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I.

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Rule 11.1 of the California Public Utilities Commission’s (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedures, Southern California Edison Company (“SCE”), on behalf of itself, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (collectively, the “Joint Utilities”), hereby requests an extension of time,

from October 15, 2011 until December 30, 2011, in which to submit the annual estimates of customers eligible for the California Alternate Rates for Energy (“CARE”) program.

II.

DISCUSSION

The Joint Utilities request this extension, as in past years, due to now-familiar timing considerations and uncertainties relating to availability of critical data, and additional complexity due to factors related to partial transition to Census 2010 data geography among the various data sources. These issues are critically consequential to the current year estimates of CARE eligibility that are developed by Athens Research, the contractor that develops large and small area estimates of demographic eligibility on behalf of the Joint Utilities.

At this point, Athens Research has acquired Census SF1 data, and has purchased data bases that are expected but not guaranteed to be available in September and October. The release schedules for other data sources in Fall 2011 are tentative and variable. The final California CPI estimate for 2011 overall will be available in early December. As in past years, Public Use Microdata Sample (“PUMS”) data, from the Census’ American Community Survey (“ACS”), is critical to the process in multiple ways. Although the projected release date (of prior year ACS/PUMS) is possibly October this year, this data source was delayed until November in 2010, and the Census schedule now explicitly allows for a November release date.

As in past years, extending this deadline will have no adverse impact on the low income programs. The only aspect that could be affected would be the reporting of penetration rates (where the denominator depends on the eligibility estimates) which will be reflected in Low Income Monthly Reports. This impact is unlikely, however, as the Joint Utilities do not utilize the new CARE estimates for reporting penetration rates until January 1 of the following year. Thus, the earliest impact would be to the February 21, 2012 monthly reports detailing January 2011 program activity. The data will be available prior to filing the LIEE & CARE Annual Report in May 2012.

III.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed herein, the Joint Utilities request an extension of time until December 31, 2011 in which to file the Annual CARE Eligibility Estimates.

Respectfully submitted,

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