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File No. 602-19

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Dear Mr. Jazayeri:

The Commission has received and filed the utility's Advice Letter No. 81-W, to implement changes to water tariff Rule 6, Establishment and Reestablishment of Credit, and Rule 7, Deposits. We have thus processed the advice letter and the following revised Cal. P.U.C. tariff sheets that were submitted:

<u>Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>
696-W*	Rule 6, Establishment and Reestablishment of Credit, Sheet 1
697-W*	Rule 7, Deposits, Sheet 1
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Enclosed is a copy of the advice letter and tariff sheets, with an effective date of October 5, 2010, for the utility's files.

Please contact Carolina Contreras at (415) 703-5090 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Josie R. Babaran".

JOSIE R. BABARAN
Staff Services Analyst
Water & Sewer Advisory Branch

Enclosures

*Denotes substituted sheets

October 5, 2010

ADVICE 81-W
(U 338-W)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
WATER DIVISION

SUBJECT: Changes to Water Tariff Rule 6, Establishment and
Re-Establishment of Credit, and Water Tariff Rule 7, Deposits

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

SCE is proposing to establish similar Deposit and Establishment and Re-Establishment of Credit provisions in its water tariff rules to accommodate water service residential customers as it has recently established for its residential gas and electric customers. Changes were made to SCE's Gas and Electric Tariff Rule 6, Establishment and Re-Establishment of Credit, and Electric Tariff Rule 7, Deposits, pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs (OP) 2a and 7 of Decision (D.)10-07-048 to provide that residential gas and electric customers shall be subject to interim measures when establishing and re-establishing credit. As such, SCE proposes to modify Water Tariff Rule 6, Establishment and Re-Establishment of Credit, and Water Tariff Rule 7, Deposits, to include similar provisions.

BACKGROUND

On February 5, 2010, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Rulemaking (R.)10-02-005 entitled, "Interim Decision Implementing Methods To Decrease The Number Of Gas And Electric Utility Service Disconnections." In R.10-02-005, the Commission ordered the Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) to implement several interim measures until a Decision was issued.¹ After receiving comments on the Rulemaking and interim measures, the Commission issued D.10-07-048 to conclude Phase I of the proceeding. OP 15 of D.10-07-048 ordered gas and electric IOUs to implement certain

¹ R.10-02-005, Section 3, page 5.

establishment and re-establishment of credit and deposit measures by October 1, 2010, and to sunset those measures on the effective date of their next electric General Rate Case.

On August 30, 2010, SCE filed Advice 167-G/2503-E in compliance with D.10-07-048. Although R.10-02-005 did not specifically contemplate application of the adopted measures to water service customers, for consistency in administering its electric, gas and water tariff rules, SCE proposes that water customers who are establishing and re-establishing credit with SCE be subject to the same provisions adopted in D.10-07-048 that SCE applies to its gas and electric service customers when establishing and re-establishing credit.²

Specifically, D.10-07-048 includes the following two OPs which SCE proposes to incorporate into its existing Water Tariff Rules:

OP 2a:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, Southern California Gas Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall implement the following interim practices by October 1, 2010:

- a. Once a California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) or Family Energy Rate Assistance (FERA) customer has established credit as a customer of that utility, the utility must not require that customer to pay additional re-establishment of credit deposits with the utility for either slow-payment/no-payment of bills or following a disconnection.

OP 7:

Southern California Edison Company shall provide to all their new customers and to those customers requesting re-establishment of credit after being disconnected, the option of using its Direct Pay program in lieu of a cash deposit for credit. This program should clearly explain to customers the implications of participation.

PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES

Pursuant to OPs 2a and 7 of D.10-07-048 and in order to be consistent with the changes made to SCE's Gas and Electric Tariff Rule 6, Establishment and Re-Establishment of Credit, and Electric Tariff Rule 7, Deposits, SCE proposes the following tariff modifications to Water Tariff Rule 6 and Water Tariff Rule 7:

- Water Tariff Rule 6, Section A.2., is revised to state:

If applicant makes a cash deposit to secure payment of bills for the service as prescribed in Rule 7, the applicant may enroll in Direct Pay in lieu of a cash deposit. Per D.10-07-048, Direct Pay will be offered to

² The implementation of this proposal will exclude any provisions related to Family Energy Rate Assistance (FERA), as FERA applies only to electric customers.

Residential Service customers in lieu of a cash deposit beginning October 1, 2010, until the effective date of SCE's next electric General Rate Case.

- Water Tariff Rule 6, Section B.1., is revised to state:

An applicant who previously has been a customer of SCE and whose water service has been discontinued by SCE during the last twelve months of that prior service because of nonpayment of bills, may be required to re-establish credit by depositing the amount prescribed in Rule 7 for that purpose, and by paying water bills regularly due; except an applicant for domestic service will not be denied service for failure to pay such bills for other classes or service. Customers receiving Non-CARE Residential Service and who are requesting re-establishment of credit after having their service disconnected because of nonpayment of bills or Summary Bill(s) regularly due, may enroll in Direct Pay in lieu of a cash deposit as prescribed in Rule 7. Per D. 10-07-048, Direct Pay will be offered to Non-CARE Residential Service customers in lieu of a cash deposit beginning October 1, 2010, until the effective date of SCE's next electric General Rate Case.

