

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSIONER KAREN DOUGLAS, in attendance

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE EHREN SEYBERT AND SOPHIA
PARK, co-presiding

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Edison Company (U 338-E) For)	PARTICIPATION
Authority to Increase Its Authorized)	HEARING
Revenues for Electric Service In)	
2025, Among Other Things, and to)	Application
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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SEYBERT: We will now
be on the record.

The Commission will come to order. This is the
time and place set for the Public Participation Hearing
in the General Rate Case Application of Southern
California Edison Company Application 23-05-010.

My name is Ehren Seybert, and I'm one of the
administrative law judges assigned to this proceeding.
I am co-assigned with Judge Sophia Park, who is
listening in to today's hearing. We are also joined by
Karen Douglas, who is the assigned commissioner for this
case.

Commissioner Douglas, would you like to make
any opening remarks?

COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Yes. Thank you, Judge
Seybert. I would. And thank you also to Judge Park.

I'm the commissioner assigned to this
proceeding, as Judge Seybert said. And in this
proceeding, we will be reviewing Southern California
Edison's 2025 general rate case.

I want to start by thanking everyone who's here
today for taking the time out of their busy day to

1 participate in today's public participation hearing,
2 this being the first of six such hearings. These
3 hearings are a very important way for the Commission to
4 hear directly from individuals and communities who are
5 impacted by the results of this proceeding. And your
6 feedback at these hearings give us very valuable insight
7 into concerns and priorities that will go a long way in
8 helping us make informed and balanced decisions.

9 This phase of the general rate case determines
10 the total amount of revenue that Southern California
11 Edison would be authorized to collect to cover various
12 utility costs from 2025 through 2028. Right now
13 California is wrestling with a number of very important
14 priorities that are necessary for the provision of
15 affordable, safe, reliable and clean energy service.
16 These priorities include investments in clean energy
17 programs, infrastructure, maintenance, upgrades,
18 customer energization needs and mitigation work against
19 the continued threat of catastrophic wildfires.

20 I am also well aware of the affordability
21 challenges that exist and that these priorities could
22 place on ratepayers going forward. To that end, we'll
23 be scrutinizing the necessity of Southern California
24 Edison's requested funding authorization and taking
25 action to contain costs and minimize rate increases.

1 With that said, I appreciate the opportunity to
2 hear directly from community members today in order to
3 understand your priorities and concerns.

4 And I also want to thank the many staff who
5 have made today's hearing possible including Judge Park,
6 Judge Seybert, the Public Advisors Office, our court
7 reporters and our IT staff. Thank you.

8 And back to you, Judge Seybert.

9 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Commissioner.

10 The primary purpose of today's hearing is to
11 hear directly from Southern California Edison customers
12 and the general public about this particular
13 application. Your input and comments are very helpful
14 as parties and the Commission continue to consider all
15 aspects of Southern California Edison's request prior to
16 making a decision.

17 For the participants that wish to provide
18 public comments today, you may do so by calling
19 1-800-857-1917 and entering passcode 6032788 pound for
20 English or 3799627 pound for Spanish, and then press
21 star one on your phone. These instructions are also
22 available on today's webcast. The operator will
23 maintain the queue of public commenters and announce
24 your name when it's your turn to speak.

25 The overall purpose of today's hearing is to

1 obtain public feedback and comments. If you have
2 additional questions regarding the application, you may
3 go to the Commission's website at www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph or
4 contact the Commission's Public Advisor at
5 public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

6 If you have a question that is not directly
7 related to Southern California Edison's application,
8 such as a question about your bill or service, we have
9 two representatives from Southern California Edison who
10 are standing by today and are available to assist
11 customers during the public participation hearing. This
12 includes Yvette Esparza, who may be contacted at
13 626-812-7362 or yvette.esparza@sce.com. Alternatively,
14 you may also contact Kari Gardner at 909-773-2269 or
15 kari.gardner@sce.com. This contact information has also
16 been posted to the webcast today.

17 Before we start hearing from the public, I
18 would like to give you a brief overview of the
19 California Public Utilities Commission and the
20 application filed by Southern California Edison Company.

21 The Public Utilities Commission is a state
22 agency that regulates privately owned utilities, such as
23 Southern California Edison Company. Among other things,
24 the Commission decides how much money Southern
25 California Edison should be authorized to collect from

1 its customers and the actual rates that will be included
2 on customers' bills for electric service.

3 The Public Utilities Commission has five
4 commissioners who are appointed by the governor and
5 confirmed by the state senate. Judge Park and I manage
6 the day-to-day activities of the case. However, the
7 five commissioners are ultimately the ones who will
8 decide and vote on whether or not to approve Southern
9 California Edison's request or some other amount.

10 Our job as the judges will be to evaluate the
11 evidence in the proceeding and to write a proposed
12 decision for the commissioners to consider. The five
13 commissioners will deliberate and ultimately decide
14 whether to adopt the proposed decision from the judges
15 or adopt their own alternate decision based on the
16 evidence in the proceeding. It is estimated that the
17 Commission will vote on this decision in the first
18 quarter of next year.

19 I will now briefly summarize Southern
20 California Edison's application. In May of 2023,
21 Southern California Edison submitted its general rate
22 case request asking the Commission for approval of their
23 expected cost for owning and operating the company for
24 the years 2025 through 2028. The expenses included in
25 Southern California Edison's rate case application

1 generally cover the poles, wires, meters, employees and
2 all the other activities needed to deliver electricity
3 to your home or business.

4 The application also includes capital
5 expenditures to upgrade the electric system, replace
6 infrastructure, address wildfire risks related to
7 Edison's equipment and improve cybersecurity, among
8 others. It is important to note that the costs that we
9 are talking about in this application are just one part
10 of Southern California Edison's annual operating
11 expenses that can impact customer rates.

