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I.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

As instructed in Decision (D.) 04-01-050 and D.04-01-048, and modified in D.04-03-023 and D.14-05-006, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) files this annual ERRA Forecast Application to request that the Commission authorize SCE's 2017 ERRA proceeding revenue requirement of \$4.149 billion. The forecast revenue requirement consists primarily of SCE's proposed 2017 fuel and purchased power costs. However, it also includes: (1) the currently estimated December 31, 2016 year-end balancing account balances that SCE requests to recover from or return to customers; and (2) other miscellaneous expenses, such as spent nuclear fuel expense. SCE's proposed 2017 revenue requirement in this application represents an increase of approximately \$366 million as compared to the revenue requirement reflected in rates effective today.¹

The forecast adopted by the Commission in this proceeding does not determine which procurement-related costs are ultimately eligible for cost recovery, as the actual fuel and purchased power costs must be reviewed by the Commission and found eligible for recovery in a subsequent

¹ The rates in effect today are based on the revenue requirement approved by D.15-12-033.

ERRA Review proceeding or Quarterly Compliance Report determination. Consistent with past ERRA Forecast applications, SCE will update its 2017 ERRA revenue requirement forecast in November 2016, so that the latest forecast assumptions can be incorporated into SCE's 2017 rates.

Concurrently with the filing of this application, SCE is serving direct testimony, which has been preliminarily marked as Exhibit SCE-01. That testimony addresses the following:

- Chapter I: Introduction and overview
- Chapter II: A discussion of SCE's estimated 2017 revenue requirement and the resulting rate change
- Chapter III: SCE's Bundled Energy Forecast
- Chapter IV: Forecast Energy Production and Costs from SCE's Portfolio of Resources
- Chapter V: Financing Costs
- Chapter VI: Carrying Costs
- Chapter VII: GHG Forecast Costs and Revenues and Reconciliation
- Chapter VIII: 2017 Forecast Revenue Requirement and Ratemaking Issues
- Chapter IX: Cost Responsibility Surcharges (Direct Access, Departing Load, and Community Choice Aggregation)
 - Appendix A: Estimated December 31, 2016 Balancing Account Balances
 - Appendix B: Indifference Rate Calculation

The increase in SCE's 2017 ERRA Forecast Proceeding revenue requirement is primarily due to the following factors:

- SCE forecasts a natural gas price of \$2.57/MMBtu for 2017, which is \$0.28 (approximately 10%) lower than the average gas price included in the 2016 ERRA updated forecast;
- SCE expects its sales to be lower than it did for the 2016 ERRA forecast;
- SCE expects lower fuel-related costs from its natural gas-fueled UOG and tolling resources due to lower forecast natural gas prices;
- SCE expects lower open market costs due to lower forecast SP-15 forward market power prices;
- SCE expects lower SRAC payments due to lower forecast market prices; and

- SCE forecasts a decrease in the 2016 year-end over-collection in the ERRA balancing account.

Compared to revenue at SCE’s current revenue requirement, this application requests a revenue increase of 3.52%, beginning in January 2017. The following table shows an estimate of proposed revenue changes by customer group if SCE’s ERRA rate change is approved as requested:

Table I-1
2017 ERRA Forecast Proceeding Revenue Change

Customer Group	System			Bundled	
	Current Revenues (\$000)	Revenues Change (\$000)	% Change	Current Rates (¢/kWh)	Proposed Rates (¢/kWh)
Residential	5,052,479	184,757	3.66%	17.10	17.73
Lighting - Small and Medium Power	4,103,307	134,729	3.28%	15.66	16.16
Large Power	1,820,438	72,479	3.98%	11.06	11.47
Agricultural and Pumping	419,898	11,143	2.65%	11.72	12.03
Street and Area Lighting	129,761	1,797	1.39%	18.16	18.41
Standby	258,800	9,592	3.71%	9.05	9.38
Total	11,784,683	414,498	3.52%	14.99	15.51

If SCE’s proposed ERRA rate change is approved, a median-usage, non-CARE residential electric customer would see a bill increase of \$11.23 per month², from \$105.23 to \$116.68. This Application is a forecast and is likely to change prior to including these rates in next year’s electric rates. Consistent with past ERRA Forecast applications, SCE expects to update this Application in November 2016, so that the latest forecast assumptions can be incorporated into SCE’s 2017 rates.

