

SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER of the Application of **SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY** (U903E) for an Order Approving its 2007 and 2008 Low Income Energy Efficiency ("LIEE") and California Alternate Rates for Energy ("CARE") Plans and Budgets.

No.: 06-06-_____
(U 903 E)

APPLICATION and TESTIMONY

June 1, 2006

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SIERRA PACIFIC POWER)
COMPANY (U903E) for an Order) No. _____
Approving Its 2007 and 2008 Low) (U 903 E)
Income Energy Efficiency ("LIEE"))
and California Alternate Rates for /
Energy ("CARE") Plans and Budgets.

**APPLICATION OF SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY FOR AN ORDER
APPROVING ITS 2007 AND 2008 LOW INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND
CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY PLANS AND BUDGETS**

SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY ("Sierra") submits its application for an Order of the Commission approving its Low Income Energy Efficiency ("LIEE") and California Alternate Rates for Energy ("CARE") plans and associated budgets for calendar years 2007 and 2008. This application was ordered by the Commission in D. 05-07-014.

I.

BACKGROUND

On July 1, 2004, Sierra filed an A.04-07-014 seeking approval of its 2005 CARE and LIEE plans and budgets. In D. 05-07-014 the Commission approved Sierra's CARE and LIEE plans and budgets for 2005 and 2006. As a result of this decision, Sierra's LIEE surcharge remained the same and the CARE surcharge increased on September 1, 2005 (Advice 317-E). D. 05-07-014 also ordered Sierra to submit its 2007 and 2008 LIEE and CARE plans and budgets by June 1, 2006.

II.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Sierra requests approval of LIEE budgets for 2007 and 2008 of \$110,000. This LIEE budgets reflect proposed increases of \$6,000 for 2007 and \$5,000 for 2008. Sierra also requests approval of CARE budgets of \$395,000 for 2007 and of \$411,000 for 2008. The CARE budgets reflect proposed increases of \$154,000 for 2007 and \$168,000 for 2008.

III.

STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

A. Statutory Authority

This Application is made pursuant to Sections 451, 454, 491, 701, 728 and 729 of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California, the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and prior decisions, orders, and resolutions of this Commission.

B. Proposed Categorization, Need For Hearings, Issues to Be Considered, Proposed Schedule – Rule 6

Rule 6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, requires that any person that files an application after January 1, 1998, shall state in the application the proposed category for the proceeding, the need for hearing, the issues to be considered, and the proposed schedule. Sierra proposes this application be designated as a "ratesetting" proceeding. Sierra does not believe that an evidentiary hearing is required

C. Legal Name and Correspondence – Rules 15(a) and 15(b)

Sierra is a public utility organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada. The location of Sierra's principal place of business is 6100 Neil Road, Reno, Nevada 89520. Correspondence or communications regarding this application should be addressed to:

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D. Articles of Incorporation – Rule 16

A copy of Sierra's Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and presently in effect, was filed with the commission in A. 92-05-040 and is incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Commission Rule 16.

E. Balance Sheet and Income Statement – Rule 23(a)

Attached hereto and designated as Exhibit A is a copy of Sierra's balance sheet and income statement for the 12 month period ending March 31, 2006.

F. Present and Proposed Rates – Rule 23(b) and Rule 23(c)

Accompanying this Application is the pre-filed testimony and exhibits. Sierra witness Larry E. Rackley sponsors the LIEE section and Sierra witness Elena P. Mello sponsors the CARE section.

G. Description of Sierra's Service Territory and Utility System – Rule 23(d)

Sierra is an investor-owned public utility engaged in the business of generating, transmitting, and distributing electric energy in portions of eastern California and in northern Nevada. Sierra provides retail electric service to customers in Nevada, Placer, Sierra, Plumas, Mono, Alpine and El Dorado counties in eastern California.

H. Summary of Earnings – Rule 23(e)

Attached hereto and designated as Exhibit B is Sierra's summary of earnings.

I. Index of the Exhibits and Appendices to this Application –Rule 23(g)

See Paragraph III F. above.

J. Statement Pursuant to Rule 23(l)

Rule 23(l) requires the Applicant to state whether its request is limited to passing through to customers “only increased costs to the corporation for the services of commodities furnished by it.” In this Application, Sierra requests that the Commission approve 2007 and 2008 budgets for LIEE of \$110,000 and CARE budgets for 2007 of \$395,000 and for 2008 CARE of \$411,000. The total proposed funding for low income assistance programs for 2007 is \$505,000 and for 2008 is \$521,000. This proposal results in overall increases to customer rates for 2007 of \$160,000 or .25% and for 2008 of \$13,000 or .02%.

K. Service of Notice – Rule 24

Cities and counties that would be affected by the rate changes resulting from this Application include the cities and towns of South Lake Tahoe, Portola, Kings Beach and Markleeville. Counties affected by this Application are Nevada, Placer, Sierra, Plumas, Mono, Alpine and El Dorado. Since the low-income rate changes proposed in this Application would result in a 0.25% increase to customers in 2007 and a .02% increase in 2008, notice of the Application is required under Rule 24.

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V.
CONCLUSION

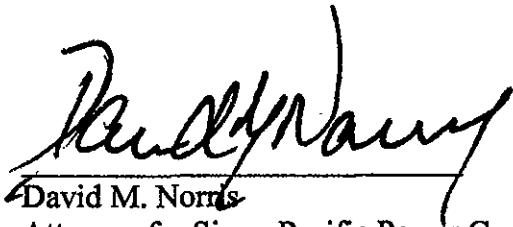
Sierra respectfully asks the Commission to approve the 2007 and 2008 LIEE and CARE plan and budget proposed herein to become effective January 1, 2007.

