

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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May 23, 2024

Tiffany Thong
Manager, Rates and Regulatory Affairs
Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp.
9750 Washburn Road
Downey, CA 90241

Dear Ms. Thong,

The Water Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has approved Liberty Utilities' (Park Water) Advice Letter No. 342, filed on May 20, 2024, regarding an update to the eligibility income guidelines in its rate assistance program for low-income customers Customer Assistance Program ("CAP").

Enclosed are copies of the following revised tariff sheets, effective June 1, 2024, for the utility's files:

P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet
1641-W	FORM NO. 13 Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Application Solicitud para el Programa de asistencia al Cliente (CAP) Sheet 1
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Please contact Maria Carmen Rocha at mariacarmen.rocha@cpuc.ca.gov or 415-703-2162, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures



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Advice Letter No. 342-W

May 20, 2023

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Liberty Utilities (Liberty Park Water) Corp. (U 314-W) (“Liberty Park Water”) hereby submits the attached revised tariff sheets applicable to water service in its service territory.

Summary

Liberty Park Water submits this advice letter to update the eligibility income guidelines in its rate assistance program for low-income customers, also known as the Customer Assistance Program (“CAP”) previously known as the California Alternative Rates for Water (“CARW”) program. The CAP eligibility guidelines are patterned after the guidelines established in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (“CARE”) program for energy utilities. When approved, this filing will increase the eligibility income levels in Liberty Park Water’s CAP program to match the eligibility income guidelines in the energy utilities CARE program.

Background

On October 19, 2006, the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issued Decision 06-10-036 granting Liberty Park Water authority to establish its CAP program. The CAP program consists of a \$10.00 per month service charge discount for customers who meet income eligibility requirements. The eligibility income guidelines are revised annually by the Commission and are effective each June 1st. On April 15, 2024, the Commission established the 2024/2025 eligibility income guidelines, effective June 1, 2024. This advice letter is being filed to reflect the updated eligibility income guidelines on Liberty Park Water’s CAP tariffs.

Compliance

Liberty Park Water has revised its Form No. 13 to reflect the annual increase to eligibility income. The table below shows the increase to each level of the eligibility income.

Table 1

Maximum Household Income	
Number of Persons in Household	Total Combined Yearly Income
1-2	\$ 40,880
3	\$ 51,640
4	\$ 62,400
5	\$ 73,160
6	\$ 83,920
7	\$ 94,680
8	\$105,440

Add \$10,760 for each additional person
Upper Limit Calculation=200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Tier Designation

Pursuant to D.07-01-024, this advice letter is submitted with Tier 1 designation.

Requested Effective Date

Pursuant to Resolution E-3524 adopted February 19, 1998, Liberty Park Water respectfully requests approval of this advice letter allowing these tariffs to become effective June 1, 2024.

Notice and Service

This advice letter does not seek to increase any rate or charge. Therefore, customer notice is unnecessary. In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.3 and 7.2 and Water Industry Rule 4.1, a copy of this advice letter will be mailed or electronically transmitted on May 20, 2024 to competing and adjacent utilities and other utilities or interested parties.

Response or Protest

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. When submitting a response or protest, please include the utility name and advice letter number in the subject line. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the advice letter. A protest objects to the advice letter in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds are:

- (1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the advice letter;
- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter would violate statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies;
- (3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the advice letter contain material error or omissions;

- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
- (5) The relief requested in the advice letter requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the advice letter process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the advice letter is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory (provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require relitigating a prior order of the Commission.)

A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow Staff to properly consider the protest. A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Division of Water and Audits within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd Floor
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Third Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102
water.division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy by mail (or e-mail) to us, addressed to:

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Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Division of Water and Audits within the 20-day protest period, so that a late filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on.

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact Tiffany Thong at Tiffany.Thong@libertyutilities.com.

Very truly yours,

LIBERTY UTILITIES (PARK WATER) CORP.

