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**Customer Forecast** 

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I. <u>REVENUE REQUIREMENT</u> A. Proposed Revenue Requirement

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Liberty CalPeco's requested revenue requirements for Test Years 2019 to 2021 incorporates its forecasts of Operating Expenses (namely, operations and maintenance ("O&M") and administrative and general ("A&G") expenses), Depreciation Expense, Income Taxes, Property Taxes, and Rate Base. These forecasts are detailed below. The following is a summary of the results of operations for test years 2019-2021 levels using a rate of the return of 7.79%. The results of operations for 2019 through 2021 are summarized in Table I-1 below.

## Table I-1 Forecast California Operating Revenues and Expenses (Revenues and Expenses \$000)

|      |                                      | Test Year 2019 Total | Test Year 2020 Total | Test Year 2021 Total |      |
|------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------|
| Line |                                      | Revenue              | Revenue              | Revenue              | Line |
| No.  | Development of Return                | Requirement          | Requirement          | Requirement          | No.  |
|      |                                      |                      |                      |                      |      |
|      | Operating Revenues                   |                      |                      |                      | 1    |
| 2    | Sales Revenue                        | 81,860               | 87,769               | 92,560               | 2    |
| 3    | Other Operating Revenue              | 691                  | 691                  | 691                  | 3    |
| 4    | Revenue Credits                      | 1,362                | 1,362                | 1,362                | 4    |
| 5    | Energy Efficiency (EE)               | 791                  | 791                  | 791                  | 5    |
| 6    | Solar Initiative Program (SIP)       | 985                  | 985                  | 985                  | 6    |
| 7    | Vegetation Management (VM)           | 4,000                | 4,000                | 4,000                | 7    |
| 8    | Other Memo Accts                     | 1,035                | 985                  | 17                   | 8    |
| 9    | Total Operating Revenues             | 90,723               | 96,583               | 100,406              | 9    |
|      |                                      |                      |                      |                      |      |
| 11   | Operating Expenses                   |                      |                      |                      | 11   |
| 12   | Fuel & Purchased Power               | 17,787               | 17,787               | 17,787               | 12   |
| 13   | ECAC                                 | 0                    | 0                    | 0                    | 13   |
| 14   | Total Fuel & Purchased Power Expense | 17,787               | 17,787               | 17,787               | 14   |
| 18   | VM, CEMA, EE, SIP                    | 6,811                | 6,761                | 5,793                | 15   |
| 15   | Other O&M Expense                    | 21,399               | 21,885               | 22,382               | 16   |
| 16   | Total Operation & Maintenance        | 45,997               | 46,432               | 45,962               | 17   |
| 17   | Depreciation & Amortization Expense  | 11,370               | 12,543               | 14,216               | 18   |
| 19   | Taxes Other Than Income              | 4,994                | 5,183                | 5,404                | 19   |
| 20   | Deferred Income Taxes                | 2,449                | 4,084                | 3,148                | 20   |
| 21   | EADIT Amortization                   | (180)                | (180)                | (180)                | 21   |
| 22   | Federal Income Tax                   | 3,275                | 3,965                | 4,259                | 22   |
| 23   | California Corporate Franchise Tax   | 1,511                | 1,776                | 2,024                | 23   |
| 24   | Total Operating Expenses             | 69,415               | 73,804               | 74,833               | 24   |
| 25   |                                      |                      |                      |                      | 25   |
| 26   | Operating Income                     | 21,309               | 22,779               | 25,572               | 26   |

B. <u>Rate Base</u>

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Liberty CalPeco proposes \$273.6 million for its test year 2019 rate base in the California jurisdiction as shown below in Table I-2. This total primarily consists of plant-related rate base of \$421.9 million, and other than plant related items, including working cash, materials and supplies. The largest component of rate base is comprised of distribution plant items such as poles, overhead lines, underground lines, and transformers. As shown below, rate base is expected to increase to nearly \$328.5 million by end of test year 2021. The gross plant in service for the California jurisdiction is forecast to increase by approximately \$83 million, representing an approximate 19.7% increase from test year 2019

