

Decision 10-09-035 September 23, 2010

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

Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (U338E) to End the Monthly Reporting Requirement Under Commission Decision 04-12-016.

Application 10-02-011  
(Filed February 5, 2010)

**DECISION TO END SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S MONTHLY REPORTING REQUIREMENT UNDER COMMISSION DECISION 04-12-016**

**Summary**

This decision grants a request by Southern California Edison Company (U338E) to end its monthly reporting requirement of the Mohave Generating Station mandated in Decision 04-12-016.

**Background**

On May 17, 2002, SCE filed Application (A.) 02-05-046 regarding the future disposition of the Mohave plant. On December 2, 2004, the Commission issued Decision (D.) 04-12-016 which, among other things, ordered Southern California Edison Company (SCE) to file monthly reports with the Commission's Energy Division on efforts related to extending the operations of the Mohave Generating Station (Mohave) and updating the Commission on progress made in the coal and water negotiations, the C-Aquifer studies, alternatives investigation and shortening the Gannet Chart time line.<sup>1</sup> SCE complied with the monthly

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<sup>1</sup> D.04-12-016 at Ordering Paragraph 4.

reporting requirement. In its June 10, 2009 report, SCE informed the Commission that the Mohave plant would be decommissioned and the generating facility would be dismantled and removed from the site. The report also stated SCE and the three other Mohave co-owners had had no further discussions on the redevelopment of the site.

### **The Application**

On February 5, 2010, SCE filed this application (A.10-02-011). SCE asks the Commission to end its requirement to submit monthly reports on the efforts related to extending the operations of the Mohave plant because it is presently being decommissioned and dismantled. SCE will immediately inform the Commission of any developments regarding the future of the Mohave site.

The Just Transitions Coalition (JTC) filed a timely response to the application on March 12, 2010. SCE filed a reply to JTC's response on March 26, 2010. No other responses or protests have been filed.

JTC does not object to SCE's application, but is concerned that SCE presented the issue raised by discontinuing the Mohave monthly reports too narrowly. JTC asks that the Commission only grant SCE's application on the condition that SCE reports on developments related to the Mohave plant every 60 days and that these reports would be made to the parties, the assigned commissioner, and the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to A.06-12-022.<sup>2</sup> JTC contends bi-monthly reporting and alerts are necessary because much of the

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<sup>2</sup> A.06-12-022 concerns SCE's application regarding the disposition of its sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) allowance sale proceeds related to the suspended operation of the Mojave Generating Station.

information SCE includes in its Mohave reports focuses on alternative energy which is relevant to a related ongoing proceeding (A.06-12-022).

### **Discussion**

The Mohave plant is no longer in use and is currently being dismantled. There is no potential for the Mohave plant to resume operation in the near future, as SCE and co-owners have ceased negotiations. The purpose of the monthly reporting requirement was to keep the Commission informed on operational developments of the Mohave plant. Since the plant is no longer in use, a monthly report on a dormant power plant is not an efficient use of both SCE's and the Commission's Energy Division's time. The purpose for the monthly Mohave reports has been fulfilled.

In order to address JTC's concern, SCE shall keep the Commission and parties on the service list of A.06-12-022 apprised of any material developments at the Mohave site by serving a report of such developments as they occur.<sup>3</sup> The reporting requirement imposed by D.04-12-016 has been satisfied and is no longer required.

### **Categorization and Need for Hearings**

In Resolution ALJ 176-3249, dated February 25, 2010, the Commission preliminarily categorized this application as ratesetting, and preliminarily determined that hearings were not necessary. No protests have been received. Given these developments, a public hearing is not necessary, and it is not necessary to disturb the preliminary determinations.

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<sup>3</sup> *Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338-E) to End the Monthly Reporting Requirement Under Commission Decision 04-12-016* at 2 and 4. See also, *Reply of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) to the Just Transitions Coalition Response* at 3.

### **Waiver of Comment Period**

This is an uncontested matter in which the decision grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 311(g)(2) of the Public Utilities Code and Rule 14.6(c)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is waived.

### **Assignment of Proceeding**

Nancy Ryan is the assigned Commissioner and Katherine Kwan MacDonald is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

### **Findings of Fact**

1. The Commission ordered SCE to file monthly reports with the Commission's Energy Division on the status of the Mohave plant in D.04-12-016, issued December 2, 2004.
2. SCE's monthly reports provided information on efforts related to extending the operations of the Mohave plant and specifically on the progress made in the coal and water negotiations, the C-Aquifer studies, the alternatives investigation, and shortening the Gantt Chart time-line.
3. In its 46<sup>th</sup> report (June 10, 2009), SCE declared that the Mohave plant would be decommissioned and the generating facility would be dismantled and removed from the site.
4. SCE and the three other co-owners of the Mohave have ceased negotiations on the redevelopment of the site.
5. On February 5, 2010, SCE filed A.10-02-011 seeking authorization from the Commission to end SCE's monthly reporting on the Mohave plant because it is no longer in use.
6. JTC filed a timely response to A.10-02-011 on March 12, 2010. No other responses or protests have been filed.

7. In lieu of monthly reporting, SCE will keep the A.06-12-022 service list informed of developments at the Mohave site.

**Conclusions of Law**

1. SCE should no longer be required to file monthly status reports of its Mohave site because it is no longer operational.
2. SCE should keep the Commission's Energy Division and members to the A.06-12-022 service list informed of future Mohave site developments when they arise by serving them with reports of such developments.
3. The preliminary determinations that this proceeding be categorized as ratesetting and that hearings are not necessary should be affirmed.

**ORDER**

**IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Southern California Edison Company's request to end the monthly reporting requirement established in Decision 04-12-016 is granted.
2. Southern California Edison Company must serve the Commission's Energy Division and members on the Application 06-12-022 service list reports of developments at the Mohave Generating Station site when they arise.

3. Application 10-02-011 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated September 23, 2010, at San Francisco, California.

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President

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Commissioners

Commissioner John A. Bohn, being  
necessarily absent, did not participate.