

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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May 16, 2011

File No. 602-19

Ronald Moore  
Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Golden State Water Company  
630 East Foothill Blvd.  
SAN DIMAS, CA 91773

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Commission has received and filed the utility's Advice Letter No. 1446-W, to update the eligibility income guidelines in its CARW program, together with the following revised Cal. P.U.C. tariff sheets applicable to its Region I that were submitted:

<u>Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>
6114-W	Schedule No. LI-20, California Alternate Rate for Water, page 2
6115-W	Form No. 23, Notice & Application for CARW – English, page 1
6116-W	Form No. 23, Notice & Application for CARW – Spanish, page 1
6117-W	Table of Contents, page 4 of 4
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Enclosed is a copy of the advice letter and tariff sheets, with the filing and effective dates shown, for the utility's files.

Please contact Adam Thaler at (415) 703-3034, if you have any questions.

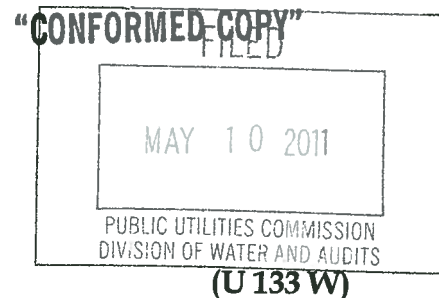
Very truly yours,



JOSIE R. BABARAN  
Staff Services Analyst  
Water & Sewer Advisory Branch

Enclosures





May 10, 2011

Advice Letter No. 1446-W

## California Public Utilities Commission

Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") hereby transmits one original and three conformed copies of the following tariff sheets applicable to its Region I water operations:

<u>CPUC Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling CPUC Sheet No.</u>
Revised No. 6114-W	Schedule No. LI-20 California Alternate Rate for Water Page 2	Revised No. 5796-W
Revised No. 6115-W	Form No. 23 California Alternate Rate for Water Application/Notice - English Page 1	Revised No. 5797-W
Revised No. 6116-W	Form No. 23 California Alternate Rate for Water Application/Notice - Spanish Page 1	Revised No. 5798-W
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Revised No. 6118-W	Table of Contents Page 2 of 4	Revised No. 6112-W
Revised No. 6119-W	Table of Contents Page 1 of 4	Revised No. 6113-W

### Request

In compliance with Decision No. 08-01-043, GSWC hereby submits this advice letter to update the eligibility income guidelines in its lifeline rate plan, also known as California Alternate Rates for Water ("CARW") program. The CARW eligibility guidelines are patterned after those established in the California Alternate Rates for Energy ("CARE") Program for energy utilities. This filing, when approved, will increase the eligibility

income levels in GSWC's Region I CARW program for the period June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012. **Because this advice letter is not seeking authorization to increase rates, a resolution will not be needed to approve this advice letter.**

### **Background**

On January 31, 2008, the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") issued Decision No. 08-01-043, granting GSWC authority to establish the CARW program in its Region I customer service areas. The CARW program provides a fixed amount equal to approximately 15% discount on the average bill for a residential customer. The eligibility income guidelines are at 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. These eligibility income guidelines are revised annually by the Commission and go into effect June 1. On April 27, 2011, the Commission established the 2011/2012 eligibility income guidelines, effective June 1, 2011. This advice letter is being filed to reflect the updated eligibility income guidelines on GSWC's Region I CARW tariffs.

### **Compliance**

GSWC has revised its Schedule No. LI-20 and Form No. 23 to reflect the annual increase to eligibility income. The table below shows the increase to each level of the eligibility income.

Household Size	2011/2012
1-2	\$ 31,800
3	\$ 37,400
4	\$ 45,100
5	\$ 52,800
6	\$ 60,500
Each Additional	\$ 7,700

### **Tier Designation**

Pursuant to D. 07-01-024, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

### **Effective Date**

Pursuant to Resolution E-3524, GSWC requests approval of this advice letter allowing these tariffs to become effective June 1, 2011.

### **Protest and Responses**

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the advice letter. A protest objects to the advice letter in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds are:

- (1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the advice letter;

- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter would violate statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies;
- (3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the advice letter contain material error or omissions;
- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
- (5) The relief requested in the advice letter requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the advice letter process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the advice letter is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory (provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require re-litigating a prior order of the Commission.)

A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest.