² Excluding semi-annual Climate Credit.

Section 454(a) provides in pertinent part:

- (a) Except as provided in Section 455, no public utility shall change any rate or so alter any classification, contract, practice, or rule as to reflect in any new rate, except upon a showing before the commission and a finding by the commission that the new rate is justified.

Section 454(b) provides in pertinent part:

- (b) The commission may adopt rules it considers reasonable and proper for each class of public utility providing for the nature of the showing required to be made in support of proposed rate changes, the form and manner of the presentation of the showing, with or without a hearing, and the procedure to be followed in the consideration thereof.

SCE's request complies with Rules 1.5 through 1.11 and 1.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which specify the procedures for, among other things, filing documents, as well as Rules 2.1, 2.2, and 3.2.

Rule 2.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure requires that all applications: (1) clearly and concisely state authority or relief sought; (2) cite the statutory or other authority under which that relief is sought; and (3) be verified by the applicant.

The relief being sought is summarized in Section I above, and is further described in SCE's supporting testimony served concurrently with this application.

This application has been verified by an SCE officer as provided in Rules 1.11 and 2.1.

The remainder of Rule 2.1, as well as Rules 2.2 and 3.2, set forth further requirements that are addressed separately below.

B. Legal Name and Correspondence – Rules 2.1(a) and 2.1(b)

Pursuant to Rule 2.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the full legal name of the applicant is Southern California Edison Company (SCE). SCE is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and is primarily engaged in the business of generating,

purchasing, transmitting, distributing and selling electric energy for light, heat and power in portions of central and southern California as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission. SCE's properties, which are located primarily within the State of California, consist mainly of hydroelectric and thermal electric generating plants, together with transmission and distribution lines and other property necessary in connection with its business.

SCE's principal place of business is 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, California, and its post office address and telephone number are:

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C. Proposed Categorization, Need for Hearings, Issues To Be Considered, Proposed Schedule, and Relevant Safety Considerations — Rule 2.1(c)

Commission Rule 2.1(c) requires that all applications shall state “the proposed category for the proceeding, the need for hearing, the issues to be considered, and a proposed schedule.”

1. Proposed Category

Rule 1.3(e) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure defines “ratesetting” proceedings as “proceedings in which the Commission sets or investigates rates for a specifically named utility (or utilities), or establishes a mechanism that in turn sets the rates for a specifically named utility (or utilities).” This application includes SCE's proposal for an increase in its revenue requirement,

resulting in an increase in rates. Therefore, for purposes of Rule 2.1, SCE proposes that this proceeding be categorized as ratesetting.

2. Need for Hearings

The need for hearings in this proceeding, and the issues to be considered in such hearings, will depend in large part on the degree to which other parties contest SCE's request. The need for hearings will be determined by the assigned Administrative Law Judge(s).

3. Issues to Be Considered Including Relevant Safety Considerations²

In general, the issues to be considered are discussed in Section I above and in more detail in SCE's supporting testimony served concurrently with this application. Relevant safety considerations are discussed in Exhibit SCE-01, in Chapter I.

4. Procedural Schedule

To allow the Commission to issue a timely final decision in this proceeding, and to allow SCE to make the necessary rate changes as of January 1, 2017, SCE respectfully requests that the Commission process the present application according to the following schedule:

² Pursuant to D.16-01-017, the Commission has revised Rule 2.1(c) to include relevant safety considerations, and expects the revised rule to be effective as of July 1, 2016.

Application filed	May 2, 2016
Protests (if any) due	30 days from the date the notice of the filing of the Application appears in the Daily Calendar [approximately June 6, 2016]
Reply to Protests	10 days from the deadline for Protests [approximately June 16, 2016]
Pre-Hearing Conference	June 28, 2016
ORA/Intervenor Testimony due	July 6, 2016
SCE Rebuttal Testimony due	July 27, 2016
Hearings (if needed)	August 18 and 19, 2016
SCE Update Testimony	November 10, 2016
Concurrent Briefs	To Be Determined
Proposed Decision	November 15, 2016
Comments on Proposed Decision	November 28, 2016
Replies to Comments to Proposed Decision	December 5, 2016
Final Commission Decision	December 15, 2016 [Last Commission Meeting of 2016]

D. Organization and Qualification to Transact Business– Rule 2.2

In compliance with Rule 2.2,³ a copy of SCE’s Certificate of Restated Articles of Incorporation, effective on March 2, 2006, and presently in effect, certified by the California Secretary of State, was filed with the Commission on March 14, 2006, in connection with Application No. 06-03-020, and is by reference made a part hereof.