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#### Table I-2 Total Proposed California Rate Base and Rate of Return (\$000)

|    |                                    | Test Year 2019 Total | Test Year 2020 Total | Test Year 2021 Total |      |
|----|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------|
|    |                                    | Rate                 | Rate                 | Rate                 | Line |
|    |                                    | Base                 | Base                 | Base                 | No.  |
| 28 | Rate Base                          |                      |                      |                      | 28   |
| 29 | Gross Plant in Service             | 421,857              | 454,442              | 504,998              | 29   |
| 30 | Accum Prov for Depr & Amort        | (92,861)             | (99,376)             | (103,700)            | 30   |
| 31 | Net Plant in Service               | 328,997              | 355,066              | 401,299              | 31   |
| 32 |                                    |                      |                      |                      | 32   |
| 33 | Additions                          |                      |                      |                      | 33   |
| 34 | Construction Work In Progress      | 0                    | 0                    | 0                    | 34   |
| 35 | Materials & Supplies               | 4,547                | 4,795                | 4,824                | 35   |
| 36 | Prepayments                        | 935                  | 986                  | 992                  | 36   |
| 37 | Other Additions                    | 0                    | 0                    | 0                    | 37   |
| 38 | Working Capital                    | 482                  | 497                  | 511                  | 38   |
| 39 | Total Additions                    | 5,965                | 6,278                | 6,328                | 39   |
| 40 |                                    |                      |                      |                      | 40   |
| 41 | Deductions                         |                      |                      |                      | 41   |
| 42 | Customer Advances for Construction | (14,269)             | (14,778)             | (15,304)             | 42   |
| 43 | Accumulated Deferred Income Tax    | (18,469)             | (23,401)             | (31,208)             | 43   |
| 44 | Other Deductions - COR & EADIT     | (28,593)             |                      |                      | ) 44 |
| 45 | Total Deductions                   | (61,331)             | (68,705)             | (79,127)             | 45   |
| 46 |                                    |                      |                      |                      | 46   |
| 47 | Rate Base                          | 273,630              | 292,639              | 328,499              | 47   |
| 48 |                                    |                      |                      |                      | 48   |
| 49 | Rate of Return (%)                 | 7.79%                | 7.78%                | 7.79%                | 49   |

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#### Weighted Average Net Plant Balances

Liberty CalPeco's determination of 2019-2021 weighted average plant balances is based on the recorded 2018 plant-in-service balances as of August 2018.<sup>1</sup> Liberty CalPeco then took the estimated capital expenditures detailed in Mr. Jeff Matthews's direct testimony for projects closing through yearend 2021 to develop the forecast capital additions used in this General Rate Case filing.<sup>2</sup> The company utilized the capital additions and forecast retirement ratios to project monthly plant balances through the end of 2021.<sup>3</sup> The plant balances were then used to forecast depreciation expenses<sup>4</sup> and estimate the

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<sup>1</sup> In addition, the company forecast the recorded CWIP balance to close in November 2018. See Table I-2.

<sup>2</sup> See workpapers.

<sup>3</sup> See workpapers for retirement forecast percentages by FERC account. Retirement percentages are applied to forecast capital additions to determine the forecast retirement dollar amount. The retirement study was performed by the depreciation consultant, Gannet Flemming based on Liberty CalPeco's historic average retirements to capital additions activity.

<sup>4</sup> Liberty CalPeco used authorized depreciation rates to calculate the 2018 depreciation expense. Proposed depreciation rates, discussed in Mr. Richard Clarke's workpapers, were used for test years 2019-2021.

reserve activity for the accumulated depreciation reserve balances.

#### 2. <u>Net Capital Additions</u>

Net capital additions were developed using the capital expenditure forecast for the period and estimated closing dates associated with each project. These additions include loaders for Allowances for Funds Under Construction (AFUDC) and capitalized A&G expenses. The AFUDC rate applied to capital expenditures was 3.22%.

