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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ALJ-269. Ratification of changes to preliminary determinations pursuant to Rule 7.5.

SUMMARY

This resolution approves the change of the preliminary determination made earlier by the Commission regarding the need for hearing.

DISCUSSION

Senate Bill (SB) 960 (Leonard, ch. 96-0856) requires, among other things, that the Commission categorize proceedings and determine the need for hearing for purposes of determining the applicable restrictions on ex parte communications and other applicable rules. The rules implementing these requirements are found, for the most part, in Articles 7 and 8 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Pursuant to Rule 7.1(a), for proceedings initiated by application, the Commission’s preliminary determination of category and need for hearing shall be confirmed or changed by assigned Commissioner’s ruling pursuant to Rule 7.3.

Rule 7.5 requires Commission approval of assigned Commissioner’s rulings that change the preliminary determination of category or need for hearing. The Commission has reviewed the scoping memo in Application 10-11-005, the application of Southern California Edison Company for a permit to construct the Colorado River Substation Expansion Project, and approves the assigned Commissioner’s ruling changing the determination of need for hearing from no hearing needed to hearing needed, consistent with the definitions of Rule 1.3 and the requirements of Article 7 of its rules.