A copy of SCE’s Certificate of Determination of Preferences of the Series D Preference Stock, filed with the California Secretary of State on March 7, 2011, and presently in effect, certified by the California Secretary of State, was filed with the Commission on April 1, 2011, in connection with Application No. 11-04-001, and is by reference made a part hereof.

A copy of SCE’s Certificate of Determination of Preferences of the Series E Preference Stock, filed with the California Secretary of State on January 12, 2012, and a copy of SCE’s Certificate of Increase of Authorized Shares of the Series E Preference Stock, filed with the California Secretary of

³ Rule 2.2 requires the applicant, in this case SCE, to submit a copy of its organizing documents and evidence of its qualification to transact business in California, or to refer to that documentation if previously filed with the Commission.

State on January 31, 2012, both presently in effect and certified by the California Secretary of State, were filed with the Commission on March 5, 2012, in connection with Application No. 12-03-004, and are by reference made a part hereof.

A copy of SCE's Certificate of Determination of Preferences of the Series F Preference Stock, filed with the California Secretary of State on May 5, 2012, and presently in effect, certified by the California Secretary of State, was filed with the Commission on June 29, 2012, in connection with Application No. 12-06-017, and is by reference made a part hereof.

A copy of SCE's Certificate of Determination of Preferences of the Series G Preference Stock, filed with the California Secretary of State on January 24, 2013, and presently in effect, certified by the California Secretary of State, was filed with the Commission on January 31, 2013, in connection with Application No. 13-01-016, and is by reference made a part hereof.

A copy of SCE's Certificate of Determination of Preferences of the Series H Preference Stock, filed with the California Secretary of State on February 28, 2014, and presently in effect, certified by the California Secretary of State, was filed with the Commission on March 24, 2014, in connection with Application No. 14-03-013, and is by reference made a part hereof.

A copy of SCE's Certificate of Determination of Preferences of the Series J Preference Stock, filed with the California Secretary of State on August 19, 2015, and presently in effect, certified by the California Secretary of State, was filed with the Commission on October 2, 2015, in connection with Application No. 15-10-001, and is by reference made a part hereof.

A copy of SCE's Certificate of Determination of Preferences of the Series K Preference Stock, filed with the California Secretary of State on March 2, 2016, and presently in effect, certified by the California Secretary of State, was filed with the Commission on April 1, 2016, in connection with Application No. 16-04-001, and is by reference made a part hereof.

Certain classes and series of SCE's capital stock are listed on a "national securities exchange" as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and copies of SCE's latest Annual Report to Shareholders and its latest proxy statement sent to its stockholders has been filed with the Commission

with a letter of transmittal dated March 18, 2016, pursuant to Commission General Order Nos. 65-A and 104-A.

E. Authority to Increase Rates — Rule 3.2

1. Balance Sheet and Income Statement – Rule 3.2(a)(1)

In compliance with Rule 3.2(a)(1), Appendix A hereto contains copies of SCE’s balance sheet as of December 31, 2015, and income statement for the period ended December 31, 2015, the most recent period available.

2. Present and Proposed Rates – Rule 3.2(a)(2) And Rule 3.2(a)(3)

The presently effective rates and the illustrative changes proposed to be made to those rates are listed in the table in Section I above, as well as discussed in SCE’s supporting testimony served concurrently with this application. The proposed rates are illustrative and will be updated consistent with the Commission’s decision in this proceeding to reflect SCE’s then-current authorized revenues when such rates are implemented. SCE’s current rates and charges for electric service are in its electric tariffs and schedules on file with the Commission. These tariffs and schedules are filed with and made effective by the Commission in its decisions, orders, resolutions, and approvals of advice letter filings pursuant to Commission General Order 96-A.

3. Summary of Earnings – Rule 3.2(a)(5)

In compliance with Rule 3.2(a)(5), Appendix B hereto contains a copy of SCE’s summary of earnings, updated in December 2015, the most recent period available.

