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ADVICE 127-G
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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENERGY DIVISION

SUBJECT: **Level Pay Plan (LPP) Billing Option for Gas Customers of
Santa Catalina Island; Revision to SCE's Rule 9; Bill
Format Changes for LPP Billing Statements**

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) hereby submits for filing the following changes to its Rule 9 (Rendering and Payment of Bills) and format changes to its billing statements concerning a LPP for gas customers on Santa Catalina Island (Catalina). The revised tariff sheets and forms are listed in Attachment A and are attached hereto.

PURPOSE

This filing establishes a LPP billing option for SCE's Catalina gas customers in managing their budget for gas usage. The LPP billing option will allow Catalina gas customers to pay a monthly amount based on an average of their previous 12 months of usage. The proposed gas LPP will provide customers the same LLP option as currently available to electric customers and proposed for Catalina water customers in Advice Filing 53-W.

This advice filing revises Rule 9 (Rendering and Payment of Bills) and establishes billing statements Form Numbers 14-764 and 14-765 to be used for settlement and monthly billing under the LPP for Catalina gas customers.

BACKGROUND

SCE provides gas service to approximately 1,320 customers on Catalina. SCE's gas base rates have remained unchanged since 1987 (A.86-09-044). In Application 04-04-031, SCE has requested a significant increase to base revenue for gas service on Catalina by either a full rate increase in 2005 or alternately through a rate phase-in from 2005 to 2008. In either case, the

requested effective date for the gas rate increase is January 1, 2005. The LPP billing option is expected to be used by Catalina gas customers to manage an increase in gas service rates. This proposed LPP is identical to the LPP option available to Catalina electric customers.

Additionally, this advice filing establishes billing statements Form Numbers 14-764 and 14-765 to be used for LPP settlement and monthly billing, respectively.

OVERVIEW OF LEVEL PAY PLAN

Implementation of a gas LPP is requested to allow SCE's Catalina gas customers greater flexibility in budgeting for their gas usage and to provide these customers with the same billing option already provided to Catalina electric customers. The gas LPP proposed in this Advice Filing is modeled after the existing LPP for SCE's electric customers including Catalina electric customers.

The proposed LPP will allow Catalina gas customers to pay an amount based on the monthly average of their previous 12 months of usage. The cost of the customer's gas usage for the preceding 12 months is calculated at current rates. This dollar amount is then divided by 11 and becomes the LPP amount the customer pays for the next 11 months. On the 12th month, the customer receives a settlement bill showing either a payment due or a credit depending on whether the customer used more or less gas during the current year over what was used in the prior year. If the customer used more gas than covered by the payments received through the 11th month of the LPP contract, the customer will receive a bill for the amount due. If the customer used less gas than covered by the payments received through the 11th month of the LPP contract, the credit balance will be applied to the customer's next LPP statement which begins the first month of the new LPP contract or will be refunded by check if so requested by the customer. This settlement process is identical to the settlement process for the existing electric LPP in Rule 9, Paragraph E.

No cost information is required for this advice filing

This advice filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other schedule or rule.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This advice filing will become effective on the 40th calendar day after the date filed, which is December 29, 2004.

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Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
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San Francisco, California 94102
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-mail: jjr@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 (same address above).

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this advice letter should also be sent by letter and transmitted via facsimile or electronically to the attention of:

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Rosemead, California 91770
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inspection at SCE's corporate headquarters. To view other SCE advice letters filed with the Commission, log on to SCE's web site at <http://www.sce.com/adviceletters>.

For questions, please contact Thomas Diaz at (626) 302-4823 or by electronic mail at Thomas.Diaz@SCE.com.

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Enclosures

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Rule 9
RENDERING AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Sheet 1

A. Rendering of Bills

1. Billing Period

Bills for gas service will be rendered monthly or as otherwise provided in rate schedules and will be based on meter registration. Level Pay Plan Bills are based on meter registrations but are determined as described in Section C of the tariff. (N)

2. Metered Service

Meters will be read monthly for the preparation of regular bills and as required for the preparation of opening bills, closing bills, and special bills. Each meter on a customer's premises will be considered separately and the readings of two or more meters will not be combined except:

- a. Where combination of meter readings is specifically provided for in a rate schedule.
- b. Where the utility's operating convenience or necessity may require the use of more than one meter.

