Low Income Oversight Board
Item 4 – CPUC Standing Reports
Energy Division Update

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California Public
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ESA/CARE/FERA Program Updates

- Recent and upcoming meetings
  - March 9, 2026 Guidehouse Roundtable
    - Discussion among ED and IOUs to discuss ESA Market Study
  - March 19, 2026 ESA Working Group
    - Focus on IOUs' Multifamily and Pilot programs
  - June 25, 2026 ESA Working Group
    - Focus on IOUs' 2025 Annual Reports for ESA/CARE/FERA (submitted by May 1)

- Upcoming studies
  - Guidehouse ESA Market Study
  - ESA Evaluation studies
  - 2028 Low Income Needs Assessment (LINA)

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- Current activity
  - LINA & TAC subcommittee meeting on March 10
  - Public comment open until March 24 on topic ideas
  - Topic selection

- Upcoming activity in Q2
  - Develop and refine draft work scope
  - LINA subcommittee meeting
  - Finalize scope of work for RFP

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ESA/CARE/FERA Bridge Proceeding Timeline

Completed

- IOU Applications – July 2025
- Pre-Hearing Conference and Scoping Memo – Sep 2025
- Party Testimony - Dec 2025

Ongoing

- Opening and Reply Briefs – March 2026
- Staff Review with Commissioner and Judge

Upcoming

- Proposed Decision – Q2 2026

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- IOU Applications – Jan 2026
- LIOB Draft Recommendations – Feb 2026

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- Pre-Hearing Conference and Scoping Memo – Mar/Apr 2026
- Workshops – if needed – May/June 2026

Upcoming

- Party Testimony - by Q4 2026
- Proposed Decision – by mid-2027

Questions and Discussion