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NOTICE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S 2018 RESIDENTIAL RATE DESIGN WINDOW APPLICATION, A. 17-12-012

Summary

On December 21, 2017, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed its 2018 Residential Rate Design Window (Residential RDW) application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). This application complies with CPUC's requirement that all three major gas and electric utilities in California (PG&E, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric) propose a plan for transitioning to Time-of-Use rate plans. Additionally, this application will include new seasonal tiered rates.

Background

In 2015, the CPUC launched its residential rate reform efforts to address concerns about customer bill impacts and volatility caused by the five-tiered rate structure that was put into place after the California Energy Crisis. This 2018 RDW proceeding is the next step in the CPUC's process of residential electric rate reform for all of California's major utilities.

The State of California is taking steps to create a cleaner and more reliable energy grid by encouraging energy usage when demand is lower and renewable energy is more plentiful. Based on lessons learned from other customer classes (such as commercial and agricultural) being on Time-of-Use rate plans, the CPUC has determined that more residential customers should be moved to Time-of-Use rate plans. Time-of-Use rate plans can help bring down the overall cost of electricity, make better use of clean renewable energy such as solar, and support the needs of the electric grid. Customers will always have a choice of rate plans, meaning Time-of-Use is not mandatory.¹ The first year will be risk-free, with bill protection, and an individualized rate comparison for all customers.²

About the Application

This application includes the following:

- Plan to transition many residential customers to a Time-of-Use rate plan, meaning the cost of electricity depends on the time of day it is used.
- Proposed seasonal tiered rates that are more closely aligned with cost of service and will vary by summer and winter seasons, but not by time of day. An increased fixed monthly charge to reduce bill volatility and better align customer bills with cost of service.

¹ Cal. Pub. Util. Code Section 745 (b)

² Cal. Pub. Util. Code Section 745 (c)(4)

Implementing a fixed charge will decrease the price per kilowatt hour and helps reduce the impact of customer bill volatility.

- Simplified California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) low-income subsidy, including a percentage discount from the total bill amount. (Note: this change won't reduce the discount amount, it will just become easier to understand.)

The transition to Time-of-Use rate plans is being piloted statewide to gain important lessons before full transition. SCE's application proposes to start this transition on October 2020, after all pilots are complete and lessons learned from pilot programs have been reflected in implementation plans.

There is no direct request to increase rates in this application. However, the proposed implementation plan will eventually impact rates as rate design changes are implemented. Specific impacts to rates have not been determined at this time. Requests to increase rates will be made in future rate increase applications and information about rate impacts will be provided at that time. This application is intended to give customers more control over their bill amounts. The majority of customers will either see a reduction in their total bill amount or see a small annual increase, depending on how much energy they are able to shift to off-peak hours when prices are lower.

For Further Information About SCE's Application

You may review a copy of SCE's application and related exhibits at SCE's corporate headquarters (2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770). You may also call SCE's customer service line at 1-800-655-4555.

Customers with Internet access may view and download SCE's application and related exhibits on SCE's website at <http://on.sce.com/2p7vZEq>, or by visiting www.sce.com/applications, typing "A.17-12-012" into the Search box, and clicking "Go." If you have technical issues accessing the documents through the website, please e-mail case.admin@sce.com for assistance (be sure to reference proceeding A.17-12-012 in your e-mail).

To request CD ROM copy of SCE's application and related exhibits, or to obtain more information about this application from SCE, please write to:

Southern California Edison Company
A.17-12-012 – SCE's 2018 Residential Rate Design Window Application
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In addition, a copy of this application may be reviewed at the CPUC's Central Files Office, located in San Francisco, CA, by appointment. For more information, please contact the CPUC at aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 703-2045.

CPUC Process

This application will be assigned to one or more Administrative Law Judges (Judges) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary Hearings (EHs) may be held where parties of record will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are parties of record can participate.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the Judges will issue a proposed decision which may adopt SCE's application as proposed, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) may review this application on behalf of SCE's ratepayers. ORA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. ORA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting, and engineering. For more information about ORA, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail ora@cpuc.ca.gov or visit ORA's website at www.ora.ca.gov/.

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Please reference **SCE's Residential RDW application number A.17-12-012** in any communications with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review by the assigned Judges, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.