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From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

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ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.: AVA Community Energy/ #201

Utility type:
- [x] ELC
- [ ] GAS
- [ ] WATER
- [ ] PLC
- [ ] HEAT

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas WATER = Water
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 52-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Rate Update to the Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff Program Rate and Sunset of the Community Solar Green Tariff Program Rate

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):

AL Type: [ ] Monthly [ ] Quarterly [ ] Annual [x] One-Time [ ] Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:
D.24-05-065, OP 9

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: N/A

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL: N/A

Confidential treatment requested? [ ] Yes [x] No

If yes, specification of confidential information:
Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:

Resolution required? [ ] Yes [x] No

Requested effective date: 11/24/24 No. of tariff sheets: 8

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed[1]: See AL

Protests and correspondence regarding this AL are to be sent via email and are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

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ENERGY Advice Letter Keywords

Affiliate	Direct Access	Preliminary Statement
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Balancing Account	Energy Charge	Refunds
Baseline	Energy Efficiency	Reliability
Bilingual	Establish Service	Re-MAT/Bio-MAT
Billings	Expand Service Area	Revenue Allocation
Bioenergy	Forms	Rule 21
Brokerage Fees	Franchise Fee / User Tax	Rules
CARE	G.O. 131-D	Section 851
CPUC Reimbursement Fee	GRC / General Rate Case	Self Generation
Capacity	Hazardous Waste	Service Area Map
Cogeneration	Increase Rates	Service Outage
Compliance	Interruptible Service	Solar
Conditions of Service	Interutility Transportation	Standby Service
Connection	LIEE / Low-Income Energy Efficiency	Storage
Conservation	LIRA / Low-Income Ratepayer Assistance	Street Lights
Consolidate Tariffs	Late Payment Charge	Surcharges
Contracts	Line Extensions	Tariffs
Core	Memorandum Account	Taxes
Credit	Metered Energy Efficiency	Text Changes
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Customer Charge	Mobile Home Parks	Transition Cost
Customer Owned Generation	Name Change	Transmission Lines
Decrease Rates	Non-Core	Transportation Electrification
Demand Charge	Non-firm Service Contracts	Transportation Rates
Demand Side Fund	Nuclear	Undergrounding
Demand Side Management	Oil Pipelines	Voltage Discount
Demand Side Response	PBR / Performance Based Ratemaking	Wind Power
Deposits	Portfolio	Withdrawal of Service
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Advice No. 52-E
(Ava Community Energy ID 201)

California Public Utilities Commission
Energy Division
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Re: Update to the Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff ("DAC-GT") Program Rate, and Sunset of the Community Solar Green Tariff ("CSGT") Program Rate

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph ("OP") No. 9 of California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "CPUC") Decision ("D.") 24-05-065, *Decision Modifying Green Access Program Tariffs and Adopting a Community Renewable Energy Program*, issued in A.22-05-022 on June 7 2024, Ava Community Energy ("Ava") hereby submits this Advice Letter ("AL") to update its Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff and discontinue its Community Solar Green Tariff.

Effective Date: Ava requests that this Tier 2 Advice Letter become effective within 30 days of submission pursuant to G.O. 96-B, General Rule 7.5.2.

Tier Designation: Tier 2 designation pursuant to G.O. 96-B, Energy Industry Rule 5.2 and OP 9 of D. 24-05-065.

Purpose: Through this AL, Ava seeks CPUC approval to update DAC-GT and discontinue the CSGT Tariff for Ava customers pursuant to OP 2 of D. 24-05-065.

Background

A. Ava Background

Ava, formerly known as East Bay Community Energy[1] is a Joint Powers Authority formed on December 1, 2016 pursuant to California Government Code §§ 6500 *et. seq.* by the County of Alameda and each of the following cities incorporated therein: Albany, Berkeley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland, Piedmont, San Leandro, and Union City.