12 Separate from this proceeding, the Commission
13 authorizes recovery of the costs the California
14 utilities actual incur to purchase electricity on the
15 open market. These costs are directly passed on to the
16 consumers, and Southern California Edison is not allowed
17 to earn a profit on them.

18 There is also another proceeding that will
19 determine how approved costs are distributed among
20 Southern California Edison's customers and the specific
21 rates that will be included on customer bills. This is
22 generally referred to as the rate design proceeding, and
23 the application should be filed later this month. Right
24 now, though, we are here to receive comments from the
25 public regarding Southern California Edison's request to

1 increase rates and revenue by \$1.895 billion in 2025 and
2 additional increases of \$619 million in 2026, \$664
3 million in 2027 and \$705 million in 2028. If approved,
4 Southern California Edison's total revenue requirement
5 will be approximately \$10.27 billion in 2025
6 representing an approximate 23 percent increase over
7 2024.

8 If the request is approved, the impact on a
9 typical residential customer will be a monthly bill
10 increase of approximately \$17.49 in 2025. A typical
11 residential customer's monthly bill would approximately
12 increase by an additional \$5 in 2026, \$5 in 2027 and
13 approximately \$5 in 2028.

14 We want to hear what you think about Southern
15 California Edison's request. Comments from the public
16 can help the Public Utilities Commission reach an
17 informed decision. The commissioners, Judge Park and I
18 pay close attention to the opinions expressed -- will
19 pay close attention to the opinions expressed during
20 today's public hearing.

21 We have court reporters transcribing today's
22 hearing who will be taking down everything that is said
23 on the telephone line. If you do speak, we ask that you
24 speak slowly and clearly so that the reporters are able
25 to capture everything that is said. The written

1 transcript of today's hearing will be available to Judge
2 Park and myself and the Commissioners and posted
3 publicly on the Docket Card for this proceeding.

4 If you or anyone else you know are not able to
5 make comments today, there are several other ways to
6 provide input or become involved. The Commission
7 considers written public comments regarding Southern
8 California Edison's application which may be submitted
9 any time on the Docket Card for this proceeding by going
10 to apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305010.

11 As of today, we have received over 100 written
12 public comments. If you wish to find more information
13 on how to become involved in the proceeding or stay
14 updated on proceeding developments, the Commission's
15 Public Advisor is available to assist you. Information
16 regarding the Public Advisor is posted on the
17 Commission's website at www.cpuc.ca.gov, or you can
18 email the Public Advisor at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

19 Okay. We will now hear from members of the
20 public. Again, if you have a billing or service
21 question that is unrelated to Edison's application, you
22 may contact Yvette Esparza at 626-812-7362 or Kari
23 Gardner at 909-773-2269. If you wish to provide public
24 comments on Southern California Edison's rate
25 application, please press star one on your phone now,

1 and the operator will add you to the queue of speakers.

2 When it's your turn, the operator will announce
3 your name. Please begin by spelling your full name,
4 provide your city and remember to speak slowly. To make
5 sure everyone has an opportunity to provide comments,
6 each speaker will have a time limit of three minutes. A
7 chime will sound when the three minutes is up.

8 With that, Operator, please call on the first
9 speaker in the queue.

10 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. Again, as a reminder
11 for those on the phone, if you would wish to speak
12 during the public comment period, please unmute your
13 phone, press star one and record your first and last
14 name slowly and clearly when prompted.

15 Our first caller is Michael Vensky. You may go
16 ahead.

17 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER VENSKY

18 Hi. Can you hear me?

19 ALJ SEYBERT: Yes. Please go ahead.

20 SPEAKER VENSKY: Hi. Yeah. My name is Michael
21 Vensky, V, as in Victor, e-n-s-k-y.

22 And I'd like to say why I don't think Southern
23 California Edison should be able to increase its rates.
24 It's not the job of captive SCE ratepayers to assure the
25 continued profitability of SCE shareholders. In 2022,

1 CEO Powell made \$2.8 million total compensation. Edison
2 issued three-quarters of a dollar of stock dividends.
3 In the last 10 years they increased -- their stock
4 depreciated (sic) by 32 percent. Overdue and
5 unnecessary maintenance or -- excuse me. I put this on
6 the website also. So I'm going to try to speak and see
7 if I can get it in by the three minutes. But -- overdue
8 but necessary maintenance was delayed until after the
9 Paradise disaster. Then Edison went on a spending spree
10 with pass-through costs to customers.

11 I personally witnessed huge convoys of
12 brand-new SCE trucks, 15 or 20 in number, with 30 or
13 more staff upgrading our poles locally. They had three
14 or four people minding traffic alone. On the quiet back
15 road where I live -- these are country roads -- I could
16 often see them gazing idly at their cellphones. The
17 customers should not be penalized for Edison's
18 speculation in nuclear energy. Failed attempts at power
19 plants fall squarely on the shoulders of upper
20 management.

21 With the ongoing climate crisis, Edison claims
22 to be going green yet slams their customers in so-called
23 expensive green energy. Yet it takes three or more
24 years to get a solar project through their review
25 process. It's an endless series of delays. Instead of

1 listing all the conditions and corrections that need to
2 be done, they dribble them out two or three at a time
3 stretching out a two or three-week process into years.

4 It feels like a carefully calculated slow walk.
5 Because of the multiyear timeframes and multiple
6 handoff, SCE and associates quickly forget what they've
7 told you to correct after you've already corrected it
8 and have you re-correct it again. Instead of putting
9 you to the front of the queue in the review process,
10 they throw you to the back of the queue along with
11 thousands, sometimes tens of thousands, to try again.
12 You resubmit the corrections again and they either
13 change their mind or they want to occasionally -- or
14 they occasionally do help you and give some
15 clarification.