It may not be possible always to read meters on the same day of each month, and should a monthly billing period contain less than 27 days or more than 33 days a pro rata correction in the bill will be made.

3. Pro Rate Correction

Opening bills, closing bills, and bills rendered for periods of less than 27 days or more than 33 days will be computed in accordance with the applicable schedule, but the size of the commodity blocks, or fixed charge blocks, and the amount of the fixed charge, or minimum charge specified therein, will be prorated on the basis of the ratio of the number of days in the period to the number of days in an average month.

Should the total period of service be less than one month, no proration will be made and no bill shall be less than the specified monthly fixed charge, or minimum charge.

B. Payment of Bills

Regular monthly bills are due and payable on presentation and payment may be made at the utility's office or to an authorized collector.

Closing bills, where service is to be discontinued, will be due and payable on presentation, and collection will be made at time of presentation.

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Rule 9
RENDERING AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

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C. Level Pay Plan

Gas customers who are served by SCE on Schedule DE, Schedule G-1, Schedule G-2, Schedule GM, all of whom want to minimize variations in monthly bills, may elect to participate in the Level Pay Plan. Customers can join the plan in any month of the year and the plan will extend for 12 subsequent months. However, customers may voluntarily withdraw from the plan upon written notice to SCE and a settlement bill will be generated in accordance with the provision of Section C.4. Meters will normally be read and billed in regular intervals. The terms and conditions of the Level Pay Plan are as follows:

1. Level Pay Plan is open to customers regardless of length of service with SCE.
2. The Level Pay Plan amount is due upon presentation as described in Section C.3.
3. Customers shall pay the Level Pay Plan amount shown due each month before it becomes Past Due as described in Rule 11, Section A, Discontinuance and Restoration of Service.
4. At the one (1) year anniversary of Level Pay Plan participation, all customers will receive a settlement bill. Customers will also receive a settlement bill if they voluntarily withdraw from the plan.
5. When a settlement bill is rendered, any amounts due for usage over and above plan amounts already paid are then due and payable in accordance with SCE's filed tariff schedules; any credit for plan amounts paid in excess of actual usage will be applied to the customer's next regular monthly bill or will be refunded by check if so requested by the customers.
6. Level Pay Plan amounts will be reviewed and may adjusted if there is a 20% or greater difference (10% or greater for small commercial and lighting customers) from the current Level Pay Plan payment amount and the newly calculated Level Pay Plan payment amount based on such review.
7. Participants may be removed from the Plan if, in the opinion of SCE, the conditions of service or basis on which credit was originally established have materially changed. If a customer is removed from the Level Pay Plan, a settlement bill will be rendered as described in Section C.5. above.

For customers with a minimum of 365 days of service, the following condition applies:

The Level Pay Plan amount is based on the daily average bill amount in dollars, multiplied by 365 and divided by 11 months. The level Pay Plan amount will be rounded up or down to the nearest \$1.00.

For customers with less than 365 days of service or customer electing the Level Pay Plan at the time service begins at a specific service address, the following condition applies:

The Level Plan amount will be based at one-half of the deposit base amount determined in accordance with the provisions of Section A.1 of Rule 7, Deposits, established on the account.