#### 3. <u>Depreciation Expense</u>

Table I-3 below displays the authorized and requested depreciation rates for Liberty CalPeco.

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|          |  | Authorize | Proposed |
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| Line No. | Depreciation Group Descripton                      | d Rate    | Rate     |
| 1        |  |           | Nate     |
|          | 302 CA Franchises & Consents                       |           |          |
|          | 303 CA Software                                    | 9.61%     | 9.39%    |
|          | 340.1 CA Land                                      | 5.0170    | 5.5570   |
|          | 341 CA Structures & Imp                            | 1.96%     | 1.91%    |
|          | 342 CA Fuel Hldrs,Prod & Acc                       | 1.96%     | 1.92%    |
|          | 344 CA Generators                                  | 1.94%     | 1.89%    |
|          | 346 CA Misc Power Equipment                        | 1.82%     | 1.76%    |
|          | 360.1 CA Land                                      |           |          |
|          | 360.2 CA Land Rights                               | 1.22%     | 0.56%    |
|          | 361 CA Structures & Imp                            | 1.68%     | 1.75%    |
|          | 362 CA Station Equipment                           | 1.39%     | 1.40%    |
|          | 364 CA Poles, Twrs & Fixtures                      | 2.19%     | 2.31%    |
|          | 365 CA OH Cond & Devices                           | 2.41%     | 2.59%    |
| 15       | 366 CA Underground Conduit                         | 1.41%     | 1.41%    |
| 16       | 367 CA UG Cond & Devices                           | 2.27%     | 2.53%    |
| 17       | 368 CA Line Transformers                           | 1.77%     | 1.97%    |
| 18       | 369 CA Services                                    | 1.29%     | 1.53%    |
| 19       | 370 CA Meters                                      | 2.46%     | 2.28%    |
| 20       | 371 CA Installs Cust Premise                       | 2.07%     | 2.51%    |
| 21       | 373 CA Street Lighy & SigSys                       | 2.24%     | 2.38%    |
| 22       | 389 CA Land in Fee                                 |           |          |
| 23       | 389 CA Land Rights                                 | 1.85%     | 1.35%    |
| 24       | 390 CA Structures & Imp                            | 1.59%     | 1.63%    |
| 25       | 391 CA Office Furn & Equip                         | 5.00%     | 5.00%    |
| 26       | 392.1 CA Autos                                     | 7.14%     | 5.83%    |
| 27       | 393 CA Stores Equipment                            | 5.00%     | 5.00%    |
| 28       | 394 CA Tool,Shop & Garage Eq                       | 4.00%     | 4.00%    |
| 29       | 396 CA Power Operated Equip                        | 7.14%     | 1.92%    |
| 30       | 397 CA Communication Equip                         | 6.67%     | 6.67%    |
| 31       | 398 CA Miscellaneous Equip                         |           | 5.00%    |
|          | * Life span procedure is used for Other Production |           |          |
| 32       | with a 50 year life span                           |           |          |

Table I-3Proposed Depreciation Rates

#### 4. Weighted Average Accumulated Depreciation Reserve

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Accumulated depreciation is forecast to be \$93.5 million for the 2019 test year. Of the \$93.5 2 million, \$92.9 million is allocated to the California jurisdiction as shown in Table I-4 above. The 3 majority of the California jurisdiction's depreciation reserve is made up of intangible plant (\$5.5 4 million), other production (\$9.2 million), substation equipment (\$8.7 million), poles/towers/fixtures 5 (\$13.4 million), overhead conductors and devices (\$16.8 million), line transformers (\$11.3 million), 6 services (\$7.3 million), and general plant (\$4.7 million) accounts for the 2019 test year. Accounts 7 contributing to the increase from test year 2019 until the end of test year 2021 are software and solar 8 plant-related plant depreciation. 9

