

# Low Income Oversight Board Energy Division Update

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California Public  
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# Agenda

- **Large IOUs ESA/CARE/FERA program cycle**
  - Mid-cycle recommendations and report
- **Concurrent Application System**
- **Categorical Eligibility Program / Study**
- **Low Income Needs Assessment**
- **Energy Division Organizational update**

# Large IOUs ESA/CARE/FERA Program Cycle

- **Mid-cycle recommendations and report**
  - Draft report version 2 available at end of November
  - Final report to be submitted to Energy Division/CPUC by end of 2023
- **ESA Working Group**
  - December 14, 2023 – Agenda will review mid-cycle report in progress, and include IOUs' program year updates
  - Materials will be available at <https://pda.energydataweb.com>

# Concurrent Application System (CAS)



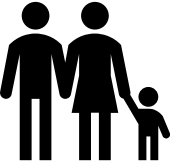






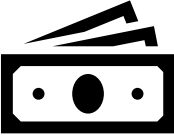
- **RFP release on December 29**

- PG&E will release an RFP for a CAS developer on December 29, 2023 with Phase I requirements developed by the CAS Working Group.
- CPUC adopted [D.23-05-006](#) for the IOUs to implement Phase I of the CAS, allowing customers to concurrently apply, or begin to apply, to IOU energy programs through a single platform – ESA, CARE, and FERA at a minimum.

- **LIOB's SB 1208 report recommendations**

- Staff are reviewing and exploring LIOB's near-term recommendations.
- Phase II will consider other low-income energy and non-energy programs, and will be informed by LIOB's SB 1208 report and CAS Working Group.

# Categorical Eligibility Programs

 <p>Medicaid / Medical</p>	 <p>Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)</p>	 <p>Healthy Families A and B</p>	 <p>National School Lunch's Free Lunch</p>	 <p>Food Stamps/SNAP</p>
 <p>Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)</p>	 <p>Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal only)</p>	 <p>Supplementary Security Income (SSI)</p>	 <p>Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance</p>	 <p>Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) or Tribal TANF</p>

## Categorical Eligibility Study

- **Joint IOUs submitted an Advice Letter (AL) on 10/13/2023**

- The advice letter proposes updates to the list of categorically eligible programs based on the study final report.
- Protests were filed by the Public Advocates Office (CalPA), and jointly by The Utility Reform Network (TURN) and Center for Accessible Technology (C4AT); Joint IOUs then submitted a reply to the protests.
- ED Staff is currently meeting with these parties and the IOUs to resolve the advice letter.

Final report available here:

<https://pda.energydataweb.com/#!/documents/2814/view>

# 2025 Low Income Needs Assessment

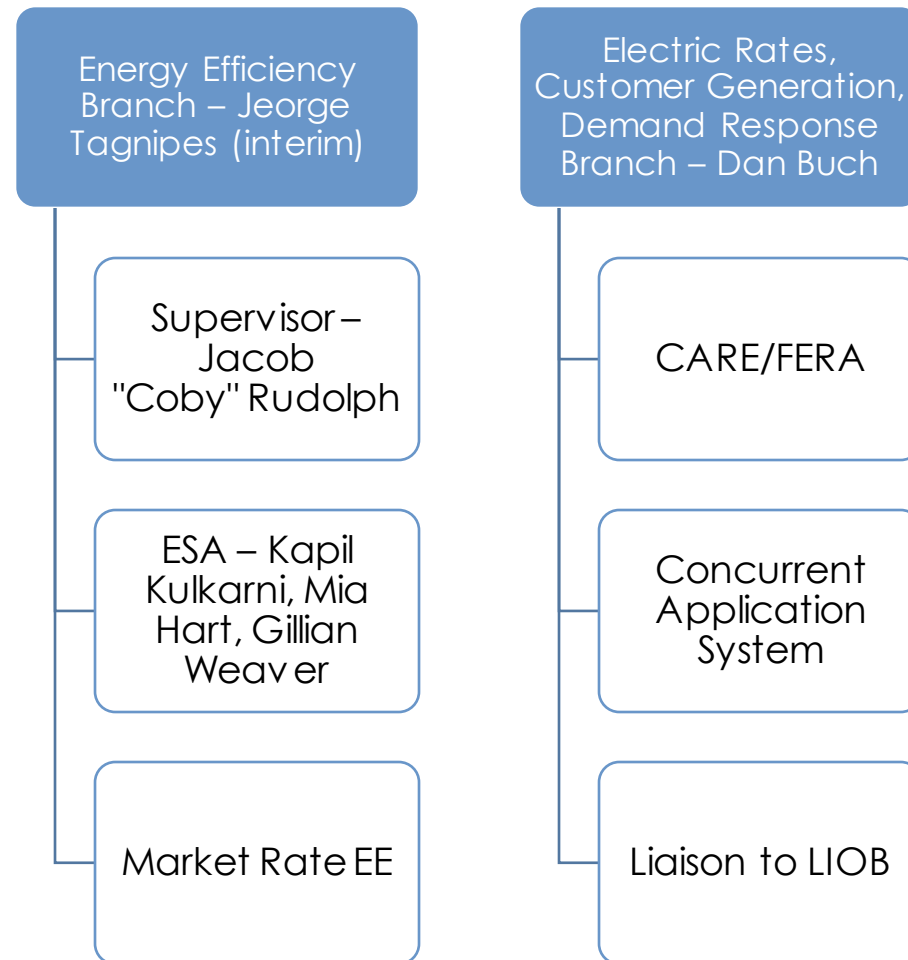
- **Current Activity**

- IOUs in RFP process

- **Upcoming Activity**

- Draft research plan development in Q1 2024
- LINA Subcommittee meeting in early Q2 2024

# Energy Division Organizational Update (in progress)





# Thank you!

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