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Advice Letter 4318-B

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Subject: Supplemental Filing – Proposed Revisions to the California Solar Initiative Thermal Program Handbook to Implement D.11-10-015 to Incorporate the Low-Income Solar Water Heating Incentive Program as set forth in Appendix A to the Decision

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4318-B is effective February 28, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward F. Randolph".

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Dear Mr. Jazayeri et al.:

This letter is to acknowledge that the Energy Division issued Disposition Letter dated October 3, 2012 inadvertently approved the August 15, 2012 version of the Joint Advice Letter, rather than the updated August 24, 2012 Advice Letter. That Joint Advice Letter, SCE 2681-E-B, PG&E 3268-G-B/3972-E-B, SoCalGas 4312-G-B, and SDG&E 2320-E-B/2081-G-B) is approved, effective September 23, 2012.

Please contact Tory Francisco of the Energy Division staff at 415-703-2743(tnf@cpuc.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Advice No. 27-B
(California Center for Sustainable Energy)

Advice No. 3270-G-B
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company –U 39 M)

Advice No. 4318-B
(Southern California Gas Company – U 904-G)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENERGY DIVISION

SUBJECT: **Supplemental Filing:** Proposed Revisions to the California Solar Initiative-Thermal Program Handbook to Implement Decision (D.) 11-10-015 to Incorporate the Low-Income Solar Water Heating Incentive Program as set forth in Appendix A to the Decision

The California Center for Sustainable Energy (CCSE), on behalf of itself, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and Southern California Gas Company (SCG), hereby submits this supplemental advice filing to propose revisions to the California Solar Initiative-Thermal (CSI-Thermal) Program Handbook in compliance with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decision (D.) 11-10-015 to incorporate the low-income solar water heating (SWH) incentive program as set forth in Appendix A to D.11-10-015.¹ This supplemental advice filing proposes necessary revisions to the CSI-Thermal Program Handbook regarding program eligibility requirements for low-income single-family projects and therefore supplements, but does not replace, neither in part nor in its entirety, the first supplemental Advice Letter, CCSE Advice 27-A/PG&E Advice 3270-G-A/SCG Advice 4318-A (CCSE Advice 27-A, et seq.), effective February 28, 2012.

¹ Decision 11-10-015, *Decision on Low-Income Solar Water Heating Component of the California Solar Initiative Thermal Program*, October 6, 2011.

BACKGROUND

In late 2007, Assembly Bill (AB) 1470 authorized the creation of a \$250 million incentive program to promote the installation of 200,000 SWH systems in homes and businesses that displace the use of natural gas by 2017. Specifically, Public Utilities Code Section 2866 establishes eligibility requirements and other provisions of a low-income SWH incentive program and requires that not less than 10 percent of the overall program funds be devoted to installing SWH systems on low-income residential housing.

In order to implement AB 1470, on January 21, 2010, the CPUC issued D.10-01-022, which established the CSI-Thermal Program to provide SWH incentives. In D.10-01-022, the CPUC budgeted \$25 million for low-income SWH incentives but stated that a future decision would establish details of those low-income incentives.

On October 6, 2011, the CPUC issued D.11-10-015 to address the details concerning low-income SWH incentives, including incentive levels, eligibility requirements, and other program implementation details. In D.11-10-015, the CPUC directed the CSI-Thermal PAs to incorporate the low-income SWH incentive program as set forth in Appendix A to D.11-10-015, which offers increased incentives to qualifying single-family and multi-family low-income customers that install SWH systems that displace natural gas usage. Incentives for qualifying single-family low-income customers will be 200% of the applicable CSI-Thermal SWH incentive level, while incentives for qualifying multi-family affordable housing will be 150% of the applicable CSI-Thermal SWH incentive level.

On January 4, 2012, CCSE, on behalf of itself, PG&E and SCG, timely filed CCSE Advice 27, et seq., to propose revisions to the CSI-Thermal Program Handbook in compliance with CPUC D.11-10-015 to incorporate the low-income SWH incentive program as set forth in Appendix A to D.11-10-015. A Joint Protest to CCSE Advice 27, et seq., was filed by The East Los Angeles Community Union (TELACU), the Maravilla Foundation, and the Association of California Community and Energy Services (ACCES) on January 20, 2012, to which CCSE, PG&E and SCG jointly replied on February 3, 2012. CCSE, PG&E and SCG subsequently accepted suggested modifications to the CSI-Thermal Handbook and on February 21, 2012, CCSE, on behalf of itself, PG&E and SCG, submitted CCSE Advice 27-A, et seq., to incorporate suggested language provided in the Joint Protest. On March 1, 2012, the CPUC Energy Division issued a disposition letter declaring CCSE Advice 27-A, et seq., effective February 28, 2012.

