



**GAS RULE NO. 19.3** Sheet 1  
 CALIF ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY FOR QUALIFIED AGRI EMPLOYEE  
 HOUSING FACILITIES

**A. GENERAL**

The Low-Income Ratepayer Assistance (LIRA) program was established by the Commission in Decisions 89-07-062 and 89-09-044. The program was revised in Decision 94-12-049 and the name changed to California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE). The program was expanded to migrant centers, privately-owned employee housing and agricultural employee housing operated by a non-profit agency (collectively referred to as Facilities) in Decision 95-10-047. Decision 05-04-052 expanded CARE qualifying facilities to include Migrant Farm Worker Housing Centers operated by the office of Migrant Services and Migrant Farm Worker Housing Centers operated by qualifying non-profit entities. The purpose of this CARE program is to provide qualifying Facilities with reduced charges for gas service. Application for the rate may be made by master-metered customers who operate Facilities for qualifying residents.

Qualifying Special Employee Housing Facilities for CARE shall be placed on the CARE rate starting with the first day of the next Billing Cycle after receipt by PG&E of an acceptable application as specified in Section C. (T)

**B. ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to receive CARE, the Facility must meet the following conditions:

**1. MIGRANT CENTERS**

- a. Migrant Centers must have a current contract with the Office of Migrant Services, Department of Housing and Community Development to provide housing pursuant to Health and Safety Code §50710.
- b. Migrant Farm Workers Housing Centers, operated by the Office of Migrant Services (OMS), Department of Housing and Community Development, to provide a current contract in accordance with IRS Code Section 501(c)(3), pursuant to Section 50710 of the Health and Safety Code.
- c. Migrant Farm Worker Housing Centers, operated by non-profit entities, as defined in Subdivision (b) of Section 1140.4 of the Labor Code, that has an exemption from local property taxes pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- d. For Migrant Centers, 100 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes, if each of the dwelling areas in the facility is individually metered. If a master meter serves the facility, not less than 70 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes.

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B. ELIGIBILITY (Cont'd.)

2. PRIVATE-OWNED EMPLOYEE HOUSING FACILITIES

- a. Privately-Owned Employee Housing Facilities must provide proof of current compliance with Part 1 of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code. Compliance must take the form of having a permit issued by the State Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to Health and Safety Code §17030.
- b. For Privately-Owned Employee Housing Facilities, 100 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes.

3. AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING FACILITIES

- a. Agricultural Employee Housing Facilities must provide a letter of determination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that the corporation is tax-exempt due to its non-profit status under IRS Code §501(c)(3) or proof that it is tax-exempt due to its non-profit status from the State of California. Additionally, the Facility must provide a copy of letter from the Assessor in the county where the Facility is located stating that the housing is exempt from local property taxes.
- b. For Agricultural Employee Housing Facilities, 100 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes, if each of the dwelling areas in the facility is individually metered. If a master meter serves the facility, not less than 70 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes.

- 4. The total gross income for all persons residing at a Facility may not exceed the following: (D)

Number of Persons in Household	Maximum Annual Household Income
1-2	\$31,800
3	\$37,400
4	\$45,100
5	\$52,800
6	\$60,500
Each additional member, add:	\$ 7,700

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**C. CERTIFICATION**

1. All facilities applying for certification must complete and provide to PG&E an Application (Form No. 62-1198) (Form No. 61-0535) for PG&E's CARE Program for Qualified Agricultural Employee Housing Facilities.
2. Each Application for PG&E's CARE Program for Qualified Agricultural Employee Housing Facilities must be accompanied by the following documentation:
  - a. A copy of the documentation from the appropriate agency shown in Section B.1.
  - b. Documentation that all residents of the Facility meet the CARE eligibility criteria shown in Section B.3. Proof of income eligibility should come from income tax returns, paycheck stubs, or similar records.
  - c. Certification, under penalty of perjury, explaining how the discount from the CARE rate will be used to directly benefit the occupants of the Facility.
3. Certification of Facilities is valid for two years, except as provided in Section E. (T)

It is the responsibility of the Facility to notify PG&E if it is no longer eligible for the CARE Program.

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**D. RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Facilities wishing to recertify must complete a new Form No. 62-1198 or Form No. 61-0535 and provide the information listed in Section C.
2. Recertification shall include an explanation by the Facility of how the annual CARE discount was used during the previous year for the direct benefit of qualifying residents. Additionally, the Facility shall certify how the next year's discount will be used to directly benefit occupants.

**E. MISAPPLICATION OF CARE**

Misapplication of CARE eligibility for the period during which the Facility received CARE occurs when: 1) the Facility certifies or recertifies using incorrect information, or 2) when the CARE discount funds were not spent for the benefit of the qualifying residents. PG&E may rebill the account at the customer's otherwise applicable rate schedule for misapplication of CARE. Such billing shall be for a period up to the most recent three years in accordance with Rule 17.1. However, nothing in Rule 19.3 shall be interpreted as limiting PG&E's rights under any provisions of any applicable law or tariff.

Facilities either suspected of or proven to have provided incorrect information in their application for CARE may be required to recertify at any time. Further, PG&E reserves the right to conduct random audits to determine Facility eligibility. Failure by any party to provide proper proof of eligibility will result in the removal of the Facility from the CARE rate.

Upon PG&E's request that the Facility recertify eligibility or 90 days before the regular expiration date of the Facility's eligibility, the Facility will have 90 days to recertify, after which Facilities not recertified may lose their eligibility under the CARE program.

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