

PACIFIC POWER DATA REQUEST NO. 18 TO CREA:

Does Columbia REA offer a low income bill assistance program, a low income weatherization program, or energy assistance to its customers?

RESPONSE TO PACIFIC POWER DATA REQUEST NO. 18:

CREA objects to Pacific Power Data Request No. 18 on the basis that the information requested is not relevant to the “primary issue in this proceeding [which] relates to the rates, terms, and conditions of [Pacific Power’s] proposed tariff filings,”^{18/} and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Without waiving the foregoing objections, CREA responds as follows:

CREA, per federal guidelines approved annually by the board of directors, refers low income members to the Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC) for assistance with their electric bills. CREA coordinates closely with BMAC to make sure no adverse action is taken against its members when support is pending. Attached as Attachment A to CREA’s Response to Pacific Power Data Request No. 18 is CREA’s Board Policy No. 207, which provides the guidelines CREA uses to identify eligibility for energy assistance.

CREA also offers a weatherization program to all of its members regardless of their income.

^{18/} Order 04 ¶ 12 (Jan. 4, 2017).

Date: March 10, 2017
Respondent: Scott Peters
Witness: Les Teel