4. Statement Pursuant To Rule 3.2(a)(10)

Rule 3.2(a)(10) requires that the “application of electrical ... corporations shall separately state whether or not the increase reflects and passes through to customers only increased costs to the corporation for the services or commodities furnished by it.” SCE’s application forecasts costs related

to fuel and purchased power, and requests recovery of amounts in certain memorandum accounts, which are traditional “pass through” costs to customers.

5. Notice – Rules 3.2(b), (c), and (d)

As required by Rule 3.2(b), a notice stating in general terms the proposed increase in rates will be mailed to the designated officials of the State of California and the cities and counties affected by the rate changes proposed in this Application. Pursuant to Rule 3.2(c), notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in SCE’s service territory within which the rate changes would be effective. Finally, pursuant to Rule 3.2(d), notice will be furnished to customers affected by the proposed increase by including such notice with the regular bills mailed to those customers. The notice will also be posted on SCE’s website, and customers who receive their bills electronically will be provided with an electronic link to the notice.

6. Service

The official service list has not yet been established in this proceeding. SCE is serving this application and supporting testimony on the Commission’s Office of Ratepayer Advocates, as well as the service lists established by the Commission for A-15-05-007⁴ and A.16-04-001.⁵

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⁴ This is the service list for SCE’s 2016 ERRR Forecast Application.

⁵ This is the service list for SCE’s ERRR Review Application for the 2015 Record Period.

III.

CONCLUSION

SCE respectfully requests that the Commission approve SCE's application in total.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: **May 2, 2016**

VERIFICATION

(See Rule 1.11)

Southern California Edison Company

I am an officer of the applicant corporation herein, and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. The statements in the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge, except as to the matters that are herein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this **2nd Day of May, 2016**, at Rosemead, California.

/s/ Ron Nichols

By: Ron Nichols
Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs
Southern California Edison Company

Appendix A

SCE's Balance Sheet and Income Statement

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

(h) A balance sheet as of the latest available date, together with an income statement covering the period from close of last year for which an annual report has been filed with the Commission to the date of the balance sheet attached to the application.

STATEMENT OF INCOME
TWELEVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

(In millions)

OPERATING REVENUE	<u>\$ 11,485</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Purchase power and fuel	4,266
Other operation and maintenance	2,890
Depreciation, decommissioning and amortization	1,915
Property and other taxes	334
Impairment and other charges	-
Total operating expenses	<u>9,405</u>
OPERATING INCOME	2,080
Interest and other income	123
Interest expense	(526)
Other expenses	(59)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	<u>1,618</u>
INCOME TAX	<u>507</u>
NET INCOME	1,111
Less: Preferred and preference stock dividend requirements	<u>113</u>
NET INCOME AVAILABLE FOR COMMON STOCK	<u><u>\$ 998</u></u>

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2015
ASSETS
(in millions)

UTILITY PLANT:

Utility plant, at original cost *	\$ 40,144
Less- accumulated provision for depreciation and decommissioning	8,548
	<u>31,596</u>
Construction work in progress	3,218
Nuclear fuel, at amortized cost	131
	<u>34,945</u>

OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS:

Nonutility property - less accumulated depreciation of \$78	73
Nuclear decommissioning trusts	4,331
Other investments	168
	<u>4,572</u>

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and equivalents	26
Receivables, less allowances of \$62 for uncollectible accounts	724
Accrued unbilled revenue	564
Inventory	256
Derivative assets	79
Regulatory assets	560
Other current assets	234
	<u>2,443</u>

DEFERRED CHARGES:

Regulatory assets	7,512
Derivative assets	84
Other long-term assets	316
	<u>7,912</u>
	<u>\$ 49,872</u>

Appendix B

SCE's Summary of Earnings

**Southern California Edison
Summary of Earnings
2015 GRC Adopted Revenue Requirement
Thousands of Dollars**

Line No.	Item	Total
1.	Base Revenues	5,182,297
2.	Expenses:	
3.	Operation & Maintenance	1,984,387
4.	Depreciation	1,532,289
5.	Taxes	442,687
6.	Revenue Credits	(147,491)
7.	Total Expenses	3,811,871
8.	Net Operating Revenue	1,370,425
9.	Rate Base	17,375,834
10.	Rate of Return	7.89%