DATED: May 31, 2006

Respectfully submitted,



John E. Brown
Controller
Sierra Pacific Power Company




David M. Norris
Attorney for Sierra Pacific Power Company

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WASHOE)

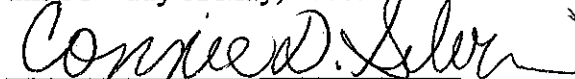
I JOHN BROWN, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

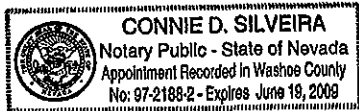
That he is Controller for Sierra Pacific Power Company; that he has read the foregoing Application and knows and understands the contents thereof; that there are good grounds to support this filing; and that the same is true of her own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters he believes them to be true.



John Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 31st day of May, 2006.


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	March 31, 2006 (unaudited)	December 31, 2005
ASSETS		
Utility Plant at Original Cost:		
Plant in service	\$ 2,714,509,510	\$ 2,695,426,700
Less: accumulated provision for depreciation	1,055,645,343	1,041,106,774
	1,658,864,166	1,654,319,926
Construction work-in-progress	110,637,562	66,799,496
	1,769,501,729	1,721,119,422
Investments in subsidiaries and other property, net	828,538	841,678
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	152,911,077	38,153,331
Restricted Cash	-	14,870,638
Accounts receivable less provision for uncollectible accounts	137,111,256	221,251,152
Materials, supplies and fuel, at average cost	40,023,198	41,607,524
Deferred energy-electric-current	27,310,283	67,342,000
Deferred energy-gas-current	2,052,000	5,825,000
MTM Asset value deferred - current	11,372,039	27,822,238
Accumulated Deferred Income Tax	10,965,847	(71,505,099)
Deposits and prepayments for energy	11,652,556	28,751,223
Other	9,875,858	9,547,300
	403,274,115	383,665,307
Deferred Charges:		
MTM Asset Value Deferred	298,393	-
Goodwill	-	-
Regulatory tax asset	93,333,500	93,957,345
Other regulatory assets	210,538,489	205,577,643
Deferred energy-electric	80,964,740	40,724,792
Deferred energy-gas	4,678	845,038
Prepaid Equity Issuance-PIES	-	-
Risk management regulatory assets	35,299,690	-
Unamortized debt issuance expense	15,371,844	12,692,758
Other	15,994,648	15,371,738
	451,805,982	369,169,313
	\$ 2,625,410,364	\$ 2,474,795,721
CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES		
Capitalization:		
Common shareholder's equity	\$ 733,228,355	\$ 729,567,371
Premium Inc Equity Securities	-	-
Preferred stock	50,000,000	50,000,000
Preferred stock of subsidiaries subject to mandatory redemption	-	-
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	(1,790,313)	(1,790,313)
Long-term debt	1,073,196,629	941,804,423
	1,854,634,671	1,719,581,481
Current Liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	2,400,000	2,400,000
Current maturities of long-term debt	30,000,000	50,000,000
Accounts payable	57,393,122	56,661,353
Accrued interest	20,028,019	13,516,595
Dividends declared	975,000	968,221
Accrued salaries and benefits	11,828,180	14,032,117
MTM Liability value deferred - current	36,927,203	6,454,908
Accrued Income Taxes	3,227,265	3,541,458
Other current liabilities	10,703,202	10,299,134
	173,481,990	157,873,787
Deferred Credits:		
Accumulated deferred federal income taxes	285,058,582	244,244,235
Accumulated deferred investment tax credit	21,387,789	21,792,951
Regulatory tax liability	22,716,054	23,156,459
Regulatory liability	113,651,011	110,910,838
Customer advances for construction	74,791,300	72,005,151
Accrued retirement benefits	46,540,373	41,506,742
Risk management regulatory liability	-	15,015,390
MTM Liability Value Deferred	-	-
Other	33,148,594	68,708,687
	597,293,704	597,340,454
	\$ 2,625,410,364	\$ 2,474,795,722



SIERRA PACIFIC POWER
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT - ACTUAL TO ACTUAL
 As of March 31, 2006