- Water Tariff Rule 6 is revised to include the new Section B.4:

Effective October 1, 2010, until the effective date of SCE's next electric General Rate Case, all Residential Service CARE customers who have already established credit with SCE are not required to pay additional re-establishment of credit deposits following a disconnection of service.

- Water Tariff Rule 7, Section A.1., is revised to state:

Effective October 1, 2010, until the effective date of SCE's next electric General Rate Case, all Residential Service customers who are required to establish credit with SCE may be eligible to enroll in SCE's Direct Pay program in lieu of paying a cash deposit.

- Water Tariff Rule 7, Section B.2., is revised to state:

Effective October 1, 2010, until the effective date of SCE's next electric General Rate Case, all Non-CARE Residential Service customers who are re-establishing credit following a disconnection of service may be eligible to enroll in SCE's Direct Pay program in lieu of paying a cash deposit.

- Water Tariff Rule 6 is revised to change all instances of "the Company" to "SCE." In addition, all Rules currently referenced as "Rule No. x" are revised to reference "Rule x."

TIER DESIGNATION

Pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.2, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 2 designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SCE requests that this advice filing become on the same day as filed.

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:

Director, Water Division
CPUC
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102
E-mail: water_division@cpuc.ca.gov
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

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 GO 96-B, SCE is serving copies of this advice filing to the interested parties shown on the attached GO 96-B service list. 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 Prabha Cadambi at (626) 302-8177 or by electronic mail at Prabha.Cadambi@sce.com.

Southern California Edison Company

Akbar Jazayeri

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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS Advice Letter Cover Sheet				(Date Filed / Received Stamp by CPUC)	
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<u>The public has 20 days from Date Mailed (above) to protest this advice letter. If you chose to protest or respond to the advice letter, send Protest and/or Correspondence within 20 days to:</u>			Director Division of Water and Audits 505 Van Ness Ave. San Francisco, CA 94102		
<u>and if you have email capability, also email to:</u>			water_division@cpuc.ca.gov		
<u>Your protest also must be served on the Utility</u>			(see attached advice letter for more information and grounds for protest)		
Company Name: Southern California Edison Company				CPUC Utility Number: WTA _____ WTB _____ WTC U 338-W _____ WTD _____ SWR _____	
Address: 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue					
City, State, Zip: Rosemead, CA 91770					
Contact Name:		Phone No.	Fax No.	Email Address:	
Filer	James Yee	626-302-2509	626-302-4829	advicetariffmanager@sce.com	
Alternate	Susan Quon	626-302-2930	626-302-4829	susan.quon@sce.com	
Description: In this space or on the back of this form: 1. Explain justification for requested Tier: GO 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.2 2. Describe service affected and how it is affected: Implement certain establishment and re-establishment of credit and deposit measures 3. Describe differences from related Advice Letters (Similar service, replacement filing): N/A					
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Rule 6

Sheet 1 (T)

ESTABLISHMENT AND REESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT

A. **Establishment of Credit.** Each applicant, before receiving service, will be required to satisfactorily establish his credit, which will be deemed established:

1. If applicant is the owner of the premises to be served or of other real estate within the territory served by SCE; or (T)
2. If applicant makes a cash deposit to secure payment of bills for the service as prescribed in Rule 7, the applicant may enroll in Direct Pay in lieu of a cash deposit. Per D.10-07-048, Direct pay will be offered to Residential Service customers in lieu of paying a cash deposit beginning October 1, 2010 until the effective date of SCE's next electric General Rate Case; or (T)(N)
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(N)
3. If applicant furnishes a guarantor, satisfactory to SCE, to secure payment of bills for the service requested; or (T)
4. If applicant has been a customer of SCE and during the last twelve consecutive months of that prior service has had not more than two past due bills as prescribed in Rule 11-A. (T)
(T)

B. **Reestablishment of Credit.**

1. An applicant who previously has been a customer of SCE and whose water service has been discontinued by SCE during the last twelve months of that prior service because of nonpayment of bills, may be required to reestablish credit by depositing the amount prescribed in Rule 7 for that purpose, and by paying water bills regularly due; except an applicant for domestic service will not be denied service for failure to pay such bills for other classes of service. (T)
(T)
(T)
2. Customers receiving Non-CARE Residential Service and who are requesting re-establishment of credit after having their service disconnected because of nonpayment of bills or Summary Bill(s) regularly due, may enroll in Direct Pay in lieu of a cash deposit as prescribed in Rule 7. Per D.10-07-048, Direct Pay will be offered to Non-CARE Residential Service customers in lieu of a cash deposit beginning October 1, 2010 until the effective date of SCE's next electric General Rate Case. (N)
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(N)
3. A customer who fails to pay bills before they become past due as prescribed in Rule 11-A, and who further fails to pay such bills within 5 days after presentation of a discontinuance of nondomestic service notice for nonpayment of bills, may be required to pay said bills and reestablish his credit by depositing the amount prescribed in Rule 7. This rule will apply regardless of whether or not service has been discontinued for such nonpayment. (T)
(T)
4. A customer using other than domestic service may be required to reestablish his credit in case the conditions of service or basis on which credit was originally established have, in the opinion of SCE, materially changed. (T)
(T)
5. Effective October 1, 2010, until the effective date of SCE's next electric General Rate Case, all domestic CARE customers who have already established credit with SCE are not required to pay additional reestablishment of credit deposits following a disconnection of service. (N)
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(N)

