



# ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

## ENERGY UTILITY



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

Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc (913-E)

Utility type:

- ELC       GAS       WATER  
 PLC       HEAT

Contact Person: Regulatory Affairs

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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) #: 494-E

Tier Designation: 1

Subject of AL: 2024 Q2 IIJA Information-only Filing

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 #: Resolution E-5254

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL?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Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL: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: 7/30/24

No. of tariff sheets:

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<sup>1</sup>:

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

<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:**

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July 19, 2024

Advice Letter No. 494-E

(U 913 E)

## California Public Utilities Commission

Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. ("BVES") hereby transmits for filing the following:

**SUBJECT:** 2024 Q2 IIJA Information-only Filing

### SUMMARY

Pursuant to Article XII Section 6 of the California Constitution and the Public Utilities Code, the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") may adopt reasonable regulations for the oversight of costs passed on to the ratepayers of California. Resolution No. E-5254, dated April 6, 2023, adopts a procedural venue for the electric and gas investor-owned utilities ("IOUs") to request costs recovery for match funding and tax liabilities pursuant to any funds received from the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA") Clean Energy Infrastructure Grant Programs administered by the United States Department of Energy ("U.S. DOE"), the Federal Inflation Reduction Act ("IRA"), and the Federal Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors and Science Act ("CHIPS"). Resolution No. E-5254 also adopts an advice letter process for IOUs to track and report costs and grant project progress.

### PURPOSE

This compliance filing establishes a tracking mechanism for IOUs to regularly report to the Commission's Energy Division on planning, seeking, and implementation of IIJA, IRA, and CHIPS awards. This advice letter is in accordance and in compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 5 of Resolution No. E-5254. Ordering Paragraph No. 5 states,

*Starting in Q3 of 2023 until all projects funded with IIJA grants are completed and implemented or Energy Division has notified the IOU that further reporting is no longer needed, Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES), Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (Liberty), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), PacifiCorp d.b.a. Pacific Power (PacifiCorp), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), and Southwest Gas Company (SWGAs) shall submit quarterly Tier 1 Information-Only advice letters containing, at a minimum, the information requested in Table 2 of this Resolution. Alpine Natural Gas and West Coast Gas Company should begin reporting in the quarter following approval of their Tier 2 Advice Letter in Ordering Paragraph 1.*

**BACKGROUND**

The 2021 IIJA appropriated more than \$62 billion to the U.S. DOE to create and fund 60 new programs, including 16 demonstration and 32 deployment programs. The federal legislation also expands funding for 12 existing Research, Development, Demonstration, and Deployment (“RDD&D”) programs. Based on currently available guidance, for most programs, funding will be available annually through fiscal year (“FY”) 2026.

Through its various Funding Opportunity Announcements, the U.S. DOE has clarified the application requirements and procedures the electric and gas IOUs will need to include in their applications. As a result, the energy IOUs and Commission staff have identified numerous questions that need to be resolved consistently across the utilities on a short timeline to meet DOE deadlines. Resolving these questions and related issues will better position the energy IOUs to submit successful applications to receive available federal funding through the IIJA.

**GRANT REPORTING**

In order to ensure transparency and oversight, the Commission and public must remain informed on how the IOUs are utilizing IIJA, IRA, or CHIPS grants and match funding. In accordance with Ordering Paragraph No. 5 of Resolution No. E-5254, Attachment A to this advice letter contains the following information for BVES:

For applications:

- Status of applications submitted to U.S. DOE (under review, not awarded, awarded, etc.) including timeframe, the grant section number, and project name
- Descriptions of projects proposed in grant applications, or anticipated use of funding, requested grant level (and commensurate ratepayer matching funds)
- Identify partners on the applications (other IOUs or POU, State agencies, Tribes, etc.)
- Assessment of future award opportunities including match requirements and the expected source(s) for any match funding

For awards:

