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**Advice Letter 2623-E**

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**Subject: Submission of SCE, on Behalf of Grid Alternatives, to Establish  
an Inspection Sampling Protocol for the California Solar Initiative  
Single Affordable Solar Housing (SASH) Program in Accordance  
with D.11-07-031**

Dear Mr. Jazayeri:

Advice Letter 2623-E is effective October 8, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
Energy Division

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September 8, 2011

**ADVICE 2623-E**  
**(U 338-E)**

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENERGY DIVISION

**SUBJECT:** Submission of Southern California Edison Company (SCE), on behalf of Grid Alternatives, to Establish an Inspection Sampling protocol for the California Solar Initiative Single Affordable Solar Housing (SASH) Program in Accordance with Decision (D.) 11-07-031

**PURPOSE**

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 12 of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) D.11-07-031, SCE hereby submits for filing the inspection sampling protocol (Protocol) developed by Grid Alternatives for the SASH program.

**BACKGROUND**

In D.08-11-005, dated November 6, 2008, the Commission required that 100 percent of the systems installed under the SASH program be inspected by a third-party inspector, mandating that “[i]ncentives shall only be paid after third-party verification of system installation and operability.”<sup>1</sup> Subsequently, on July 14, 2011, the Commission in D.11-07-031 modified the 100 percent inspection requirement for receiving incentive payment, noting that a lower inspection requirement should reduce SASH administrative costs and potentially allow installation of more SASH projects. Moreover, the Commission required SCE, as administrator of the SASH program administration contract with Grid Alternatives, to work with Grid Alternatives to develop the Protocol for SASH and to submit it through a Tier 2 advice letter for Commission approval.

Accordingly, SCE submits this advice filing, which was prepared in cooperation with Grid Alternatives, in compliance with D.11-07-031.

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<sup>1</sup> D.08-11-005, Ordering Paragraph 2.

## **SASH INSPECTION SAMPLING PROTOCOL**

The SASH Protocol outlined below describes the method that SASH's independent field inspectors will use to select SASH projects to inspect. The Protocol meets the Commission's guidelines in D.11-07-031 to "develop a sampling protocol for SASH involving random inspection of one in seven systems by a third-party inspector not affiliated with the PA [GRID Alternatives]."<sup>2</sup> The Protocol below ensures that the independent field inspectors are solely responsible for selecting projects for inspection and documenting inspection results for such projects in the SASH Program.

### **Sampling Protocol**

The independent SASH Field Inspectors will perform the following tasks:

- 1) Directly access the SASH Program database; Inspectors will have private log-in user identification for SASH database;
- 2) View a list of all SASH projects that are eligible for field inspection;
- 3) Select the appropriate sample of projects to inspect (currently set at 1 in 7)
  - a. The projects selected for inspection will be a representative sample of the SASH Program including being geographically diverse and covering all contractors who install for the SASH Program. Reports will be prepared biannually, at a minimum, and adjustments will be made to the selection process to ensure a generally representative sample over the long-term.
  - b. The Inspector will appropriately mark SASH projects not selected for inspection in the SASH database as "not selected for inspection". Once a project is marked as "not selected for inspection," it will not be included in future sample of projects to inspect;
- 4) Conduct on-site Field Inspection of selected projects; and
- 5) Document inspection results and upload appropriate field inspection forms directly into the SASH database.

### **TIER DESIGNATION**

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

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<sup>2</sup> D.11-07-031, p.64.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This advice filing will become effective on October 8, 2011, which is 30 calendar days after the date of its filing.

## **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 by the Energy Division and SCE 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: [inj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:inj@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@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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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 General Order No. (GO) 96-B, SCE is serving copies of this advice filing to the interested parties shown on the attached GO 96-B and R.10-05-004 service lists. Address change requests to the attached GO 96-B service list should be directed to (626) 302-4039 or by electronic mail at [AdviceTariffManager@sce.com](mailto:AdviceTariffManager@sce.com). 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/AboutSCE/Regulatory/adviceletters>.

For questions, please contact Michael Tomlin at (626) 302-0613 or [MICHAEL.TOMLIN@SCE.COM](mailto:MICHAEL.TOMLIN@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

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

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

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 2623-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submission of Southern California Edison Company (SCE), on behalf of Grid Alternatives, to Establish an Inspection Sampling protocol for the California Solar Initiative Single Affordable Solar Housing (SASH) Program in Accordance with Decision (D.) 11-07-031

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

D.11-07-031

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 AL<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

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: 10/08/11      No. of tariff sheets: -0-

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> 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:**

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