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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, 2027.

Application 26-01-022

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
PROVIDING LOG-IN INFORMATION AND
INSTRUCTIONS FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS**

Evidentiary hearings for this proceeding are scheduled for September 23-25, 2026. The hearings will be conducted remotely via the Webex platform. In addition to providing Webex log-in exhibits; this ruling also provides instructions regarding exhibits, requires parties to meet and confer to prepare a proposed witness schedule and list of exhibits, and sets a deadline for prehearing motions.

1. Public Log-in Information

The below Webex links and phone numbers provide the public with the opportunity to watch and listen to the hearings. Audio for the hearings will be provided through Webex. The toll-free and toll numbers are provided for the convenience of anyone who needs to connect to Webex via telephone (versus a computer only).

Day 1

Date and time: Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 10:00 a.m. PDT
Join link: <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m43b7db461bcd70e24b4b2b56373ed23a>
Webinar number: 2489 898 7541
Webinar password: 2026 (2026 from phones and video systems)
Join by phone: 1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free
1-415-655-0002 United States Toll
Access code: 248 989 87541

Day 2

Date and time: Thursday, September 25, 2026, 10:00 a.m. PDT
Join link: <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m6d42c6d0d68fd8d1948d8233c7e383e8>
Webinar number: 2490 111 1825
Webinar password: 2026 (2026 from phones and video systems)
Join by phone: 1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free
1-415-655-0002 United States Toll
Access code: 249 011 11825

Day 3

Date and time: Friday, September 26, 2026, 10:00 a.m. PDT
Join link: <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m75df7da3cc898cf1776f75ecc6ca2e49>
Webinar number: 2485 126 6516
Webinar password: 2026 (2026 from phones and video systems)
Join by phone: 1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free
1-415-655-0002 United States Toll
Access code: 248 512 66516

2. Participant Log-in Information

The log-in information for participants is different than the log-in information for the public. Each party that will actively participate in the evidentiary hearings shall provide the following information via email to Melissa Wang (Melissa.Wang@cpuc.ca.gov) and Laura Compton (Laura.Compton@cpuc.ca.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on September 16, 2026, to receive the participant links and telephone numbers.

- Name of Party
- Party's expected number of attendees at the evidentiary hearing (this should include all participating witnesses and attorneys)
- Lead Representative/Primary Speaker for the party
 - Name:
 - Role (*e.g.*, lead attorney):
 - Email address:
 - Telephone number:
- For each additional person expected to actively participate during the evidentiary hearing
 - Name:
 - Role (*e.g.*, witness, attorney, *etc.*):
 - Email address:
 - Telephone number:

Participants should ensure prior to the hearings that they have the necessary audio and visual equipment, sufficient power or battery, and sufficient connectivity. Participants should plan to log into the hearing at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing each day to address technical issues and housekeeping matters.

For technical issues with Webex or the telephone line during the hearings or with any general logistics questions regarding the hearings, parties may email Melissa Wang (Melissa.Wang@cpuc.ca.gov) and Laura Compton (Laura.Compton@cpuc.ca.gov).

3. Remote Evidentiary Hearing Basic Information

Ground Rules for Remote Evidentiary Hearings:

- Ensure that your audio/visual equipment has sufficient power/battery, sufficient connectivity, and onsite support, as needed.
- Please log into the Webex link 30 minutes prior to the hearing time each day.
- For speakers, the video should be on during the hearing and remain visible on the screen.
- Non-speaking attendees should use the Webex link above-mentioned to watch the video of the hearing, but they will not appear on the video screen.

Instructions when Speaking:

- Speakers must identify themselves before speaking each time.
- Speakers must speak slowly, clearly, and one at a time.
- Please remember to mute your audio when not speaking.
- When statements are garbled or indecipherable, the court reporter will interrupt the speakers when it is possible to do so or may insert the word “inaudible” in the transcript. Please remember that cross-talking should be avoided when the dialog is being transcribed. In the case of any cross-talking, the court reporter may insert the words “cross-talking” in the transcript.
- If someone else is speaking, please do not interrupt. If you wish to speak and/or otherwise assert objections, please do so by raising your hand and speaking when called upon by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

- When objecting, the attorney should first state their name and then state the legal grounds for the objection. If such an objection is made, the witness is reminded to pause before responding to provide time for the ALJ to address the pending objection.

Communicating with Witness on Stand:

The Commission prohibits communications (via telephone, text, email, or any other medium) relevant to the subject matter of the proceeding with a witness while the witness is being examined. Both the witness and the relevant attorneys will affirm on the record that they will not engage in any such communications relevant to the subject matter of the proceeding during the examination of the witness.

