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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 SETTING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS

This ruling schedules one virtual and two in-person public participation hearings (PPHs) to consider the ratemaking application of Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES) to modify its revenue requirement, rate design, and to adjust its selected rates.

The virtual PPH will occur on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, and the in-person PPHs will occur on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, in Big Bear Lake, California. The PPHs are an opportunity for the public, including customers of BVES, to communicate directly with the Commission regarding the issues raised in this proceeding.

Written public comments may also be provided at any time during the proceeding using the "Add Public Comment" button on the "Public Comment" tab of the Docket Card for the BVES proceeding at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2601022.

BVES shall notify its customers of the PPH with information including date, time, location, login, dial-in instructions, and how to participate. Customer notifications shall utilize all media and methodologies that the company typically uses to communicate with their customers including, but not limited to bill inserts, local news outlets, and social media. Customer notifications shall be provided no more than thirty days and no less than five days prior to the PPH.

1. PPH Details

The details of the **virtual PPH** are as follows:

DATE AND TIME	INSTRUCTIONS	
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 1:00 p.m.	Telephone Number to comment publicly and/or listen:	(800) 857-1917
	Passcode	1673482#
	Website to view the public participation hearing and to access the video recording afterward.	www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/

The details of the **in-person PPHs** are as follows:

DATE AND TIME	MEETING ADDRESS
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	City of Big Bear Lake City Hall 39707 Big Bear Boulevard Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

2. Who May Participate Attend the PPH

2.1. Virtual PPH

For the October 13, 2026, virtual PPH, anyone may participate or observe the PPH via the telephone and/or webcast using the information provided

above. To comment, after entering the passcode, press star (*) 1 and record your name when prompted. You will be put in a queue in the order you dialed in.

2.2. In-Person PPHs

For the October 27, 2026, in-person PPHs, anyone may attend the PPH at the address provided above.

3. Directives to Parties and Observers

This ruling directs BVES to assist in the outreach and promotion of the PPH.

BVES shall prepare the name, title, and telephone number of at least one senior customer service representative who can represent BVES and can be reached by customers during the hearing for individual service or billing issues. A representative from BVES must also be prepared to respond to specific questions about material in BVES' respective filings in this proceeding. BVES shall provide this information in the Public Advisor's Office no later than five (5) days before the PPH. This information may be publicly posted or announced during the PPH.

BVES is directed to:

- Include notice of the PPH as a written insert with a mailed bill to customers that currently receive bills via the United States Postal Service. The draft notice shall inform customers about the upcoming PPHs, including their purpose, and a summary of the relief that BVES is requesting in its application. The notice must provide the details about how to view the remote and in-person PPHs and how to participate (see Section 1 of this ruling). BVES shall send an e-mail message to all customers that elect to receive their bills via e-mail. The subject line of the e-mail must clearly notify the recipient that the PPH will be held in this proceeding. The draft notice shall inform customers

about the upcoming PPHs, and a summary of the relief that BVES is requesting in its application. The notice must provide the details of how to view and participate in the remote and in-person PPHs (see Section 1 in this ruling.) BVES shall provide a draft notice to the Public Advisor's Office within 10 days of the issuance of this ruling, and the Public Advisor's Office may modify the draft notice;

- Send a text message to all customers that elect to receive information via text. BVES shall provide a draft of the text message to the Public Advisor's Office within 10 days of the issuance of this ruling, and the Public Advisor's Office may modify the draft message;
- Publicize the PPH on all social media platforms used by BVES;
- Post notice of the PPHs on BVES' website in a prominent location so that customers can easily access the notice;
- Post notice of the PPH in any other news outlets or community bulletin board spaces commonly utilized by the public;
- Provide all draft notices to the Public Advisor's Office within 10 days of the issuance of this ruling, and the Public Advisor's Office may modify the draft notice.

By no later than five (5) days prior to the remote PPH, BVES shall send a letter to the Public Advisor's Office verifying that it has complied with all directives set forth above and attaching a copy of the notice for each communication method (compliance letter). For each communication method described above, the letter shall state the dates BVES sent the notice to customers, the approximate number of customers notified, and the geographic location covered.

4. Procedural Instructions

All PPHs will have court reporters transcribing the hearing. For the virtual PPH, court reporters will be relying on the audio from the Verizon telephone

system, and not Webex, to transcribe the PPH. To ensure a complete and accurate record, participants should comply with the following instructions:

- Speakers must identify themselves before speaking each time and state and spell their name the first time that they speak;
- Speakers must speak slowly, clearly, and one at a time; and
- Speakers should pause between statements during the PPH.

The court reporter will interrupt speakers, if necessary, when there is/are inaudible statement(s) or portions thereof. The reporter will insert the word “inaudible” in the transcript when a speaker cannot be understood.

5. Accommodations

To make a request for language or other accommodation, please contact the Commission’s Public Advisor’s Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov at least five business days prior to the PPH. When making your request, please specify the PPH time and the accommodation requested.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated July 2, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DAVID R. VAN DYKEN

David R. Van Dyken
Administrative Law Judge