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Subject:
Addition of Six Southern California
Edison Contaminated Sites to
Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost
Recovery Mechanism.

Dear Mr. Goeddel:

We are returning one copy of approved Advice Letter No. 1240, and
associated tariff sheets effective July 26, 1997.

Should you have any question please call Mr. Massis Galestan at (415)703-1760.

Sincerely,

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ENERGY DIVISION**

SUBJECT: Addition of Six Southern California Edison Contaminated Sites to Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Mechanism

In compliance with Decision No. 94-05-020 (Decision or D.94-05-020), dated May 4, 1994, Southern California Edison Company (Edison or Company), an *Edison International* company, hereby transmits for filing the following changes in its tariff schedules. The revised tariff sheets are listed on Attachment A and are attached hereto.

PURPOSE

This Filing revises Preliminary Statement, Part V, Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Mechanism (Mechanism), to add six Edison contaminated sites to the list of sites listed within Table A. The sites are:

1. Alhambra Combined Facility
2. Ascon Landfill
3. Cameron-Yakima
4. Mobil Smelting
5. Omega Chemical
6. Walker Properties

BACKGROUND

Edison has the option to add additional sites to the Mechanism under terms of the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report Submitted In Response To Decision No. 92-11-030 and the associated Settlement Agreement (Collaborative Settlement Agreement) adopted by the Commission in D.94-05-020.

Edison includes these six contaminated sites in the Mechanism now because either the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, the Washington State Department of Ecology, or the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency have identified or consider Edison as a potentially responsible party (PRP).

Agency actions at the sites are likely to require investigation, ongoing monitoring or testing, and possible remediation for which Edison may be held responsible. All but the Alhambra Combined Facility are third-party sites at which Edison has had no operational history, but at which Edison may have disposed of waste materials or substances.

The Collaborative Settlement Agreement requires that the following information be provided to the Commission in order to include an additional site in the Mechanism: (1) the name of the site; (2) the location of the site; (3) the source, nature, and approximate date of the contamination; (4) utility operations (historical and current) at the site, if any; and (5) environmental agency actions and oversight regarding the site, if any. Attachment B contains the relevant information for each site.

In addition, Decision No. 96-07-016, dated July 3, 1996, requires that a utility seeking recovery of hazardous waste cleanup costs through an advice letter filing demonstrate that: (1) cleanup costs for which recovery is being sought are not being recovered through base rates or through any other recovery procedure; and (2) all of the costs for which recovery is being sought are hazardous waste cleanup costs (including insurance costs) found appropriate for recovery in the Collaborative Report. Edison's current rate levels as adopted in recent regulatory proceedings, such as the General Rate Case and Performance Based Ratemaking proceedings, do not include recovery for hazardous substance cleanup costs and related insurance litigation costs associated with the six contaminated sites identified in this Advice Filing. Instead, these costs, net of applicable insurance recoveries, will be recovered pursuant to the Mechanism.

The Mechanism provides a methodology for allocating costs and related recoveries, between Edison's ratepayers and shareholders, associated with the cleanup of hazardous substances at contaminated covered properties. Upon the effective date

of this Advice Filing, the hazardous substance cleanup costs, insurance litigation costs, and insurance recoveries associated with the six sites will be accounted for using unique accounting codes which distinguish them from other routine operation and maintenance expenses and insurance receipts. Costs and recoveries recorded under these unique accounting codes will be reviewed monthly to ensure that they are appropriate for inclusion in the Mechanism, as defined on pages 4-7 of Appendix A in D.94-05-020, and are related to covered sites. These accounting procedures assure that cleanup costs are captured correctly in the Mechanism and that these costs are not included for recovery in other regulatory proceedings.

No cost information is required for this Advice Filing.

This Filing will not increase or decrease any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

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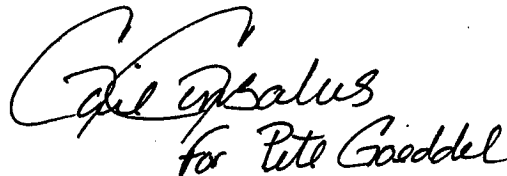
No Resolution is required for approval of this Filing. In accordance with the Collaborative Settlement Agreement, this Advice Filing is effective upon the 40th day after the date filed, which is July 26, 1997.

NOTICE

In accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 491, notice to the public is hereby given by filing and keeping the Advice Filing open for public inspection at the Company's corporate headquarters.