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TITLE	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			12 MONTHS		
	Current Year	Last Year	Variance Faw/(Unfav)	Current Year	Last Year	Variance Faw/(Unfav)	Current Year	Last Year	Increase/(Decrease) Over Last Year
			% Faw/(Unfav)			% Faw/(Unfav)			% Change
Operating Revenues									
Electric Revenue	84,432,457	74,417,246	10,015,211	238,771,767	224,515,765	14,256,002	981,682,555	96,751,029	10.9%
Gas Revenue	29,456,627	14,788,006	14,668,620	86,724,691	67,537,937	19,186,753	197,457,106	35,643,411	22.0%
Water Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	100.0%
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**
Total Operating Revenues	113,889,084	89,205,253	24,683,831	325,496,458	292,053,702	33,442,756	1,179,139,661	132,394,498	12.6%
Operating Expenses									
Operation									
Purchased Power	30,236,591	25,736,230	(4,500,361)	92,147,904	76,229,257	(15,918,647)	368,016,322	72,443,281	24.5%
Fuel for Power Generation	17,213,973	18,356,117	1,142,145	53,286,788	54,361,844	1,075,056	232,578,204	7,944,389	3.5%
Gas Purchased for Resale	19,440,181	13,423,762	(6,016,419)	67,395,767	53,480,181	(13,915,586)	154,765,480	27,675,658	21.8%
Deferral of Energy Costs (Net) - Electric	4,335,872	1,259,027	(3,076,845)	905,151	4,293,211	3,388,060	4,721,988	(2,060,389)	-30.4%
Deferral of Energy Costs (Net) - Gas	4,768,067	(1,869,626)	(6,637,693)	4,731,012	(327,874)	(5,058,886)	4,310,242	(7,366,431)	-241.0%
Other Operation	13,736,615	14,474,031	737,415	34,175,091	34,768,667	593,576	131,307,855	(740,554)	-0.6%
Maintenance	2,973,420	2,385,891	(587,529)	7,773,224	5,991,283	(1,781,941)	28,471,675	5,535,120	24.1%
Depreciation & Amort	7,756,434	7,503,030	(253,404)	23,223,837	22,386,965	(836,871)	91,405,974	3,410,774	3.9%
Accretion Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**
Gain/Disp. of SO2 Allowances	2,334,049	(233,830)	(2,567,879)	6,848,605	6,602,377	(246,228)	26,283,929	5,579,255	26.9%
Income Taxes	1,771,768	1,581,204	(190,564)	5,018,472	4,747,521	(270,951)	20,503,669	1,587,221	8.4%
Taxes other than Income	104,566,970	82,615,837	(21,951,134)	295,502,852	262,533,432	(32,972,419)	1,062,365,336	128,741,185	13.8%
Total Operating Expenses:	9,322,113	6,589,416	2,732,697	29,990,606	29,520,270	470,336	116,774,324	3,653,313	3.2%
Net Operating Income	308,317	124,595	183,722	702,571	318,808	383,763	2,023,026	701,618	53.1%
Other Income & Deductions									
AFUDC Other	592,139	560,254	31,885	1,932,856	1,583,230	349,626	7,441,367	1,879,052	33.8%
Interest Accrued on Deferred Energy	1,115,808	402,753	713,056	2,148,292	970,975	1,177,317	7,117,709	3,614,150	103.2%
Other Income	(849,973)	(519,993)	(329,980)	(2,523,745)	(1,639,611)	(884,134)	(8,376,696)	44,755,371	84.2%
Other Expense	(452,843)	(236,652)	(216,191)	(822,639)	(452,411)	(370,228)	(2,711,357)	(16,588,571)	-119.5%
Taxes on Other Income/Expense	713,448	330,956	382,492	1,437,335	781,261	656,074	5,494,050	34,361,620	119.0%
Total Other Income & Deductions:	10,035,561	6,920,372	3,115,189	31,427,942	30,301,531	1,126,411	122,268,374	38,014,933	46.1%
Income Before Interest Charges	5,966,615	5,769,070	(197,545)	17,689,732	17,307,211	(382,521)	69,622,482	(1,28,897)	-0.2%
Interest Charges	379,633	386,269	6,636	1,096,132	1,146,648	50,515	1,280,615	7,922,653	119.3%
Long-term Debt	(276,779)	(121,925)	(154,854)	(630,124)	(290,161)	(339,963)	(1,843,893)	51,963	2.7%
Other interest charges	6,069,470	6,033,415	(36,055)	18,155,740	18,163,497	7,757	69,059,202	7,845,719	12.8%
AFUDC Debt & Capitalized Int.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income Before Interest Charges	5,586,982	5,382,801	(204,181)	16,593,600	16,160,563	(433,037)	67,341,867	(1,28,897)	-0.2%
Preferred Securities									
Preferred Div. Requirements of Mandatorily Redeemable Preferred Securities	3,966,091	886,957	(3,079,134)	13,272,202	12,138,034	1,134,168	53,209,172	30,169,214	130.9%
Net Income	325,000	325,000	-	975,000	975,000	0	3,900,000	-	0.0%
Less Preferred Div. Required	3,641,091	561,957	(3,079,134)	12,297,202	11,163,034	1,134,168	49,309,172	30,169,214	157.6%
Income Available for Common	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Sierra Pacific Power Company
Summary Of Earnings
Recorded - 2005
(\$ in Thousands)

Item	Electric			Gas	Total Departments
	California	Other	Total		
Operating Revenues	\$ 58,827	\$ 904,073	\$ 962,900	\$ 178,249	\$ 1,141,149
Operating Expenses	52,826	803,557	856,383	169,719	1,026,102
Operating Income	6,001	100,516	106,517	8,530	115,047
Depreciated Rate Base	105,979	1,122,124	1,228,103	151,455	1,379,558
Rate Of Return	5.662%	8.958%	8.673%	5.632%	8.339%

QUALIFICATIONS OF WITNESS

LARRY E. RACKLEY

My name is Larry E. Rackley. I am employed by Sierra Pacific Power Company as a Project Manager in the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Department. My Business address is 6100 Neil Road, Reno, Nevada.

I graduated from the University of Nevada with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

I have worked for Sierra Pacific Power Company since February 1986. I started my career with Sierra Pacific in the Customer Service Engineering department as a Construction Planner where I designed gas and water facilities. In April 1988 I joined our Gas Marketing department as a Marketing Coordinator to expand our natural gas distribution facilities and later became a Construction Project Manager in charge of contract crews for the installation of natural gas mains and services. In 2000 I joined our new Energy Efficiency and Conservation department as an Energy Consultant for implementing our DSM program. In 2000 and 2001 I was in charge of our California LIEE program and in February 2005 was assigned as Project Manager for our California Low Income Weatherization program as well as the Low Income Weatherization programs in Northern and Southern Nevada.

I am sponsoring the Low Income Energy Efficiency section.

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AFFIRMATION

STATE OF NEVADA)
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COUNTY OF WASHOE)

I, LARRY E. RACKLEY, do hereby swear under penalty of perjury the following:

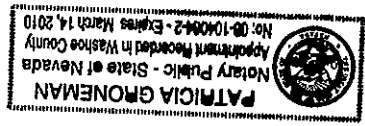
That I am the person identified in the attached Testimony in the application and that such testimony was prepared by me or under my direct supervision; that the answers and information set forth therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and that if asked the questions set forth therein, my answers thereto would, under oath, be the same.


