
April 15, 1999

ADVICE 1376-E
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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENERGY DIVISION

SUBJECT: Revisions to Preliminary Statement, Part N, Disputed
Arizona Property Taxes Memorandum Account

In compliance with Resolution E-3542, dated December 17, 1998, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) 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 advice filing revises Preliminary Statement, Part N, Memorandum Accounts, Disputed Arizona Property Taxes (DAPT) Memorandum Account, to reflect changes pursuant to Resolution E-3542.

BACKGROUND

On April 4, 1997, SCE filed Advice 1230-E to revise the DAPT Memorandum Account to reflect changes pursuant to the Arizona Property Tax Settlement Agreement, dated February 11, 1997.

On December 17, 1998, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Resolution E-3542 approving SCE's Advice 1230-E with modifications. Ordering Paragraph 3 requires SCE to revise the DAPT Memorandum Account to provide that any additional refunds of disputed Arizona property taxes be recorded in SCE's Transition Cost Balancing Account (TCBA). Thus, Preliminary Statement, Part N, DAPT Memorandum Account, Section 9.a. is being revised to reflect this modification.

Additionally, in accordance with Ordering Paragraph 1 of Resolution E-3542, SCE transferred \$5.2 million¹ from the DAPT Memorandum Account to the TCBA in January 1999.

Pursuant to the tariff, the DAPT Memorandum Account will terminate on May 4, 1999. Accordingly, SCE will propose to terminate the DAPT Memorandum Account in SCE's annual Revenue Adjustment Proceeding to be filed in June 1999.

No cost information is required for this advice filing.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE

It is requested that this advice filing become effective on the 40th calendar day after the date filed, which is May 25, 1999. No resolution is required for approval of this advice filing; therefore, approval of this item is not subject to the review and comment provisions of Senate Bill 779.

NOTICE

Anyone wishing to protest this advice filing may do so by sending a letter no later than 20 days after the date of this advice filing. Protests should be mailed to:

IMC Program Manager
Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4002
San Francisco, California 94102
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 (same address above), and Donald A. Fellows, Manager of Revenue and Tariffs, Southern California Edison Company, 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, California 91770, Facsimile (626) 302-4829. There are no restrictions on who may file a protest, but the protest shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously.

¹ The transfer represents the overcollection of Arizona property taxes for the period July 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 of \$4.579 million plus associated interest of \$0.621 million.

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of General Order No. 96-A, SCE is mailing copies of this advice filing to the interested parties shown on the attached service list, including Application Nos. 93-12-025 and 90-12-018. Address change requests should be directed to Emelyn Lawler at (626) 302-3985.

Further, 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 SCE's corporate headquarters.

Southern California Edison Company

/s/

Donald A. Fellows, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: CPUC, SF - Attn: Elena Schmid, ORA

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Attachment A

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N. MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS (Continued)

9. Disputed Arizona Property Taxes (DAPT) Memorandum Account. (Cont'd)

a. Monthly Entries. (Continued)

Upon Commission approval, the Company shall transfer the accumulated overcollection (including accrued interest) associated with items "(4)" and "(5)" above (for the period July 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996) to the Transition Cost Balancing Account (TCBA) or a successor ratemaking mechanism for return to ratepayers. At such time, the DAPT reflected in rates for the period July 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996, shall no longer be subject to refund. Additionally, in compliance with Ordering Paragraph 3 of Resolution E-3542, any additional refunds of disputed Arizona property taxes shall be recorded in the TCBA. (T)
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b. Termination of the DAPT Memorandum Account.

During the period from the date of Commission approval of the Settlement Agreement through May 3, 1999:

- (1) If the Arizona Public Service Company vs. Maricopa County lawsuit is reinstated and the Company receives property tax refunds from the State of Arizona for the period January 1, 1992 through June 30, 1996, then such refunds shall be returned to ratepayers (including accrued interest) through a transfer to the TCBA or a successor ratemaking mechanism. At such time that any property tax refunds are returned to ratepayers, the DAPT Memorandum Account shall be terminated, and any amounts remaining in the DAPT Memorandum Account (associated with the period January 1, 1992 and June 30, 1996) shall no longer be subject to refund. (T)
- (2) If the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement are complied with, the DAPT Memorandum Account shall be terminated effective May 4, 1999. At the time the Memorandum Account is terminated, the balance in the DAPT Memorandum Account shall no longer be subject to refund.

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