# Table I-4Forecast California Accumulated Depreciation Reserve for Test Years 2019-2021<br/>(\$000)

|            |  | 2019 Base Year | 2020 Test Year | 2021 Test Yea |
|------------|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| FERC       | Accumulated Depreciation Reserve                   | California     | California     | Californi     |
|            | Intensible Diant                                   |                |                |               |
|            | Intangible Plant                                   |                |                |               |
| 302        | 302 Intang Plant-Frachise                          |                |                |               |
| 303        | 303 CA Software                                    | 5,531          | 6,508          | 7,53          |
|            | 303 Software Solar Plant                           | 3              | 4              | Į.            |
|            | TOTAL INTANGIBLE                                   | 5,534          | 6,512          | 7,539         |
| 340        | Other Production<br>340.1 CA Land                  | о              | 0              |               |
|            |  |                |                |               |
| 341-348    | 341 Structures & Imp                               | 1,249          | 1,336          | 1,42          |
|            | 341 Structures & Imp Solar Plant                   | 703            | 1,224          | 1,76          |
|            | 342 CA Fuel Hldrs,Prod & Acc                       | 13             | 16             | 1             |
|            | 344 CA Generators                                  | 2,505          | 2,674          | 2,84          |
|            | 344 Generators Solar Plant                         | 2,307          | 3,262          | 4,21          |
|            | 345 Accessory Equip. Solar Plant                   | 1,071          | 1,514          | 1,95          |
|            | 345 Accessory Equip. Solar Plant (20 YR)           | 1,133          | 1,602          | 2,07          |
|            | 346 CA Misc Power Equipment                        | 63             | 66             | 7             |
|            | 346 Misc. Power Equip Solar Plant                  | 153            | 216            | 27            |
|            | 348 Energy Storage Equipment                       | 8              | 417            | 1,593         |
|            | TOTAL OTHER  | 3,838          | 4,509          | 5,94          |
|            | TOTAL SOLAR  | 5,367          | 7,818          | 10,29         |
|            | TOTAL PRODUCTION                                   | 9,205          | 12,327         | 16,24         |
|            | Distribution Plant                                 |                |                |               |
| 360        | 360.1 CA Land                                      | 0              | 0              |               |
| 361        | 360.2 CA Land Rights                               | 940            | 947            | 95            |
| 362        | 361 CA Structures & Imp                            | (176)          | (131)          | (8            |
| 364        | 362 CA Station Equipment                           | 8,701          | 8,970          | 9,25          |
| 365        | 364 CA Poles, Twrs & Fixtures                      | 13,427         | 14,602         | 15,87         |
| 366        | 365 CA OH Cond & Devices                           | 16,831         | 17,621         | 18,32         |
| 367        | 366 CA Underground Conduit                         | 4,035          | 4,208          | 4,37          |
| 368        | 367 CA UG Cond & Devices                           | 4,955          | 5,591          | 5,91          |
| 369        | 368 CA Line Transformers                           | 11,254         | 11,826         | 12,41         |
| 370        | 369 CA Services                                    | 7,330          | 6,831          | 6,28          |
| 371        | 370 CA Meters                                      | 4,518          | 3,471          | (55           |
| 373        | 371 CA Installs Cust Premise                       | 1,011<br>539   | 1,014<br>551   | 1,00<br>56    |
|            | 373 CA Street Lighy & SigSys<br>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION | 73,366         | 75,500         | 74,32         |
|            | Regional Transmission                              | 10,000         | 10,000         | 14,02         |
|            |  |                |                |               |
| 382        | Computer Hardware                                  | 8              | 23             | 3             |
| 383<br>384 | Computer Software<br>Communication Equipment       | 40<br>13       | 120<br>39      | 20<br>6       |
| 304        | TOTAL TRANSMISSION                                 | 61             | 182            | 30            |
|            |  |                |                |               |
|            | GENERAL PLANT                                      |                |                |               |
| 389        | 389 CA Land in Fee                                 | 0              | 0              |               |
| 389-399    | 389 CA Land Rights                                 | 26             | 28             | 2             |
|            | 390 CA Structures & Imp                            | 2,104          | 2,203          | 2,33          |
|            | 391 CA Office Furn & Equip<br>392.1 CA Autos       | 577<br>773     | 667<br>367     | 76<br>21      |
|            | 393 CA Stores Equipment                            | 47             | 68             | 8             |
|            | 394 CA Tool,Shop & Garage Eq                       | 47<br>141      | 176            | 21            |
|            | 396 CA Power Operated Equip                        | 419            | 429            | 43            |
|            | 397 CA Communication Equip                         | 587            | 894            | 1,20          |
|            | 398 CA Miscellaneous Equip                         | 22             | 23             | 1,20          |
|            |  | 4,696          | 4,856          | 5,29          |
|            | TOTAL GENERAL                                      | 4,000          | 4,000          | 5,20          |