- A description of each project awarded by the U.S. DOE under IIJA (or IRA or CHIPS, as applicable)
- Project timeline and development status
- Total award, funds expended and remaining, amount of ratepayer funding contributed, related match funding from other grants or programs, and grant or funding expiration date for any awards or matching awards
- Related proceedings (i.e., GRCs, wildfire mitigation, or other forums) where the project may be reviewed or may be used to meet other criteria
- An explanation of how the proposed project(s) maps to existing State priorities, including electric and gas customer rate and bill reductions, safety improvements, reliability enhancements and greenhouse gas emission reductions
- Project status including any delays, challenges, or lessons learned

- A narrative of costs incurred in alignment with the IIJA Memorandum Account
- Identify if any projects are in State-designated disadvantaged communities or on Tribal lands

Since October 1, 2023, there have been no other changes or applications and awards for BVES to report.

### **TIER DESIGNATION**

This advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

BVES respectfully requests this advice letter become effective July 30, 2024.

### **NOTICE AND PROTESTS**

A protest is a document objecting to the granting in whole or in part of the authority sought in this advice letter. A response is a document that does not object to the authority sought, but nevertheless presents information that the party tendering the response believes would be useful to the Commission in acting on the request.

A protest must be mailed within 20 days of the date the Commission accepts the advice letter for submission. The Calendar is available on the Commission's website at [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

A protest must state the facts constituting the grounds for the protest, the effect that approval of the advice letter might have on the protestant, and the reasons the protestant believes the advice letter, or a part of it, is not justified. If the protest requests an evidentiary hearing, the protest must state the facts the protestant would present at an evidentiary hearing to support its request for whole or partial denial of the advice letter.

The utility must respond to a protest within five days.

### **All protests and responses should be sent to:**

California Public Utilities Commission, Energy Division  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102  
E-mail: [EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)

The protest or correspondence should also be sent via U.S. mail and/or electronically, if possible, to BVES at the addresses shown below on the same date it is delivered to the Commission.

Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.  
Regulatory Affairs

E-mail: [RegulatoryAffairs@bvesinc.com](mailto:RegulatoryAffairs@bvesinc.com)

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, please contact Jeff Linam at (909) 630-5555.

**Correspondence:**

Any correspondence regarding this compliance filing should be sent by regular mail or e-mail to the attention of:

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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.

Sincerely,

/s/Alicia Menchaca  
Alicia Menchaca  
Rate Analyst, Regulatory Affairs  
Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.

cc: Jenny Au, Energy Division  
R. Mark Pocta, California Public Advocates Office  
BVES General Order 96-B Service List

