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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Authority to Establish Its Authorized Cost of Capital for Utility Operations for 2013 and to Reset the Annual Cost of Capital Adjustment Mechanism.

Application 12-04-015
(Filed April 20, 2012)

And Related Matters.

Application 12-04-016
Application 12-04-017
Application 12-04-018

**ASSIGNED ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SCHEDULING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS**

Public participation hearings (PPH) are scheduled to provide customers of Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company an opportunity to comment on the utilities' request to change their respective authorized cost of capitals and to reduce their authorized return on rate bases.

These PPHs are being scheduled after consultation with the assigned Commissioner in response to electronic mail and letter requests of various organizations and a subsequent July 25, 2012 motion of The Utility Reform Network. Organizations that sent electronic mail and letter requests included: The Utility Reform Network, California Alliance for Retired Americans, Centro

La Familia Advocacy Services, Inc., Aglet Consumer Alliance, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, The Division of Ratepayer Advocates, Utility Consumers' Action Network, and AARP California.

The utilities are to provide their customers' notice of the dates, times and locations of the PPH through a combination of bill inserts or post card notices, and newspaper notices approved by the Public Advisor's Office. Any customer receiving monthly bills that are provided by method of the electronic notification process should be provided a full explanation of the PPH with the dates, times and locations of each hearing. The notice should be very visible and easily recognizable to the customer.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Public participation hearings (PPH) are established for Southern California Edison Company (SCE) in Application (A.) 12-04-015, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) in A.12-04-016, Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas) in A.12-04-017, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) in A.12-04-018.

2. Separate PPH shall be held for SDG&E and PG&E, and a single PPH shall be held in the overlapping service territories of SCE and SoCal Gas as follows:

- a. SCE and SoCal Gas on October 4, 2012, beginning 7:00 p.m. in the San Bernardino City Hall Council Chambers, 300 North "D" Street, San Bernardino, California.
- b. SDG&E on October 5, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Al Bahr Shiners Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, California.
- c. PG&E on October 9, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Fresno City Hall Council Chambers, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California.

3. SCE, SDG&E, SoCal Gas, and PG&E shall have a representative available at their respective PPH to respond to customer inquiries

4. SCE, SDG&E, SoCal Gas, and PG&E shall prepare, obtain approval from the Public Advisor's Office, and provide notice, via bill insert or separate mailing to customers not less than 10 days prior to the utilities' PPH and newspaper publication not less than five days prior to the utilities' PPH. The notice shall provide the date, time and place of the PPH. The notice shall also include a comparison of the utilities' currently authorized and requested capital structure, cost of debt, return on equity, return on rate base, reason for the application and proposed impact on average residential customer. Proof of publication and sample copies of the notices shall be filed within 10 days after publication.

5. SCE, SDG&E, SoCal Gas, and PG&E shall prominently post a notice of their PPH in all of their offices in which utility customers come into contact with utility customer service representatives.

Dated August 2, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHAEL J. GALVIN

Michael J. Galvin
Administrative Law Judge