A COMPARISON OF LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS

BILL DISCOUNTS

CARE electric & gas

-20% off rates

-high usage (tiers 3/4-5) charged at lower tier rate* -exemption from CARE & CSI surcharges

average monthly per household	Participant Savings	Ratepayer Cost (res)	
	\$11-\$33	\$0.79-\$1.30	electric
average	\$6-\$9	\$0.47-\$1.04	gas
2007 annollment: 3 604 254			

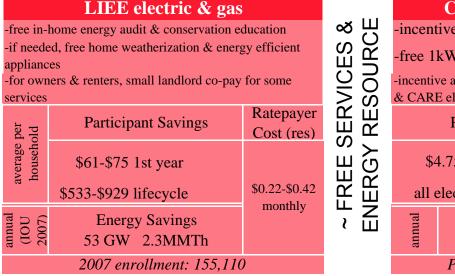
2007 enrollment: 3,694,254

LIFELINE landline phone

-\$5.47 basic service, \$10 connection fee** -exemption from all CA & fed telco surcharges (Lifeline, DDTP, CTF, CASF, CHCF-A&B)

onthly hold	Participant Savings	Ratepayer Cost (all)
average mo per house	\$5.47 (unlimited local calls) AND \$6 off fed surcharges	1.15% of instate bill

2007 enrollment: 2,746,858



*SCE and SDG7E have 3 tiers for CARE rates, PG&E has 2 tiers for CARE rates ** \$5.47 flat rate basic service, \$2.85 measured rate

FERA electric

-reduced rate for large households with higher than average electricity use -for households of 3 or more

thly per old	Participant Savings	Ratepayer Cost (res)	
average monthly per household	\$12-\$21	\$0.01	
2007 enrollment: 34,333			

Class A WATER

-% discount varies by water company -most programs began 2005 or 2006

-exemption from water low-inc surcharge

hly Id	Participant	Ratepayer Cost	
nonth	Savings	(res)	
average mo per house	ber house \$3-\$19	\$0.01/ccf \$2.27/month	
2007 enrollment: 33 059			

CSI - single family electric-incentives \$3-\$5/Watt greater than residential-free 1kW PV system for 1,800 households-incentive amount based on fed taxable income
& CARE eligibilityParticipant SavingsRatepayer
Cost (res)\$4.75-\$7 Watt for 5,000 homes
all electric costs for 1,800 homes
38 GWEnergy Savings
38 GW

Program to Begin During 2009

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-improve the customer experience? -lower the cost of delivering services?