#### 1. <u>Other Rate Base</u>

Other rate base forecast results are shown below. Total additions are set to remain fairly constant increasing from \$6 million to \$6.3 million from 2019 to 2021. As mentioned below, liberalized deprecation is forecast to have a large effect reducing the CalPeco rate base looking ahead. As a result, nearly \$18 million will be reduced from the CalPeco rate base from the 2019 test year until the end of 2021.

## Table I-5Forecast California Other Rate Base<br/>(\$000)

|   | 2019 Test Year           | 2020 Test Year       | 2021 Test Year       |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|   | Total                    | Total                | Total                |
| Additions to Rate Base  |                          |                      |                      |
| Materials & Supplies  | 4,547                    | 4,684                | 4,824                |
| Prepayments   | 935                      | 963                  | 992                  |
| Cash Working Capital  | 482                      | 497                  | 511                  |
| Total Additions   | 5,965                    | 6,144                | 6,328                |
| Deductions to Rate Base   |                          |                      |                      |
| Customer Advances for Construction                                  | (14,269)                 | (14,778)             | (15,304)             |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes                                   |                          |                      |                      |
| Liberalized Depreciation<br>Excess ADIT<br>CIAC & Customer Advances | (12,935)<br>(5,534)<br>0 |                      |                      |
| Uncollectibles Reserve  | 0                        | 0                    | 0                    |
| TOTAL<br>Other Deductions   | (18,469)                 | (23,401)             | (31,208)             |
| Customer Advances - Tax Gross-Up                                    | (2,673)                  | (2,774)              | (2,879)              |
| CIAC - Tax Gross-Up   | 0                        | 0                    | 0                    |
| Uncollectibles  | (160)                    | (165)                | (170)                |
| Cost of Removal<br>TOTAL  | (25,760)<br>(28,593)     | (27,587)<br>(30,526) | (29,567)<br>(32,616) |
| TOTAL DECUCTION RATE BASE   | (61,331)                 | (68,705)             | (79,127)             |

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#### Accumulated Deferred Taxes – Plant, ITC, and CIAC

Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes reflects the net of Liberty CalPeco's deferred tax assets 2 and liabilities. Deferred tax assets are determined from net operating losses (NOL's) and deferred tax 3 liabilities from federal and state liberalized depreciation. The balances also include accumulated excess 4 deferred taxes resulting from the new federal income tax rate enacted in the 2017 Job and Tax Cut Act. 5 Accumulated excess deferred income taxes are amortized over the weighted average remaining life of 6 plant assets.<sup>5</sup> For 2019 test year, Liberty CalPeco's California jurisdiction forecasts (\$18.47 million) as 7 shown in Table I-5 above. This amount is forecast to increase to (\$25.98 million) by the end of test year 8 2021. 9

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#### a) Customer Advances

11 Customer Advances represents the 2019 forecast of customer advances are set to be estimated at 12 approximately \$2.67 million, and to steadily increase to close to \$2.9 million by test year 2021.

