Los usuarios con acceso al Internet podrán leer y descargar esta notificación en español en el sitio Web de SCE <u>www.sce.com/avisos</u>, o escriba a la atención de las Comunicaciones Corporativas.

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

# NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS REGARDING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S (SCE) REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT RESIDENTIAL DEFAULT TIME-OF-USE RATES AND INCREASE FIXED CHARGES (A.17-12-012), PHASE IIB

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is holding Evidentiary Hearings regarding Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) request for authorization to implement residential default Time-Of-Use (TOU) rates. The Evidentiary Hearings will take place on the following dates and location:

Dates and Time	Location
January 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15,	California Public Utilities Commission
16, 17 and 18, 2019	Commission Courtroom
at 10:00 a.m. each day	505 Van Ness Avenue
	San Francisco, CA 94102

The location for the Evidentiary Hearings is wheelchair-accessible. If you need a Sign or other language interpreter, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office using the contact information at the end of this notice, at least five working days before the hearing you plan to attend.

### **ABOUT SCE'S APPLICATION**

On December 21, 2017, SCE filed its 2018 Residential Rate Design Window (Residential RDW) application (A.17-12-012) with the CPUC. This application complies with the CPUC's requirement that all three major gas and electric utilities in California (SCE, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company) propose a plan for transitioning residential customers to TOU rate plans.

In 2015, the CPUC initiated 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) on TOU rate plans, the CPUC has determined that more residential customers should be moved to TOU rate plans. TOU rate plans can help bring down the overall cost of electricity, make better use of clean energy such as solar, and support the needs of the electric grid. TOU is not mandatory customers will always have a choice of rate plans. Residential customers defaulted to a TOU rate will receive an individualized rate comparison and be eligible to receive up to one year of bill protection.

In Phase I of this proceeding, the CPUC approved SCE's proposal to begin the transition of its residential customers to default TOU in October 2020.

This Evidentiary Hearing is for Phase IIB of this proceeding. During this phase, the CPUC will review SCE's (as well as PG&E's) specific rate design proposals for default TOU and other rate options, as well as implementation issues for default TOU. For SCE, this includes SCE's proposals for:

- Defaulting eligible residential customers to one of two default TOU rates;
- Introducing seasonal differentiation to its Schedule D tiered rate; and
- Marketing, education, and outreach for default TOU.

## WHAT THIS REQUEST MEANS FOR YOU

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. Most customers will either see a small reduction or a small increase in their total annual bill amount, 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.

Customers with Internet access may view and download SCE's application and related exhibits on SCE's website. To access, please follow these steps:

- 1. Go to www.sce.com/applications;
- 2. Scroll down to "Residential RDW" and click on the link;
- 3. The 2017 application and testimony are presented in Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format and can be viewed online, printed, or saved to your hard drive.

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).

For those who would like to obtain more information from SCE about this application, please direct your correspondence to:

Southern California Edison Company A.17-12-012 - Residential RDW P.O. Box 800 Rosemead, CA 91770 Attention: Andre Ramirez

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 <a href="mailto:aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov">aljcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov</a> or (415) 703-2045. You may also view an electronic copy of this application on the CPUC's website at www.cpuc.ca.gov.

#### **CPUC PROCESS**

This application has been assigned to three Administrative Law Judges (Judges), who have determined how to receive evidence and other related documents necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. At the Evidentiary Hearing, parties of record will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These evidentiary hearings 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 assigned 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.

As a party of record, the Public Advocates Office (CalPA) has reviewed this application on behalf of SCE's customers. CalPA 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. CalPA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting, and engineering. For more information about CalPA, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail <a href="mailto:PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov">PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov</a> or visit CalPA's website at <a href="http://www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov">http://www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov</a>.

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California Public Utilities Commission

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Call: 1-415-703-2074

Toll-free: 1-866-849-8390 TTY: 1-415-703-5282

TTY toll free: 1-866-836-7825

Please reference Southern California Edison's Request for Authorization to Implement Residential Default Time-Of-Use Rates and Increase Fixed Charges (A.17-12-012) in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and be made available for review to the assigned Judges, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.