Since this Filing is made pursuant to the Decision, further notice in accordance with General Order No. 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G, is not necessary. However, copies of this Filing are being furnished to the Interested Parties on the attached service lists. Pursuant to the Collaborative Settlement Agreement and D.94-05-020, copies of this Filing are also being furnished to all parties to Application No. 91-04-044. Address change requests should be directed to Cheryl Morales at (818) 302-1026.

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PROPOSAL/ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

COMPANY NAME: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

TYPE OF UTILITY:

CPUC CORP. ID: U 338-E

- LEC IEC CER CEC RTU
- WTA WTB WTC WTD SWR
- GAS STM ELC PLC

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• EXPLANATION OF TYPE OF UTILITY

LEC = Local Exchange Carrier	WTC = Water class C
IEC = Interexchange Carrier	WTD = Water class D
CER = Cellular Resellers only	SWR = Sewer
CEC = Cellular Carriers (wholesale/retail)	GAS = Gas
RTU = Radio Telephone Utilities	STM - Steam
WTA = Water class A	ELC = Electric
WTB = Water class B	PLC = Pipeline carrier

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Documents Authorizing this filing? Decision No. 94-05-020

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V. Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Mechanism. (Continued)
 2. Definitions. (Continued)

d. Covered Sites:

Covered Sites are those Manufactured Gas Plant Sites and Presently Identified Federal Superfund Sites authorized by the Commission for inclusion in the Hazardous Substance Cost Recovery Mechanism. Any Manufactured Gas Plant Sites identified in the future shall be automatically included as Covered Sites. New federal Superfund sites and other types of sites added to the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Mechanism through an Advice Letter filing shall also be included as Covered Sites. The currently authorized Covered Sites are listed in Table A.

Table A
 Authorized Covered Sites

<u>Covered Site</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
Manufactured Gas Plant Sites:	
Bellflower	Decision 94-05-020
Colton	Decision 94-05-020
Corona	Decision 94-05-020
Long Beach I	Decision 94-05-020
Long Beach II	Decision 94-05-020
Long Beach III	Decision 94-05-020
Monrovia	Decision 94-05-020
Pomona	Decision 94-05-020
Redlands II	Decision 94-05-020
Riverside	Decision 94-05-020
San Bernardino	Decision 94-05-020
San Pedro	Decision 94-05-020
Santa Ana I	Decision 94-05-020
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Whittier	Decision 94-05-020
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Highgrove Generating Station	D. 94-05-020/Adv Ltr. 1128-E
Long Beach Generating Station	D. 94-05-020/Adv Ltr. 1128-E
Mandalay Generating Station	D. 94-05-020/Adv Ltr. 1128-E
Ormond Beach Generating Station	D. 94-05-020/Adv Ltr. 1128-E
Redondo Generating Station	D. 94-05-020/Adv Ltr. 1128-E
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Alhambra Combined Facility	D. 94-05-020/Adv Ltr. 1240-E (N)
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Cameron-Yakima	D. 94-05-020/Adv Ltr. 1240-E
Mobil Smelting	D. 94-05-020/Adv Ltr. 1240-E
Omega Chemical	D. 94-05-020/Adv Ltr. 1240-E
Walker Properties	D. 94-05-020/Adv Ltr. 1240-E (N)

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1. **Site Name:** Alhambra Combined Facility (Pole Yard, Maintenance Facility and General Store)

Location: 501 S. Marengo Ave., in the city of Alhambra 10 miles northeast of Los Angeles. Land use in the immediate vicinity is industrial/residential.

Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination: SCE has owned the property since the early 1920's. The pole yard, maintenance and general store facilities were constructed in the early 1920's. The pole treatment facility was demolished in the mid-1950's and most of its equipment transferred to the Visalia pole yard. SCE prepared and submitted a site assessment report for the pole yard in March 1987 at the request of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). No active remediation of the pole yard has taken place since the DTSC considered this aspect of the site to be of low priority.

On November 19, 1980, SCE submitted a Part A permit application for chemical treatment in a tank (elementary neutralization) of hazardous waste. The Department of Health Services (now DTSC, Department of Toxic Substances Control) issued an Interim Status Document (ISD) to SCE in 1985 to allow treatment of hazardous waste. The treatment and storage tank was used in the past to neutralize spent acid generated by the cleaning of brass parts removed from various types of electrical connectors and devices. The spent acid was neutralized and discharged into the County Sanitation District Sewer. The facility maintained a permit issued in May 1974 by the L.A. County Sanitation District. As far as we know, the discharge of neutralized acid solution started before 1974.

