

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

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Approval of Energy Efficiency Rolling Portfolio Business Plan.	Application 17-01-013
And Related Matters.	Application 17-01-014 Application 17-01-015 Application 17-01-016 Application 17-01-017
(NOT CONSOLIDATED)	
Order Instituting Rulemaking Concerning Energy Efficiency Rolling Portfolios, Policies, Programs, Evaluation, and Related Issues.	Rulemaking 13-11-005

## ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING DATE FOR NEW OR REVISED NOTICES OF INTENT TO REQUEST INTERVENOR COMPENSATION FOR WORK RELATED TO PROCUREMENT REVIEW GROUPS

This ruling makes a provision for any eligible parties wishing to do so to file a new or revised Notice of Intent (NOI) to seek intervenor compensation related to work on the procurement review groups (PRGs) associated with third-party solicitations addressed in Decision (D.) 18-01-004.

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D.18-01-004 requires the utility program administrators to convene one or more PRGs, consisting of non-market participants in the energy efficiency space, for purposes of review of their third-party solicitation process.<sup>1</sup> D.18-01-004 also states that "participation in a PRG is eligible for compensation from the Commission's intervenor compensation program."

The PRGs were set up in the energy efficiency business plan application proceedings (Application (A.)17-01-013 et. al.) after the initial deadline for the filing of NOIs. PRG activities began ramping up in September 2018 in anticipation of a series of solicitations beginning in late 2018 and continuing for the next few years. Also according to the framework represented in D.18-01-004, the Commission will formally review a subset of the contracts awarded through the third-party solicitation process. It is likely that some parties will be spending a significant amount of time contributing to PRG activities over the next few years as part of the implementation of the energy efficiency business plans.

Therefore, this ruling makes a provision for parties to file new or revised NOIs to reflect the anticipated PRG work.

Any new parties participating and intending to file NOIs are reminded that the Commission's intervenor compensation program covers only representatives of the interests of residential and small commercial utility customers, because these interests are generally under-represented in Commission proceedings. For groups or organizations, the program covers only those created to represent the interests of these small customers and authorized by their Articles of Incorporation or bylaws to represent residential and/or small

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See D.18-01-004 at 35-36.

commercial customer interests. The program also covers groups representing residential customers concerned about the environment. All other interests, such as those of workers, employers, taxpayers, governmental entities (with the exception of "eligible local government entities" as defined in Public Utilities Code Sections 1802(d) and 1802.4), medium or large industrial and commercial customers, utilities and regulated industry and market participants, would not be eligible for intervenor compensation.

New NOIs are invited from PRG participants that meet the above criteria. Revised NOIs from existing eligible intervenors are not required, but may be filed at the party's discretion.

I take this step in accordance with Section 1804 (a)(1) of the Public Utilities Code, which states: "In cases ... where new issues emerge subsequent to the time set for filing, the commission may determine an appropriate procedure for accepting new or revised notices of intent."

In addition, I request that parties wishing to do so file their new or revised NOIs in the energy efficiency rulemaking proceeding (currently Rulemaking (R.)13-11-005), since the rulemaking proceedings will be available as an ongoing venue for consideration of decisions related to third-party solicitations and PRG contributions, whereas the business plan application proceedings (A.17-01-013 et al.) are likely to conclude in the near future.

A.17-01-013 et al., R.13-11-005 JF2/gp2

IT IS RULED that:

1. Any party wishing to file a new or revised Notice of Intent to seek intervenor compensation for work related to procurement review groups

ordered in Decision 18-01-004 may do so by no later than January 14, 2019 in

Rulemaking 13-11-005.

Dated December 7, 2018, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JULIE A. FITCH

Julie A. Fitch Administrative Law Judge