

# 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

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### Energy Savings Assistance Program: Whole Home

Apply for free energy-saving home upgrades.

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## 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>

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**Multifamily Central Portal**

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**Multifamily Central Portal:**

The Multifamily Central Portal (MCP) allows multifamily tenants and property owners to submit inquiries and applications for the Northern and Southern multifamily whole building programs.

**Multifamily Whole Building Program:**

The Multifamily Whole Building (MFWB) program is designed to deliver comprehensive and cost-effective energy efficiency and weatherization measures to income-qualified multifamily property owners and tenants across California. We serve deed and non-deed restricted multifamily buildings in Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), Southern California Gas (SoCalGas), and San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) service territories.



# 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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