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Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Approval of its Energy Savings Assistance and California Alternate Rates for Energy Programs and Budgets for Program Years 2015-2017

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And Related Matters.

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**THE OFFICE OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES
NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates ("ORA") respectfully submits this notice of ex parte communication in the above referenced proceedings. The meeting was held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 4:30 pm with Michael Colvin, Advisor to Commissioner Catherine Sandoval, at the California Public Utilities Commission offices in San Francisco, with Mr. Colvin participating via telephone. The meeting was initiated by ORA to discuss the Proposed Decision ("PD") and the Alternate Proposed Decision ("APD") on the Energy Savings Assistance ("ESA") program and the California Alternate Rates for Energy ("CARE") program. ORA representatives present were Program Manager Mike Campbell, Policy and Communications Advisor Cheryl Cox, and Attorney Zhen Zhang.

ORA discussed the following:

- ORA supports adopting the Energy Savings Assistance Cost Effective Test ("ESACET") threshold target of 1.0.
- ORA supports changes to the administrative rules (e.g. the Three Measure Rule and the Go Back Rule). The Commission should eliminate the Three

Measure Rule only if it adopts the ESACET threshold target of 1.0. ORA supports phasing out the Go Back Rule with tailored strategies for repeat service households.

- ORA supports higher targets because the proposed targets in the APD are lower than what was proposed in the Utilities' applications.
- The PD should remove the requirement that customers approaching 400 percent of baseline usage participate in ESA.
- The APD should remove the requirement that customers participate in dynamic pricing or demand response to receive ESA. Customers should be able to choose the rate plan that best fits their needs.
- With regards to the APD, ESA money should not be used for common areas without a mechanism to ensure the low income residents receive the benefits.
- Unspent funds are ratepayer funds. Unspent funds should be returned to ratepayers to offset future years' collections.

Respectfully submitted,

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