A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
California Public Utilities Commission,  
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102  
E-mail: [water\\_division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:water_division@cpuc.ca.gov)

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy by mail (or e-mail) to us, addressed to:

Golden State Water Company  
ATTN: Ronald Moore  
630 East Foothill Blvd.  
San Dimas, CA 91773  
Fax: 909-394-7427 or  
E-mail: [regulatoryaffairs@gswater.com](mailto:regulatoryaffairs@gswater.com)

If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact this person at 909-394-3600 ext. 682.

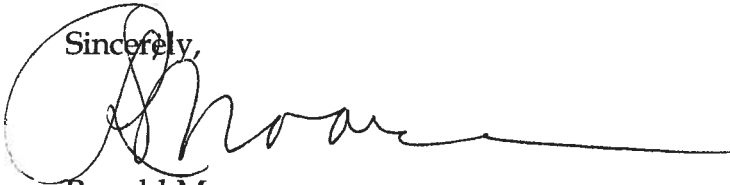
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Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, within the 20 day protest period, so that a late filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on.

The actions requested in this advice letter are not now the subject of any formal filings with the California Public Utilities Commission, including a formal complaint, nor action in any court of law.

No individuals or utilities have requested notification of filing of tariffs. Distribution of this advice letter is being made to the attached service list in accordance with General Order No. 96-B.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Moore', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ronald Moore  
Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Regulatory Affairs Dept.

- c: Jim Boothe, CPUC-Division of Water and Audits
- Danilo Sanchez, CPUC- Water and Natural Gas Branch, DRA
- Hani Moussa, CPUC- Water and Natural Gas Branch, DRA
- Karen Ng, CPUC- Water and Natural Gas Branch, DRA

Schedule No. LI-20

**CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR WATER (CARW)**  
**DOMESTIC SERVICE - SINGLE FAMILY ACCOMMODATION**  
 (Continued)

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. Low-Income Household: A Low-Income Household is a household where the total gross annual income from all sources is no more than shown on the table below based on the number of persons in the household. Total gross income shall include income from all sources, both taxable and nontaxable.

**Effective June 1, 2011 thru May 31, 2012**

<u>No. of Person In Household</u>	<u>Total Gross Annual Income</u>
1-2	\$31,800
3	37,400
4	45,100
5	52,800
6	60,500

For each additional person residing in the household, add \$7,700.

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2. Application and Eligibility Declaration: An application and eligibility declaration on a form authorized by the Commission is required for each request for service under this schedule. Customers are only eligible to receive service under this rate schedule at one residential location at any one time, and the rate applies only to the customer's permanent primary residence. A customer may present documentation showing approval into their energy provider's California Alternate Rate for Energy Program ("CARE") or provide verification of their household income. Renewal of a customer's eligibility declaration will be required every two years and may be required on an annual basis.
3. Commencement of Rate: Eligible customers shall be billed on this schedule commencing with the next regularly scheduled billing period that follows receipt of application by the Utility.
4. Verification: Information provided by the applicant is subject to verification by the Utility. Refusal or failure of a customer to provide documentation of eligibility acceptable to the Utility, upon request by the Utility, shall result in removal from this rate schedule.
5. Notice From Customer: It is the customer's responsibility to notify the Utility if there is a change of eligibility status. Notification should be made within 30 days of the customer's change in eligibility.
6. Rebilling: Customers may be re-billed for periods of ineligibility under the applicable rate schedule.
7. Mobile home Park and Master-metered: A reduction will be calculated in the bill of mobile home park and master-metered customers, who have sub-metered tenants that meet the income eligibility criteria, so an equivalent discount (15%) can be passed through to eligible customer(s).

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**Form No. 23**

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**REGION I**  
**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR WATER (CARW) PROGRAM**

**Program Description**

The California Public Utilities Commission has authorized Golden State Water Company to implement a Low Income Rate Assistance Program to assist low-income families. GSWC's California Alternate Rates for Water (CARW) program provides a flat 15% monthly credit for eligible customers based upon the same income qualification guidelines that are used by the electric and gas California Alternate Rate for Energy (CARE) programs.

If you already participate in the CARE program of PG&E, Southern California Edison or Southern California Gas Company, you will also qualify for GSWC's CARW program by submitting a copy of a current utility bill showing your eligibility for CARE. Customers, who do not participate in these programs, can qualify by submitting an application and income verification in accordance with the program guidelines. The CARW program also extends eligibility to sub-metered tenants in mobile homes, who receive their water through sub-metered service, non-profit group living facilities, agricultural employee housing facilities and migrant worker housing centers that are enrolled in the CARE programs. The CARW discount becomes effective after your application and proof of income have been verified and approved.