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			Eligibility How To Enroll Required		Required Information		
		Program	Household Income (6/1/08 - 5/31/09) Program Enrollment	Phone	Online	Proof of qualification? Re- certification Verification	2007 eligible households
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	LIFELINE ¹	Landline bill discount (basic service & connection)	1, 2 members - \$22,900 annual incomeMedi-Cal, Food Stamps, TANF (ir Tribal), WIC, LIHEAP, Healthy Families Category A3 - \$26,900 4 - \$32,400 Each additional - \$5,500ORSSI, Medicaid, Federal Public Hous Assistance/Section 8, NSL FREH Lunch Program, Bureau of India Affairs General Assistance, Head S	CALL STATEWIDE FOR APPLICATION English: 1-866-272-0349 Spanish: 1-866-272-0350 Laotian/Hmong: 1-866-272-0351 Cambodian: 1-866-272-0352 Tagalog: 1-866-272-0353 Korean: 1-866-272-0354 Vietnamese: 1-866-272-0355 Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese): 1-866-272-0356 TTY: 1-866- 272-0358 AFTER RECEIVING DINK ENVELOPE	: https://www.californialifeline.com/sou rce/MainPage.aspx	Either income documentation OR proof of enrollment in other low- income program required to enroll.	Enrolled: 2.7 million
TELI			Changes annually for CPI. Income Eligible (Tribal only)	ENKOLE VIA MAIL OK OINLINE			Haven't enrolled yet: 900,000
	CARE ²	Electric & gas bill discount	1, 2 members - \$30,500 annual incomeMedi-Cal, Food Stamps, TANF3 - \$35,800 4 - \$43,200 Each additional - \$7,400OR(AFDC), WIC, LIHEAP, Health Families Categories A & B	SDGE 1-800-411-7343 PG&E: 1-866-743-2273 SoCalGas: 1-800-427-2200 SCE: 1-800-798-5723	ssistance_services.sht J&E omerservice/financiala lential/assistance/ vings/incomequalified	Random, proof NO Every 2 years required if chosen for	Enrolled: 3.7 million
			200% FPL. Adjusted annually for inflation.			verification	Haven't enrolled yet: 1.6 million
ENERGY	LIEE ³	Electric & gas free services	Same as CARE	SDGE (Energy Team): 1-866-597-0697 PG&E (Energy Partners): 1-800-933-9555 SoCalGas (Direct Assistance): 1-800-331-7593 SCE (Energy Management): 1-800-736-4777	SDG&E ssidential/a P home/cust home/cust ssistance/ ioCalGas s.com/resit SCE atesandSa	Yes-during Contractor visit, <i>unless</i> categorical eligibility or CARE-audited in last year.	Enrolled: 1.6 million
	FERA ⁵	Electric bill discount	minimum 3 members - 5,801-44,800 annual income Each additional member - 7,400-9,200 annual income Medi-Cal, Food Stamps, TANF (AFDC), WIC, LIHEAP, Healthy Families Categories A & B	SDGE: 1-800-411-7343 PGE: 1-800-743-5000 SCE: 1-800-447-6620	http://www.sdge.com/re ml http://www.pge.com/my s http://www.socalga http://www.sce.com/Rel	Random, proof NO Every 2 years required if chosen for	Enrolled: 33,000
			250% FPL. Adjusted annually for inflation.			verification	Haven't enrolled yet: 458,000
	CSI - Single-family ⁶	Bill discount AND free service	Must meet definition of "low-income residential housing" for bill discount (incentives) AND must meet definition of "low income residential housing" ar have incomes less than or equal to 50% of area median income for free service kW PV system). ⁷		http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/cs i/low_income.html	 Customer submits application. 3rd Party Administrator reviews application with energy efficiency audit. 	Partial subsidy for 5,000 homes Full subsidy for 1,800 homes
WATER	WATER ⁸	Bill discount	Same as CARE (except Golden State, 175% FPL)	Check water bill for phone number. Programs for: California Water Service, Golden State, California- American, Suburban Water, San Gabriel Valley, Park/Apple Vallely, Valencia, Great Oaks	Call water company	NO Every 2 years Random	Enrolled: 29,000 Still to enroll: 127,000

Legislation and Policy

¹ Moore Universal Telephone Service Act (AB 1348), 1983.

² PUC Code 739.1, 1988. Notably, in 2006, AB 1240 was passed to extend CARE discounts to tenants of master-metered housing.

³ SB 845 (PUC Code 2790), 1990. Notably, in 2001, D.01-05-033 mandated installment of all feasible measures, and in 2007, D.07-12-051 required increased LIEE penetration.

⁴D.06-12-038. California Statewide LIEE Policy and Procedures Manual, 2007-2008 also specifies 80-20 measures require 80% of all multi-family complexes to be LIEE-eligible.

^o D.04-02-057, 2004. Offered by PGE, SCE, and SDGE.

⁶ SB 1, 2006 (multi-family program still under development).

¹ PUC Code 2852 defines "low income residential housing" as households financed with various types of local, state, and federal programs, including loans, grants, and tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds (also see Health and Safety Code 500079.5). Homeowners may or may not be CARE eligible (D.07-11-045). ⁸ PUC Code 739.8, 1993.

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