
November 19, 2004

ADVICE 53-W
(U 338-E)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
WATER DIVISION

SUBJECT: **Level Pay Plan (LPP) Billing Option for Water 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 water customers on Santa Catalina Island (Catalina). The revised tariff sheets and forms are listed in Attachment A and are attached hereto.

PURPOSE

SCE requests authority to implement a LPP billing option to assist SCE's Catalina water customers in managing their budget for water usage. The LPP billing option will allow Catalina water customers to pay a monthly amount based on an average of their previous 12 months of usage.

This advice filing revises Rule 9 (Rendering and Payment of Bills) and establishes billing statements Form Numbers 14-766 and 14-767 to be used for settlement and monthly billing under the LPP for Catalina water customers.

BACKGROUND

SCE provides water service to approximately 1,900 customers on Santa Catalina Island. A LLP billing option currently exists for SCE electric customers and a LPP is being proposed for Catalina gas customers in Advice 127-G. The proposed Catalina water LPP billing option is expected to be used by Catalina water customers to manage their costs in the same manner as they do for electric service and as proposed for gas service.

Additionally, this advice filing establishes billing statements Form Numbers 14-766 and 14-767 to be used for LPP settlement and monthly billing, respectively

OVERVIEW OF LEVEL PAY PLAN

Implementation of a water LPP is requested to allow SCE's Catalina water customers greater flexibility in budgeting for their water usage and to provide these customers with the same billing option already provided to its Catalina electric customers. The water 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 water customers to pay an amount based on monthly average of their previous 12 months of usage. The cost of the customer's water 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 water during the current year over what was used in the prior year. If the customer used more water 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 water 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.

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 Water Division and SCE no later than 20 days after the date of this advice filing. Protests should be mailed to:

Attn: J.R. Babaran
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 3106
San Francisco, California 94102
Facsimile: (415) 703-4426
E-mail: jrb@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Chief, Small Water Division, Room 3106 (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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Southern California Edison Company
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Rosemead, California 91770
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E-mail: TariffManager@sce.com

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Vice President of Regulatory Operations
c/o Karyn Gansecki
Southern California Edison Company
601 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 2040
San Francisco, California 94102
Facsimile: (415) 673-1116
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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 serving 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 (626) 302-4039 or by electronic mail at 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.

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> and choose Regulatory Info Center/Advice Letters.

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

Southern California Edison Company

Akbar Jazayeri

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Rule No. 9
RENDERING AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Sheet 1

A. Rendering of Bills

Bills for service will be rendered each customer on a monthly or bimonthly basis at the option of the utility, unless otherwise provided in the rate schedules.

1. Metered Service

- a. Meters will be read at regular intervals for the preparation of periodic bills and as required for the preparation of opening bills, closing bills and special bills. Level Pay Plan Bills are based on meter registrations but are determined as described in Section C of the tariff. (N)
- b. The opening bill for metered service will not be less than the established monthly minimum or readiness to serve charge for the service. Any amount paid in excess of the prorated charges otherwise applicable to the opening period will be credited against the charge for the succeeding regular billing period, except that no such credit shall accrue if the total period of service is less than one month.
- c. It may not always be practicable to read meters at intervals which will result in billing periods of equal numbers of days.
 - (1) Should a monthly billing period contain less than 27 days or more than 33 days a pro rate correction in the amount of the bill will be made.
 - (2) The charge for metered service for a bimonthly period will be computed by doubling the monthly minimum or readiness to serve charge and the number of cubic feet to which each block rate is applicable on a monthly basis.
 - (3) For billing periods other than monthly or bimonthly adjustments will be made proportionate to that for a monthly billing period.
- d. Bills for metered service will show at least the reading of the meter at the end of the period for which the bill is rendered, the meter constant, if any, the number and kinds of units, and date of the current meter reading. (N)

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Rule No. 9
RENDERING AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Sheet 4

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C. Level Pay Plan (Continued)

- 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 customer.
- 6. Level Pay Plan amounts will be reviewed and may be adjusted if there is a 20% or greater difference between the current Level Pay Plan amount and the actual usage amount.
- 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 customers electing the Level Pay Plan at the time service begins at a specific service address, the following condition applies:

The Level Pay 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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Cal. PUC Sheet No.

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CATALINA WATER
LPP SETTLEMENT SAMPLE

FORM 14-766

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Catalina Water LPP Settlement Sample

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

Visit us at:
www.sce.com

Customer and Service Address
W-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
W-1

Detail of current charges: \$0.00

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

Service Charge		\$	0.00
Usage Charge:			
Winter Usage	X-XXX Gal x \$0.00000		0.00
Winter Excess Usage	X-XXX Gal x \$0.00000		0.00
Current Billing Detail Subtotal		\$	0.00
Tax Act Credit – 1986	\$0.00 x X-XXXXX%		(0.00)
State Water Surcharge	\$0.00 x X-XXXXX%		0.00
Actual Current Charges		\$	0.00

Your daily average cost this period is : \$ 0.00





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Rosemead, California

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CATALINA WATER
LPP MONTH #11 SAMPLE

FORM 14-767

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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 water usage

Meter Number	From	To	Usage	
ACTUAL READ				
123-456789	11/24/04 01358	12/27/04 05658	4,300 Gal	
Usage Comparison		This Year	Last Year	2 Years Ago
Gallons (Gal) used		XXXX-XX	XXXX-XX	XXXX-XX
Number of days		XX	XX	XX
Average usage per day		XXX-XX	XXX-XX	XXX-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 14-767

- 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 ▶ \$

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

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

Attn: Josie Babaran
Water Division

Re: SCE Advice 53-W

Dear Mr. Royer:

Enclosed are an original and six copies of Attachment A, and Substitute Sheet No. 373-W*. Rule 9, Sheet 4, No. 6, language to be taken out "small commercial and lighting" in Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) Advice 53-W, filed on November 19, 2004. As a result of a telephone conversation between Ruby Galvan of SCE and Josie Babaran of the Commission's Water Division on December 21, 2004, a substitute sheet is necessary to remove the above language since this paragraph is not in reference to any small commercial tariff.

Please replace the enclosed sheets in your master Advice 53-W file and distribute the copies to the appropriate people reviewing Advice 53-W. If you have any questions, please contact Ruby Galvan at (626) 302-2010.

Sincerely,

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Rosie Yocum
Ruby GALVAN
LISA VELLANOWETH



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January 3, 2005

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

Attn: Josie Babaran
Water Division

Re: SCE Advice 53-W

Dear Ms. Babaran:

Enclosed are an original and six copies of Attachment A, and Substitute Sheet No. 373-W**. The following language is being replaced in its entirety from Rule 9, Sheet 4, No.6, Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) Advice 53-W, filed on November 19, 2004:

"Level Pay Plan amounts will be reviewed and may be 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."

This language is being replaced to clarify the adjustments to the Level Pay Plan amounts and to remove the reference to multiple tariffs; SCE has only one water tariff. Conversations with the Commission's Water Division staff have necessitated the replacement of the above language.

Please replace the enclosed sheets in your master Advice 53-W file and distribute the copies to the appropriate people reviewing Advice 53-W. If you have any questions, please contact Ruby Galvan at (626) 302-2010.

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