Low Income Oversight Board Energy Division Update

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Agenda

- Large IOUs ESA/CARE/FERA program cycle
 - IOUs ESA reporting
 - ESA Working Group
 - Program and initiative launches
- Low Income Needs Assessment
- Income-Graduated Fixed Charge Proceeding, Track A

Large IOUs ESA/CARE/FERA program cycle

Reporting

- February monthly reports are now available, with continued reporting on customer segment data and program metrics.
- IOUs' 2022 annual report available on May 1, 2023

ESA Working Group

- March 30, 2023 discuss mid-cycle update, Multifamily customer segment, and recent studies
- May 25, 2023 agenda TBD
- June 29, 2023 discuss annual report
- Materials available at https://pda.energydataweb.com

Large IOUs ESA/CARE/FERA program cycle – program launches

Main ESA program

- New program design for all IOUs launched January 1, 2023
 - Focus on portfolio energy savings, and maximize energy savings and health, comfort, and safety benefits per home
- Customer-centric program design with expanded reporting
 - ESA Table 7 in monthly reports
- Referrals to pilot programs, as well as external programs

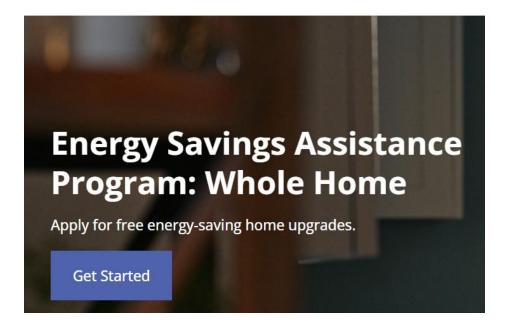
Large IOUs ESA/CARE/FERA program cycle – program launches

Deeper energy savings pilots

- PG&E customer installations are underway!
- SCE/SCG customer enrollments have started
- SDG&E solicitation in progress

Electrification pilots

 SCE – retrofit and new construction programs are about to launch Energy Savings
Assistance Program
WHOLE HOME



Large IOUs ESA/CARE/FERA program cycle – initiatives

Multifamily Whole Building Program (MFWB)

 Allows renters and property owners to participate in a single program to address all efficiency and weatherization needs

	Northern CA	Southern CA
Launch Date	4/1/23	7/1/23
Lead IOU	PG&E	SDG&E
Budget through 2026	\$174M	\$173M
Implementer	TRC	RHA
Sub-contractor	RHA	TRC

Large IOUs ESA/CARE/FERA program cycle – initiatives

Multifamily Central Portal (MCP)

 A single statewide website launched in late 2022 to allow participation in the current MF and upcoming MFWB programs – https://mcp.customerapplication.com



Questions?

2025 Low Income Needs Assessment

Current Activity

• LINA subcommittee meeting on 3/8/23

Upcoming Activity in Q2

- Refine and develop draft scope of work
- 2nd public workshop
- Finalize scope of work for eventual RFP

Income-Graduated Fixed Charge Proceeding, Track A

Goals of AB 205

- Equitable cost recovery through income-graduated fixed charge
 - Sec. 14 (b)(1): "...establish reasonable fixed charges on default residential customer rates to help stabilize rates and equitably allocate and recover costs among residential customers..."
- Incentivize electrification by lowering volumetric rates
 - Sec. 14(b)(2): "...ensure that the fixed charges are established to more fairly distribute the burden of supporting the electric system and achieving California's climate change goals through the fixed charge."

Income-Graduated Fixed Charge Proceeding, Track A

Key Elements of AB 205

- Removes the prior cap of \$10/month on fixed charges in default residential rates
- Allows CPUC to authorize fixed charges in residential rates such that:
 - Fixed charges are income-graduated with a minimum of three income thresholds
 - Resulting bills for low-income ratepayers in each baseline territory must be lower without any changes in usage
- CPUC must authorize an income-graduated fixed charge (IGFC) for default residential rates by July 2024 (i.e., allow IOUs to submit applications for default rates that include an IGFC by that date)
- Allows recovery of public purpose program non-bypassable charges through fixed charge
- Adjusts definition of CARE effective discount such that CARE-exempt charges are incremental to discount

Income-Graduated Fixed Charge Proceeding, Track A

Current Activity

- November 29, 2022 Kick-off workshop
- Jan/Feb 2023 Opening and Reply Briefs on Statutory Interpretation
- April 7, 2023 Opening Testimony due

Upcoming Activity

- June 2, 2023 Reply Testimony due
- Late August 2023 Evidentiary Hearings (if necessary)
- Sep/Oct 2023 Opening and Reply Briefs
- Q1 2024 Proposed Decision

All proceeding documents are available in the docket card for R.22-07-005 at https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/proceedings-and-rulemaking as well as through the service list.

Thank you!

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