[1] Ava submitted a Notice of Party Name Change on February 7, 2024 under Rulemaking 14-07-002 ("R. 14-07-002")

The Commission certified Ava's Implementation Plan on November 8, 2017. Ava started serving Alameda County businesses and municipalities in June 2018 and began serving residential customers in November 2018. On March 9, 2020, the Commission certified Addendum #1 to Ava's Implementation Plan and Statement of Intent, adding the cities of Newark and Pleasanton, as well as the city of Tracy in San Joaquin County, to Ava's service territory beginning in 2021. On March 8, 2023, the Commission certified Addendum #4 to Ava's Implementation Plan and Statement of Intent, pursuant to which Ava will begin serving the City of Stockton and City of Lathrop in 2025.[2] Ava is currently one of the largest Community Choice Aggregators ("CCAs") in the state.

B. Green Access Program Background

On June 22, 2018, the Commission issued D.18-06-027, adopting three new "Green Access Program" tariffs to promote the installation of renewable generation among residential customers in disadvantaged communities ("DAC"), as directed by the California Legislature in Assembly Bill (AB) 327 (Perea, Stats. 2013, Ch. 611). Two of those programs, the Disadvantaged Community Green Tariff ("DAC-GT") and the Community Solar Green Tariff ("CSGT") programs, are community solar programs which offer 100% solar energy to customers and provide a 20% discount on the electric portion of the bill.

CCA programs and tariffs must abide by all program rules and requirements adopted in D.18-06-027 and must file a Tier 3 AL to implement the CCA DAC-GT and CSGT programs.[3] Resolution E-4999 provides that CCA implementation ALs must be filed on or before January 1, 2021.[4] Accordingly, Ava filed a Tier 3 AL (AL 14-E) on September 11, 2020 to establish the DAC-GT and CSGT programs. The Commission approved AL 14-E in Resolution E-5124, issued April 15, 2021.

Assembly Bill ("AB") 2316 (Stats. 2022, Ch. 350) required the Commission to evaluate existing Green Access Program tariffs. The evaluation was based on three criteria: whether the programs (1) efficiently serve distinct customer groups; (2) minimize duplicative offerings; and (3) promote robust participation by low-income customers to determine the programs' efficacy. On May 30, 2024, the Commission voted to approve D.24-05-065, *Decision Modifying Green Access Program Tariffs and Adopting a Community Renewable Energy Program*. The decision adopted several modifications to the DAC-GT program[5] and consolidated the CSGT program into a modified DAC-GT program. [6] Accordingly, D.24-05-065 directed program administrators to submit a Tier 2 Advice Letter updating their CSGT and DAC-GT tariffs no later than 120 days

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[2] Resolution E-4907
[3] D.18-06-027 at p.104 (OP 17).
[4] Resolution E-4999 at p.16.
[5] D.24-05-065 at p.170 (OP 3).
[6] D.24-05-065 at p.70 (OP 3).

form the adoption of the decision. [7] Therefore, Ava submits an updated DAC-GT tariff and discontinues the CSGT tariff in this AL.

Discussion

Ava's modified DAC-GT tariff is attached to this Advice Letter in the following appendices:

1. Appendix A: Disadvantaged Community Green Tariff (Redline);
2. Appendix B: Disadvantaged Community Green Tariff (Clean)
3. Appendix C: Community Solar Green Tariff (Redline)
4. Appendix D: Community Solar Green Tariff (Clean)

As detailed in Ava's implementation plan and approved by Resolution E-5124, Ava will procure new renewable energy resources specifically to serve DAC-GT subscribers. This will continue to be the case under the modified DAC-GT program. As ordered in E-5124, Ava will submit executed PPAs under the DAC-GT program to the CPUC as a Tier 2 advice letter. These PPA submissions will include sufficient detail to ensure that the proposed projects are new incremental resources.

Conclusion

Ava respectfully requests that the Commission approve Ava's modified DAC-GT program tariff and discontinue the CSGT program tariff as described in the attached appendices.

Notice

A copy of this AL is being served on the official Commission Service List for Rulemaking 14-07-002 and Application 22-05-022. For changes to this service list, please contact the Commission's Process Office at (415) 703- 2021 or by electronic mail at Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov.

