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Advice Letter 2556-E

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**Subject: Modification of Renewables Portfolio Standard Costs
Memorandum Account, Preliminary Statement, Part N.39,
to Record Costs in the RPS Technical Contractor Costs
Sub-Account Until December 31, 2011, Pursuant to
D.11-01-016**

Dear Mr. Jazayeri:

Advice Letter 2556-E is effective March 20, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch, Director
Energy Division

February 18, 2011

ADVICE 2556-E
(U 338-E)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENERGY DIVISION

SUBJECT: Modification of Renewables Portfolio Standard Costs
Memorandum Account, Preliminary Statement, Part N.39,
to Record Costs in the RPS Technical Contractor Costs
Sub-Account Until December 31, 2011, Pursuant to
Decision 11-01-016

In compliance with Decision (D.)11-01-016, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) hereby submits for filing the following changes to its tariff schedules. The revised tariff sheets are listed on Attachment A and are attached hereto.

PURPOSE

In compliance with D.11-01-016, which modified D.06-10-050, this advice letter modifies the Renewables Portfolio Standard Costs Memorandum Account (RPSCMA), Preliminary Statement, Part N.39 (sheet 53), to allow SCE to record its allocated payments in the renewables portfolio standard (RPS) Technical Contractor Costs Sub-account of the RPSCMA until December 31, 2011.

BACKGROUND

In 2006, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued D.06-10-050, authorizing its Executive Director to hire and manage one or more contractors to provide technical and other support to assist staff with RPS tasks. Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 8 of D.06-10-050, such costs are to be paid by SCE, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) on a proportional basis in relation to retail sales reported each year in the March 1 RPS compliance report (or other first report each year as directed by the Executive Director). SCE, PG&E, and SDG&E were authorized to record these payments in their RPSCMAs through December 31, 2010, with a billable limit of \$400,000 annually for a total limit of \$1.6 million.

Due to unavoidable delays in completing the contracted work, D.11-01-016 modified D.06-10-050 allowing the utilities to record costs in their RPSCMAs through December 31, 2011, with no change to the reimbursable limit of \$400,000 annually for all investor-owned utilities (IOUs) or the cumulative total cost not to exceed \$1.6 million.¹

PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES

As discussed above, in accordance with D.11-01-016, SCE is revising Preliminary Statement, Part N.39 (sheet 53), RPSCMA, to record costs in the RPS Technical Contractor Costs Sub-account until December 31, 2011.

The revised tariff sheets are listed on Attachment A.

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.

TIER DESIGNATION

Pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B, Energy Industry Rule 5.2(2), this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 2 designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This filing is made pursuant to D.11-01-016; therefore, SCE requests the revised preliminary sheets filed herein be effective as of January 13, 2011, the approval date of that decision.

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:

CPUC, Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102
E-mail: ijnj@cpuc.ca.gov and mas@cpuc.ca.gov

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

¹ D.06-10-050, authorizing these additional resources, was issued on October 23, 2006. Assuming the consultants were first hired in 2007, and costs were paid through 2010, the project was limited to \$400,000 per year for four years, or a total of \$1.6 million.

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:

Akbar Jazayeri
Vice President of Regulatory Operations
Southern California Edison Company
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue
Rosemead, California 91770
Facsimile: (626) 302-4829
E-mail: AdviceTariffManager@sce.com

Bruce Foster
Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
c/o Karyn Gansecki
Southern California Edison Company
601 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 2030
San Francisco, California 94102
Facsimile: (415) 929-5540
E-mail: Karyn.Gansecki@sce.com

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 4 of GO 96-B, SCE is serving copies of this advice filing to the interested parties shown on the attached GO 96-B service list and R.06-05-027. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed by electronic mail to AdviceTariffManager@sce.com or at (626) 302-2930. 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.

Further, in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 491, notice to the public is hereby given by filing and keeping the advice filing 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/AboutSCE/Regulatory/adviceletters>.

For questions, please contact Vanessa Myers-Vournakis at (626) 302- 6643 or by electronic mail at Vanessa.Myers@sce.com.

Southern California Edison Company

Akbar Jazayeri

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Enclosures

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E)

Utility type:

ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: James Yee

Phone #: (626) 302-2509

E-mail: James.Yee@sce.com

E-mail Disposition Notice to: AdviceTariffManager@sce.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas
 PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 2556-E Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Modification of Renewables Portfolio Standard Costs Memorandum Account, Preliminary Statement, Part N.39, to Record Costs in the RPS Technical Contractor Costs Sub-Account Until December 31, 2011, Pursuant to Decision 11-01-016

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Memorandum Account

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:
D.11-01-016

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: _____

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹: _____

Confidential treatment requested? Yes No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement.
Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/access to confidential information:

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 1/13/11 No. of tariff sheets: -2-

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): _____

Estimated system average rate effect (%): _____

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: Preliminary Statement Part N and Table of Contents

Service affected and changes proposed¹: _____

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: _____

¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Ave.,
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inj@cpuc.ca.gov and mas@cpuc.ca.gov

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
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Revised 48057-E	Table of Contents	Revised 47752-E



PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

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N. MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS (Continued)

39. Renewables Portfolio Standard Costs Memorandum Account

6. RPS Technical Contractor Costs Sub-account

The purpose of the RPS Technical Contractor Costs Sub-account is to record SCE's allocated payments made to consultants hired by the Executive Director of the Commission allocated to SCE pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 8 of D.06-10-050. SCE is authorized to record its share of the payments in the RPSCMA until December 31, 2011. Total payments made to technical consultants by the three California Investor-Owned Utilities (PG&E, SDG&E, and SCE) shall not exceed \$400,000 per year for four years or a maximum limit of \$1.6 million. (T)

Entries to the RPS Technical Contractor Costs Sub-account shall be made as follows:

- a. A debit entry to record payments allocated to SCE for technical consultants hired by the Executive Director of the Commission;
- b. A debit entry equal to recorded interest expense calculated by applying the Interest Rate to the average monthly balance in the RPS Technical Contractor Costs Sub-account.

7. Review of Amounts Recorded in the RPSCMA

The Commission shall review amounts recorded in the RPSCMA in SCE's Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) proceedings pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 1 of Resolution E-3969.

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Issued by
Akbar Jazayeri
Vice President

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An EDISON INTERNATIONAL Company

Lisa Vellanoweth
Manager of Tariffs

March 1, 2011

California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4005
San Francisco, CA 94102

Attn: Honesto Gatchalian
Energy Division

Re: Substitute Sheet for Advice 2556-E

Dear Mr. Gatchalian:

Enclosed are an original and four copies of Attachment A, and Substitute Sheet Number 48056-E* for Advice 2556-E. Based on conversations with the California Public Utilities Commission staff, this substitute sheet is necessary to provide clarifying information, in accordance with D.11-01-016, within Preliminary Statement subsection (6) of the Renewables Portfolio Standard Costs Memorandum Account.

This substitute sheet ensures that the appropriate revisions and information are contained in the affected tariff sheet. Please include the enclosed sheet in Advice 2556-E and distribute to those people reviewing the filing. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Bell at (626) 302-4858.

Sincerely,

Lisa Vellanoweth

Enclosures
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* Asterisk denotes substituted sheet.