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#### b) <u>Materials and Supplies</u>

Liberty CalPeco forecast \$4.55 million to be allocated to the California jurisdiction. This amount will gradually rise to approximately \$4.82 million by test year 2021.

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#### c) <u>Prepayments</u>

Liberty CalPeco's forecast California jurisdiction will be allocated \$0.94 million of the total.
The largest components of the prepayments are property taxes (\$0.46 million), injuries and damages
(\$0.12 million), and miscellaneous (\$0.15 million).

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#### d) <u>Working Cash</u>

Working cash is projected to be approximately \$0.48 million allocated to the California jurisdiction. This amount will remain relatively constant being forecast forward with the forecast projecting working cash of roughly \$0.51 million in the 2021 test year.

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{5}{2}$  Amortization is reflected as a reduction to expenses in the Taxes Other Than Income section. See workpapers.

 e) <u>Deductions – Customer Advances for Construction, Liberalized Depreciation,</u> <u>Customer Advances tax gross-up, CIAC tax gross-up, Uncollectables, Cost of</u> Removal

Forecast deductions to rate base for the test year 2019 are estimated to be \$61.3 million in the California jurisdiction. Looking ahead, the company projects more deductions to rate base totally \$79.1 million by the end of test year 2021.

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#### f) <u>Further Tax Discussion</u>

Liberty CalPeco currently pays Property Taxes in California and Nevada. California tax was
calculated using final 2017 enrollment and escalated with a 3 year average and other adjustments.
California adjustment weightings are applied, and then county property splits and local tax rates are
used. Liberty also pays property taxes at its solar generation facility in Luning, Nevada. These taxes
were forecasted based on 2017 assessments and local rates.

Payroll Taxes are the combination of forecasted wages and applicable payroll tax rates. City and
 County Franchise Taxes are based on existing franchise agreements. Deferred Income Taxes are the
 portion of Income Tax Expense arising from the change in Liberty's estimated deferred tax liability.

The calculation for Federal Income Taxes begins at Book Income before Federal Income Tax and Book Depreciation. Federal tax adjustments such as depreciation, repair deduction, and state income tax are then made to arrive at Federal Taxable Net Income. This figure is then multiplied by the current federal tax rate of 21% to determine current Federal Income Tax. State of California Income Taxes begin with the same figure as above and are adjusted by California depreciation to arrive at California Taxable Net Income. This figure is them multiplied by the current California tax rate of 8.84% to determine California Corporate Franchise Tax.

Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes reflect the net of Liberty Utilities deferred tax assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets arise from net operating losses (NOLs) and deferred tax liabilities arise from federal and state liberalized depreciation. They also include accumulated excess deferred taxes arising from the now lower federal income tax rate enacted in the 2017 Job and Tax Cut Act.

Accumulated excess deferred income taxes are amortized over the weighted average remaining life of
 plant assets. Amortization is reflected as a reduction to expenses in the Taxes Other Than Income
 section.

#### C. <u>Ratemaking Overview</u>

Liberty CalPeco's proposed revenue requirement also includes costs for programs outside of the regular O&M costs, such as vegetation management and public purpose programs discussed by Mr. Eliot Jones in Chapter 4 and Mr. Olijar in Chapter 5. These program costs are tracked in balancing accounts, as described below.

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#### 1. Vegetation Management Balancing Account ("VMBA")

Liberty CalPeco's VMBA records the difference between the authorized and recorded expenses associated with Liberty CalPeco's Vegetation Management program, which is discussed in Chapter 4. Liberty CalPeco's authorized annual expenses for this program is \$2.523 million. Liberty CalPeco has requested an increase in annual spending to \$4.000 million per year.

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#### Energy Efficiency Balancing Account ("EEBA")

Liberty CalPeco's EEBA records the difference between the authorized and recorded expenses associated with Liberty CalPeco's Energy Efficiency program, which is discussed in Chapter 5. Liberty CalPeco's authorized annual expenses for this program is \$0.471 million. Liberty CalPeco has requested an increase in annual spending to \$0.791 million per year.