Protest

Anyone wishing to protest this advice letter filing may do so by sending a letter via U.S. Mail, facsimile, or electronically, any of which must be received no later than 20 days after the date of this advice filing. Protests should be mailed to:

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[7] D.24-05-065 at pp.173-174 (OP 9).

Copies of protests should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 (same address above).

The protest should also be sent electronically to Ava at the email address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

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Service List: A.22-05-022
Joshua Litwin (Energy Division)

APPENDIX A

Electric Schedule DAC-GT, Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff Program (Redline)

Proposed by Ava Community Energy

ELECTRIC SCHEDULE DAC-GT

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES GREEN TARIFF PROGRAM

1. APPLICABILITY

The Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff ("DAC-GT"), known to customers as "Ava Solar Discount," is a voluntary rate supplement to the customer's otherwise applicable rate schedule ("OAS") under which eligible customers have their electricity usage met with 100% solar energy based on their actual usage each month while also receiving a 20% discount on their OAS.

To enroll under the rate, a customer must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Customer must receive electric generation service from Ava Community Energy ("Ava") ~~EBCE~~;
- Customer must be on a residential rate;
- Customer must meet the income eligibility requirements for the California Alternate Rates for Energy ("CARE") or Family Electric Rate Assistance ("FERA") programs;
- Customer's service address must be located in a disadvantaged community ("DAC"). DACs are defined as communities that are identified in the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 tool or CalEnviroScreen 4.0 tool as among the top 25% of census tracts statewide, plus the census tracts in the highest 5% of CalEnviroScreen's Pollution Burden that do not have an overall CalEnviroScreen score because of unreliable socioeconomic or health data. In the event that the CalEnviroScreen tool is updated, enrolled customers will retain their eligibility even if their census tract is no longer considered an eligible DAC as defined above.

Service accounts enrolled under the following programs and services are ineligible to enroll under the DAC-GT rate:

- IOU bundled service;
- Direct access;
- Standby service;
- Net energy metering ("NEM") rates;
- Non-metered service;
- Rates that are not CARE- or FERA-eligible; and
- Non-residential rates~~; and~~
- ~~Schedule CS-GT, Community Solar Green Tariff IOU bundled service;~~

Eligibility of customers is verified at the level of the Service Agreement ID ("SA ID").

2. ENROLLMENT TERMS

Enrollment of customers under Schedule DAC-GT occurs at the level of the Service Agreement~~A~~ ID. Ava automatically enrolls eligible DAC-GT customers into the program. ~~Customer enrollment is capped at a maximum of 2 MW solar equivalent per SA ID. This limitation does not apply to a federal, state, or local government, school or school district, county office of education, the California Community Colleges, the California State University, or the University of California.~~

~~EBCE will develop an auto-enrollment methodology which uses payment history such as: late payments, payments made, and current arrearage, to select customers for auto-enrollment into EBCE's DAC-GT program. The current economic situation, impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, poses uncertainty. EBCE will obtain updated arrearage and disconnection data in order to select customers that are challenged to pay their bills in 2021 when enrollment is approaching.~~

Upon enrollment ~~confirmation~~, the customer will be placed on the DAC-GT rate on the first day of the next billing cycle where the billing cycle start date occurs at least five (5) business days after the date of the customer's determined eligibility for enrollment. A customer enrollment~~request~~ that is processed~~received~~ within five (5) business days of the customer's next billing cycle may result in the customer being placed on the DAC-GT rate in the following billing cycle.

A participating customer may remain on the DAC-GT tariff for up to 20 years from the time of enrollment or until Ava no longer has eligible resources under contract, whichever comes first.There is no contract required when enrolling in the DAC-GT program. A customer may enroll for any number of months, and there is no enrollment or cancellation fee. Cancellation of a customer's participation will become effective on the next meter read date after a cancellation request is made; cancellations made within five (5) business days of the next meter read date may not be changed for an additional billing cycle.

