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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Liberty Utilities
(CalPeco Electric) LLC (U933E) for
Authority to Update Rates Pursuant to
its Energy Cost Adjustment Clause
and its California Climate Credit,
Effective January 1, 2021.

Application 20-08-001

**EMAIL RULING ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS RELATED TO SETTLEMENT
MOTION, CLIMATE CREDITS, AND BILL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

Dated February 8, 2021, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MANISHA LAKHANPAL

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Administrative Law Judge

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settlement motion, climate credits, and bill impact analysis

To the Parties in A.20-08-001:

On February 4, 2021, Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (Liberty) emailed the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and the service list of Application (A.) 20-08-001 with a status of its settlement talks and information on Climate Credit Payments and Bill Impact Analysis.

This email ruling directs Liberty about procedural issues on filing a Motion for Settlement, Climate Credit payments due on April 1, 2021, and filing the Bill Impact Analysis as part of the record in this proceeding.

Liberty's Motion for Settlement was due on February 4, 2021, per the January 22, 2021 ALJ ruling. In its February 4, 2021 email, Liberty informs the ALJ and the service about filing its Motion for Settlement sometime this week. However, it does not give a specific date, and the email is ambiguous on whether Liberty is seeking an extension of time to file its Motion for Settlement. This email ruling directs Liberty to file the Motion with an opening paragraph stating that the Administrative Law Judge has authorized its filing and must refer to this email ruling for its docket filing purposes.

On Climate Credit payments, we direct Liberty to continue with its second proposal to issue the April 2021 Climate Credit based on the Commission's current authorized tariffs for 2020. The Commission will provide further guidance in this proceeding on any true-ups to the October 2021 Climate Credit to account for any difference between the payments authorized for 2020 and the amounts proposed for 2021.

This email ruling directs Liberty to file the Bill Impact Analysis as an attachment to the settlement motion to ensure it is part of the proceeding record.

IT IS RULED.

THE DOCKET SHALL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING.

Manisha Lakhanpal

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Dear Judge Lakhanpal,

Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (U933E) provides the following settlement status report on behalf of the Parties of this proceeding. The Parties will not be submitting opening briefs today. A near-final motion and draft settlement agreement that would resolve all issues in this Application is currently pending final review by management of the Parties. The Parties are hopeful they will be able to file the joint motion and draft settlement by early next week.

In addition, Your Honor's January 22, 2021 Ruling requires Liberty CalPeco to provide certain supplemental information on adjusting Climate Credit Payments and Updated Rates and Bill Impact. On the issue of the Climate Credit timing, Liberty CalPeco anticipates the Parties' motion for the draft settlement agreement will include the following two proposals in response to Your Honor's direction to provide supplemental information:

The Parties offer two alternative proposals for Your Honor's consideration. First, the Parties respectfully request Your Honor issue a ruling providing temporary authorization to issue the April 2021 Climate Credits based on the amounts set forth in this Settlement Agreement. If the Commission does not approve the Settlement Agreement or modifies the authorized 2021 Climate Credit, the expedited ruling should require Liberty CalPeco to adjust the October 2021 Climate Credit to account for any differences in the April 2021 Climate Credit and the 2021 Climate Credit amounts ultimately authorized by the Commission. This is the Parties' preferred proposal.

Alternatively, Liberty CalPeco could issue an April 2021 Climate Credit based on the amounts approved for 2020. If the Commission approves the Settlement Agreement, Liberty CalPeco could provide a true up to the October 2021 Climate Credit to account for the small difference between the amounts authorized for 2020 and the amounts proposed for 2021.

Finally, Your Honor's January 22, 2021 Ruling directs Liberty CalPeco to provide an updated Rate and Bill Impact Analysis for all customer classes based on the settlement agreement. Attached to this email, Liberty CalPeco provides a draft exhibit, that if approved by Parties' management, would incorporate the settlement principles tentatively agreed to by the Parties of this proceeding.

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Respectfully submitted,

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