16 The Self-Generation Incentive Program for
17 backup storage is no better. Okay. I'm going to just
18 refer you to my comments on the website, and I'm going
19 to say something. Given the clear and established
20 pattern of misappropriation of customer money to the
21 betterment of corporate officers and shareholders, it
22 would be a betrayal of the public trust and dereliction
23 of duty of this Commission to permit the hiking of
24 rates. Instead, if SCE cannot better manage its fund,
25 it needs to be nationalized so its executives could be

1 held accountable to the public for permitting a monopoly
2 to exploit its customers is reprehensible and usurious.

3 The customers are screaming rape. Who will help us?

4 ALJ SEYBERT: Mr. Vensky, I apologize for
5 interrupting. Can you just slow down a little bit so
6 that our court reporters can transcribe everything.

7 SPEAKER VENSKY: If you're -- I have only 17
8 seconds left, but --

9 ALJ SEYBERT: Okay.

10 SPEAKER VENSKY: -- I did post this on your
11 website.

12 ALJ SEYBERT: Okay. Great.

13 SPEAKER VENSKY: The complete -- the complete
14 text of what -- and I apologize for speaking fast. I
15 just want to hit the three minutes, but --

16 ALJ SEYBERT: I understand.

17 SPEAKER VENSKY: The complete -- yeah. The
18 complete text of this is on your website. I apologize
19 the carriage return did not make it through.

20 (Timer notification.)

21 SPEAKER VENSKY: So --

22 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Mr. Vensky. We
23 appreciate your comments today.

24 SPEAKER VENSKY: Thank you. Thank you.

25 ALJ SEYBERT: Operator, next speaker.

1 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Joanne
2 McBirney.

3 You may go ahead. Your line is open.

4 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER MCBIRNEY

5 Hi. This is -- can you hear me?

6 ALJ SEYBERT: Yes.

7 SPEAKER MCBIRNEY: Okay. It's Joanne,
8 J-o-a-n-n-e, McBirney, M-c capital B-i-r-n-e-y, and I
9 live in La Crescenta, California.

10 And I am all for taking care of what needs to
11 be taken care of in terms of our grid and preventing
12 fires. And mostly I'm very concerned about the
13 environment. However, I have been absolutely astounded
14 at the cost of electricity at my bill every month, and
15 I'm very careful with my electricity. And I just do not
16 understand how I have such a phenomenally high bill.

17 And there was something else that I was
18 going to -- oh, I know. The other thing that I've had a
19 problem with with SCE is on being unable to communicate
20 with them. At some point, I had to actually get ahold
21 of the -- the agency that oversees them because I was
22 having trouble with an issue, and there was no way to
23 reach them by phone. They simply did not answer the
24 phone.

25 So I am concerned that a great deal of the

1 money is going to shareholders and CEOs since it is a
2 private corporation. And I think that maybe some of the
3 expenses should come out of what they are getting paid
4 as opposed to raising our rates.

5 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. McBirney.
6 Appreciate your comments today.

7 Operator, next -- the next speaker.]

8 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is
9 Sylvia Messner. You may go ahead.

10 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER MESSNER

11 Thank you. Sylvia Messner, S-y-l-v-i-a,
12 Messner, M-e-s-s-n-e-r. And I live in Laguna Hills.

13 To save a little time, I 100 percent support
14 what the Speaker Number 1 and Number 2 said. I don't
15 think staying comfortable in your own home should be a
16 luxury. I know people who are spending \$2- and \$300 a
17 month for one-room or one-bedroom apartments just to
18 stay warm, never mind the AC in the summer. I was gone
19 a week, and I return -- out of town -- and I return, and
20 my bill is the same. I had no real help in resolving
21 that issue.

22 But, the same thing, I think this company
23 should be non-profit, not a profit-making company,
24 because utilities are a necessity for people and should
25 not be way, way over their budget. More money should be

1 spent on looking into solar heat, which is more
2 cost-effective and, also, doesn't cause wildfires.

3 I think that's all I have to say, because
4 Number 1 and Number 2 helped me out a lot. I support
5 everything they say. Thank you.

6 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you.

7 Operator, next speaker.

8 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller did not provide
9 their name -- but they mentioned anonymous -- from
10 Laguna Wood Village. You may go ahead.

11 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER ANONYMOUS

12 Hi. I agree with all three of what they said.
13 Our neighbors in this community are in their 80s and
14 their 90s. Their bills now are between \$250 and \$750 a
15 month, for one- or two-bedroom units. They are now
16 deciding if they can eat or if they can get their
17 medication, because they have to stay warm.

18 And like Number 3 just said, it's not a luxury,
19 it's a necessity for an 80- and 90-year-old to stay
20 warm. Their houses are about 72 to 74 degrees. Their
21 units, homes, condos, and co-ops are about the size of
22 890 square feet and 1,000 square feet. So, there should
23 not be a reason to have to pay between \$2- to \$700 a
24 month just to keep warm.

25 They also -- most of our neighbors have

1 children that live out of state, adult children, in
2 their 50s, 60s, and 70s. Some live in the Dakotas,
3 where it gets to about 30-below-0. And their bills, per
4 month, in 50- and 60-year-old homes that are not all
5 that efficient, are \$60 and \$70 a month, so that they
6 can stay warm in minus-30-degree weather.

7 So, Laguna Woods Village, it gets to about
8 50 degrees, maybe, maybe, when it's cold. And senior
9 citizens, again like I said, should not have to choose
10 between eating, medication, or trying to stay warm. So,
11 again, we thank those first three that spoke when -- we
12 agree with everything. And we hope that somebody does
13 listen to this so that senior citizens do not have to
14 extend budgets that they don't have on social security,
15 just to pay to stay warm in the summer or cool in the
16 winter. It's for their health.

17 Thank you very much for listening.

18 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you very much.

19 Operator, next speaker.

20 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Brian Caplan.

