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Reference: Closure of Schedule AL-1, Outdoor Area Lighting Service - Metered

Dear Mr. Jazayeri:

Advice Letter 1656-E-A is effective October 28, 2004 by Resolution E-3820. A copy of the advice letter is included herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. H. Gallagher".

Sean H. Gallagher, Director  
Energy Division

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November 8, 2004

**ADVICE 1656-E-A**  
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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENERGY DIVISION

**SUBJECT:** Supplemental to Advice 1656-E, Closure of Schedule  
AL-1, Outdoor Area Lighting Service - Metered

In compliance with Resolution E-3820, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) hereby submits for filing the following changes to the AL-1 tariff schedule. The revised tariff sheets are listed on Attachment A and are attached hereto.

**PURPOSE**

This advice filing supplements Advice 1656-E and proposes to close Schedule AL-1, Outdoor Area Lighting Service – Metered, to new customers effective October 28, 2004. Advice 1656-E-A replaces Advice 1656-E in its entirety.

**BACKGROUND**

SCE's original outdoor area lighting service rate schedule, Schedule AL-1, became effective on May 1, 1996 as a result of the approval of Advice 1160-E-A. This schedule provides outdoor area lighting customers with a cost based off-peak energy rate without the need for a costly time-of-use meter. Schedule AL-1 requires the use of a load control device, such as a photocell, that ensures that energy can only be consumed during dusk to dawn hours.

After Schedule AL-1 was established, SCE learned that the majority of existing eligible customers that would benefit from service under this schedule had already purchased and installed their own load control devices on their services. The Customer Charge under Schedule AL-1 is set at a level to reflect that SCE installs and owns the control device, thus making such customers with their own load control devices ineligible for Schedule AL-1.

In response, SCE attempted to revise Schedule AL-1 via advice filings. The revisions would have allowed the customers to provide their own load control device and the Customer Charge would have been lowered to reflect this change. Other miscellaneous tariff changes to address tariff application issues that came to light after Schedule AL-1 was established and used by customers were also proposed. The California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Energy Division determined that the proposed revisions would be in conflict with the rate freeze mandated by Assembly Bill 1890 (AB 1890). However, it was determined that SCE could file a separate rate schedule to establish a new outdoor area lighting service that would address the implementation problems identified with Schedule AL-1, such as customers wanting to provide their own control device. This filing was viewed as not being in conflict with AB 1890.

As a result, SCE submitted Advice 1318-E to establish a new outdoor area lighting rate schedule, Schedule AL-2. Schedule AL-2, as filed in Advice 1318-E, became effective on June 29, 1998, and is essentially an updated version of Schedule AL-1. It has a lower Customer Charge, reflecting that costs of installation and the ownership of the load control device are incurred by the customer, and is more explicit than Schedule AL-1 in those areas that SCE was unable to revise due to the rate freeze. Consequently, SCE ended up with two rate schedules that were intended to be similar in all aspects of their application with customers, except for the amount of the Customer Charge, but with somewhat different tariff language.

An unintended outcome of this chain of events is that although the Energy Charge for both schedules is the same and is designed to reflect that all energy consumption shall take place only during dusk to dawn hours, a recent Commission decision (D.02-06-037) involving Schedule AL-1 has determined otherwise. In pertinent part, D.02-06-037 found that the tariff language of Schedule AL-1, which is not exactly like Schedule AL-2 for the reasons discussed above, does not require that qualified incidental non-lighting loads operate only during dusk to dawn hours. Given that the energy rate of these two rate schedules is the same, SCE obviously intended these two schedules to function identically with regards to the operation of loads, including qualified incidental non-lighting loads, served under these schedules, and to have such loads operate only during dusk to dawn hours. This requirement is more clearly stated in Schedule AL-2.

The result of the above situation is that SCE is left with two rate schedules, Schedule AL-1 and Schedule AL-2, that are applicable to the same type of customers' loads but have different tariff language. This situation has, in at least one instance, as discussed above, created an unintended benefit (allowing energy to be consumed during hours other than dusk to dawn) for certain

customers when service is provided under Schedule AL-1 vs. Schedule AL-2. Consequently, the \$/kWh rate which was designed to reflect that energy consumption should take place only during dusk to dawn hours was applicable to some level of energy consumed in hours other than dusk to dawn resulting in other ratepayers cross subsidizing customers on Schedule AL-1 which was not SCE's intent when it designed the \$/kWh rate.

On September 28, 2004, the Commission issued a Draft Resolution stating, "We agree with SCE that the energy rates designed in Schedule AL-1 are for dusk to dawn energy consumption only." In addition, the Commission stated, "Schedule AL-1 need not be offered to new customer because Schedule AL-2 appropriately offers the off-peak rate for dusk to dawn outdoor area lighting consumption." Other than SCE's comments in support of the Resolution, there were no comments submitted from any other party, and final Resolution, E-3820 was issued on October 28, 2004. Therefore, this filing results in the closure of Schedule AL-1 to all new customers on October 28, 2004, the effective date of Resolution E-3820. Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 1, of the Resolution, eligible new customers will be provided service under Schedule AL-2.

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 October 28, 2004, pursuant to Resolution E-3820, subject to the Energy Division's review.

### **NOTICE**

Anyone wishing to protest this advice filing may do so by letter via U.S. Mail, facsimile, or electronically, any of which must be received no later than 20 days after the date of this advice filing. Protests should be mailed to:

IMC Program Manager  
Energy Division  
c/o Jerry Royer  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4002  
San Francisco, California 94102  
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-mail: [jjr@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto: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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Vice President of Regulatory Operations  
c/o Karyn Gansecki  
Southern California Edison Company  
601 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 2040  
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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.

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of General Order No. 96-A, SCE is furnishing copies of this advice filing to the interested parties shown on the attached service list. Address change requests to the attached GO 96-A Service List should be directed to [AdviceTariffManager@sce.com](mailto:AdviceTariffManager@sce.com) or (626) 302-3636. For changes to all other service lists, please contact the Commission's Process Office at (415) 703-2021 or by electronic mail at [Process\\_Office@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov).

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. 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 Lisa Ornelas at (626) 302-3985 or by electronic mail at [Lisa.Ornelas@sce.com](mailto:Lisa.Ornelas@sce.com).

**Southern California Edison Company**

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Enclosures

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Schedule AL-1  
OUTDOOR AREA LIGHTING SERVICE  
METERED

Sheet 1

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to metered, controlled for dusk to dawn operation of outdoor area lighting for purposes other than street and highway lighting such as, but not limited to parking lots, pedestrian walkways, billboards, building exteriors, security, sports and recreation areas, monuments, decorative areas, and bus shelters. This Schedule is closed to new customers as of October 28, (T) 2004.

TERRITORY

Within the entire territory served.

RATES

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
Customer Charge .....	\$17.35
Energy Charge (to be added to the Customer Charge):	
All kWh, Per kWh.....	\$0.09117

The above charges used for customer billing are determined using the components shown in the Rate Components Section following the Special Conditions Section.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Voltages: Service under this schedule will be delivered at 120, 120/240 volts, or at the option of the Utility, at 240/480 or 277/480 volts, three-wire, single phase.
2. Contract: A contract is required for service under this schedule.
3. Separate Point of Delivery: For service under this schedule, the Utility may, at its option, provide an additional Point of Delivery, separate from any other Point of Delivery provided under any other applicable rate schedule. Customers so served shall not be permitted to have an electrical interconnection beyond the Utility's Point of Delivery between the separately metered loads except upon written approval of the Utility.

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