In early 1995 SCE initiated a formal closure request to DTSC due to the fact that we wanted removal of our site from the Agency record as an operating treatment facility. As a result of the initial closure activity with DTSC in November, 1995, we have identified metals contamination in the immediate vicinity of the acid neutralization operation. The contaminants of concern are copper, zinc, nickel and lead. A health-based risk assessment has been prepared to set the closure performance standards.

There are also several above ground storage tanks (ASTs) with associated piping which are used for the storage of mineral oil with PCB. The potential liability with the ASTs and the piping system is unknown at this point since we have not performed any site assessments relative to these facilities.

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Utility Operations (Historical and Current) At The Site: SCE has owned the combined facility property since the early 1920's. The site provided maintenance for Southern and Northern Edison regions, including the treatment of wood poles. The facility serves as a warehouse for all SCE mid-size electric generating stations in California. SCE currently uses the facility for maintenance, overhaul and inspection of transformers, and temporary storage of unfitted units (odd parts) for later shipment and disposal.

Environmental Agency Actions and Oversight: DTSC is planning to proceed with a corrective action (fence to fence) study at this combined facility. Pursuant to Sections 25187 and 25200.10 of the California Health and Safety Code, corrective action is required to address the release of hazardous waste or constituents into the environment at or from the facility.

The scope of work to be conducted under the fence to fence study entails a site audit to identify solid waste management units (SWMUs) at the facility. Currently we have a number of outstanding issues with the Agency regarding the pole yard, and unknown sources of lead contamination which was identified during the initial closure work. Groundwater contamination currently is not an issue at this site, since it is estimated to be at 200 feet or more below ground surface.

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2. **Site Name:** Ascon Landfill

Location: 21641 Magnolia Street, Huntington Beach, California. The Ascon Landfill is a vacant, 38 acre parcel of land, located at the southwest corner of Hamilton Avenue and Magnolia Street.

Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination: The presently inactive Ascon Landfill operated from 1938 through 1984. The facility was used for the disposal of both industrial waste, and oil-field operation waste, and typically accepted rotary drilling muds, and wastewater brines from the oil industry. The landfill was privately operated. Edison has no records of sending any materials to Ascon. The Steverson Brothers, a local waste hauler has a history of disposing of materials at Ascon. There is evidence that Edison employed the services of the Steverson Brothers to transport resin wastes, as indicated in the California Waste Hauler Record, dated August 21, 1975, Number 1780. However, there is no evidence that the material that was hauled by the Steverson Brothers for Edison was disposed of at the Ascon Landfill.

Utility Operations (Historical and Current) At The Site: Other than the referenced Waste Hauler Record, Edison has no other utility operations connection with the Ascon Landfill.

Environmental Agency Actions and Oversight: On June 28, 1994, Edison was named by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) as a potentially responsible party (PRP) at the Ascon Landfill in Huntington Beach, California. Based on the currently available information, it appears that Edison will be held responsible for contributing to the costs for investigating and remediating the Ascon site.

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3. Site Name: Cameron - Yakima

Location: 1414 S. First Street, Yakima, Washington.

Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination: Cameron - Yakima is an operating facility which is in the business of regenerating carbon. Tetrachloroethene, Perchloroethylene, Perchloroethene, or PCE contamination has been detected at the site. Cameron - Yakima has been identified as a potentially responsible party (PRP) at a larger site identified as the Yakima Railroad site. Based on Edison's records, the company sent one shipment of spent carbon with PCE to the Cameron - Yakima site in 1991 totaling between 5,700 and 6,500 pounds. This is less than 1 percent of the material that has been handled at the site.

Utility Operations (Historical and Current) At The Site: Other than the one shipment of spent carbon to the Cameron - Yakima site, Edison has no other utility operations in connection with this site.

Environmental Agency Actions and Oversight: Edison has been named as a potentially responsible party (PRP) by the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) at the Cameron - Yakima site as of May 20, 1994. Edison is currently working on a deminimus settlement with some of the PRPs at the site.

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4. **Site Name:** Mobil Smelting

Location: Mobil Smelting is an 11.16 acre parcel located at the corner of United Street and Reed Avenue in Mohave, California.

Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination: Material handling practices at the Mobil Smelting site have reportedly resulted in the release of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), hexachlorobenzene, isophorone, 2, 4, 6 trichlorophenol, cadmium, copper, lead, zinc, PAH's, dioxin, and furan compounds to the environment during the period 1970-1990. Edison sold primarily bare copper and aluminum wire to various scrap dealers who used Mobile Smelting for processing (incineration or disposal) materials.

