

# Summary of CPUC Letter to LIOB, April 2024

## For SCE to:

- Provide a response on advance payments to contractors to ensure ESA program continuation
- Engage with contractors on billing system, contractor payments, and other contractor-related issues

## For SCG to:

- Present at May ESA Working Group meeting on ways to increase the installation of Health, Comfort, and Safety (HCS) measures
- Meet directly with contractors to discuss compensation and other issues

# Low Income Oversight Board Energy Division Update

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# Agenda

- **Large IOUs ESA/CARE/FERA program cycle**
  - 2023 Annual Report meeting to be held June 27
  - Planning for next program cycle
- **Studies:**
  - Low Income Needs Assessment
  - Non-Energy Impacts study
- **Income Graduated Fixed Charge**

# Large IOUs ESA/CARE/FERA Program Cycle

## ESA Working Group

- June 27, 2024 – Agenda will include discussion of the IOUs' 2023 ESA Annual Reports
- Annual Reports submitted to A.19-11-003 docket by May 1
- Materials will be available at <https://pda.energydataweb.com>

# Large IOUs ESA/CARE/FERA Program Cycle

## Planning for next program cycle

- No current open proceeding or rulemaking for ESA/CARE/FERA
- Typical process:
  - CPUC opens proceeding, issues guidance
  - 6 months for IOUs to develop proposals, including goals, budgets, program designs, etc.
  - 12-18 months for CPUC to issue a decision to authorize the proposals/applications
- Other considerations: CalPA filed petition for rulemaking (P.24-03-013) to combine ESA, Market Rate Energy Efficiency, and Demand Response into one proceeding / joint application
  - ED is reviewing comments and potential options, the CPUC will then determine whether to open a proceeding and any scoping issues
  - If combined, ESA bridge funding may be needed to align budget cycles

# 2025 Low Income Needs Assessment

## Background

- Required by statute every 3 years; current assessment will focus on high- and low-energy usage households

## Recent Activity

- Public workshop held April 12 to review draft research plan with LINA Subcommittee
- Final research plan and response to comments posted to Energy Division's Public Document Area on May 6 (link to [PDA](#))

## Current Activity

- Secondary data analysis for characterization of high-usage and low-usage households

## Upcoming Activity

- Data collection and analysis continues through June 2025
- Draft report will be presented at LIOB public meeting Q4 2025

# 2025 Low Income Needs Assessment

2025 Low Income Needs Assessment Schedule												
Task	2023				2024				2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<i>LIOB LINA Sub-Committee Meeting</i>	■											
Develop Scope of Work	■	■										
<i>LIOB LINA Sub-Committee Meeting on SOW</i>		■										
RFP released			■									
Consultant selection				■								
Develop Research Plan					■	■						
<i>LIOB LINA Sub-Committee Meeting on Research Plan</i>						■						
Data collection and analysis						■	■	■	■	■		
Draft Report											■	
<i>LIOB LINA Sub-Committee Meeting on Draft Report</i>												■
Final Report												■

# Non-Energy Impacts

## Background

- Non-energy impacts, such as those related to Health, Comfort, and Safety (HCS), are included in benefits and cost-effectiveness calculations
- Existing study has not been significantly updated since 2001

## Recent Activity

- Development of draft research plan by study consultant with input from ED and IOUs

## Current Activity

- Public workshop in July to review draft research plan

## Upcoming Activity

- Final report complete by June 2025

# Income Graduated Fixed Charge (IGFC)

## Current Activity

- CPUC Decision (D.24-05-028) authorized the IGFC based on three tiers:
  - \$6/mo for CARE customers (up to 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines - FPG)
  - \$12.08/mo for FERA customers (201% to 250% of FPG) plus customers who live in deed-restricted affordable rental housing
  - \$24.15/mo for all other customers
- Estimated non-CARE/FERA volumetric rate reduction of \$0.046-\$0.068/kWh (11%-12% reduction)

## Upcoming Activity

- IOUs will develop ME&O plans and collect party feedback at a July workshop; plans to be approved via a Tier 3 Advice Letter and CPUC Resolution
- Bill charges will start in Q4 2025 (SCE and SDG&E) and Q1 2026 (PG&E)

# Thank you!

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