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Rule 7
DEPOSITS

Sheet 1

A. Amount to Establish Credit.

1. Metered Service.

To establish credit by deposit, the amount for all service will be twice the estimated average periodic bill when bills are rendered monthly or bimonthly, but in any event not more than twice the estimated bimonthly bill nor less than the amounts set forth below.

Effective October 1, 2010, until the effective date of SCE's next electric General Rate Case, all Residential Service customers who are required to establish credit with SCE may be eligible to enroll in SCE's Direct Pay program in lieu of paying a cash deposit. (N)
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(N)

2. Flat Rate Service.

No deposit will be required, except as prescribed for temporary service in Rule 13. (T)

B. Amount to Re-establish Credit.

Effective October 1, 2010, until the effective date of SCE's next electric General Rate Case, all Non-CARE Residential Service customers who are re-establishing credit following a disconnection of service may be eligible to enroll in SCE's Direct Pay program in lieu of paying a cash deposit. (N)
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(N)

1. Former Customers.

To re-establish credit for an applicant who previously has been a customer of SCE and during the last 12 months of that prior service has had service discontinued for nonpayment of bills, the amount will be twice the estimated average monthly or bimonthly bill to be rendered for the service requested.

2. Present Customers.

To re-establish credit for a customer whose service has been discontinued for nonpayment of bills, the amount will be twice the average monthly or bimonthly bill to be rendered for the service requested.

C. Applicability to Unpaid Accounts.

Deposits made under this rule will be applied to unpaid bills for service when such service has been discontinued.

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D. Return of Deposit.

1. When an application for water service has been cancelled prior to the establishment of water service, the deposit will be applied to any charges applicable in accordance with the tariff schedules and the excess portion of the deposit will be returned, and the applicant will be so advised.
2. When the customer's credit may be otherwise established in accordance with Rule 6, SCE may refund the deposit either upon the customer's request for return of the deposit or upon review by SCE. (T)
3. Upon discontinuance of water service, SCE will refund the balance of the customer's deposit in excess of unpaid bills for service.
4. After the customer has paid bills, for water service before becoming past due, as prescribed in Section A of Rule 11, for twelve months, SCE will refund the deposit by applying it to the customer's account or by draft, provided that the customer's credit would, thereafter, be otherwise established under Rule 6. (T)

E. Interest on Deposits.

1. Effective January 1, 1980, SCE will pay interest compounded monthly at the rate of 1/12 of the interest rate on Commercial paper (prime, 3 months), published the prior month in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, G.13. Should publication of the interest rate on Commercial Paper (prime 3 months) be discontinued interest will so accrue at the rate of 1/12 of the of the interest rate on Commercial paper, which most closely approximates the discontinued rate, and which is published the prior month in the Federal Reserve Statistical release, G.13. or its successor publication. Applicable interest commences on the date the deposit is received and earned interest will be paid at the time the deposit is applied to the customer's account or refunded.
2. No interest will be paid for periods covered by bills paid after becoming past due, as prescribed in Section A of Rule 11. No interest will be paid if service is temporarily or permanently discontinued for nonpayment of bills. No interest will be paid if deposit is held less than full month increments. No interest shall accrue after mailing to the customer or to the customer's last known address the refund or a notice that the refund is payable.

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Lisa Vellanoweth
Manager of Tariffs

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California Public Utilities Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Attn: Josefina Babaran
Water Division

Re: Substitute Sheets for Advice 81-W

Dear Ms. Babaran:

Enclosed are an original and four copies of Attachment A and Substitute Sheet Numbers 696-W* and 697-W* for Advice 81-W. These Substitute Sheets are necessary pursuant to conversations with Water Division Staff.

The following changes have been made:

- In Rule 6, Re-establishment of Credit, language that was added to Section B.1. has been separated and provided as Section B.2.
- In Rule 6 Section B.5., the reference to FERA has been removed as follows:

"Effective October 1, 2010, until the effective date of SCE's next electric General Rate Case, all domestic CARE or FERA customers who have already established credit with SCE are not required to pay additional reestablishment of credit deposits following a disconnection of service."
- In Rule 7 Section B., Amount to Re-establish Credit, the newly added Direct Pay language has been moved to the top of this section due to its applicability to both Former and Present Customers.

Please include the enclosed sheets in your master Advice 81-W and distribute copies to those reviewing the advice letter. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Foulds at (626) 302-2010.

Sincerely,

Lisa Vellanoweth

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cc: Carolina Contreras, Division of Water and Audits, CPUC

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