In order to fund this program, the Commission has authorized GSWC to collect a surcharge of approximately \$0.04 per ccf per month from all customers who are not recipients of the CARW benefits.

**Program Qualifications**

- ✓ The GSWC bill must be in your name and the address must be your primary residence or you must be a tenant receiving water service by a sub-metered system in a mobile home park.
- ✓ You may not be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.
- ✓ You must reapply each time you move.
- ✓ You must renew your application every two years, or sooner, if requested.
- ✓ You must notify GSWC within 30 days if you become ineligible for CARW.
- ✓ Your total gross annual income of all persons living in your household cannot exceed the income levels below:

**Income Verification**

<b>CARW Income Qualifications (Effective as of June 1, 2011)</b>	
Number of Persons Living in Household	Total Combined Income from All Sources
1-2	\$ 31,800
3	\$ 37,400
4	\$ 45,100
5	\$ 52,800
6	\$ 60,500
Each Additional person	\$ 7,700

For the purpose of the CARW program the "gross household income" means all money and non cash benefits, available for living expenses, from all sources, both taxable and non taxable, before deductions for all people who live in my home. This includes, but is not limited to:

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wages or salaries  | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security, SSI, SSP                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental or royalty income                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest or dividends from:<br>Savings accounts, stocks or bonds | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships, grants, or other aid<br>used for living expenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Profit from self-employment<br>(IRS form Schedule C, Line 29) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment benefits  | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability payments  | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker's Compensation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TANF(AFDC)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps  | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pensions   | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance settlements  | <input type="checkbox"/> Spousal Support   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts  | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal settlements  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Income  |

If you are eligible and would like to participate in Golden State Water Company's CARW program please complete the application and submit the required income verification to:

**Golden State Water Company**  
**CARW Program**  
**P.O. Box 9016**  
**San Dimas, California 91773**  
**1-800-999-4033**

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**Form No. 23**

**REGION I**

**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY AVISO Y APLICACION PARA EL PROGRAMA DE CALIFORNIA PARA TARIFAS ALTERNAS (CARW)**

**Descripción de Programa**

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de California ha autorizado a Golden State Water Company a implementar un programa para asistencia de tarifas reducidas para asistir a familias de bajos recursos. El programa de GSWC de California de Tarifas Alternas de Agua – CARW (por sus siglas en inglés) provee un crédito de 15% mensualmente para sus clientes elegibles para el programa que es basado en los mismos requisitos de ingresos usados por los programas CARE de las compañías de gas y electricidad.

Si usted ya participa en el programa CARE de PG&E, Southern California Edison o Southern California Gas Company, usted también calificará para el programa de CARW de GSWC al enviar una copia reciente de su factura de servicio público la cual indica su elegibilidad para el programa CARE. Clientes que no participan en estos programas, pueden calificar al enviar una solicitud y proveer verificación de ingresos de acuerdo con las reglas del programa. El programa CARW también extiende elegibilidad a inquilinos con sub-medidor de parques de viviendas móviles, viviendas grupales no-lucrativas, viviendas para empleados agrícolas y centros de vivienda para trabajadores ambulantes que están inscritos en los programas de CARE. El descuento CARW será efectivo después de que su aplicación y prueba de ingresos sea verificada y aprobada.

Para financiar este programa, la Comisión ha autorizado a GSWC a coleccionar un cargo de aproximadamente \$0.04 por ccf (cien pies cúbicos), por mes de todos los clientes que no reciban los beneficios de CARW.

**Requisitos del Programa**

- ✓ La factura de agua debe estar bajo su nombre o recibir servicio de agua con un sistema de sub-medidor en un parque de casas móviles o en un complejo de apartamentos.
- ✓ Nadie mas puede incluirlo como dependiente en sus impuestos.
- ✓ Debe de aplicar cada vez que se mude de casa.
- ✓ Debe de renovar su aplicación cada dos (2) años o antes si es requerido.
- ✓ Debe notificar a la compañía de agua dentro de 30 días si su elegibilidad para CARW termina.
- ✓ El total del ingreso bruto anual de su hogar no podrá exceder los de la tabla siguiente:

