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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 \$8,000,000,000 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 \$350,000,000 par or stated value of Preference Stock, and guarantee the obligations of others in respect of the issuance of that Preference Stock.

Application 23-06-012

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 California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules).

1. Procedural Background

On June 16, 2023, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed Application 23-06-012, 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 with respect to the issuance of Debt

Securities, the total aggregate principal amount of such indebtedness and guarantees not to exceed \$8,000,000,000 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 \$350,000,000 par or stated value of Preference Stock, and guarantee the obligations of others with respect to the issuance of that Preference Stock.

A prehearing conference (PHC) was held on August 22, 2023, 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 and the discussion at the PHC, during which SCE and the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates) 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. I have also determined that no environmental and social justice issues have been raised at this time.

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?

¹ The PHC was held telephonically with the following parties in attendance: Southern California Edison Company and for Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission.

3. Need for Evidentiary Hearing

There are no issues of material disputed fact. As such, no evidentiary hearing is needed.

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 determination³ that this is a ratesetting proceeding. Accordingly, *ex parte* communications are restricted and must be reported pursuant to Article 8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

7. 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 monthly newsletter that is served on communities and businesses that subscribe to it and posted on the Commission's website.

8. 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.

9. Response to Public Comments

Parties may, but are not required to, respond to written comments received from the public.⁴ Parties may do so by posting such response using the

³ Resolution ALJ 176-3529.

⁴ See Pub. Util. Code § 1701.1(g).

“Add Public Comment” button on the “Public Comment” tab of the docket card for the proceeding.

10. 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.

11. Filing, Service, and Service List

The official service list has been created and is on the Commission’s website. Parties should confirm that their information on the service list is correct and serve notice of any errors on the Commission’s Process office, the service list, and the ALJ. Persons may become a party pursuant to Rule 1.4.⁵

When serving any document, each party must ensure that it is using the current official service list on the Commission’s website.

This proceeding will follow the electronic service protocol set forth in Rule 1.10. All parties to this proceeding shall serve documents and pleadings using electronic mail, whenever possible, transmitted no later than 5:00 p.m., on the date scheduled for service to occur. Rule 1.10 requires service on the ALJ of both an electronic and a paper copy of filed or served documents.

When serving documents on Commissioners or their personal advisors, whether or not they are on the official service list, parties must only provide

⁵ The form to request additions and changes to the Service list may be found at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/administrative-law-judge-division/documents/additiontoservicelisttranscriptordercompliant.pdf>

electronic service. Parties must not send hard copies of documents to Commissioners or their personal advisors unless specifically instructed to do so.

Persons who are not parties but wish to receive electronic service of documents filed in the proceeding may contact the Process Office at process_office@cpuc.ca.gov to request addition to the “Information Only” category of the official service list pursuant to Rule 1.9(f).

The Commission encourages those who seek information-only status on the service list to consider the Commission’s subscription service as an alternative. The subscription service sends individual notifications to each subscriber of formal e-filings tendered and accepted by the Commission. Notices sent through subscription service are less likely to be flagged by spam or other filters. Notifications can be for a specific proceeding, a range of documents and daily or weekly digests.

12. Receiving Electronic Service from the Commission

Parties and other persons on the service list are advised that it is the responsibility of each person or entity on the service list for Commission proceedings to ensure their ability to receive emails from the Commission. Please add “@cpuc.ca.gov” to your email safe sender list and update your email screening practices, settings and filters to ensure receipt of emails from the Commission.

13. Assignment of Proceeding

Genevieve Shiroma is the assigned Commissioner and Jonathan Lakey 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 September 22, 2023, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GENEVIEVE SHIROMA

Genevieve Shiroma
Assigned Commissioner