Utility Operations (Historical and Current) At The Site: Edison has no record of utility operations in connection with this site.

Environmental Agency Actions and Oversight: Edison received a request for information from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) in November 1993 regarding Edison's involvement at the Mobil Smelting site. Edison responded to this request in January 1994, indicating that the company had reviewed its files and found there was no record of any direct shipment of materials to the site for recovery by Edison. DTSC subsequently provided Edison with a list of contractors that have had dealings with Mobile Smelting. Edison reviewed the list and identified a few contractors that had bought wire from Edison for scrap and provided a subsequent response to DTSC's request for information in March 1994. In the fall of 1994, DTSC propounded an additional information request on Edison.

On August 14, 1996, Edison was identified as a potentially responsible party (PRP), as an arranger. On the same date, DTSC sent Edison a Notice to Commence Action under RCRA. DTSC sponsored a meeting with PRPs to discuss settlement on October 29, 1996. The number of PRPs in attendance represented a small percentage of the waste contributors and DTSC would not negotiate with such a small volumetric group. DTSC filed suit on January 13, 1997, against the non-participating PRPs - the scrap dealers. Edison and DTSC have entered into an Agreement which tolls the statute of limitations until July 31, 1997.

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5. Site Name: Omega Chemical

Location: 12504 East Whittier Boulevard, Whittier, California.

Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination: Omega Chemical is a spent solvent recycling and treatment plant that was operated during the period from 1976-1991.

Omega utilized a variety of chemical, thermal and physical treatment processes to recycle and reduce wastes. Drums and bulk loads of waste solvents and chemicals from various industrial activities were processed to produce commercial products. Waste generated from the treatment activities included still bottoms, aqueous fractions, and non-recoverable solvents.

Utility Operations (Historical and Current) At The Site: Other than the disposal of some quantity of waste solvents at the Omega Chemical site, Edison has no other utility operations in connection with the site.

Environmental Agency Actions and Oversight: Companies that have sent more than 10 tons of waste to be treated at Omega Chemical were identified as potentially responsible parties (PRPs) by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). As of May 9, 1995, 140 companies have been identified as PRPs, including Edison. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has issued a unilateral administrative order (Section 106 Order) to PRPs for drum removal at the site and other related work. Edison has joined a group of PRPs which has committed to complying with the USEPA order. Phase I (drum removal) and Phase II (site investigation) have been completed. The PRP Group and EPA are currently negotiating to determine the extent of further work to be conducted at the site. The PRP Group has exhausted all previously assessed funds, therefore, assessments for the next phase of work will be forthcoming. USEPA also has indicated that the Omega Chemical site may be placed on the National Priorities List.

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6. **Site Name:** Walker Property Facility

Location: 11020, 11120, 11240, 11102, or 10220 Bloomfield Avenue, southeastern corner of the intersection of Bloomfield Avenue and Lakeland Road in Santa Fe Springs, California

Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination: The Site has been owned and/or operated by a number of different companies since it was sold in 1934 to the Getty Oil Company. Portions of the property have been used for, among other things, the storage of crude oil, refined product, waste-oil, and storage/disposal of offsite-derived oil-well drilling fluids.

DTSC has issued a cleanup order which was prompted by a number of investigations that have been conducted at the Site since 1985. These investigations have found that soils in limited areas of the Site contain hydrocarbon products, including waste oils, jet fuel, diesel fuel, and a limited amount of gasoline. In addition, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), lead, barium, and copper were found in soils in the northwestern corner of the Site. Asbestos-containing insulation was detected in a former processing unit located on the eastern portion of the Site. The uppermost groundwater contains petroleum hydrocarbons and some organic solvents.

Utility Operations (Historical and Current) At The Site: Edison has no record of utility operations in connection with this site.

Environmental Agency Actions and Oversight: Edison received a request for information for the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) in July 1994. Edison reviewed its procurement records and found no evidence of any materials being consigned or delivered to the Walker Property Facility from any of our facilities. DTSC also provided Edison with a list of companies that had operated at the Walker Properties. One of these companies was Petroleum Recycling Corporation (PRC). Edison's records indicate that it consigned some used motor oil to PRC on a few occasions.

DTSC ordered Four Star Oil and Gas Company, Lakewood Oil Service, Inc., Texaco, Inc., and Mr. and Mrs. George Walker to conduct investigations regarding the hazardous waste contamination found on the property, and to develop a cleanup plan. Edison received no additional correspondence from DTSC since it submitted its response to the information request in September 1994. To date, Edison has not been identified as a potentially responsible party (PRP) at the Walker Property Facility site.