Briefs and Submission of the Proceeding:

Parties shall submit opening and reply briefs after the evidentiary hearings. The case will be submitted upon the filing of reply briefs, unless the assigned Commissioner or the ALJ directs further evidence or argument.

4. Proposed Witness Schedule

Prior to the hearings, the parties should work together to prepare a list of all cross witnesses, the approximate cross and redirect times, the volume(s) of testimony that will be the subject of the cross examination, and a proposed cross witness schedule. The hearings will start each day at 10:00 a.m. and conclude around 3:30 p.m. There will be a 45-minute lunch break and a 10-15 minute break during each morning and afternoon session. Parties should plan for approximately four hours of time on the record each day.

Bear Valley Electric Service (BVES) shall coordinate and assemble the final proposed schedule. BVES shall email the final proposed schedule to the ALJ no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Attached as Attachment 2 is a Microsoft Excel template of a cross estimate schedule that the parties can use. The cross-estimate schedule should highlight any requested

dates and times that have restrictions, *e.g.*, witness is only available between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Thursday.

5. Exhibits and a Joint Exhibit List

Prior to hearings, the parties should work together to prepare a list of previously served exhibits that includes a proposed exhibit number, sponsoring witness, brief description of each exhibit, indication whether parties stipulate to the admission of the exhibit, and link to the uploaded exhibit (for non-confidential exhibits only) on the Commission's Supporting Documents Platform.¹ The attached blank Excel spreadsheet exhibit list labeled as Attachment 1 to this Ruling can be used for this purpose (parties need only fill out the first five columns). BVES should coordinate and assemble a joint exhibit list that will be used by all parties and served on the entire service list. BVES shall email the joint exhibit list to the assigned ALJ no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. BVES shall update the joint exhibit list throughout the hearings and email an updated joint exhibit list to the ALJ and service list by 5:00 p.m. each day of the hearings.

Exhibits should be labeled using the following framework: a short acronym for the sponsoring party followed by sequential numbering (*e.g.*, BVES-01). When there is a Confidential exhibit, the parties shall submit two versions of the exhibit with the Confidential exhibit labeled with the same number as the public version of the exhibit followed by the letter "C." Errata should be labeled with the number of the exhibit being corrected followed by the letter "E."

¹ See Rule 13.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Final cross-examination exhibits shall be served on the service list and uploaded to the Supporting Documents Platform not later than 5:00 p.m. two days before their first expected use, based on the approved hearing schedule, unless otherwise approved by the ALJ in advance.

Cross-examination exhibits intended for use as impeachment exhibits must be sent not later than 9:00 a.m. on the day they are expected to be used; if this deadline is missed and a party still wants to use the impeachment exhibit on a given day, the party will be required to show good cause why they could not have met the 9:00 a.m. deadline. Such requests may still be denied at the ALJ's discretion if the delay is deemed prejudicial.

If corrections to an exhibit are needed the corrected exhibit and redline exhibit should be served on the service list immediately following identification of the need for correction. The corrected exhibit and the redline version showing the corrections should be uploaded to Supporting Documents. The Exhibit List should link to the final version of the exhibit (not to a previous version) and to the redline version.

Partial documents or excerpts from documents must include a title page or first page from the source document. Excerpts from lengthy documents should include a table of contents page covering the excerpted material. It may be helpful to include language before and after the excerpt to provide clarity or context.

6. Confidential Materials

If any party anticipates referring to confidential materials during the hearing, the party shall email a notice to the ALJ at least one business day in advance to ensure the necessary arrangements can be made for a confidential session. The requesting party shall consult with other parties to compile a list of

the names and email addresses of persons who wish to participate in the confidential session and are authorized access to the confidential materials to be referenced and shall include the list in its notice. The requesting party shall email Melissa Wang (Melissa.Wang@cpuc.ca.gov) and Laura Compton (Laura.Compton@cpuc.ca.gov) the list of names and email addresses of participants for any confidential sessions that occur during the meetings.

7. Prehearing Motions

Any prehearing motions, including motions to strike prepared testimony, shall be filed by Monday, September 14, 2026. Any response to a prehearing motion shall be due within five days of the date the motion is filed. If a prehearing motion is filed after this date, the moving party must demonstrate that there is good cause for filing the motion after the deadline.

Attachments included:

1. Attachment 1: Blank Exhibit List Form
Excel Spreadsheet (Due on September 16, 2026)
2. Attachment 2: Blank Cross-Estimates and Schedule
Excel Spreadsheet (Due on September 16, 2026)

IT IS RULED that parties shall comply with the procedural instructions for evidentiary hearings set forth in this ruling.

Dated June 17, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DAVID R. VAN DYKEN
David R. Van Dyken
Administrative Law Judge

ATTACHMENT 1

Blank Exhibit List

ATTACHMENT 2

Blank Cross-Estimates and Schedule