21 You may go ahead.

22 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER CAPLAN

23 Yes, hi. My name is Brian Caplan, B-r-i-a-n.
24 Yeah. I'll slow it down a little bit.

25 Well, my wife and I are retired customers.

1 We're on a tight budget. And the increases are, like,
2 an undue burden on us. Southern California Edison has
3 been increasing rates over the years. And the amount of
4 increases are coming faster and faster.

5 Like, when I moved here, it was below \$0.19 a
6 kilowatt hour. Now it's 33 cents. And they
7 restructured their tier system too, where Tier 1 is
8 smaller. So when you get a bump into Tier 2, increased
9 rates, it comes faster. So they -- they manipulated the
10 tier system, where you're going to be in Tier 2 faster,
11 and your rates will be increased.

12 Yeah. It's just -- you said earlier that you
13 would scrutinize this. I hope you take a really good
14 look at it, because the increases are outrageous. And I
15 just -- I think it's -- it's just really going to hurt
16 the middle class.

17 We are on a tight budget. We are not, you
18 know, people that are on -- that can qualify, the
19 non-CARE -- or the CARE customers. We are not CARE
20 customers, because we don't qualify -- because that
21 threshold is so low. But we -- we -- you know, we're
22 lower-middle-class people. And the rate increase is
23 going to be an undue burden on us. And we really
24 appreciate that if you guys do increase it, that you
25 moderate it, and take a really good look at what they

1 are doing to us.

2 Thank you.

3 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Mr. Caplan.

4 Operator, next speaker.

5 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Gary Curtis.
6 You may go ahead. Your line is open.

7 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER CURTIS

8 Hi there. My name is Garry Curtis. Garry,
9 G-a-r-r-y; last name Curtis, C-u-r-t-i-s. And I'm
10 calling from Hanford, California, or the Central Valley
11 of Central California.

12 I am calling because I have noticed --
13 including my utilities, have been going up every month.
14 I've noticed that Edison constantly are sending those
15 little white pamphlets with our bill every single month
16 asking for more money for this, asking for more money
17 for that. We are not made out of money, okay? We do
18 not have trees that grow money in our backyard. I agree
19 with the other callers. They are asking too much money.

20 Now, you guys, on the other hand, probably make
21 a lot more money than we do. And you guys can afford
22 these increases. But people on fixed incomes and
23 disabled, like myself, has to go by a budget. And they
24 continue to increase our rates. You do not see us
25 filing paperwork with the Commission asking for a

1 decrease in rates every month, because there's no such
2 thing that exists. But Edison is allowed to send a
3 request in every single month for an increase.

4 And it's getting to the point where, you know,
5 people are going to be -- not afford that. They are
6 going to afford -- you know, they just don't have the
7 extra money. Everything else is going up. You have
8 rent, insurance, car insurance, fuel, groceries, your --
9 your rent, you know, your gas bill. You know? We do
10 not have extra money coming out.

11 You know, please stop this altogether. That's
12 all I'm asking. Please say no. This -- this cannot
13 continue. You know, we have to live. We're all humans,
14 you know? You got make it reasonable.

15 Thank you.

16 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Mr. Curtis.

17 Operator, next speaker.

18 THE OPERATOR: Our next speaker is
19 Tracy Carrasquillo. You may go ahead.

20 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER CARRASQUILLO

21 Okay. Hello, sorry. Can you hear me?

22 ALJ SEYBERT: Yes, we can hear you.

23 SPEAKER CARRASQUILLO: Okay. My name is
24 Tracy Carrasquillo. My name is T-r-a-c-y,
25 C-a-r-r-a-s-q-u-i-l-l-o.

1 And so, I do agree with all the callers that
2 have spoken. I see a large increase in my bill every
3 month, \$3- to \$400, and that is just -- that's
4 outrageous. We have to live. And, you know, somebody
5 needs to really take a long, hard look at this. And I
6 just don't think that it's fair, you know, with
7 everything that is going on, inflation, you know, the
8 cost of rent, and everything else that is going up in,
9 you know, the prices. And then, you know, let alone you
10 trying to enjoy your life and your family, paying a \$300
11 and \$400 light bill every month. That's not fair.

12 So, I agree with every caller that has spoken.
13 And I just ask that you please reconsider and think of
14 others as you would think of yourself.

15 Thank you.

16 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you for your comments
17 today.

18 Operator, next speaker.

19 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Len Wittrock.

20 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER WITTROCK

21 Thank you. If you can hear me.

22 Last name is W-i-t-t-r-o-c-k. And I'm in the
23 southern -- or South Orange County area.

24 Yeah. I agree with everyone that's already
25 spoken. These rates are really not necessary. They are

1 -- they are outrageous. The California Public Utilities
2 Commission has already approved 3.29 billion in spending
3 for Southern California Edison to mitigate wildfires.
4 And this is a state issue; it has nothing to do with,
5 you know, a power line going down. If the state would
6 take care of mitigating that risk by properly
7 maintaining our forest, this would wouldn't be an issue.
8 And, of course, yes, you need to maintain your power
9 grid and so forth; but that should not be a reason to
10 increase the rates. They are going up all the time, and
11 for what? We're not really seeing any kind of return.

12 And, also, there's a lot of money that you guys
13 are wanting to get into renewable energy sources.
14 Which, again, if you would just run your operation more
15 effectively and responsibly, it wouldn't be a need. The
16 idea that, you know, we have to find other sources, it's
17 just a -- an excuse to basically -- from my perspective
18 and my opinion -- to line the pockets of a lot of
19 politicians, as well as some of your executives on your
20 board, as opposed to really doing something that's going
21 to be sustainable and affordable for those of us who
22 live in California. And, again, it's a really effective
23 way the drive a lot of people out of the state. And,
24 you know, again, it's hard not to see it as something
25 that's being deliberately done. And I'll end there.

1 Thank you.

2 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you for your comments
3 today.

4 Operator, next speaker.

5 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is William
6 Williams. You may go ahead.