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#### Solar Initiative Program Balancing Account ("SIPBA")

Liberty CalPeco's SIPBA records the difference between the authorized and recorded expenses associated with Liberty CalPeco's Solar Initiative program, which is discussed in Chapter 5. Liberty CalPeco's authorized annual expenses for this program is \$0.371 million. Liberty CalPeco has requested an increase in annual spending to \$0.985 million per year. 2

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#### SALES, CUSTOMER, AND REVENUES FORECASTS

II.

#### A. <u>Sales and Customers Forecast</u>

Ken Parris of Business Economic Analysis and Research develops Liberty CalPeco's sales and customer forecasts. Mr. Parris has over 38 years of experience in the utility industry and has been the Principal of Business Economic Analysis and Research since 1985.

Mr. Parris used the following methodology to forecast sales for Liberty CalPeco:

- 81.For the residential and commercial rate classes, Mr. Parris used historic calendar9month customer class billing data to develop monthly use and customer counts by10class. Using billing period start and end dates, Mr. Parris calculated daily use for11each customer and then totaled daily use by calendar month for all retail12customers. He then used these usage and customer counts to develop customer13and usage models specific to each rate group and converted the total monthly14calendar use to use per customer.
  - Mr. Parris developed class specific sales and customer forecasts using the results from customer and use-per-customer regression models for each rate class.
  - 3. The first regression model forecasts the number of customers by class (existing and proposed) in the service territory. The regression model projects future customer counts based on a time trend of customer growth. The actual customer class-specific forecast then applies the monthly growth in new customers to the existing customer count for each customer class.
    - The second regression model forecasts the use per customer for each customer class. Several variables factor into the use-per-customer model including:

| 1  | • monthly intercept adjustments,  |
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| 2  | • heating degree days ("HDD"),  |
| 3  | • cooling degree days ("CDD"), and  |
| 4<br>5   | • a time trend to capture changes in market conditions due to new technologies and energy conservation.   |
| 6  | 5. These two regression models (the customer forecast by class and the use-per-   |
| 7  | customer) are combined and used to estimate the total sales forecast for the  |
| 8  | forecast years.   |
| 9  | 6. In addition, Liberty CalPeco developed sales forecasts for the irrigation, outside   |
| 10   | lighting, and street lighting customer classes based on the recorded data of average  |
| 11   | sales by month for the 2015-2017 time period.   |
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| 12   | B. Revenue Forecast   |
| 12<br>13   | <ul> <li>B. <u>Revenue Forecast</u></li> <li>Liberty CalPeco forecast total revenues of \$84 million in the 2019 Test Year for its California</li> </ul>  |
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25 flow into California and on to Liberty CalPeco's facilities and then having the energy flow back into the

NV Energy facilities in Nevada. Both the Commission and FERC approved the DCA between the
parties.<sup>6</sup> Liberty CalPeco forecasts DCA revenues in 2019 of \$47,000 based on forecasted throughput.
Liberty CalPeco forecasts revenues from EBSA to be on the order of \$1.33 million for the 2019 test
year. The EBSA revenues are a function of NV Energy supporting CalPeco's system costs during
backup generating hours when the company runs its backup diesel generators.

See, D.10-10-017, mimeo at 47-48, 58-59 (Findings of Fact 34, 39) 62 (Conclusions of Law 16), and 63 (Ordering Paragraph 2). See also, December 7, 2010 FERC Letter order accepting Liberty CalPeco's November 10, 2010 filing of the executed DCA and a Reliability Support Agreement with Sierra Pacific Power Company in Docket No. ER11-2081; see also D.11-02-015, mimeo at 4-6 (Findings of Facts 1-3; Ordering Paragraph 1).