LARRY E. RACKLEY

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 26th day of May, 2006.


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QUALIFICATIONS OF WITNESS

ELENA P. MELLO

My name is Elena P. Mello. I am employed by Sierra Pacific Power Company as a Staff Analyst in the California / FERC section of the Regulatory Affairs Department. My business address is 6100 Neil Road, Reno, Nevada.

I graduated from the University of Nevada at Reno with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Foreign Affairs in 1980, and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management Sciences from Sierra Nevada College in 1982.

During my last year at the University of Nevada, I was employed part-time in Sierra Pacific Power Company's Customer Accounting Department from May 1979 to July 1980.

Since coming to the Regulatory Affairs Department in August 1980, my responsibilities have included compilation of data and preparation of rate filings related to energy cost adjustment procedures of various regulatory agencies, the preparation of monthly deferred energy accounting entries and fuel cost adjustment factors, and jurisdictional and departmental cost of service. In July 1987, my duties were expanded to include involvement in cost analysis and various jurisdictional cost recovery mechanisms. In October 1989, I was promoted to Senior Rate Analyst and assisted management with the above-mentioned functions, as well as serving as Project Manager, for energy cost adjustment filings.

In January 1997, I was promoted to Staff Analyst. My duties now include the various aspects of California ratemaking including, jurisdictional cost of service,

unbundling and revenue requirement as well as the energy cost adjustment clause. I have also been involved in restructuring including regulatory compliance, implementation of direct access, and customer education. I am also involved in preparing the Nevada jurisdictional cost of service, revenue requirement and unbundling studies utilized in general rate cases.

I have previously testified before the California Public Utilities Commission and the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada.

I am sponsoring the California Alternate Rates Energy section.

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AFFIRMATION

STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WASHOE)

I, ELENA P. MELLO, do hereby swear under penalty of perjury the following:

That I am the person identified in the attached Testimony in the application and that such testimony was prepared by me or under my direct supervision; that the answers and information set forth therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and that if asked the questions set forth therein, my answers thereto would, under oath, be the same.

Elena P. Mello
ELENA P. MELLO

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 30th day of May, 2006.

Patricia Groneman
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Sierra Pacific Power Company 2007 & 2008 California Low Income Assistance Programs

Introduction

1. In compliance with D.05-07-014, Sierra Pacific Power Company (Sierra) submits its 2007 and 2008 California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Low Income Energy Assistance (LIEE) low-income assistance program plans and budgets. Following a brief description of our California service territory, Sierra presents its CARE and LIEE proposals.

Service Territory

2. Sierra's service territory differs greatly from the three major electric utilities in California. Sierra's service territory in California is geographically compact and generally encompasses the western portions of the Lake Tahoe basin. The company serves approximately 45,000 customers in portions of Nevada, Placer, Sierra, Plumas, Mono, Alpine, and El Dorado counties. However, almost 80% of our customers are located in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Our service territory extends from Portola in the north to Markleeville and Topaz Lake in the south. The biggest population center is the City of South Lake Tahoe. The terrain in our California service territory is mountainous, with elevations ranging from 9,050 feet in Squaw Valley to just under 5,000 feet at Portola. Most of our customers are located at elevations greater than 6,000 feet.

3. Most of Sierra's California customers are located in the Tahoe Basin. Development in the basin is controlled by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, a bi-state agency established by the States of Nevada and California. Approximately 88% of the land in the Basin is owned by the federal or state governments and is under the jurisdiction of the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit of the U.S. Forest Service. The economy of the Tahoe Basin is dominated by tourism with the major businesses being hotels, motels, and ski resorts. There is little manufacturing or heavy industry. Electric demand peaks in the winter during Christmas week. Approximately half of the electricity sold by Sierra is sold to residential customers and approximately 50% of Sierra's 40,000 residential customers are second-family vacation homes or rentals.

California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)

4. Sierra has offered the CARE program to qualified residential customers since 1989. The program assists low-income customers by providing a discount on the energy bill at their primary residence. Eligible CARE customers whose qualifying household income does not exceed the 175 percent of the federal poverty income level receive a 20% discount on their bills. Sierra has also offered a similar discount to qualified non-profit group living homes under the EXPCARE rates since 1992.

5. Sierra has sent out bill inserts twice a year to promote the CARE program for several years. Since 2001, Sierra prints quarterly messages on residential

bills promoting the CARE program. Sierra has also implemented "on hold" phone messages that give the caller a recording promoting the CARE program. In compliance with D.05-07-014, Sierra implemented a CARE self-certification program and Sierra's bill inserts that are sent twice yearly will now be self-certification applications. In November 2005, Sierra sent its first self-certification application bill insert in English and Spanish with postage paid return feature to residential customers. As a result, Sierra enrolled 373 CARE customers. Sierra sent a second self-certification application bill insert in April 2006 but the response has not been as large as the November 2005 bill insert. As of May 26, 2006, Sierra has enrolled 118 CARE customers as a result of the second self-certification bill insert. Sierra will continue to send self certification applications twice a year. Sierra's CARE program manager has experienced additional labor expenses as a result of implementing the self-certification program and may need to hire additional staff. However, Sierra has not included an estimate of those additional expenses in this filing since the program was only implemented in November 2005.

6. Sierra has also shared CARE customer data with Southwest Gas for the last two years. In 2005, 164 CARE customers were added as a result of this data share. This is higher than the 68 CARE customers added in 2004 since Southwest purchased Avista's Lake Tahoe gas service area. Sierra will not be able to continue data sharing with Southwest Gas because their CARE income

eligibility is different from Sierra and is based on qualifying household income not exceeding 200 percent of the federal poverty income level.