7 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER WILLIAMS

8 Thank you. William Williams, W-i-l-l-i-a-m,
9 W-i-l-l-i-a-m-s.

10 These recent rate increases are substantial. I
11 have seen my personal electric bill practically double,
12 when I'm using about one-third less power every month.
13 These rate increases are ruining the quality of life in
14 Southern California. You're driving people out of
15 Southern California because affordability for quality of
16 life here in California is now gone.

17 The company has received rate increases over
18 the past three years. And now this recent request for a
19 rate increase is -- is outrageous. My question is:
20 When is the CPUC going to require SCE to start looking
21 at stabilizing the rates and reducing the rates. No one
22 talks about that. It's just one rate increase after
23 another.

24 So the question is: Why is the CPUC allowing
25 SCE to continuously raise rates, instead of holding the

1 line and asking the company, "What are you doing to
2 reduce the rates going forward?" I'm beginning to
3 question whether or not the fire damages and the
4 judgment from the fire damages are buried into these
5 rate increases. We have no way of proving that.
6 Hopefully, somebody at the CPUC is going to dig deep and
7 see if that's not happening, because these rate
8 increases are not sustainable.

9 Thank you.

10 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Mr. Williams.

11 Operate, next speaker.

12 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is
13 Dr. Armand Ogataniand. You may go ahead.

14 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER OGATANIAND

15 Can you hear me?

16 ALJ SEYBERT: Yes, we can hear you.

17 SPEAKER OGATANIAND: Hi.

18 Dr. Armand Ogataniand. I do actually support what's
19 currently happening with the rates.

20 And as someone who teaches management for
21 sustainability, we're talking about green technology,
22 we're looking at the future generation, including our
23 own child. And the issue right now is, you know, in
24 terms of the fires, you know, what is happening with our
25 environment right now, there's a reason why it's getting

1 colder and colder and the electric bills are going
2 higher and higher.

3 And, also, the other concern is that we're
4 talking about solar panels, wind power, but we don't
5 have the infrastructure to support those technologies.
6 Even if you put them up, right now the grid cannot
7 handle it.

8 So, for the sake of future generations and,
9 also, in sake of bringing energy prices down, we're
10 going to have to invest in future technologies. We're
11 going to have to invest in systems that can monitor
12 these grids. And this way, we can also prevent future
13 fires that we are already seeing all the consequences,
14 including what is currently happening with our weather
15 patterns, and why it's so cold now in the middle of
16 March. And I think -- you know, by doing that, I think,
17 eventually, we will reverse the cost of energy. And
18 also, you know, what's happening right now with fuel
19 consumption.

20 So, I think -- looking at, in a longer term for
21 us and also the future generations, I think this is a
22 wise investment. Thank you very much.

23 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you.

24 Operator, next speaker.

25 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Emily Bell

1 from Long Beach. You may go ahead.

2 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER BELL

3 Hi. This is Emily Bell, E-m-i-l-y, B-e-l-l.

4 I'm calling because I'm concerned about the
5 rate increase. Like many people on the call have said,
6 the cost of everything, gas just being a lot, food is
7 going up and up, and we're all just being squeezed dry,
8 and the fact that this private company that none of us
9 can get out of having to pay is able to raise their
10 rates every year to get more and more money from us, and
11 we can't do anything about it, and we have no more money
12 to give, and there has to be a better way for them to be
13 increasing their revenues to do these supposed projects
14 that they want to do.

15 So, yes, hopefully you will reject their
16 proposal. Thank you.

17 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. Bell.

18 Operator, next speaker.

19 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is

20 Karen Tillquist. You may go ahead.

21 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER TILLQUIST

22 Hi, my name is Karen, K-a-r-e-n, Tillquist, T
23 as in "Tom," i-l-l-q-u-i-s-t. And I live in Palmdale,
24 California, where it gets pretty hot in summer.

25 My bill right now, on a level payment plan, is

1 about \$347 a month. When I first moved into this house,
2 it was \$270. I'd pay for 11 months, the 270, and on the
3 12th month, I would pay up if I owed. I never owed.
4 They used to owe me. The last two years, they have
5 increased my rate to that 347, and I owe on the 12th
6 month about \$400.

7 I'm 68 years old. And I'm starting to wonder,
8 like, how am I going to afford electricity when my
9 husband and I both quit working. Right now, it doesn't
10 seem like we can quit working. I have reduced the use
11 of my electricity. I'm on the time-of-use for the
12 charges. Most of my stuff I run during the lowest cost;
13 and yet, my bill still goes up every single month.

14 It's showing that I used less than I did last
15 year and the year before. But yet, my bill is big. And
16 I just think it's going to be getting ridiculous. Like,
17 how do people afford to live?

18 You've got to cool your house. I keep my house
19 at 78 during the summer. That's not very -- I mean,
20 that's what they're saying to do, 78. So, it's not like
21 I'm keeping it as 60 to be cool. But yet, my bill is
22 still that high.

23 I'm going to be going solar as soon as I can
24 get that -- the rest of it done. I am going to be on
25 the solar just so that I can get away from this.

1 Because I'm starting to think, "How can I afford to live
2 once we are retired?" I have people say, "You'll never
3 get your money back from that solar." But I'm just
4 thinking I have to be able to have electricity. And
5 it's a shame, because it shouldn't be like that. And
6 that's all I have to say.

7 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. Tillquist. We
8 appreciate your comments today.

9 Operator, next speaker.

10 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Larry Irion.
11 You may go ahead. Your line is open.

12 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER IRION

13 Larry Irion, L-a-r-r-y, I-r-i-o-n, from
14 Laguna Woods, California.

15 I have been trying to get in touch with Edison
16 for weeks. The lines are completely busy all of the
17 time, and they want to put you on hold for 60 to
18 90 minutes. Something has to be done about the
19 communication with the Edison Company. I tried to get
20 ahold -- I tried to apply for the CARE program, since my
21 wife and I are both retired, there is no way that we can
22 find any criteria that would tell me what the criteria
23 are for being eligible for CARE. And, in addition to
24 that, the -- the CARE program -- I finally got ahold of
25 somebody that was able to take the application

1 information. And I have yet to hear anything back about
2 whether it is approved or not.