/s/ Tiffany Thong

TIFFANY THONG

Manager, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

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Attachments

Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.
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Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 1641-W
Cancelling Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 1605-W

FORM NO. 13
Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Application
Solicitud para el Programa de asistencia al Cliente (CAP)

Page 1

Advice Letter No. 342-W
Decision No.

Issued by
Edward N. Jackson
PRESIDENT

Date Filed 05/20/2024
Effective 06/01/2024
Resolution No.

For our neighbors who may be in need of assistance, Liberty is proud to offer the Customer Assistance Program (CAP)

CAP is a low-income rate assistance program that provides a monthly discount of **\$10.00** on the water bill to qualifying residential customers.

There are two ways to qualify for CAP:

- By participating in another utilities' low-income assistance program (such as CARE from the Southern California Gas Company) or receiving benefits from programs such as Medicare, Medi-Cal and more.
- By providing information that household income meets program guidelines.

Enrolling is quick and easy. Just complete the attached application and return it to our office either in person or by mail.



Questions about CAP?
Contact Customer Service at 800-727-5987
Or visit www.libertyenergyandwater.com.

HOW TO QUALIFY

1

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
If you or another person in your household receives benefits from any of the following programs:

- Medi-Cal/Medicaid
- Healthy Families Categories A & B
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- CalWORKS (TANF) or Tribal TANF
- Head Start Income Eligible--Tribal Only
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance (BIA GA)
- CalFresh / SNAP (Food Stamps)
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

OR

2

MAXIMUM HOUSEHOLD INCOME

(Effective June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025)

Number of Persons in Household	Total Annual Income*
1-2	\$40,880
3	\$51,640
4	\$62,400
5	\$73,160
6	\$83,920
7	\$94,680
8	\$105,440

For each additional household member, add \$10,760

*Includes current household income from all sources before deductions.

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Downey, CA 90241

Customer Assistance Program (CAP) Application

Account Number _____

Customer Number _____

1. I currently participate in the following program(s):

- Southern California Edison (C.A.R.E.)
- Medi-Cal/Medicaid
- CalFresh/SNAP
- TANF/Tribal TANF
- Southern California Gas Company (C.A.R.E.)
- WIC
- Healthy Families A&B
- LIHEAP
- SSI
- National School Lunch (NSLP)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only)

2. Check the total number of persons in your household.

One (1) Two (2) Three (3) Four (4) Five (5) Six (6)
 More than Six (6+),
 Number _____ + _____ = _____ Adults Children Total Number

3. Write the total yearly household income for all persons in your household. This is income before deductions from all sources:

_____ \$

4. Check all sources of income for your household:

- Wages or Salaries
- Interest or Dividends from:
- Savings Account
- Stocks or Bonds
- Retirement Accounts
- Unemployment Benefits
- Rental or Royalty Income
- Scholarships, Grants, or other
- Aid Used for Living Expenses
- Profit from Self-Employment (IRS Form 1040, Form C, Line 29)
- Disability Payments
- Workers Compensation
- Social Security, SSI, SSP
- Pensions
- Insurance Settlements
- Legal Settlements
- CalWORKs (TANF/AFDC)
- CalFresh/SNAP
- Child Support
- Cash and/or Other Income
- Alimony

5. **Declaration and Self-Certification Statement:** I state that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. I agree to provide proof of income if asked. I agree to inform Liberty if I no longer qualify to receive the discount. I know that if I receive any discount without qualifying for it, I may be required to pay back the discount that I received. I understand that Liberty can share my information with other utilities or their agents to enroll me in their assistance programs.

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

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See if Your Household Qualifies

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Para nuestros vecinos que tal vez necesiten ayuda, Liberty tiene el orgullo de ofrecer el Programa de Asistencia al Cliente (CAP).

CAP es un programa de asistencia tarifaria para clientes de bajos ingresos que ofrece un descuento mensual de **\$10.00** en la factura de agua a los clientes residenciales que cumplen con los requisitos.