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CATALINA GAS
LPP SETTLEMENT SAMPLE

FORM 14-764

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Catalina Gas LPP Settlement Sample

Southern California Edison Company
P.O. Box 600, Rosemead, CA 91771-0001

Visit us at:
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Customer and Service Address
G-1 LPP
54321 ANY AVE
AVALON CA 90704

Date Bill Prepared
Jan 28, 2005
Next Meter Read on or about
Feb 26, 2005

Your Customer Account Number
2-34-567-8888
24 - hr. Customer Service
1 (800) 367-8851

Service Account
3-123-4567-89

Rate Schedule
G-1

Level pay plan settlement

Previous Statement LPP Amount 12/28/04	\$	0.00
Payment Received 01/09/05 – Thank you	\$	(0.00)
Balance Before Current Charges	\$	0.00
LPP Year to Date Settlement Adj	\$	0.00
Current LPP Amount Due 02/16/05	\$	0.00
Your Settlement Balance Due	\$	0.00

LPP Year To Date Summary – 12 Month Totals					
Beginning Plan Balance	\$	0.00	Payments Received	\$	(0.00)
Actual Billing Amounts		0.00	Actual Balance		0.00

Your current gas usage

Meter Number	From	To	Usage	
ACTUAL READ				
123-456789	12/27/04 1398	01/27/05 1438	40 Thrm	
Usage Comparison		This Year	Last Year	2 Years Ago
Therms used		XX-XX	XX-XX	XX-XX
Number of days		XX	XX	XX
Average usage per day		X-XX	X-XX	X-XX

Did you know...

YOUR LEVEL PAY PLAN SETTLEMENT STATEMENT . . .
Your next statement will begin a new Level Pay Plan year. Your Level Pay Plan amount may be adjusted to reflect billings on your account.

Form 14-764

- Please detach stub below and return with your payment -

Payment Stub

For payment location, call:
1-(800) 747-8908

Make check payable to Southern California Edison

Please pay Settlement amount now due

\$0.00

Thank you for paying promptly

Past due if not paid by

02/16/05

Enter the amount you paid

\$

Your Customer Account #: 2-34-567-8888

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Rate Schedule
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Detail of current charges: \$0.00

Billing Period – 12/27/04 to 01/27/05 (31 days) - Winter Season

Energy Charge:

Baseline	XX Thrm x \$0.00000	\$	0.00
Customer Charge	XX Days x \$0.00000		0.00

Current Billing Detail Subtotal		\$	0.00
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Actual Current Charges		\$	0.00
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Your daily average cost this period is : \$ 0.00





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CATALINA GAS
LPP MONTH #11 SAMPLE
FORM 14-765

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Rate Schedule
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Level pay plan month #11 update

Previous Statement LPP Amount 11/25/04	\$	0.00
Payment Received 12/09/04 – Thank you	\$	(0.00)
Balance Before Current Charges	\$	0.00
Current Level Pay Amount	\$	0.00
Current LPP Amount Due 01/16/05	\$	0.00
Your Total Balance Due	\$	0.00

LPP Year To Date Summary – 11 Month Totals					
Beginning Plan Balance	\$	0.00	Payments Received	\$	(0.00)
Actual Billing Amounts		0.00	Actual Balance		0.00

Your current gas usage

Meter Number	From	To	Usage	
ACTUAL READ				
123-456789	11/24/04 1358	12/27/04 1398	40 Therms	
Usage Comparison		This Year	Last Year	2 Years Ago
Therms used		XX-XX	XX-XX	XX-XX
Number of days		XX	XX	XX
Average usage per day		X-XX	X-XX	X-XX

Did you know...

YOUR LEVEL PAY PLAN STATEMENT...
Just a reminder that your Level Pay Plan amount is due when you receive your bill. If your account becomes past due, you may no longer be eligible to participate in this program.

Form 14-765

- Please detach stub below and return with your payment -

Payment Stub

For payment location, call:
1-(800) 747-8908
Make check payable to Southern California Edison

Please pay Level Pay Plan amount

\$0.00

Thank you for paying promptly

Past due if not paid by

01/16/05

Enter the amount you paid

\$

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Detail of current charges: \$0.00

Billing Period – 11/24/04 to 12/27/04 (33 days) - Winter Season

Energy Charge:

Baseline	XX Thrm x \$0.00000	\$	0.00
Customer Charge	XX Days x \$0.00000		0.00

Current Billing Detail Subtotal \$ 0.00

Actual Current Charges \$ 0.00

Your daily average cost this period is : \$ 0.00

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