3 So, this means that the IT department of Edison
4 has made the website completely impossible to navigate
5 for older people. I happen to be 92 -- and I have
6 difficulty with technology anyway. But making that
7 website impossible to navigate, you can't get anything
8 done with Edison.

9 As far as the rate increases, it has hit me, as
10 well as the other people that have been calling. Our
11 bill in January of this year -- over January of 19- --
12 2023, has more than doubled. And this is not right.
13 So, I would like to have something done about the rates.
14 And, also, I would like to have somebody contact me as
15 for the criteria for the CARE program.

16 Thank you.]

17 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Mr. Irion. I
18 mentioned in the beginning, we do have a couple of
19 customer representatives from Southern California Edison
20 available today. I suggest you might want to follow up
21 with Kari Gardner. Her number is 909-773-2269.

22 Hopefully that will help.

23 SPEAKER IRION: Please say it again, please,
24 that number.

25 ALJ SEYBERT: 909 -773-2269.

1 SPEAKER IRION: Thank you. Kari?

2 ALJ SEYBERT: Correct.

3 SPEAKER IRION: Thank you.

4 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you.

5 Operator, next speaker.

6 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Nayiri
7 Baghdassarian with the San Gabriel Valley Economic
8 Partnership.

9 You may go ahead.

10 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER BAGHDASSARIAN

11 Hi. My name is Nayiri -- that's spelled
12 N-a-y-i-r-i -- last name Baghdassarian,
13 B-a-g-h-d-a-s-s-a-r-i-a-n, with the San Gabriel Valley
14 Economic Partnership.

15 We represent a diverse group of regional
16 stakeholders throughout the 31 San Gabriel Valley
17 cities, and I am here to express that we understand the
18 need for SoCal Edison's request to meet the growing
19 needs of customers and the state's climate and energy
20 mandate. Thank you so much.

21 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you.

22 Operator, next speaker.

23 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Linda
24 O'Brien.

25 You may go ahead.

1 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER O'BRIEN

2 Hi. This is Linda O'Brien -- that's
3 O'B-r-i-e-n -- from Palmdale, California.

4 I certainly agree with, you know, Michael and
5 Joanne and William Williams in their statistics, but
6 also, I have found a statistic that indicated that
7 electric rates have -- in California -- in California
8 where they are emphasizing solar and wind power -- in
9 California, electric rates have gone up 54 percent since
10 2018. CPUC should return to regulated utilities.

11 And as so many people have said, seniors have
12 such difficult time keeping up with these rate
13 increases, which, you know, I get a notice almost every
14 three months. "We're requesting a rate increase."
15 "We're requesting a rate increase." I mean, who does
16 that? And -- you know, when it calls for reinvesting
17 your profits back into your business to take care of
18 those things that you need to take care of for your
19 infrastructure does not include giving bonuses and perks
20 and \$20-million-a-year salary to administrators.

21 And that's about all I have to say for now in
22 agreement with the majority of people who say no. No
23 more. Cut it down. Three percent a year. What's the
24 biggest raise you ever got? Six percent? Anyway.
25 Thank you.

1 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. O'Brien.

2 Operator, next speaker.

3 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Sarah Harris.

4 You may go ahead.

5 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER HARRIS

6 Yes. Hello. This is Sarah Harris, S-a-r-a-h

7 H-a-r-r-i-s. I'm calling from the Black Business

8 Association.

9 We are the oldest eth -- ethnic business
10 support organization in the State of California, and
11 we're here to say that as a -- SCE, as a powering of the
12 regional economy and they safely deliver reliable and
13 increasingly clean energy -- electricity, we understand
14 that investment to our power grid and infrastructure and
15 also the increasingly climate-related occurrences that
16 are encumbering us.

17 We understand that the investment is needed.
18 And also, too, to support with our economy and for our
19 small businesses, we want to make sure that they have
20 what they need to support for their business and the
21 economy.

22 Our thoughts -- and, in the end, we believe
23 that it will pay out for the better for all. And thank
24 you so much. So we're calling in support.

25 Thank you.

1 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. Harris.

2 Operator, next speaker.

3 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Marlene
4 Eckles.

5 You may go ahead.

6 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER ECKLES

7 Oh. Hi. This is Marlene, M-a-r-l-e-n-e
8 E-c-k-l-e-s.

9 I just wanted to say that I agree with the
10 majority of people that have called, that I am very,
11 very much against these really awful rate increases. I
12 added it up, and just between 20 -- between '23 --
13 between '24 and '25 -- it would be 22 percent '24 and 10
14 percent '25. That's 32 percent just in two years, and
15 then another 18 percent over the next three years.
16 That's a total of 50 percent rate increase over 5 years.
17 That's huge and totally, totally unacceptable for all
18 the reasons that most of the people have stated.

19 Also, I wanted to add one other thing. You
20 know, it said in California that they want us to use
21 more electricity and way less gas, and they want us to
22 use electric cars. Well, those electric cars have to be
23 charged. And so when you charge the electric cars by
24 raising the rate on electricity, you're going to make
25 those rates sky high for electric cars, which my husband

1 and I don't understand because if they want us to use
2 electric cars why are they raising the rates on what it
3 will take to use those cars?

4 So I -- so I -- I also feel that the --
5 Southern California Edison should not be able to just
6 willy-nilly raise their rates and that the CEOs and
7 other people that are making humongous salaries should
8 not be getting those kinds of salaries and that the CPUC
9 should not allow them to have this kind of rate
10 increase. I could see maybe 1 or 2 percent and that's
11 it.