Hay dos formas para calificar a CAP:

- Si participa en un programa de asistencia para clientes de bajos ingresos de otra empresa de servicios públicos (como CARE de Southern California Gas Company) o si recibe beneficios de programas como Medicare, Medi-Cal y otros.
- Si proporciona información de que el ingreso en el hogar cumple con los lineamientos del programa.

Inscribirse es rápido y fácil. Sólo llene el formulario de solicitud adjunto y tráigalo personalmente a nuestra oficina o envíelo por correo.



Tiene alguna pregunta sobre CAP?
 Llame a la oficina de Servicio al Cliente al 800-727-5987
 O visite www.libertyenergyandwater.com

COMO PUEDE CALIFICAR

1

PROGRAMAS DE ASISTENCIA PUBLICA
 Si usted u otra persona que vive en su hogar recibe beneficios de cualquiera de los siguientes programas:

- Medi-Cal/Medicaid
- Healthy Families Categories A & B
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- CalWORKS (TANF) or Tribal TANF
- Head Start Income Eligible-Solamente Tribal
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance (BIA GA)
- CalFresh/SNAP (Estampillas para comida)
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

o

2

INGRESO MÁXIMO EN EL HOGAR:

(En vigor del 1 de junio de 2024 a el 31 de mayo 2025)

Número de personas en el hogar	Ingreso total anual*
1-2	\$40,880
3	\$51,640
4	\$62,400
5	\$73,160
6	\$83,920
7	\$94,680
8	\$105,440

Por cada miembro adicional en el hogar, añada \$10,760

*Incluye los ingresos actuales del hogar de todas las fuentes de ingreso antes de deducciones.

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 Downey, CA 90241

Solicitud para El Programa de Asistencia al Cliente (CAP)

Número de cuenta _____ Número de cliente _____

1. Actualmente participo en el siguiente programa(s):

- Southern California Edison (C.A.R.E.) Southern California Gas Company (C.A.R.E.) SSI
- Medi-Cal/Medicaid WIC National School Lunch (NSLP)
- CalFresh/SNAP Healthy Families A&B Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- TANF/Tribal TANF LIHEAP Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only)

2. Marque el número de personas que viven en su hogar:

- Uno (1)
- Dos (2)
- Tres (3)
- Cuatro (4)
- Cinco (5)
- Seis (6)
- Más de Seis (6+)

Número + = Niños Número Total

3. Escriba el total del ingreso familiar anual para todas las personas en su hogar. Este es el ingreso antes de las deducciones de todas las fuentes:

\$

4. Marque todas las fuentes de ingresos de su hogar:

- Sueldos Beneficios de Desempleo Pagos de Discapacitación CalWORKs (TANF/AFDC)
- Interés o Dividendos de: Ingresos de Alquiler o Regalías Compensación al Trabajador CalFresh/SNAP
- Cuentas de Ahorros Becas, Subvenciones, u Otra Ayuda Seguro Social, SSI, SSP Manutención de los Hijos
- Acciones o Bonos Ayuda Utilizada para gastos de subsistencia Pensiones Dinero en Efectivo y/u Otros Ingresos
- Cuentas de Jubilación Ganancias de Autoempleo (Forma 1040, Tabla C Línea 29 del IRS) Indemnizaciones de Seguro Apoyo de Cónyuge
- Indemnizaciones Legales

5. Declaración y afirmación de autocertificación:

Yo declaro que la información precista en esta solicitud es verdadera y correcta. Estoy de acuerdo con proveer comprobantes de mis ingresos si me lo piden. Si en algún momento no califico para recibir el descuento, notificaré a Liberty. Si ya no califico pero sigo recibiendo el descuento, tal vez tendré que pagar la cantidad del descuento que recibí. Entiendo que Liberty puede compartir mi información con otras compañías de servicios públicos o sus representantes, para registrarme en sus programas de asistencia.

Firma

Nombre en letra de molde

Fecha

Dirección

Ciudad

Teléfono

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