Ava maintains a waitlist of eligible customers and adds customers to the DAC-GT program on a monthly basis, as capacity allows. If a customer changes service address and is still eligible for the DAC-GT program, Ava can add the customer to the end of the wait list upon customer request. ~~A customer's service under this schedule is portable within EBCE's electric service area as long as the customer continues to live in a DAC as defined under the program and continues to meet all other eligibility requirements (including the locational requirement). If the customer is found to still be eligible, EBCE will add the customer to the program if capacity allows or add them to the end of the wait list. EBCE will review the waitlist on a monthly basis and add customers as capacity allows.~~ A customer who, after enrollment into the DAC-GT Program, becomes ineligible for, or is removed from~~for~~ CARE or FERA will be de-enrolled from the DAC-GT program.

3. RATES

A customer taking service on this rate schedule will receive a 20% discount on the electric portion of their bill compared to their OAS. The OAS is the customer's existing CARE or FERA rate. Accordingly, the 20% discount will be applied to bills after the CARE/FERA discount has

been applied. The discount applies as long as a customer is enrolled under the program and complies with all of the eligibility and enrollment terms.

~~Residential customer SA IDs that are already enrolled in EBCE's 100% renewable energy generation service option (*i.e.*, EBCE's "Renewable 100" rate) when enrolling under the programs will be defaulted to EBCE's base rate (*i.e.*, EBCE's "Bright Choice" rate) for the purposes of calculating the 20% discount. In other words, EBCE's Bright Choice rate becomes the de-facto product for rate purposes for residential customers who are not on the CARE or FERA rate.~~

4. BILLING

Monthly bills are calculated in accordance with the customer's OAS and the provisions contained herein. The 20% discount credited under DAC-GT is based on both the customer's Ava generation and PG&E delivery charges. However, the full electric discount is displayed on the Ava page of the customer's utility bill. ~~The amount credited under Schedule DAC-GT is provided by both PG&E and EBCE: EBCE calculates the 20% discount for the generation portion of the electric bill and PG&E calculates the 20% discount for the delivery portion of the electric bill.~~

~~Both entities display the discount on their respective portion of the customer's utility bill~~.

5. METERING

All customers must be metered according to the requirements of their OAS.

APPENDIX B

Electric Schedule DAC-GT, Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff Program (Clean)

Proposed by Ava Community Energy

ELECTRIC SCHEDULE DAC-GT

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES GREEN TARIFF PROGRAM

1. APPLICABILITY

The Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff ("DAC-GT"), known to customers as "Ava Solar Discount," is a voluntary rate supplement to the customer's otherwise applicable rate schedule ("OAS") under which eligible customers have their electricity usage met with 100% solar energy based on their actual usage each month while also receiving a 20% discount on their OAS.

To enroll under the rate, a customer must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Customer must receive electric generation service from Ava Community Energy ("Ava");
- Customer must be on a residential rate;
- Customer must meet the income eligibility requirements for the California Alternate Rates for Energy ("CARE") or Family Electric Rate Assistance ("FERA") programs;
- Customer's service address must be located in a disadvantaged community ("DAC"). DACs are defined as communities that are identified in the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 tool or CalEnviroScreen 4.0 tool as among the top 25% of census tracts statewide, plus the census tracts in the highest 5% of CalEnviroScreen's Pollution Burden that do not have an overall CalEnviroScreen score because of unreliable socioeconomic or health data. In the event that the CalEnviroScreen tool is updated, enrolled customers will retain their eligibility even if their census tract is no longer considered an eligible DAC as defined above.

Service accounts enrolled under the following programs and services are ineligible to enroll under the DAC-GT rate:

- IOU bundled service;
- Direct access;
- Standby service;
- Net energy metering ("NEM") rates;
- Non-metered service;
- Rates that are not CARE- or FERA-eligible; and
- Non-residential rates

Eligibility of customers is verified at the level of the Service Agreement ID ("SA ID").

6. ENROLLMENT TERMS

Enrollment of customers under Schedule DAC-GT occurs at the level of the Service Agreement ID. Ava automatically enrolls eligible DAC-GT customers into the program. Upon enrollment, the

customer will be placed on the DAC-GT rate on the first day of the next billing cycle where the billing cycle start date occurs at least five (5) business days after the date of the customer's determined eligibility for enrollment. A customer enrollment that is processed within five (5) business days of the customer's next billing cycle may result in the customer being placed on the DAC-GT rate in the following billing cycle.