12 Okay. Thank you very much.

13 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you for your comments
14 today.

15 Operator, next speaker.

16 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Gina Badinas
17 (sic).

18 You may go head.

19 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER VENEGAS

20 Hello? My name is Gina Venegas.

21 All I really wanted to add -- mostly everybody
22 is against this rate, that I've been listening to,
23 accept for one doctor. And a 40 percent -- 40.6 percent
24 is what I figure you're going to go up by 2028. It's a
25 shame that our Medicare can't go up that much or social

1 security. So, please, I hope with all these calls that
2 everybody will have patience and wait, because I been --
3 I don't know -- 30 minutes, 45 minutes, but it will be
4 worth it if this rate increase is not voted on, if it is
5 pushed down.

6 Thank you.

7 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you.

8 Operator, next caller.

9 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Keith
10 Holleman.

11 You may go ahead.

12 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER HOLLEMAN

13 Thank you for taking the call. Keith Holleman,
14 H-o-l-l-e-m-a-n.

15 And I'm in agreement with the majority of the
16 callers rejecting a need for such a massive rate
17 increase. A reasonable rate is very understandable for
18 future investments, but the expensive rate that we're
19 looking at I think goes well beyond the needs of the
20 consumers.

21 I do not believe we, as consumers, should
22 basically pay for the maybe inefficiencies of the
23 business being run. Maybe the -- instead of looking at
24 rate increases, the Commission should be able to
25 mandate -- or SCE should be able to cut their

1 expenditures. If they can reduce their expenses, which
2 I'm sure there's a lot of waste in SCE, there would be a
3 viable means of increasing the rates at a reasonable
4 level.

5 So I'm totally against the rate increase as
6 proposed. I would not be against a reasonable rate, but
7 I don't think that's in the future plans. So I really
8 hope the Commission takes a look at all of the comments
9 that are being made. I'm hearing a lot of senior
10 citizens, and that really needs to be focused in, that
11 most senior citizens are not living off their real
12 estate investments. They are living off their
13 month-to-month social security payment.

14 But, again, I just think there's a better way
15 for business to be run if SCE began to look at their
16 expenses more so than just generate a revenue. The
17 salaries of \$20 million for the head of the
18 organization, the rate of return that the shareholders
19 are obtaining, that's all understandable, but excessive
20 rates should not be the burden of the consumers, which
21 we are. And I hope the commissioner will reject the
22 rate increase in totality, if not, reduce the proposed
23 rate increase to a much more reasonable level.

24 Thank you for your -- opportunity to speak, and
25 I hopefully we won't get this rate increase in 2025.

1 Thank you.

2 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you for your comments
3 today.

4 Operator, next speaker.

5 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Varouhi (sic)
6 Gezalyan.

7 You may go ahead.

8 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER GEZALYAN

9 Hi. My name is Zarouhi. First name
10 Z-a-r-o-u-h-i. Last name G-e-z-a-l-y-a-n.

11 I'm calling actually on behalf of my
12 father-in-law. He is an 86-year-old, you know, social
13 security income receiving man living alone, lost his
14 wife. So he doesn't really cook. He doesn't, you know,
15 use any AC. The only thing he does use is the, you
16 know, heater during this cold season. And being on his
17 own, he pays over \$200 -- the last bill was about \$200
18 this month. It's ridiculous. You know, he lives off of
19 his own income and pays his rent, goes gets his food,
20 you know, a little bit of stuff for himself. And beyond
21 that, it's -- living, for him, it's going to be, you
22 know, more difficult if this increase does happen.

23 I agree with all those who are calling. I feel
24 for them. This is ridiculous when, you know, living on
25 a fixed income and, you know, need to survive,

1 basically. I don't know how his bill could be so
2 outrageously high when literally doesn't even, you know,
3 use anything but the heater during the evening. So I
4 pray that something gets done in regards to this for
5 those who are really struggling, as it is, to survive.

6 And like someone said from the callers, people
7 are literally leaving California because of this
8 situation. It's become really difficult to keep up.
9 And at 86 years old, for a man to pick up and move
10 somewhere away from his family is really, really not the
11 option that we're looking for.

12 So please take into consideration all these
13 people who have lived here, who have paid their taxes,
14 who have given all they've got to the state and
15 shouldn't be put in this situation cornered in what to
16 choose, how to live and how to pay their bills every
17 single month. So those months -- those days come really
18 quickly.

19 Thank you so much for your time. Appreciate
20 you.

21 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. Gezalyan.
22 Appreciate your comments today.

23 Operator, next speaker.

24 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Marilyn
25 Allen.

1 You may go ahead.

2 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER ALLEN

3 Hi. This is Marilyn Allen, M-a-r-i-l-y-n.
4 Last name A-l-l-e-n.

5 I basically agree with the majority of the
6 people, but I wanted to add one thing. I looked up on
7 the Internet what Steven Powell, who is the president
8 and CEO of Southern California Edison -- he's making
9 \$2,791,000. I would assume that's a year. And the net
10 profit for 2022 was \$954 million. With that -- with
11 those kind of figures, it's telling me that Southern
12 California is very top heavy. I know it's
13 investor-owned, but that's no reason to gouge the
14 public. They can give a little. I think the public has
15 given more than a little.

16 When I keep my home at 80 degrees in the
17 summer, 68 in the winter because I can't afford to pay
18 any more is absolutely nonsense. Since I moved into
19 this house, the utilities have increased, doubled. This
20 is -- something's got to give. People have got to live.
21 They've got to pay all these other bills. How much can
22 you squeeze us any further?

23 Thank you.

24 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. Allen.

25 Operator, next speaker.

1 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Gregory
2 Princler.

3 You may go ahead.

4 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER PRINCLER

5 Good afternoon, Commissioner. My name is
6 Gregory Princler. Last name is spelled P-r-i-n-c-l-e-r.
7 I live in Garden Grove, California.

