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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) to issue, sell, and deliver one or more series of Debt Securities and guarantee the obligations of others in respect of the issuance of Debt Securities, the total aggregate principal amount of such indebtedness and guarantees not to exceed \$5,075,000,000 and to execute and deliver one or more indentures; to sell, lease, assign, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or encumber utility property; to issue, sell and deliver in one or more series, an aggregate amount not to exceed \$800,000,000 par or stated value of Preference Stock, and guarantee the obligations of others in respect of the issuance of that Preference Stock.

Application 21-09-017

ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S SCOPING MEMO AND RULING

This scoping memo and ruling sets forth the category, issues to be addressed, and schedule of the proceeding pursuant to Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code § 1701.1 and Article 7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules).

1. Procedural Background

On September 28, 2021, Southern California Electric Company (SCE) filed Application 21-09-017, the Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) to issue, sell, and deliver one or more series of Debt Securities and guarantee the obligations of others in respect of the issuance of Debt Securities,

the total aggregate principal amount of such indebtedness and guarantees not to exceed \$5,075,000,000 and to execute and deliver one or more indentures; to sell, lease, assign, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or encumber utility property; to issue, sell and deliver in one or more series, an aggregated amount not to exceed \$800,000,000 par or stated value of Preference Stock, and guarantee the obligations of others in respect of the issuance of that Preference Stock.

A prehearing conference (PHC) was held on November 30, 2021, to discuss the issues of law and fact and determine the need for hearing and the schedule for resolving the matter.¹ After reviewing the application, the joint PHC statement prepared by the parties and the discussion at the PHC (during which the parties indicated that there are no disputed issues of fact requiring evidentiary hearing), I have determined that the issues and schedule of the proceeding will be as set forth in this scoping memo.

2. Issues

The issues to be determined are:

1. Does the request comply with all applicable Commission Rules, Pub. Util. Codes, General Orders, and Decisions?
2. Is the application complete (compliant with former decisions and the Pub. Util. Code) with all information required to render a decision?
3. Is the application reasonable and in the public interest?
4. Whether the application raises issues pertinent to the CPUC's Environmental Social Justice Action Plan (ESJAP), and if so, whether the objectives of the ESJAP are met?

¹ The PHC was held telephonically with the following persons in attendance: Kathleen Brennan de Jesus (counsel for SCE); Eileen Moy (counsel for Public Advocates Office); Christina Tan (advisor to assigned Commissioner, Genevieve Shiroma); Jason Hippolito (SCE) and Charlotte Chitadje (Public Advocates Office).

3. Need for Evidentiary Hearing

Because there are no issues of material disputed fact, I change the preliminary determination in Commission Resolution (Res) ALJ-176-3494 to determine that evidentiary hearing is not needed on these issues.

4. Schedule

The schedule adopted here may be modified by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) as required to promote the efficient and fair resolution of the Application.

This matter will be deemed submitted upon the ALJ's review of the record and determination that there is no additional information or argument required. If a need for additional information arises, a ruling will be issued by the ALJ, identifying the additional information required, and when the information must be submitted.

Based on this schedule, the proceeding will be resolved within 18 months as required by Pub. Util. Section 1701.5. The proposed decision is expected to be filed no later than 90 days from the submission date for public review and comment pursuant to Pub. Util. Section 311(d) except that, if the proposed decision grants an uncontested requested relief, public review and comment shall be waived pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(2).

5. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program

The Commission's ADR program offers mediation, early neutral evaluation, and facilitation services, and uses ALJ who have been trained as neutrals. At the parties' request, the assigned ALJ can refer this proceeding to the Commission's ADR Coordinator. Additional ADR information is available on the Commission's website.²

² See Decision 07-05-062, Appendix A, Section IV.O.

Any settlements between parties, whether regarding all or some of the issues, shall comply with Article 12 of the Rules and shall be served in writing. Such settlements shall include a complete explanation of the settlement and a complete explanation of why it is reasonable in light of the whole record, consistent with the law and in the public interest. The proposing parties bear the burden of proof as to whether the settlement should be adopted by the Commission.

6. Category of Proceeding/*Ex Parte* Restrictions

This ruling confirms the Commission's preliminary determination that this is a ratesetting proceeding. (Res ALJ 176-3494.) Accordingly, *ex parte* communications are restricted and must be reported pursuant to Article 8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

7. Oral Argument

Unless comment is waived pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(2) for granting the uncontested relief requested, motion for oral argument shall be by no later than the time for filing comment on the proposed decision.

8. Public Outreach

Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1711(a), the Commission sought the participation of those likely to be affected by this matter by noticing it in the Commission's October 2021 monthly newsletter that is served on communities and businesses that subscribe to it and posted on the Commission's website.

9. Intervenor Compensation

Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1804(a)(1), a customer who intends to seek an award of compensation must file and serve a notice of intent to claim compensation by 30 days after the PHC.

10. Response to Public Comments

Parties may, but are not required to, respond to written comments received from the public. (*See* Pub. Util. Code § 1701.1(g).) Parties may do so by posting such response using the “Add Public Comment” button on the “Public Comment” tab of the docket card for the proceeding.

11. Public Advisor

Any person interested in participating in this proceeding who is unfamiliar with the Commission’s procedures or has questions about the electronic filing procedures is encouraged to obtain more information at <http://consumers.cpuc.ca.gov/pao/> or contact the Commission’s Public Advisor at 866-849-8390 or 415-703-2074 or 866-836-7825 (TYY), or send an e-mail to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

12. Service of Documents on Commissioners and Their Personal Advisors

Rule 1.10 requires only electronic service on any person on the official service list, other than the ALJ.

When serving documents on Commissioners or their personal advisors, whether or not they are on the official service list, parties must only provide electronic service. Parties must NOT send hard copies of documents to Commissioners or their personal advisors unless specifically instructed to do so.

13. Assignment of Proceeding

Genevieve Shiroma is the assigned Commissioner and Patricia Miles is the assigned Administrative Law Judge for the proceeding.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The scope of this proceeding is described above.
2. The schedule of this proceeding is as set forth above.
3. Evidentiary hearing is not needed.

4. The category of the proceeding is Ratesetting.

Dated January 26, 2022, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GENEVIEVE SHIROMA

Genevieve Shiroma
Assigned Commissioner