7. In 2005, Sierra also implemented a capitation program with Richard Heath and Associates (RHA), Sierra's weatherization contractor to provide LIEE applicants with a CARE application. Additionally in 2005, Sierra's customers that receive Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) payments were placed in on CARE and 56 additional customers were added to CARE. As of March 2006, Sierra has 1,644 customers under the CARE program and 6 customers under the EXPCARE program.

CARE Proposed 2007 and 2008 Funding

8. Sierra projects to collect approximately \$241,000 in 2007 and \$243,000 in 2008 for CARE programs. Sierra seeks additional funding of \$154,000 in 2007 for a total of \$395,000 and \$168,000 for 2008 for a total of \$411,000. Sierra's proposal is based on actual revenues and expenses through March 2006 and estimated for the remainder of 2006 through 2008. The increase is due the increase in CARE customers and the resulting rate subsidy. Table 2 reflects 2006 actual data through March 2006 as well as estimated data for the remainder of 2006 through 2008. Table 3 is a summary of 2004 and 2005 CARE funding and expenses. Table 4 is a summary of 2004 – 2008 CARE participation rates.

CARE Participation Rates

9. Sierra's CARE participation rate as of March 2006 is 1,650 customers or 71.7% based on 2,300 eligible customers. In January 2002, Sierra entered into a full service contract with Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) to perform all functions related to the eligibility and re-certification requirements of CARE applicants. Sierra experienced an initial decrease of 15% in CARE customers as a result of the original clean-up effort when CSD began the re-certification of existing CARE customers in December 2002. Since the CSD review, the CARE customers have gradually increased but Sierra believes that the estimated eligible customers of 6% of total residential (permanent and non-permanent) customers may be too high. Sierra awaits the Energy Division's Needs Assessment Study, ordered in D.02-08-051 and D.03-01-020 which may determine a lower number of CARE-eligible customers for Sierra.

10. In D.05-07-014, the Commission adopted participation rates for Sierra of 70% for 2005 and 2006. Sierra did not meet the adopted 2005 participation rate but did achieve a 65.5% rate. In March 2006, Sierra achieved a participation rate of 71.7% and expects to reach 76.4% by the end of the year. Sierra believes the current and proposed 2007 and 2008 outreach activities will improve the current penetration rate and achieve a 79.6 % participation rate for 2007 and 82.7% participation for 2008.

11. As a result of the increased CARE participation over the last 2 years, Sierra's subsidy has increased and that is the main reason for the large increase to the CARE surcharge. Sierra has been under-collecting for its CARE program but has not asked for any of those undercollections in this filing because it has not received approval to re-establish the CARE balancing account and establish a LIEE balancing account as requested in April 2003 (Advice 299-E). Sierra has spoken with Energy Division staff about this advice letter several times. In late May 2006, Sierra was advised by Energy Division staff to file a supplement to Advice Letter 299-E. Sierra will be filing the requested supplement to the advice letter and hopes that the re-establishment of the CARE and establishment of the LIEE balancing accounts will be approved soon. Sierra plans to include the status of the balancing accounts in its next CARE and LIEE application.

Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE)

12. Sierra has maintained an aggressive weatherization and conservation education campaign for our low-income customers for nearly two decades. In this time we have worked with other utilities, weatherization contractors, community service agencies, and other interested parties to leverage all available resources to do the most effective programs possible. Sierra is proud of this long-standing commitment to our California Customers. This program will give customers in Sierra's California service territory many choices and opportunities to "Take Control" of their energy consumption. Low-income customers are particularly well served through several targeted programs. This

program will provide significant, ongoing assistance, education and access to information that will benefit our customers and will keep Sierra in the forefront of energy efficiency, conservation and other DSM activities.

2006 LIEE Program

13. Sierra has maintained a significant commitment to provide our low-income customers with direct assistance and the education and information they need to make wise energy decisions. For the communities Sierra serves, improvements in energy efficiency can enhance environmental quality, decrease total energy costs, improve living standards and offer opportunities for a stronger and more competitive economic base. Through the efforts outlined in this plan, Sierra proposes to continue our ongoing commitment to our low-income customers and help them reduce and manage their energy consumption.

14. Sierra began implementing the Direct Weatherization program in 1986 for the low income, disabled and elderly customers in our California service territory. The program is a joint venture with those natural gas utilities whose service territories overlap Sierra's. A community-based organization in Placer County, Project Go Inc., has been used to reach eligible customers, determine their needs and install the retrofit weatherization measures. In 2004, Sierra contracted with Richard Heath & Associates (RHA) to perform various program services. These services include outreach and assessment, scheduling, installation, education, and reporting of program results. Sierra expects improvements to the LIEE program with this association and has contracted with

RHA for the year 2006. High density, low-income areas are selected to participate in this weatherization program. Specialized targets such as low-income senior citizen complexes are also targeted as they provide the greatest dollar benefit to one of the neediest groups of customers. These methods have proven both cost effective and beneficial to the communities involved.

15. Currently under this program, customers are receiving CPUC approved weatherization measures along with the energy efficient lighting fixtures, compact fluorescent bulbs, evaporative cooler installation, refrigerators and wall / window air conditioning.

16. In 2005, 91 homes were weatherized in the North Lake Tahoe, South Lake Tahoe, and Portola / Loyalton service areas. Sierra has strived to continuously improve materials to provide longer product life for our customer.

LIEE Proposed 2006 Program Funding

17. Sierra is proposing to maintain our 2005 annual commitment to weatherization of \$100,000. Sierra will concentrate on electric reduction targeting electrically heated homes as well as offering promotions on compact fluorescent lights and refrigerator replacement. With increased costs associated with the changes in reporting requirements, program procedure and inspection changes, required CPUC workshops and hearings, Sierra is concerned with meeting the approved 2006 LIEE 145 weatherized homes within the budget

amount of \$100,000. Table 5 reflects estimated 2007 and 2008 data. Table 6 reflects 2006 actual data as well as estimated data for the remainder of 2006. Table 7 is a summary of 2004 and 2005 LIEE budget amounts and costs. In addition, work papers are included that detail how Sierra's projections were developed.

