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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (U913E) for Authority to, Among Other Things, Increase Rates and Charges, and Authorized Revenues, for Electric Service Effective January 1, 2023.

Application 22-08-010

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING AN ONLINE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING**

This Ruling sets an online public participation hearing (PPH) for May 9, 2023 at 5 p.m. The purpose of the PPH is for the Commission to hear comments from members of the public on the proposals Bear Valley Electric Services, Inc. (BVES) is requesting in this Application.

The public may view the live stream of the PPH by visiting the following link: <https://adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/hearing/20230509/>.

Members of the public who want to speak or provide comments at the hearing will need to call in to the following number during the event:

Public Toll-Free Comment Line: 800-857-1917

Public Passcode: 1767567#

1. Presentations at the PPH

At the PPH, BVES shall give a presentation, not to exceed 10 minutes, to provide an overview of the requests in the Application. If BVES is to use a slideshow presentation at the PPH, BVES shall serve the slide deck on the service

list no later than seven days before the PPH. (Please also e-mail the slide presentation file to Claudia.Sanchez@cpuc.ca.gov.)

Intervening parties may request to also make a presentation of their recommendations or proposals at the PPH by contacting the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) at least 14 days before the date of the PPH, and serve the request on the service list.

2. Public Notice

Pursuant to Rule 13.1(b) of the California Public Utilities Commission's Rule of Practice and Procedure, BVES shall prepare draft newspaper notice(s) to the customers taking service in their service areas, and obtain the Public Advisor's Office (PAO) approval of the draft newspaper notice(s). BVES shall publish the approved notice in one or more local newspapers of general circulation in their service areas for seven consecutive days prior to and including the date of the PPH. The notice(s) shall include the time and date of the PPH, the website where members of the public can view the live stream of the PPH, and the call-in information for members of the public to speak at the PPH. The Applicants shall file the proof of publication and sample copies of the notices with the Commission within 10 days after publication. BVES shall also prominently post a notice of the PPH on its website and in all their offices where customers come into contact with customer service representatives.

3. Billing Notice

BVES shall also prepare a draft mail notice to its customers, obtain PAO approval of the draft notice, and mail the approved notice to customers. The notice shall inform customers about the PPH, the purpose of the PPH, a summary of the requests in this Application, as well as the time and date of the PPH, the website where members of the public can view the live stream of the

PPH, and the call-in information for members of the public to speak at the PPH. BVES shall provide customer notice via mailing not less than 15 days before the date of the PPH.

4. Customer Service Support

BVES shall provide representatives to be available during the PPH, from 5 p.m. until the conclusion of the PPH, to answer questions from members of the public on their bills or service and to also address any questions about the Application. BVES may have representatives that can answer questions on customer bills and questions about the Application be reachable through one phone number or through separate phone numbers (*e.g.*, one phone number for customers to call to ask questions about their customer bills or services and another phone number for customers to call to ask questions about the Application). No later than seven days before the PPH, BVES shall e-mail the phone number(s) for members of the public to call for questions to the assigned Administrative Law Judge and Claudia.Sanchez@cpuc.ca.gov.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The public participation hearing is set for May 9, 2023 at 5 p.m.
2. BVES shall publish the approved notice in one or more local newspapers of general circulation in their service areas for seven consecutive days prior to and including the date of the public participation hearing.
3. BVES shall prominently post a notice of the public participation hearing on their website and in all their offices where customers come into contact with customer service representatives.
4. BVES shall provide customer notice of the public participation hearing via mailing not less than 15 days before the date of the public participation hearing.