**Requisitos de Ingresos**

(Efectivo Junio 1, 2011)	
Numero de personas que viven en su casa	Ingresos total anual combinado
1-2	\$ 31,800
3	\$ 37,400
4	\$ 45,100
5	\$ 52,800
6	\$ 60,500
Para cada persona adicional, agregue	\$ 7,700

Para propósitos de CARW "ingreso bruto familiar" significa todo ingreso sea en efectivo o no, disponible para gastos de vivienda, de todas las personas, sea que dichos ingresos sean sujetos a impuestos o no, previo a las deducciones, de todas las personas viviendo en su hogar. Esto incluye, pero no se limita a:

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| <input type="radio"/> Sueldos                  | <input type="radio"/> Seguro Social, SSI, SSP       | <input type="radio"/> Ingresos de alquiler o regalías |
| <input type="radio"/> Interés o dividendos de: | <input type="radio"/> Becas, préstamos de escuela y | <input type="radio"/> Ganancias de autoempleo         |
| Cuentas de ahorros, acciones, bonos            | otra ayuda financiera                               | (IRS Forma C, Renglón 29)                             |
| <input type="radio"/> Beneficios de Jubilación | <input type="radio"/> Beneficios por incapacidad    | <input type="radio"/> Compensación al trabajador      |
| <input type="radio"/> TANF(AFDC)               | <input type="radio"/> Estampillas para comida       | <input type="radio"/> Apoyo para los niños            |
| <input type="radio"/> Pensiones                | <input type="radio"/> Indemnizaciones de seguro     | <input type="radio"/> Apoyo cónyuge                   |
| <input type="radio"/> Regalos en efectivo      | <input type="radio"/> Indemnizaciones legales       | <input type="radio"/> Otra ayuda                      |

Si usted es elegible y le gustaría participar en el programa de CARW de Golden State Water Company, favor de llenar la solicitud y enviarla con la verificación de ingresos a:

Golden State Water Company  
 CARW Program  
 P.O. Box 9016  
 San Dimas, California 91773  
 1-800-999-4033

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**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY**

**SERVICE LIST**

**REGION I**

Sacramento Suburban Water District  
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Sacramento, CA 95821  
[roscoe@sswd.org](mailto:roscoe@sswd.org)

Citrus Heights  
Water District  
6230 Sylvan Road  
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Carmichael Water District  
7837 Fair Oaks Blvd.  
Carmichael, CA 95608 – 2405

California-American Water Co.  
4701 Beloit Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95838-2434  
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[Sherrene.chew@amwater.com](mailto:Sherrene.chew@amwater.com)

Fair Oaks Water District  
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Fair Oaks, CA 95628

City of Folsom  
50 Natoma Street  
Folsom, CA 95630

Orange Vale Water Co.  
P. O. Box 620800  
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OrangeVale, CA 95662  
[swilcox@orangevalewater.com](mailto:swilcox@orangevalewater.com)

Director  
Sacramento County Water Agency  
827 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 301  
Sacramento, CA 95814

City of Antioch  
P. O. Box 5007  
Antioch, CA 94531  
[pharrington@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:pharrington@ci.antioch.ca.us)

Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council  
P O Box 5038  
Bay Point, CA 94565

City of Brentwood  
708 Third Street  
Brentwood, CA 94513

Contra Costa Water District  
Public Affairs Department  
P. O. BOX H2 O  
Concord, CA 94520

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# GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

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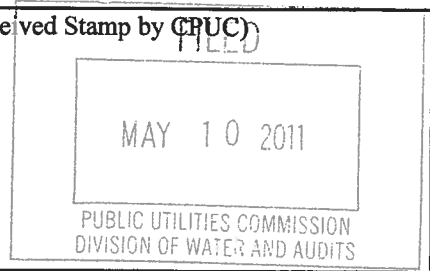
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**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION  
DIVISION OF WATER AND  
AUDITS  
Advice Letter Cover Sheet**

(Date Filed / Received Stamp by CPUC)



<b>AL # 1446-W</b>	<b>Date Mailed to Service List:</b> 5/10/2011	<b>Requested Effective Date:</b> June 1, 2011	<b>Requested Tier:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 3	
<b>Replacing AL#:</b>	<b>Authorized by:</b> D.08-01-043	<b>Compliance Filing?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Rate</b>	\$ n/a
			<b>Impact</b>	% n/a

**The public has 20 days from Date Mailed (above) to protest this advice letter. If you chose to protest or respond to the advice letter, send Protest and/or Correspondence within 20 days to:**