Reporting Requirements and Data Request

18. In compliance with D.05-07-014, Sierra has submitted CARE and LIEE annual and mid-year reports for 2004 and 2005 on May 1 and August 1 of the following years, respectively. As directed by the decision, the reports follow that format and tables attached to the Energy Division's April 5, 2005 report on The Review of Accounting and Reporting Requirements for the CARE and LIEE Programs of SMJU.

19. Also, in compliance with D.05-07-014, on December 30, 2005, Sierra submitted a report on the results of the Geothermal Exchange Pilot Program.

20. On May 17, 2006, the Energy Division submitted a data request to all SMJU and requested that the June 1, 2006 applications include the responses. Following discussions with the Energy Division, the Energy Division granted the SMJU an extension to respond to the data request by June 12, 2006. Several of the items in the data request are included in the filing but all of Sierra's data responses will be provided to the Energy Division by June 12, 2006.

Ratemaking Treatment

21. Sierra proposes to implement any rate changes resulting from this proceeding on January 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008, respectively. Currently Sierra projects to recover \$345,000 in 2007 and \$348,000 in 2008 for the CARE program. This application requests to increase current CARE funding in 2007 by \$154,000 for a total of \$395,000 and in 2008 by \$168,000 for a total of \$411,000. In addition, the application requests to increase current LIEE funding in 2007 by \$6,000 and in 2008 by \$5,000 resulting in total LIEE program funding of \$110,000 for 2007 and 2008. The proposed funding for CARE and LIEE low-income assistance programs of \$505,000 for 2007 and \$521,000 for 2008 as shown on Table 1 results in an overall increase to customer rates of \$160,000 or .25% for 2007 and an additional \$13,000 or .02% for 2008

**Sierra Pacific Power Company
California Low Income Assistance Programs - CARE & LIEE
2007 & 2008 Proposed**

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Line No.</u>
1 Proposed Programs			1
2 CARE	\$ 395,000	\$ 411,000	2
3 LIEE	110,000	110,000	3
4 Total Proposed Programs	<u>505,000</u>	<u>521,000</u>	4
5			5
6 Ratepayer Funding			6
7 CARE ⁽¹⁾	241,000	243,000	7
8 LIEE	104,000	105,000	8
9 Total Ratepayer Funding	<u>345,000</u>	<u>348,000</u>	9
10			10
11 Increase (Decrease)			11
12 CARE	154,000	168,000	12
13 LIEE	6,000	5,000	13
14 Total Increase (Decrease)	<u>\$ 160,000</u>	<u>\$ 173,000</u>	14
15			15
16 Percentage Rate Change			16
17 CARE	0.24%	0.26%	17
18 LIEE	0.01%	0.01%	18
19 Total Percentage Rate Change	<u>0.25%</u>	<u>0.27%</u>	19
20			20
21			21
22 (1) Actual funding is lower than authorized budget. Difference is due to higher			22
23 forecasted sales used to establish current 9/1/05 CARE compared to those			23
24 forecasted in this filing.			24

**Sierra Pacific Power Company
California Low Income Assistance Programs - CARE
2006 Actual and Estimated and 2007 & 2008 Projected**

Line No.	Program	2006				2007 Projected	2008 Projected	Line No.
		Approved	Actual (1) Expenses	Balance	Expected			
1	Outreach	\$ 14,000	\$ 2,102	\$ 2,102	\$ 4,204	\$ 4,330	\$ 4,460	1
2								2
3	Processing / Certification / Verification	10,485	2,620	7,859	10,478	10,793	11,116	3
4								4
5	General	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
6								6
7	Benefits	225,935	79,848	230,567	310,416	379,912	395,133	7
8								8
9	Total CARE	\$ 250,420	\$ 84,570	\$ 240,528	\$ 325,098	\$ 395,034	\$ 410,710	9
10								10
11	Forecasted Mwh Sales (2)					534,748	539,069	11
12								12
13	Proposed CARE Surcharge (\$ per Kwh)					\$ 0.00074	\$ 0.00076	13
14								14
15	Current CARE Surcharge (\$ per Kwh)					0.00045	0.00045	15
16								16
17	Increase (Decrease) (\$ per Kwh)					<u>\$ 0.00029</u>	<u>\$ 0.00031</u>	17
18								18
19	Increase (Decrease) (\$ in 000's)					<u>\$ 155,077</u>	<u>\$ 167,111</u>	19
20								20
21	Percentage Rate Change					0.24%	0.26%	21
22								22
23	(1) Actuals through March.							23
24	(2) Excludes sales to CARE customers.							24

**Sierra Pacific Power Company
California Low Income Assistance Programs - CARE
2004 & 2005 Historical Funding and Costs**

Line No.	Program	2004		2005		Line No.
		Approved Funding	Costs	Approved Funding	Costs	
1	Outreach	\$ 9,378	\$ 10,329	\$ 14,000	\$ 4,351	1
2						2
3	Processing / Certification / Verification	7,446	8,330	10,485	7,723	3
4						4
5	General	-	-	-	-	5
6						6
7	Benefits	170,382	180,248	225,935	251,257	7
8						8
9	Total Current CARE	\$ 187,206	\$ 198,907	\$ 250,420	\$ 263,331	9