A participating customer may remain on the DAC-GT tariff for up to 20 years or until Ava no longer has eligible resources under contract, whichever comes first from the time of enrollment. There is no contract required when enrolling in the DAC-GT program. A customer may enroll for any number of months, and there is no enrollment or cancellation fee. Cancellation of a customer's participation will become effective on the next meter read date after a cancellation request is made; cancellations made within five (5) business days of the next meter read date may not be changed for an additional billing cycle.

Ava maintains a waitlist of eligible customers and adds customers to the DAC-GT program on a monthly basis, as capacity allows. If a customer changes service address and is still eligible for the DAC-GT program, Ava can add the customer to the end of the wait list upon customer request. A customer who, after enrollment into the DAC-GT Program, becomes ineligible for or is removed from CARE or FERA will be de-enrolled from the DAC-GT program.

7. RATES

A customer taking service on this rate schedule will receive a 20% discount on the electric portion of their bill compared to their OAS. The OAS is the customer's existing CARE or FERA rate. Accordingly, the 20% discount will be applied to bills after the CARE/FERA discount has been applied. The discount applies as long as a customer is enrolled under the program and complies with all of the eligibility and enrollment terms.

8. BILLING

Monthly bills are calculated in accordance with the customer's OAS and the provisions contained herein. The 20% discount credited under DAC-GT is based on both the customer's Ava generation and PG&E delivery charges. However, the full electric discount is displayed on the Ava page of the customer's utility bill.

9. METERING

All customers must be metered according to the requirements of their OAS.

Electric Schedule CS-GT, Community Solar Green Tariff Program (Redline)

Proposed by Ava Community Energy

~~ELECTRIC SCHEDULE CS-GT~~

~~COMMUNITY SOLAR GREEN TARIFF PROGRAM~~

~~1. APPLICABILITY~~

~~The Community Solar Green Tariff ("CS-GT") is a voluntary rate supplement to the customer's otherwise applicable rate schedule ("OAS") under which eligible customers have their electricity usage met with up to 100% solar energy produced by a local community solar project while also receiving a 20% discount on their OAS.~~

~~a. Residential Customer Eligibility~~

~~To enroll under the rate, a customer must meet the following eligibility requirements:~~

- ~~Customer must receive its electric generation service from EBCE;~~
- ~~Customer must be on a residential rate, except for the project sponsor;~~
- ~~Customer must be a low-income customer, defined as meeting the income qualifications for either the California Alternate Rates for Energy ("CARE") or Family Electric Rate Assistance ("FERA") programs, or customer must wait to enroll until at least fifty percent of the project's capacity is utilized by low-income customers;~~
- ~~Customer's service address must be located in a disadvantaged community ("DAC"). DACs are defined as communities that are identified in the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 tool as among the top 25% of census tracts statewide, plus the census tracts in the highest five percent of CalEnviroScreen's Pollution Burden that do not have an overall CalEnviroScreen score because of unreliable socioeconomic or health data. In the event that the CalEnviroScreen tool is updated, enrolled customers will retain their eligibility even if their census tract is no longer considered an eligible DAC as defined above. This grandfathered eligibility will apply to both existing subscribers and customers not previously subscribed to the project in that same DAC, to ensure that the project's output can be fully subscribed by customers whose census tract is within 5 miles of the project.~~
- ~~The solar generation project to which a customer subscribes must be located within five miles of the participating customer's census tract.~~

~~Service accounts enrolled under the following programs and services are ineligible to enroll under the CS-GT rate:~~

- ~~IOU bundled service;~~
- ~~Standby service;~~
- ~~Net energy metering ("NEM") rates;~~
- ~~Non-metered service;~~
- ~~Direct access; and~~
- ~~Customers enrolled in EBCE's Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff ("DAC-GT") rate~~

