

Southern California Edison Company  
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue  
Rosemead, CA 91770

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS  
REGARDING PROPOSED RATE CHANGES BY  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (SCE)  
Application (A.) 11-03-014, et al.**

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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would like to hear from you! Public Participation Hearings (PPH's) on Phase 2 of the CPUC Smart Meter Opt-Out proceedings are being held at various locations throughout California and will be facilitated by a CPUC Administrative Law Judge. The dates, times and locations of the PPH's are listed below:

**Date and Time of PPH**

December 14, 2012  
3:00 p.m.

**Location of PPH**

County Administration Building Board  
Hearing Room  
105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

December 17, 2012  
6:00 p.m.

Junipero Serra State Office Building –  
Carmel Room -Auditorium  
320 West 4th Street, 1st Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

December 18, 2012  
6:00 p.m.

San Clemente Community Center – Ole  
Hanson Fireside Room  
100 N. Calle Seville  
San Clemente, CA 92672

The purpose of the PPH is to accept public comment from electric utility customers regarding the Phase 2 issues of the CPUC Smart Meter Opt-Out proceeding. These Phase 2 issues include:

- 1) Should more than one opt-out option be offered to customers who do not wish to have a wireless SmartMeter (e.g., a digital, non-communicating meter)? Should different fees be assessed based on the type of opt-out meter selected by the customer and, if so, what is an appropriate level for such fees?

- 2) Should all costs associated with the opt-out option be paid by only those customers electing the option, or should some portion of these costs be allocated to all ratepayers and/or to utility shareholders?
- 3) What fees should be assessed on customers who elect the opt-out option and should the fees be assessed on a per meter or per location basis?
- 4) Should there be an "exit fee" imposed on customers who elect the opt-out option and later return to a wireless SmartMeter?
- 5) Should the opt-out option be extended to local governments and communities?

SCE Representatives will be present at each site listed above to assist with individual customer concerns.

## **BACKGROUND**

On February 1, 2012, the Commission issued Decision (D.) 12-02-014, which modified PG&E's SmartMeter Program to include an option for those residential customers who did not wish to have a wireless smart meter (as used in this proceeding, a wireless smart meter is a digital electric or gas meter that transmits customer usage data through radio transmission). Similar decisions were issued for SDG&E in D.12-04-019 and for SCE in D.12-04-018 (D.12-02-014, D.12-04-018 and D.12-04-019 are collectively referred to as the "Opt-Out Decisions"). The Opt-Out Decisions adopted interim fees for those customers electing to participate in the opt-out option and directed that a separate phase be initiated to consider cost and cost allocation issues associated with opt-out options. The decisions also directed that the second phase consider whether the opt-out option should be extended to communities, such as local governments and residents of apartment buildings or condominium complexes.

On June 8, 2012, CPUC Assigned Commissioner, Michael Peevey, issued a Ruling adding this required separate phase – Phase 2 – to the smart meter opt-out proceedings.

## **SCE's PROPOSED RATE CHANGE**

SCE projects that its Opt-Out Program will require approximately \$21 million in revenue (\$15.010 million in operations & maintenance expenses and \$5.979 million in capital expenditures) over the 2012 through 2014 period, and requests CPUC approval to recover 100 percent of this forecasted revenue requirement through opt-out fees.

SCE proposes to recover the incremental costs associated with the Opt-Out Program from those residential customers exercising the option. The proposal includes an initial fee and monthly charges. These costs include the labor associated with the removal of the opt-out meter and the installation of the Edison SmartConnect® meter when a customer leaves the Opt-Out Program. These fees will be discounted by 20 percent for those customers enrolled in the CARE program (the CARE discount will be allocated to

all ratepayers, except Street Lighting customers, on an equal-cents-per-kilowatt hour basis pursuant to CA Public Utilities Code Section 327(a)(7) and consistent with Commission practice).

The following table presents SCE’s proposed fees for opt-out customers, based on the forecast revenue requirements and estimates of opt-out participants:

<b>Customer Group</b>	<b>Initial Fee</b>	<b>Monthly Fee</b>
Non-CARE	\$98	\$24
CARE	\$78	\$19

Any actual changes in rates, or approval of any additional opt-out fees, will be determined by the Commission.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FROM SCE**

You may view a copy of SCE’s Smart Meter Opt-Out Phase 2 Testimony (titled “SCE Smart Meter Opt-Out Cost Estimates & Cost Recovery Proposal”) on SCE’s website: [www.sce.com/applications](http://www.sce.com/applications), by entering “A.11-03-014” into the Search Key box and clicking “Go;” or by writing to SCE at the Rosemead mailing address below. You may also review a copy of this Testimony at SCE’s corporate headquarters (2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770) or at the following SCE business offices:

1 Pebbly Beach Rd.  
Avalon, CA 90704

30553 Rimrock Rd.  
Barstow, CA 92311

374 Lagoon St.,  
Bishop, CA 93514

505 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Blythe, CA 92225

3001 Chateau Rd.  
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

510 S. China Lake Blvd.,  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

26364 Pine Ave.  
Rimforest, CA 92378

41694 Dinkey Creek Rd.  
Shaver Lake, CA 93664

421 W. J St.,  
Tehachapi, CA 93561

120 Woodland Dr., Wofford  
Heights, CA 93285

6999 Old Woman Springs Rd.  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

For further information from SCE regarding this Application, please write to:

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Attention: Paul Kubasek  
Smart Meter Opt-Out Regulatory Manager

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### **CPUC PROCESS**

If you are unable to attend these hearings, you may submit written comments to the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at the address noted below. Please refer to the application filing number, A.11-03-014 et al, when writing. Please state if you would like a response, otherwise no response will be sent. Your comments will become a part of the formal file for public comment in this proceeding. The Public Advisor's Office will circulate your comments to the five Commissioners, the ALJ, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA), and to CPUC staff assigned to this proceeding. You may also write to the CPUC if you need advice on how to participate in this proceeding, or would like to receive further notices regarding the date, time, and place of any future hearing in this proceeding:

The Public Advisor  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2103  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
E-Mail: [Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov)

Locations for these hearings are wheelchair accessible. If you need interpreters for language or for the hard of hearing, please contact the Public Advisor's Office at the following numbers at least five (5) working days in advance of the meeting date:

Telephone: (415) 703-2074 or toll free: 1-866-849-8390  
TTY: (415) 703-5282 or toll free TTY: 1-866-836-7825

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