**Sierra Pacific Power Company
California Low Income Assistance Programs - CARE
2004 - 2008 CARE Participation**

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Actual</u>		(1) <u>Expected</u>	<u>Projected</u>		<u>Line No.</u>
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	
1 Customers at Year End	1,277	1,507	1,758	1,830	1,902	1
2						2
3 Participation	55.52%	65.52%	76.43%	79.57%	82.70%	3
4 Eligible (2)	2,300					4
5						5
6 Additions	169	230	251	72	72	6
7						7
8 (1) Actual through March 2006.						8
9 (2) Sierra's estimate of eligible customers as noted in D.03-03-007.						9

**Sierra Pacific Power Company
California Low-Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE)
Estimated Annual Budgets 2007 & 2008**

Line No.	Program	2007	2008	Line No.
1	Program Costs ¹			1
2	Weatherization	\$ 82,000	\$ 82,000	2
3	Education	4,000	4,000	3
4				4
5	Subtotal Program Costs	86,000	86,000	5
6				6
7	Administrative Costs			7
8	Outreach	2,000	2,000	8
9	Inspections	2,000	2,000	9
10	General	20,000	20,000	10
11				11
12	Subtotal Administrative Costs	24,000	24,000	12
13				13
14	Total	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000	14
15				15
16	Forecasted Mwh Sales	547,337	552,042	16
17				17
18	Proposed LIEE Surcharge (\$ per Kwh)	\$ 0.00020	\$ 0.00020	18
19				19
20	Current LIEE Surcharge (\$ per Kwh)	0.00019	0.00019	20
21				21
22	Increase (Decrease) (\$ per Kwh)	\$ 0.00001	\$ 0.00001	22
23				23
24	Increase (Decrease) (\$ in 000's)	\$ 5,473	\$ 5,520	24
25				25
26	Percentage Rate Change	0.01%	0.01%	26
27				27
28	¹ Note: The amounts listed above reflect estimated costs by			28
29	subcategory; however, funds may be shifted between categories,			29
30	as needed, to best utilize the total LIEE budget.			30

**Sierra Pacific Power Company
California Low-Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE)
2006 Approved Budgets, First Quarter Costs and Projections**

<u>Line No.</u>	Program	Approved 2006 Budget	Carry Over	First Quarter Results	Projected \$2,006	<u>Line No.</u>
1	Program Costs					1
2	Weatherization	\$ 73,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,000	2
3	Education	4,000	-	-	4,000	3
4						4
5	Subtotal Program Costs	77,000	-	-	77,000	5
6						6
7	Administrative Costs					7
8	Outreach	2,000	-	-	2,000	8
9	Inspections	1,000	-	-	1,000	9
10	General	20,000			20,000	10
11						11
12	Subtotal Administrative Costs	23,000	-	-	23,000	12
13						13
14	Total	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	14

**Sierra Pacific Power Company
California Low-Income Energy Assistance (LIEE)
2004 & 2005 Historical Budgets and Costs**

Line No.	Program	2004		2005		Line No.
		Approved Budget	Costs	Approved Budget	Costs	
1	Program Costs					1
2	Weatherization	\$ 73,000	\$ 20,297	\$ 73,000	\$ 70,890	2
3	Appliance Replacement	0	50,644	0	0	3
4	Education	4,000	3,036	4,000	4,778	4
5						5
6	Subtotal Program Costs	77,000	73,977	77,000	75,668	6
7						7
8	Administrative Costs ¹					8
9	Outreach	2,000	5,415	2,000	1,732	9
10	Inspections	1,000	2,428	1,000	1,931	10
11	General	20,000	23,292	20,000	28,075	11
12						12
13	Subtotal Administrative Costs	23,000	31,135	23,000	31,738	13
14						14
15	Total	\$ 100,000	\$ 105,112	\$ 100,000	\$ 107,406	15
16						16
17	2003 & 2004 LIEE Carryover²	\$ 13,000		\$ 7,888		17

¹ Per D.01-08-065, administrative costs for the SBx1_5 programs were not to exceed 12.5 % of the approved budget and were not approved or reported by the subcategories listed above. Thus, only the total administrative costs are shown for the SBx1_5 programs.

² Per D.03-03-007, Findings of Fact, paragraph number 27, "Requiring the SMJUs to carry over any under-expenditures in a given year to augment the next year's program budget is consistent with current Commission policy for the larger utilities."