~~schedule~~

~~Master-metered customers may participate in the CS-GT program as long as the master-metered account holder enrolls all usage under the master-metered account in the program. Individual tenants of a master-meter customer are not eligible to participate on an individual basis. Master-metered customers must also meet all other eligibility requirements.~~

~~Eligibility of customers is verified at the level of the Service Agreement ID ("SA ID").~~

~~b. Sponsor Eligibility~~

~~A non-profit community-based organization ("CBO"), a local government entity, or a school may "sponsor" a community solar project on behalf of residents and in doing so also receive a 20% discount on eligible SA IDs. To "sponsor" a community solar project, the eligible organization must first demonstrate its community involvement. The sponsor's role is to work with the project developer to encourage program participation in its community.~~

~~To receive the 20% discount on eligible SA IDs as described below, the sponsor must fulfill the following requirements:~~

1. ~~The sponsor must be an EBCE electric customer;~~
2. ~~The sponsor must take service on the Community Solar Green Tariff;~~
3. ~~The sponsor must be located within a disadvantaged community and within five miles of the solar project;[8] and~~
4. ~~The sponsor must meet all other eligibility requirements of any participating customer as described in the section on CS-GT customer eligibility above, including ensuring that its rate schedule is not ineligible.~~

~~A sponsor that does not fulfill each of the requirements above may still become a project sponsor; however, they are not eligible to receive the 20% discount.~~

~~There may be more than one sponsoring entity supporting a single community solar project. Multiple sponsors may share the 20% discount as long as all sponsors meet the eligibility requirements outlined above. A sponsor may also be (although is not required to be) a site host.[9]~~

~~2. ENROLLMENT TERMS~~

~~a. Residential Customer Eligibility~~

[8] D.18-06-027 at p. 78

[9] For the purposes of this program, the concept of a "host" only refers to a customer site where the project is located. The community solar project must be located in-front-of-the meter, even if located at a customer host site. Accordingly, all concepts and rules of an in-front-of-the-meter program continue to apply.

~~Enrollment of customers under Schedule CS-GT occurs at the level of the SA ID. Customer enrollment is capped at a maximum of 2 MW solar equivalent per SA ID. This limitation does not apply to a federal, state, or local government, school or school district, county office of education, the California Community Colleges, the California State University, or the University of California.~~

~~Customers subscribe to a percentage of their community solar project's capacity based on their previous 12-month average monthly usage.[10] This percentage allocation is set at the time of customer subscription but may be revisited periodically to ensure accurate allocations of project capacity. Customers cannot be subscribed to more than one community solar project site at any time.~~

~~Eligible low-income customers may enroll under the rate on a first-come, first-served basis. Once 50% of project capacity is subscribed by low-income customers, non-low-income qualified customers located in DACs will become eligible for enrollment on a first-come, first-served basis until customer subscriptions reach EBCE's CS-GT program cap. Once EBCE reaches its program cap, a waitlist will be maintained for new subscriptions. When program capacity becomes available, EBCE will continue enrolling eligible customers either from the waitlist (if applicable), or on a first-come, first-served basis up to the program cap. Non-low-income customers can be recruited before the 50% subscription requirement for low-income customers is met. However, the non-low-income customers will be placed on a waitlist until 50% of the project capacity is subscribed by low-income customers. If the low-income subscription rate drops below 50% over the life of the project, existing non-low-income customers are not required to go back on a waitlist. However, new enrollments of non-low-income program participants will be barred until the 50% low-income threshold is met again. During this time, new enrollments of non-low-income participants will be put on a waitlist.~~

~~Upon request and confirmation, the customer will be placed on the CS-GT rate on the first day of the next billing cycle where the billing cycle start date occurs at least five (5) business days after the date of the customer's determined eligibility for enrollment. A customer request that is received within five (5) business days of the customer's next billing cycle may result in the customer being placed on the CS-GT rate in the following billing cycle.~~

~~A participating customer can remain on the CS-GT rate for the duration of the solar project's contract term, or up to 20 years, whichever is less. There is no contract required when enrolling in the DAC-GT program. Customers may enroll for any number of months, and there is no enrollment or cancellation fee. Cancellation of a customer's participation will become effective on the next meter read date after a cancellation request is made; cancellations made within five (5) business days of the next meter read date may not be changed for an additional billing~~

[10] If previous 12-month historical usage is not available, the average monthly usage will be derived from as many months as available. For customers establishing new service, the class average monthly usage will be used.

