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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



The California Public Utilities Commission's

CARE/FERA Programs

Providing discounts on energy bills for income qualified households.

California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)

Low-income customers that are enrolled in the CARE program receive a 30-35 percent discount on their electric bill and a 20 percent discount on their natural gas bill.

Eligible customers are those whose total household income is at or below the income limits indicated below.

CARE Income Guidelines—Effective June 1, 2016	
Household Size	Income Eligibility Upper Limit
1-2	\$32,040
3	\$40,320
4	\$48,600
5	\$56,880
6	\$65,160
7	\$73,460
8	\$81,780
Each Additional Person	\$8,320

Customers may also be eligible for CARE if they are enrolled in public assistance programs such as Medicaid/Medi-Cal, Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC), Healthy Families A & B, National School Lunch's Free Lunch Program (NSL), Food Stamps/SNAP, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Tribal TANF.





Family Electric Rate Assistance Program (FERA)

Families whose household income slightly exceeds the CARE allowances will qualify to receive FERA discounts, which bills applies a 12 percent discount on their electricity bill. FERA is available for customers of Southern California Edison, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Following are the income limits:

FERA Income Guidelines—Effective June 1, 2016		
Household Size	200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines	250% of Federal Poverty Guidelines
3	\$40,321	\$50,400
4	\$48,601	\$60,750
5	\$56,881	\$71,100
6	\$65,161	\$81,450
7	\$73,461	\$91,825
8	\$81,781	\$102,225
Each Additional Person	\$8,320	\$10,400

Please contact your utility company for more information on this program and other assistance programs:

- Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)
 - 1-866-743-2273
- Southern California Edison (SCE)
 - 1-800-655-4555
- San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)
 - 1-800-411-7343
- (CARE Only) Southern California Gas (SoCalGas)
 - 1-800-427-2200

