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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for a Permit to Construct Electrical Facilities with Voltages Between 50 kV and 200 kV: Presidential Substation Project.

Application 08-12-023  
(Filed December 22, 2008)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
REMOVING EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS FROM CALENDAR**

The June 18-21, 2013, evidentiary hearings in this matter are hereby removed from the Commission's calendar, pending further action.

The Commission's Energy Division, which is conducting the required environmental review of the proposed Presidential Substation project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, issued the draft of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on September 16, 2011. According to the draft EIR, the proposed Presidential Substation project and several of the alternatives would have unavoidable significant adverse environmental impacts on air quality, noise, and aesthetic resources. The draft EIR identified "System Alternative B" as the environmentally superior alternative, which would not result in significant unavoidable impacts on any resources. The draft EIR rejected "System Alternative A" as an alternative because it would not meet reliability needs beyond 2014.

Energy Division issued the final EIR on March 27, 2013. The final EIR eliminates System Alternative B as a viable alternative and identifies a combination of Alternative Substation Site B with Alternative Subtransmission

Alignment 3 as the environmentally superior alternative. The final EIR determines that this project alternative has unavoidable temporary adverse impacts on air quality and noise.

Evidentiary hearings have been set for June 18-21, 2013, to take evidence on, among other things, the issues of feasibility of the environmentally superior alternative and overriding considerations that merit its approval notwithstanding its unavoidable adverse impacts.

Energy Division has now informed me that, based on new information on projected electrical demand in Electrical Needs Area, it is possible that the final EIR will be revised or amended to put forth "System Alternative A" as a feasible alternative. In that event, much of the prepared testimony that is scheduled to be taken at the June 18-21, 2013, evidentiary hearing would be moot, and further prepared testimony would be required to address the issues in view of the revisions to the final EIR.

Accordingly, in the interest of judicial economy and conserving the Commission's and parties' resources, I hereby remove the June 18-21, 2013, evidentiary hearings from the Commission's calendar. I will reset the evidentiary hearing and, if necessary, set a time for serving supplemental or revised prepared testimony after the Energy Division issues a revision or amendment to the final EIR.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated May 20, 2013, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ HALLIE YACKNIN  
Hallie Yacknin  
Administrative Law Judge