~~cycle. Customer participation in the program automatically terminates should the PPA between EBCE and the developer for the CS-GT facility to which the customer is subscribed be terminated or the delivery term ends.~~

~~A customer's service under this schedule is portable within EBCE's electric service area as long as the customer continues to live in a DAC as defined under the program and continues to meet all other eligibility requirements (including the locational requirement). If the customer is found to still be eligible, EBCE will add the customer to the program if capacity allows or add them to the end of the wait list. EBCE will review the waitlist on a monthly basis and add customers as capacity allows.~~

~~**b. Sponsor Enrollment**~~

~~A sponsor of a CS-GT project is subject to the same enrollment rules and requirements as described above for residential customers with one modification. A sponsor's subscription allocation is limited to a maximum of 25% of the project's energy output, not to exceed the sponsor's energy needs. The same principle applies if multiple sponsors share the 20% discount. If two or more sponsors are designated, the sponsors will need to inform EBCE in writing how the "discountable usage" is to be allocated between them.~~

~~**2. RATES**~~

~~**a. Residential Customer Rates**~~

~~A customer taking service on this rate schedule will receive a 20% discount on the electric portion of their bill compared to their OAS. The discount applies as long as the customer is enrolled under the programs and complies with all of the eligibility and enrollment terms.~~

~~For a low-income customer enrolled in the CARE or FERA program, the OAS is the customer's existing CARE or FERA rate. Accordingly, the 20% discount for low-income customers will be applied to low-income customer bills after the CARE/FERA discount has been applied.~~
~~For a customer who is not enrolled in CARE or FERA programs, the OAS is the customer's existing rate schedule before program enrollment. Residential customer SA IDs that are already~~

~~enrolled in EBCE's 100% renewable energy generation service option (i.e., EBCE's "Renewable 100" rate) when enrolling under the programs will be defaulted to EBCE's base rate (i.e., EBCE's "Bright Choice" rate) for the purposes of calculating the 20% discount. In other words, EBCE's Bright Choice rate becomes the de-facto product for rate purposes for residential customers who are not on the CARE or FERA rate.~~

~~**b. Sponsor Rates**~~

~~A CS-GT project sponsor who meets all of the eligibility requirements outlined above receives a 20% bill discount on its enrolled account. The sponsor bill discount will be calculated based on~~

~~the same methodology as described above for residential program participants with one modification. The sponsor bill discount is only applied to a sponsor's subscription allocation, i.e. limited to a maximum of 25% of the project's energy output, not to exceed the sponsor's energy needs under the enrolled SA ID. The discount applies as long as sponsors are enrolled under the programs and they comply with all the sponsor eligibility and enrollment terms described above.~~

~~If two or more sponsors are designated, both sponsors must inform EBCE in writing of how the "discountable usage", capped at 25% of the project's energy output is to be allocated among them. EBCE will then calculate the applicable discount to each sponsor accordingly.~~

~~The sponsor's discount is available to sponsors only after the community solar project has reached its required minimum 50% low-income subscription rate. If the subscription rate of low-income customers drops under 50% of project capacity at any time throughout the life of the project, the sponsor bill credit will not be revoked.~~

~~4. BILLING~~

~~Monthly bills are calculated in accordance with the customer's OAS and the provisions contained herein. The amount credited under Schedule CS-GT is provided by both PG&E and EBCE: EBCE calculates the 20% discount for the generation portion of the electric bill and PG&E calculates the 20% discount for the delivery portion of the electric bill.~~

~~Both entities display the discount on their respective portion of the customer's utility bill.~~

~~5. METERING~~

~~All customers must be metered according to the requirements of their OAS.~~

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