Appendix A

Witness Qualifications

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| 1  |    | LIBERTY UTILITIES (CALPECO ELECTRIC) LLC  |
| 2  |    | QUALIFICATIONS AND PREPARED TESTIMONY   |
| 3  |    | OF GREG CAMPBELL  |
| 4  | Q. | Please state your name and business address for the record.                                       |
| 5  | A. | My name is Greg Campbell and my business address is 9750 Washburn Rd., Downey, California         |
| 6  |    | 90241.  |
| 7  | Q. | Briefly describe your present responsibilities at Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC.       |
| 8  | A. | I am currently a Sr. Rate Analyst for Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC, ("Liberty         |
| 9  |    | CalPeco") and am responsible for Liberty CalPeco's rate and regulatory affairs including but not  |
| 10 |    | limited to compliance, applications, and risk management and mitigation.                          |
| 11 | Q. | Briefly describe your educational and professional background.                                    |
| 12 | A. | I graduated from Michigan State University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in              |
| 13 |    | Economics, and received a Master's of Science Degree in Economics from the University of          |
| 14 |    | Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2007. I have held a variety of positions within the Electric      |
| 15 |    | Utility Industry including positions with DTE Energy, the Maryland Public Service Commission,     |
| 16 |    | Tacoma Power, and Liberty CalPeco.  |
| 17 | Q. | What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?   |
| 18 | A. | The purpose of my testimony in this proceeding is to present the cost basis for Liberty CalPeco's |
| 19 |    | rate increase pertinent to the company's revenue requirement, purchased power, fuel cost,         |
| 20 |    | Energy Cost Adjustment Clause ("ECAC"), sales, revenue and customer forecast, and                 |
| 21 |    | Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") Rate adjustment.   |
| 22 | Q. | Was this material prepared by you or under your supervision?                                      |
| 23 | A. | Yes, it was.  |
| 24 | Q. | Insofar as this material is factual in nature, do you believe it to be correct?                   |
| 25 | A. | Yes, I do.  |
| 26 | Q. | Insofar as this material is in the nature of opinion or judgement, does it represent your best    |
| 27 |    | judgement?  |
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- 1 A. Yes, it does.
- 2 Q. Does this conclude your qualifications and prepared testimony?
- 3 A. Yes, it does.

| 1  |    | LIBERTY UTILITIES (CALPECO ELECTRIC) LLC   |
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| 2  |    | QUALIFICATIONS AND PREPARED TESTIMONY  |
| 3  |    | OF JEFF KIJANKA  |
| 4  | Q. | Please state your name and business address for the record.                                    |
| 5  | A. | My name is Jeff Kijanka and my business address is 701 National Avenue, Tahoe Vista,           |
| 6  |    | California 96148.  |
| 7  | Q. | Briefly describe your present responsibilities at Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC.    |
| 8  | A. | I am currently the Manager of Finance. I am responsible for all aspects of Finance and         |
| 9  |    | Accounting for Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC.                                       |
| 10 | Q. | Briefly describe your educational and professional background.                                 |
| 11 | A. | I hold a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting with emphasis in Business Law from the       |
| 12 |    | Pennsylvania State University. I have over 20 years of Finance and Accounting experience in    |
| 13 |    | various industries ranging from Travel and Leisure to Smart Meter Engineering firms.           |
| 14 | Q. | What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?                                      |
| 15 | A. | The purpose of my testimony in this proceeding is to sponsor Chapter 6 – Revenue Requirement,  |
| 16 |    | Sales, Revenue, and Customer Forecast.   |
| 17 | Q. | Was this material prepared by you or under your supervision?                                   |
| 18 | A. | Yes, it was.   |
| 19 | Q. | Insofar as this material is factual in nature, do you believe it to be correct?                |
| 20 | A. | Yes, I do.   |
| 21 | Q. | Insofar as this material is in the nature of opinion or judgement, does it represent your best |
| 22 |    | judgement?   |
| 23 | A. | Yes, it does.  |
| 24 | Q. | Does this conclude your qualifications and prepared testimony?                                 |
| 25 | A. | Yes, it does.  |
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