Line No.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) CARE & EXPCARE		(F)	(G)	(H)
		Sales (W/O CARE)	Actual	Revenues Estimated	Total	Actual	Subsidy Estimated	Total	
1	2006								
2	Jan	53,764	\$ 23,661		\$ 23,661	\$ 26,172		\$ 26,172	
3	Feb	53,252	24,087		24,087	26,649		26,649	
4	Mar	52,869	23,325		23,325	27,027		27,027	
5	Apr	46,702		21,016	21,016		24,131	24,131	
6	May	40,714		18,321	18,321		24,305	24,305	
7	Jun	37,530		16,889	16,889		24,480	24,480	
8	Jul	38,253		17,214	17,214		24,654	24,654	
9	Aug	40,727		18,327	18,327		24,828	24,828	
10	Sep	39,770		17,897	17,897		26,762	26,762	
11	Oct	37,135		16,711	16,711		26,949	26,949	
12	Nov	41,083		18,487	18,487		27,135	27,135	
13	Dec	48,947		22,026	22,026		27,322	27,322	
14	Total	530,746	\$ 71,073	\$ 166,887	237,960	\$ 79,848	\$ 230,567	\$ 310,416	
15	Unbilled				875				
16	Total CARE & EXPCARE Revenue (See WP, P. 2, Line 30)				<u>\$ 238,836</u>				
17	CARE Rate		0.45						
18									
19	Discounts - 2007 Increase							<u>\$ 69,496</u>	
20									
21	Total CARE & EXPCARE - 2007 - Discounts (See Page 2, Col J, Line 14)							<u>\$ 379,912</u>	
22									
23	Discounts - 2008 Increase							<u>\$ 15,222</u>	
24									
25	Total CARE & EXPCARE - 2008 - Discounts (See Page 2, Col L, Line 14)							<u>\$ 395,133</u>	
26									
27									
28									
29	Administrative - 2006								
30	Jan		\$ 1,149		\$ 1,149			\$ -	
31	Feb		419		419			-	
32	Mar		1,052		1,052			-	
33	Apr			873	873	2,102		2,102	
34	May			873	873			-	
35	Jun			873	873			-	
36	Jul			873	873			-	
37	Aug			873	873			-	
38	Sep			873	873			-	
39	Oct			873	873		2,102	2,102	
40	Nov			873	873			-	
41	Dec			873	873			-	
42	Total		\$ 2,620	\$ 7,859	\$ 10,478	\$ 2,102	\$ 2,102	\$ 4,204	
43									
44	Total CARE & EXPCARE - Application Processing and Outreach 2006							<u>\$ 14,682</u>	
45									
46	Admin - 2007 Increase		3.0%		<u>\$ 10,793</u>		<u>\$ 4,330</u>	15,123	
47									
48	Admin - 2008 Increase		3.0%		<u>\$ 11,116</u>		<u>\$ 4,460</u>	15,576	
49									
50									
51	Estimated CARE Expenses				2006	2007	2008		
52	Subsidies				\$ 310,416	\$ 379,912	\$ 395,133		
53	Administrative				14,682	15,123	15,576		
54	Total Estimated CARE Expenses				325,098	395,034	410,710		
55									
56	Estimated CARE Ratepayer Funding (See WP, P.2, Line 30)				238,836	240,637	242,581		
57									
58	Balance (Expenses - Funding)				<u>\$ 86,262</u>	<u>\$ 154,398</u>	<u>\$ 168,129</u>		
59									
60	Total Projected Increase (Rounded) 2006 & 2007				<u>\$ 86,000</u>	<u>\$ 154,000</u>	<u>\$ 168,000</u>		
61									
62	Total Projected Increase (Rounded) - 2008						\$ 14,000		
63									
64	Total Present Rate Revenue			\$ 63,971,000					
65									
66	Percentage Change					<u>0.24%</u>	<u>0.02%</u>		

Line No.	(A)	(B) Customers				(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)							
		2005		2006										2006	2006		2007		2008	
		Monthly	Change	Monthly	Change									Ave Discoun	Projected	Discount	Customers	Discount	Customers	Discount
1																				
2	Jan	1,351		1,517	10	17.25				1,764	\$ 31,078	1,836	\$ 32,346							
3	Feb	1,410	59	1,636	119	16.29				1,770	31,184	1,842	32,452							
4	Mar	1,410	-	1,650	14	16.38				1,776	31,289	1,848	32,558							
5	Apr	1,443	33	1,662	12		14.52	24,131		1,782	31,395	1,854	32,664							
6	May	1,483	40	1,674	12		14.52	24,305		1,788	31,501	1,860	32,769							
7	Jun	1,480	(3)	1,686	12		14.52	24,480		1,794	31,606	1,866	32,875							
8	Jul	1,482	2	1,698	12		14.52	24,654		1,800	31,712	1,872	32,981							
9	Aug	1,486	4	1,710	12		14.52	24,828		1,806	31,818	1,878	33,086							
10	Sep	1,462	(24)	1,722	12		15.54	26,762		1,812	31,924	1,884	33,192							
11	Oct	1,410	(52)	1,734	12		15.54	26,949		1,818	32,029	1,890	33,298							
12	Nov	1,381	(29)	1,746	12		15.54	27,135		1,824	32,135	1,896	33,403							
13	Dec	1,507	126	1,758	12		15.54	27,322		1,830	32,241	1,902	33,509							
14	Total			Average 2005	48	14.52		<u>\$ 230,567</u>		<u>\$ 379,912</u>		<u>\$ 395,133</u>								
15																				
16	Residential Increase - GRC (7/2006)			8.8%		15.54	(8/06 -12/06)													
17	ECAC (12/2006)			16.7%		17.62	(1/07 - 12/08)													
18																				
19	CARE Average Discount Per Customer - 2005																			
20	Discount	\$	251,257																	
21	Customers		1,442																	
22	Discount / Customer / Month		14.52																	
23																				
24																				
25	CARE Funding																			
				Estimated																
				2006	2007	2008														
26	Sales			542,313	547,337	552,042														
27	CARE %			2.13%	2.30%	2.35%														
28	CARE Sales			11,567	12,589	12,973														
29																				
30	Sales Ex. CARE			530,746	534,748	539,069														
31	CARE Rate			0.45	0.45	0.45														
32	CARE Revenues			<u>\$ 238,836</u>	<u>\$ 240,637</u>	<u>\$ 242,581</u>														
33																				
34	CARE % of Total Customers - 2005			2.13%																
35																				
36																				
37	LIEE Funding			Actual	Estimated															
				2005	2006	2007	2008													
38	Sales			531,618	546,483	547,337	552,042													
39	Rate				0.19	0.19	0.19													
40	LIEE Revenues			<u>\$ 101,084</u>	<u>\$ 103,832</u>	<u>\$ 103,994</u>	<u>\$ 104,888</u>													
41																				
42	LIEE Funding Rounded				\$ 104,000	\$ 105,000														

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I am an employee of Sierra Pacific Power Company and on this 31st day of May 2006, I served each party on the attached CPUC internet service list with a copy of Sierra Pacific Power Company's Application by Federal Express Mail, U.S. Mail and/or electronic mail, postage prepaid.

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