-17	11,320,683	\$ 61.06	\$ 691,248			
Apr-17	12,696,402	\$ 60.88	\$ 772,916	-	-	
May-17	14,160,935	\$ 59.23	\$ 838,768	41,021	19,000	\$ 178,030
Jun-17	14,119,835	\$ 60.90	\$ 859,886	15,154	15,154	\$ 141,989
Jul-17	14,075,585	\$ 60.41	\$ 850,311	40,592	19,000	\$ 178,030
Aug-17	13,047,003	\$ 60.44	\$ 788,541	45,434	19,000	\$ 178,030
Sep-17	10,819,966	\$ 60.88	\$ 658,770	18,824	18,824	\$ 176,379
Oct-17	11,387,211	\$ 61.12	\$ 695,981	22,507	19,000	\$ 178,030
Nov-17	7,689,354	\$ 61.58	\$ 473,487			
Dec-17	6,507,685	\$ 61.77	\$ 401,990			
Jan-18	6,236,736	\$ 61.77 ³	\$ 385,253			
Total	129,701,789		\$ 7,886,404			\$1,030,488

Luning Costs

² Pursuant to the terms of the NV Energy Service Agreement, Liberty CalPeco only receives Demand Credit for Luning generation between the months of April - October.

³ This January 2018 Renewable Rate is only an estimate at this time.

Liberty CalPeco submitted Advice Letter 65-E on October 17, 2016 to increase its 2017 base rate revenues in accordance with the Post-Test Year Adjustment Mechanism (“PTAM”) as set forth in Section 9 of the Preliminary Statement in the Liberty CalPeco Tariff and as further authorized by Decision (“D.”) 16-01-021 (“Luning Approval Decision”).

In the table below, Liberty CalPeco provides costs incurred in 2017 related to the Luning Project. Please note that these costs are preliminary, unaudited, and subject to revision.

Cost Category	2017 Expenses
Land Lease	\$ 56,804.22
Office Expense	\$ 74,332.01
Outside Service/Management Fees	\$ 58,521.74
Maintenance Expense	\$ 549,308.90
Insurance	\$ 176,764.74
Property Taxes	\$ 560,664.17
Total Expenses	\$ 1,476,395.78

Effective Date

Liberty CalPeco requests that this **Tier 1** advice letter be effective as of April 2, 2018.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this submission may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or by email, any of which must be received no later than March 21, 2018, which is 20 days after the date of this submission. The protest shall set forth the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously. There is no restriction on who may submit a protest.

Protests should be mailed to:

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

The protest also should be sent via email and U.S. Mail (and by facsimile, if possible) to Liberty Utilities at the addresses show below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

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Attn.: Advice Letter Protests
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Notice

In accordance with Ordering Paragraph 1 of D.16-01-021 and General Order 96-B, Section 4.3, a copy of this Advice Letter is being sent electronically to parties shown on the attached lists.

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

Sincerely,

/s/Daniel W. Marsh

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cc: Liberty Utilities General Order 96-B Advice Letter Service List
CPUC Service List A.15-04-016

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