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January 24, 2025

Advice Letter No. 57-E
(Ava Community Energy ID 201)

California Public Utilities Commission
Energy Division
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Re: Ava Community Energy Notification of Enrollment of Customers in Pacific Gas and Electric Company Agricultural Pilot and Expanded Pilot 2

Purpose

California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Decision ("D.") D.24-01-032, Decision to Expand System Reliability Pilots of Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Southern California Edison Company, directs Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") and Southern California Edison Company ("SCE") to expand the demand flexibility pilots authorized in D.21-12-015 to provide summer reliability benefits.[1] Specifically, D.24-01-032 directs PG&E to expand the Valley Clean Energy Alliance agricultural pumping dynamic rate pilot ("PG&E Ag Pilot") and to expand the eligibility of the Ag Pilot to customers on certain residential, commercial, and industrial rates ("PG&E Expanded Pilot 2").[2] D.24-01-032 further provides that "[a]ny [community choice aggregator ("CCA")] in PG&E's service territory may file a Tier 1 advice letter by March 1, 2025 to notify the Commission that it will commence enrollment in the PG&E Ag Pilot or the PG&E Expanded Pilot 2 by June 1, 2025."[3] Ava Community Energy ("Ava") is submitting this Tier 1 Advice Letter to notify the Commission of Ava's intent to begin enrolling customers in both the PG&E Ag and Expanded Pilot 2.

Background

On July 30, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an Emergency Proclamation urging all state energy agencies to ensure there is adequate electricity to meet the needs of California during extreme drought, fire, and heat events. On December 6, 2021, the Commission adopted D.21-12-015, which implemented supply- and demand-side requirements to bolster reliability.[4] As part of that Decision, the Commission authorized the Valley Clean Energy Alliance ("VCE")

[1] D.24-01-032
[2] *See id.* at 2
[3] *Id.* at 80, Conclusions of Law ("COL") 30
[4] D.21-12-015 at 2.

agricultural pumping dynamic rate pilot ("VCE Ag Pilot") in the service territory of PG&E which focused on shifting agricultural water pumping to off peak times through the use of dynamic rates and incentives.[5] The VCE Ag Pilot launched on May 1, 2022 and was scheduled to conclude on December 31, 2024.

On August 15, 2023, the Commission's Energy Division issued a Staff Proposal with recommendations on extending and expanding the VCE Ag Pilot.[6] The Staff Proposal found that the VCE Ag Pilot has shown initial success in shifting load during ramp and peak hours and recommended modifying the VCE Ag Pilot to extend the duration and expand participation to agricultural customers throughout PG&E's service territory.

On January 26, 2024 the Commission adopted D.24-01-032 which directs PG&E to expand the VCE Ag Pilot.[7] D.24-01-032 directs PG&E to expand the VCE Ag Pilot to bundled and unbundled agricultural customers on AG-A1, AG-A2, AG-B, and AG-C without a cap on enrollment.[8] D.24-01-032 also directs PG&E to offer the Expanded Pilot 2 to customers on B-6, B-10, B-19, B-20, E-ELEC, and EV2-A.[9] Additionally, the Decision directs PG&E to include up to $1,800,000 of incentives for CCAs to enroll customers in the pilots.[10] CCAs shall receive an incentive of $20 per kilowatt for each year (kW-year) of customer enrollment in the PG&E Ag Pilot or the PG&E Expanded Pilot 2 in its service territory, subject to a up to that $1,800,000 cap for all CCAs.[11] D.24-01-032 directed PG&E to submit a Tier 2 advice letter within 60 days of the effective date of the decision to propose an implementation plan for the PG&E Ag Pilot and the PG&E Expanded Pilot 2 and to commence enrollment in the pilot on June 1, 2024.[12]

Discussion

In accordance with D.24-01-032, Ava is submitting this advice letter to notify the Commission that Ava will commence enrollment in both the PG&E Ag Pilot and Expanded Pilot 2 as soon as possible and no later than June 1, 2025. Ava is coordinating closely with PG&E on implementation and enrollment details.

Tier Designation

This AL has a Tier 1 designation, pursuant to D.24-01-032 Conclusions of Law 30.

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[5] D.21-12-015, Ordering Paragraph ("OP") 50.
[6] Staff Proposal on Existing Dynamic Rate Pilot Expansion In Demand Flexibility Rulemaking ("Staff Proposal"), filed in Rulemaking ("R.") 22-07-005 August 15, 2023
[7] D.24-01-032 at 83, OP 1.
[8] *Id*. at 75, COL 1, 3
[9] *Id.* at 75 COL 4
[10] *Id.* at 29
[11] *Id.* at COL 13
[12] *Id.* at 83, OP 1.

Effective Date

Ava requests that this Tier 1 Advice Letter become effective on January 24, 2025, which is the date of this submission.

Notice

A copy of this AL is being served on the official Commission service list for Rulemaking 22-07-005.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by filing a protest with the Commission and Ava by Feb 13, 2025, which is 20 calendar days after the date of this submittal. Protests should be mailed to the following address:

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Copies of protests should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004, at the address shown above.

The protest should also be sent via U.S. mail (and by facsimile and electronically, if possible) to Ava at the addresses shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

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There are no restrictions on who may file a protest, but the protest shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously.

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For questions, please contact Michael Quiroz at (510) 641-0950 or by electronic mail at mquiroz@avaenergy.org.

Best,

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January 24, 2025

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