CCSE, PG&E and SCG have subsequently determined that revisions to the CSI-Thermal Handbook are needed regarding program eligibility requirements for low-income single-family projects. Specifically, the CSI-Thermal Program Handbook should be revised to state that to qualify for low-income SWH incentives under the CSI-Thermal Program, among other requirements, a low-income single-family project must either: (1) meet the definition of low-income residential housing in Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section

2861(e)(1); or (2) be currently participating, or have previously participated, in a Commission-approved and supervised gas corporation ESAP. CCSE, on behalf of itself, PG&E and SCG, hereby submits this supplemental advice filing to incorporate this revision and define the appropriate documentation that may be submitted to demonstrate proof of low-income residential housing status under PUC 2861(e)(1).

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CSI-THERMAL PROGRAM HANDBOOK

This supplemental advice filing seeks to propose necessary revisions to the CSI-Thermal Program Handbook regarding program eligibility requirements for low-income single-family projects. Specifically, this supplemental advice filing seeks to revise sections of the CSI-Thermal Program Handbook to state that to qualify for low-income SWH incentives under the CSI-Thermal Program, among other requirements, a low-income single-family project must either: (1) meet the definition of low-income residential housing in PUC Section 2861(e)(1); or (2) be currently participating, or have previously participated, in a Commission-approved and supervised gas corporation ESAP and to define the appropriate documentation that may be submitted to demonstrate proof of low-income residential housing status under PUC 2861(e)(1). The proposed revisions appear in the CSI-Thermal Program Handbook included in redline format in Attachment A to this filing. Additionally, the proposed revisions are summarized below:

Summary of Revision: Revision to state that to qualify for low-income SWH incentives under the CSI-Thermal Program, among other requirements, a low-income single-family project must either: (1) meet the definition of low-income residential housing in PUC Section 2861(e)(1); or (2) be currently participating, or have previously participated, in a Commission-approved and supervised gas corporation ESAP

Handbook Modifications:

Section 2.1.9.1 – Single-Family Low-income Participants

Summary of Revision: Revision to define the appropriate requirements to demonstrate proof of single-family low-income residential housing status under PUC Section 2861(e)(1)

Handbook Modifications:

Section 4.1 – Single-Family Residential Project Application Process

Summary of Revision: Revision to define the appropriate documentation requirements that may be submitted to demonstrate proof of single-family low-income residential housing status under PUC Section 2861(e)(1)

Handbook Modifications:

Section 4.7.20 – Application Forms and Documentation

Summary of Revision: Revision to include the definition of PUC Section 2861(e)
Handbook Modifications:
Appendix B – Definitions and Glossary

TIER DESIGNATION

Pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B, Energy Industry Rule 5.2, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 2 designation.

PROTESTS

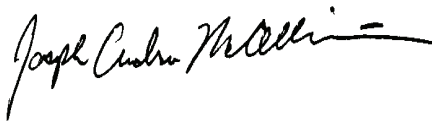
This supplemental advice filing supplements CCSE Advice 27-A, et seq., effective February 28, 2012, in order to make necessary revisions to the CSI-Thermal Program Handbook regarding program eligibility requirements for low-income single-family projects. So that the CSI-Thermal PAs may begin to accept applications for low-income solar water heating incentives within 30 days of Commission approval of CCSE Advice 27-A, et seq., as required by Ordering Paragraph 2 of D.11-10-015, CCSE, on behalf of itself, PG&E and SCG, requests that the Energy Division not reopen the protest period.

EFFECTIVE DATE

CCSE requests that this Advice Letter become effective upon Energy Division staff approval. Applications for low-income SWH incentives may then be submitted within 30 days of Commission approval of CCSE Advice 27-A, et seq., beginning on or about March 29, 2012.²

NOTICE

CCSE is providing a copy of this Advice Letter to service list R.10-05-004.



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Attachments:

Attachment A – Revised CSI-Thermal Program Handbook (Redline Version)

cc: Service List R.10-05-004

² Decision 11-10-015, Ordering Paragraph 2.

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