# ATTACHMENT A

**BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.**

**G.O. 96-B**

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Field Name	Index Number 1	Index Number 2	Index Number 3
Index Number	BVES -001	BVES-002	BVES-003
Entry Added	Q3-2023	Q3-2023	Q3-2023
Entry Updated	Q2-2024	Q2-2024	Q2-2024
Federal Recipient Identifier Number	TA1-259-D	TA1-246-D	TA1-247-D
Utility Name	Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc	Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc	Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc
Non-Utility Project Partners	None	None	None
Project Name	Grid Automation Projects Package	Grid Hardening Projects Package	Energy Storage/Solar Energy Project
Description of Project	BVES Grid Automation projects to be completed in 2023 through 2025	BVES Grid Hardening projects to be completed in 2023 through 2026	Installation of Battery Storage and Solar Farm
State/CPUC Goal Support	Project automates distribution grid which provides additional reliability and reduces fire risk.	Project hardens distribution grid which provides additional reliability and reduces fire risk.	Project provides solar energy and battery storage which provides more reliability to the grid and reduces power outages during PSPS events
Cost Recovery Proceedings	BVES GRC 2023 -2026 and BVES WMP 2023-2025	BVES GRC 2023 -2026 and BVES WMP 2023-2025	BVES GRC 2023 -2026 and BVES WMP 2023-2025
Related Proceedings	None	None	None
Link	None	None	None
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Funding Vehicle	IUIA	IUIA	IUIA
Funding Agency	DOE	DOE	DOE
Funding Section Number	40101(c)	40101(c)	40101(c)
Program/Grant Name	Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP)	Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP)	Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP)
Direct or Agency	Direct	Direct	Direct
State Agency Awarding	None	None	None
Competitive/Formula	Formula	Formula	Formula
Award Type	Grant	Grant	Grant
Award Status	BVES was hereby discouraged from submitting a full application" BVES did not submit a full application for any of these three concept papers.	BVES was hereby discouraged from submitting a full application" BVES did not submit a full application for any of these three concept papers.	BVES was hereby discouraged from submitting a full application" BVES did not submit a full application for any of these three concept papers.
Award Date	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
Narrative of costs incurred	N//A	N//A	N//A
Future Opportunities	None	None	None
Total National Funding Available for Program		\$9,134,578	\$44,471,904
			\$19,030,941
Related Awards	None	None	None
Initial Estimated Project Total Budget		\$9,134,578	\$44,471,904
Updated Estimated Project Total Budget		\$9,134,578	\$44,471,904
Award Amount Applied For		\$9,134,578	\$44,471,904
Award Amount Awarded	None	None	None
Actual Funding to Date	None	None	None
Funding Spent	N/A	N/A	N/A
Funding Remaining	N/A	N/A	N/A
Match Required	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ratepayer Match	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ratepayer Match Amount Requested		50%	50%
Ratepayer Match Amount Approved	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ratepayer Match Approval	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Match Amount	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Match - State Source	No	No	No
Other Match - Source Name	N//A	N//A	N/A
Other Match Status	None	None	None
Other Match Date	N//A	N//A	N/A
Funding Expiration Date	N//A	N//A	N/A
Active/Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
Status	BVES was hereby discouraged from submitting a full application" BVES did not submit a full application for any of these three concept papers.	BVES was hereby discouraged from submitting a full application" BVES did not submit a full application for any of these three concept papers.	BVES was hereby discouraged from submitting a full application" BVES did not submit a full application for any of these three concept papers.
Initial Estimated Start Date		1/1/2023	1/1/2023
Updated Estimated State Date		1/1/2023	1/1/2023
Initial Estimated Completion Date		12/31/2025	12/31/2026
Updated Estimated Completion Date		12/31/2025	12/31/2026
Actual Completion Date		12/31/2025	12/31/2026
Milestones	N/A	N/A	N/A
Challenges	N/A	N/A	N/A
Counties	San Bernardino	San Bernardino	San Bernardino
Census Tracts or Shape	114.04, 113, 112.03, 112.04, 112.06, 112.05, 115, 114.06, 114.07, 114.08, 114.05	114.04, 113, 112.03, 112.04, 112.06, 112.05, 115, 114.06, 114.07, 114.08, 114.05	114.04, 113, 112.03, 112.04, 112.06, 112.05, 115, 114.06, 114.07, 114.08, 114.05
Disadvantaged or Vulnerable Community Location	No	No	No
Disadvantage or Vulnerable Community Definition	No	No	No
Tribal Location	No	No	No
Tribal Benefit	No	No	No
Tribal Name	None	None	None
Renewable Generation	No	No	Yes
Renewable Generation Capacity	No	No	5 MV AC /6.1 MW DC
Renewable Generation Unit	No	No	21-acre solar farm
Renewable Location	**Other	**Other	In Front of the Meter
Microgrid	No	No	No
Storage	No	No	Yes
Storage Capacity	N//A	N//A	5 MW / 20 MWh
Storage Unit	None	None	Battery Storage
Storage Location	**Other	**Other	In Front of the Meter
Distribution	Yes	Yes	No
Transmission	No	No	No
Energy Efficiency	No	No	No
Electric Vehicle Charging	No	No	No
Electric Vehicle Chargers	No	No	No
Biofuels/Hydrogen	No	No	No

IT/Remote Operation/Monitoring	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hydropower	No	No	No
Hydropower Generation Capacity	No	No	No
Hydropower Generation Unit	No	No	No
Carbon Capture and Storage	No	No	No