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Customer Connection

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Stay Safe Around Electricity: Metallic Balloon Safety

- **Keep metallic balloons indoors.** They should always be tied to a weight.
- **Never release them outside.** They can cause electrical outages if they touch wires.
- **Never remove the weight.** Puncture balloons before disposing of them.
- **Stay away and call 911.** Do not attempt to retrieve a balloon or kite tangled in wires.

Visit us at www.sce.com/staysafe for more safety tips. **Stay aware. Stay safe.**

Be Prepared for Outage Emergencies

If your home or business is located in an area designated as a Tier 2 or Tier 3 high fire risk zone, you may want to consider adding a power station or a portable generator to your emergency preparedness plans. These devices may provide backup power for your personal electronics such as a cell phone, computer, or other important household appliances such as refrigerators, lighting, garage door opener and medical devices which helps you to be more prepared for an outage or other emergency. Rebates are available for the purchase of qualifying products.

Watch our backup power educational videos, learn more about available solutions and apply for rebates in the SCE Marketplace at www.sce.com/rebates.

To learn more about the process and method the California Public Utilities Commission used to determine High Fire Threat District maps, visit:

www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/wildfires/fire-threat-maps-and-fire-safety-rulemaking

Support for Customers Affected by a Major Disaster

If you or someone you know has been affected by a disaster for which a state of emergency has been declared, please visit www.sce.com/disastersupport for information about consumer protections, programs and services SCE has available.

An electronic version of Connections is available at www.sce.com/inserts-onserts.

Get Help If You Use Medical Equipment

If you or someone in your household requires the regular use of electrically-powered medical equipment or other qualifying medical devices, you may be eligible for our Medical Baseline Allowance program which:

- 1) Provides an additional allotment of 16.5-kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity per day on your monthly bill which can help offset the cost of operating the medical equipment, and
- 2) Prioritizes your household to get critical alerts and notifications if outages occur, including Public Safety Power Shutoffs.

To apply, you will need the signature of a medical professional.* If you apply online, you can enter your medical professional's email address and we will contact them for an electronic signature approval. Please let them know they will receive an email from SCE.

To learn more about eligibility requirements or if you have questions about medical equipment or criteria, visit www.sce.com/mbi or call **1-800-655-4555**. Application forms are available in several languages online and alternative formats (such as large print and braille) upon request.

NOTE: We will evaluate the eligibility of the device on your application if it is not listed on www.sce.com/mbi. Medical devices used for therapy but not medically required for sustaining life do not qualify for this program.

**Includes Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Physician Assistant (PA) or Nurse Practitioner (NP).*

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Proposition 65 Warnings

⚠ WARNING: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, commonly referred to as Proposition 65, requires the governor to publish a list of chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. It also requires California businesses to warn the public of potential exposures to these chemicals that result from their operations.

Providing safe and reliable service to all of our customers is a top priority for Southern California Edison and we want you to be aware of these chemicals so that you can reduce exposure to chemicals associated with electricity generation and distribution. We handle all equipment and materials at our sites carefully for your good health as well as ours. However, if you are at or near our facilities and work sites, you can be exposed to the following chemicals on the state's Proposition 65 list. Reduce, limit, or avoid activities at and near the sources of exposure described below. For more information go to:

www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

1. Diesel Generation: Diesel Exhaust: SCE uses diesel-fueled emergency generators during emergencies and other times to help minimize the interruption of our customers' supply of electricity. The generators are used at some SCE facilities like substations and service centers, and at locations where repairs are made to the electrical system. SCE also uses diesel as the primary fuel for electricity generation on Catalina Island and in many service vehicles used throughout our service territory. Diesel engines produce exhaust as a by-product of the combustion of diesel fuel. Breathing diesel engine exhaust exposes you to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. You should avoid breathing diesel fumes whenever possible.

2. Wooden Utility Poles: SCE uses wooden poles that have been treated with chemical preservatives. These chemicals include pentachlorophenol, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer, and petroleum products such as diesel fuel, which contains chemicals including toluene and benzene that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. If you come into contact with a wooden utility pole or the dust, debris, soil surrounding the pole, or water runoff that may contain dust, debris, and soil previously in contact with the pole, you could be exposed to these chemicals. Avoid contact with wooden utility poles and the dust, debris, soil surrounding the poles, or water runoff that may contain dust, debris, soil surrounding the poles, or water runoff that may contain dust, debris, and soil previously in contact with the poles.

3. Painted Structures: SCE utilizes metal and wood structures and equipment that may have been coated with paints containing chemicals, such as lead-based paint, that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. When the paint on these structures deteriorates, flakes of paint can impact the soil adjacent to the structure. To avoid exposure, you should avoid contact with any paint flakes or soil near any structure with deteriorating paint.

Los usuarios con acceso al Internet podran leer y descargar esta notificacion en espanol en el sitio Web de SCE:

www.sce.com/avisos

Health and Safety Tips for Temperature Sensitive Customers

Extreme hot weather may be harmful to people who have health issues or those who are sensitive to high temperatures. Here are steps you can take to avoid heat-related illness this summer if you don't have access to air conditioning at home to help you stay cool in hot weather:

- **Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.**
- **Stay out of direct sunlight and limit outdoor activity to covered or shaded areas.**
- **Wear lightweight, loose, light-colored clothing and a head covering.**
- **Take a cool shower or bath.**

What to Do During Rotating Outages?

We strongly encourage you to be prepared for summer heat waves and potential outages. Power outages, regardless of their cause, can occur at any time. Since we cannot guarantee uninterrupted service to our customers, it is important that your emergency plan includes having sufficient standby battery power or a back-up portable unit available to power any in-home medical equipment you may have. If you have back-up power generation, we recommend you test it each month to ensure it is ready in case of a power interruption.

While rare, a rotating outage is a temporary controlled power outage typically lasting no more than one hour. Rotating outages are ordered by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) during statewide Energy Emergency Alert Level 3 events to help ease demand and protect the integrity of the overall electric system. Your address or rotating outage group number located at the top of your bill can be used to see if you will be impacted. For more information or to check on outages in your area visit:

www.sce.com/outages

Advance Notification of a Rotating Outage

When possible, we will provide advance notice of a possible rotating outage via an automated notification using your preference for a text, email, or voice call.

Note: If you are enrolled in in our Medical Baseline program, you do not need to complete this application form since you will already receive advance notification of rotating power outages that may affect you. For more information visit

www.sce.com/mbi

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