Director  
Division of Water and Audits  
505 Van Ness Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**and if you have email capability, also email to:** [water\\_division@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:water_division@cpuc.ca.gov)

**Your protest also must be served on the Utility** (see attached advice letter for more information and grounds for protest)

<b>Company Name:</b> Golden State Water Company	<b>CPUC Utility Number:</b> WTA <u>133-W</u>
<b>Address:</b> 630 East Foothill Blvd.	WTB _____
<b>City, State, Zip:</b> San Dimas, CA 91773	WTC _____
	WTD _____
	SWR _____

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**Description:**

1. Update low income guidelines for fiscal year 2011/2012
2. n/a
3. n/a

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<b>WTS Budget/Activity/Type</b>	<b>Process as:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 3
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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**505 VAN NESS AVENUE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298

April 27, 2011

**NOTICE TO INVESTOR OWNED UTILITIES AND SOUTHWEST GAS COMPANY,  
CALIFORNIA PACIFIC ELECTRIC COMPANY (FORMERLY SIERRA PACIFIC)  
AND BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC PROVIDING SERVICE UNDER CARE AND  
ENERGY SAVINGS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FORMERLY KNOWN AS LOW  
INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM/LIEE)  
(at 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline Level)**

Energy Division is issuing this notice to update the income eligibility for the California Alternate Rate for Energy Program (CARE) and the Energy Savings Assistance Program.

This notice is pursuant to Resolution E-3524, adopted February 19, 1998, in which the Commission ordered the Director of the Energy Division (Director) to communicate new income levels to utilities by letter no later than May 1 of each year. The Commission further ordered the Director to require energy utilities to file revised tariffs effective June 1 of each year reflecting the new income levels.

The process of determining the change in the income eligibility for the CARE and Energy Savings Assistance programs is set forth in Appendix A of this letter. Following this process, and pursuant to Resolution E-3524 and Decision 05-12-044, the Energy Division has updated the income eligibility guidelines for 2011-2012 as follows:

Household Size	CARE & Energy Savings Assistance Programs (at 200% FPG)
1-2	\$31,800
3	\$37,400
4	\$45,100
5	\$52,800
6	\$60,500
Each Additional	\$7,700

**These income limits are effective from June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012.**

Pursuant to Resolution E-3524, by May 14, 2011, the utilities are requested to file revised tariffs with the Energy Division reflecting these income levels. All tariffs, internet sites and printed materials about CARE and/or Energy Savings Assistance programs are to display these revised income eligibility guidelines and their effective dates, up through a household of six. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Syreeta Gibbs at (415) 703-1622, e-mail: [syg@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:syg@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch  
Director, Energy Division

**APPENDIX A**

<b>Method for Computing Revised Income Eligibility Levels for CARE and Energy Savings Assistance Programs (at 200% of FPG) Beginning June 1, 2011</b>				
	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>d<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Household Members</b>	<b>FACTOR</b>	<b>OLD LEVEL</b>	<b>RAW</b>	<b>ROUNDED</b>
1 or 2	1.016	\$31,300	\$31,800	\$31,800
3	1.016	\$36,800	\$37,388	\$37,400
4	1.016	\$44,400	\$45,110	\$45,100
5		\$52,000		\$52,800
6		\$59,600		\$60,500
Difference between 3 & 4				
Each Additional				\$7,700

Note: The incremental difference between "1 or 2" and "3" (\$5,600) will always be less than the amount for each additional household member (\$7,700). The additional household member adder is applied to household member levels 5 and 6.

Rules for Computing Income Levels (As set forth in Resolution E-3524, dated February 19, 1998)

1. The prior period income levels are multiplied by a factor of one plus the inflation factor (Column a + b = c)
2. The inflation factor to be used is the "final" CPI-U (Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers) for the prior year, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The inflation factor is usually available in January of each year.
3. The percentage increase factor is two digits to the right of the decimal. Examples: 2.0% = .020; 8.5% = .085
4. All income level amounts are rounded to the nearest \$100. If the raw number rounds to 50 or above, the number should be rounded to the next higher \$100. Examples: 19,326 = 19,300; 16,654 = 16,700.
5. The amount for "each additional" should be rounded to the difference between 3 and 4 household members. If the rounding differs, the amount for the "each additional" should be set to the difference between 3 and 4 household members.

<sup>1</sup> Column "d" contains rounded data for income levels 1 or 2, 3 and 4. The data in column "d" for income levels 5 and 6 contain the additional household member adder of \$7700.