8 Being one of those seniors, I understand what
9 it's like to pinch pennies. Every year since the '80s,
10 every year we have gotten an increase for electricity.
11 And with that increase for electricity, comes an
12 increase for the gas because they piggyback off each
13 other. They are saying we need to watch our electricity
14 because of the grid. Why didn't they watch building
15 those electric chargers for the electric cars? Every
16 time they do an infrastructure solar wind power, we
17 don't seem to reap the rewards as far as the customer.

18 But the minute they put those electric chargers
19 refueling stations in for the electric cars, our money
20 goes right out the window. And that's kind of nasty
21 because we're paying for them. Why should we have to --
22 increase those electric chargers. They want to go in --
23 get an electric car, that's great. But just like
24 gasoline -- we want to power our gasoline cars, we're
25 going to have to pay for that. But, no, they can't get

1 away with this increasement -- increasing of Edison.
2 For what reason? To pay off the lawsuits from the fire
3 to pay off their pay because they decide they are going
4 to sit on their behinds and they are worth \$2 million a
5 year. That's not fair.

6 I thank you for your time, and I hope this
7 doesn't go through.

8 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Mr. Princler.

9 Operator, next caller, please.

10 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Oswaz (sic)
11 May.

12 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER MAY

13 Yes.

14 THE OPERATOR: You may go ahead.

15 SPEAKER MAY: My name is Francoise May.

16 Francoise is my first name, F-r-a-n-c-o-i-s-e.

17 I'm calling from Palm Springs, California, and
18 as you know, Palm Springs is the hottest spot of
19 California and the hottest spot of the country. Last
20 summer my bills -- even though I consume the least
21 electricity in four years, my bill was practically
22 double, and I'm a low-income senior. I'm 75 years old.
23 I am handicapped, not disabled, but handicapped, with
24 arthritis. And I had both hips replaced, and now I'm
25 limping.

1 I am completely alone, no family member, only
2 my neighbors to check on me once in a while to see if
3 I'm still alive. Last summer was so difficult in Palm
4 Springs. We had temperature of 120 degrees three weeks
5 in a row. I totally understand that's not the fault of
6 Southern California Edison. But what I don't understand
7 is that Imperial County, which is right next -- we are
8 part of -- this is Riverside County, Palm Springs.
9 Imperial County, which is right -- east of us, they do
10 not have Southern California Edison. They have Imperial
11 service. They pay a third of what we pay in Palm
12 Springs for our electricity. They pay a third there. I
13 know it because I was still working part-time. Even
14 though I'm old and disabled and handicapped -- I'm
15 sorry. Not disabled -- I was working at Macy's. My
16 coworkers live in the Eastern Valley, and they had, in
17 the summer, bills of \$70 while I was paying \$350. And
18 my neighbors were having bills of \$850 a month.

19 At a certain point, I called the hotline
20 prevention -- suicide prevention because I was so
21 depressed I wanted to end it all. I cannot afford the
22 prices increase. I really ask the commissioner please
23 relay the problem that we face as seniors in the climate
24 change. You cannot put that on us. We do not have the
25 resources to pay for it.

15 SPEAKER MAY: You're welcome. And thank you,

1 too, having this event today, because it's really
2 important that you listen to us.

3 The other thing I agree, as an old person, I
4 don't have access to the Internet -- except on my phone,
5 and I can't see on my phone. I don't have a computer.
6 You can't communicate with Southern California Edison.
7 It's impossible.

8 That's another thing. Imperial, which is a
9 different electric agency, they operate like in the old
10 days. You can talk to them. I have the name of
11 different people who are living with Imperial, and they
12 told me, "You have to get out of Palm springs. Get out
13 of Southern California Edison." And I can't do it,
14 because I cannot move.

15 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you. We greatly appreciate
16 your comments today.

17 SPEAKER MAY: Yeah. This is Palm Springs.
18 That's the hottest part of the country.

19 Thank you.

20 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you.

21 Operator, next caller.

22 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is
23 Manuel Mastadeer. You may go ahead.

24 (No response.)

25 THE OPERATOR: Again, Manuel Mastadeer, we are

1 not able to hear you. Please check your mute button.

2 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Mr. Mastadeer. If
3 you're still having trouble, I suggest you hang up and
4 try calling again.

5 Okay. Thank you. Operator, next speaker.

6 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. Our next caller is
7 Lavy Brown. You may go ahead.

8 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER BROWN

9 Yes, hello. My concerns are numerous.

10 Those for seniors, disabled seniors, being on
11 fixed incomes, we're having to budget. But yet, as
12 someone said -- and I looked it up my own self -- that
13 people are being paid \$73,000, a hundred thousand,
14 \$200,000 of -- for executives, plus bonuses, millions of
15 dollars for the CEO, plus bonuses. We're having social
16 security as our only income. We're having to budget all
17 of our bills with what money we do get, three-percent
18 increase.

19 And yet, the electric company is asking for a
20 higher increase than what we even get per year, even
21 with the eight percent that we got not long ago. But,
22 still, you know, what they are asking for is even more
23 than what we would be getting.

24 I know people that have a house, and they keep
25 their utilities, their electricity, at a regular rate at

1 degrees, and they are paying 400-plus per a month. We
2 have temperatures up in the Lancaster, Palmdale are that
3 in the summer they are going up to 115 degrees, and we
4 get no compensation that we're having to turn our air up
5 higher to compensate for the heat. We get freezing-cold
6 temperatures in the winter. And we have to turn up our
7 heat, and some of our heaters are electric switch. And,
8 you know, where we live, we cannot help it. Because
9 some of us living in apartments, that's what they have
10 provided.

11 But, you know, they are wanting to get more
12 money. How about they live on a budget. How about they
13 decrease all of these bonuses. How about they -- when
14 they have their planned outages for repairs, that they
15 do the work right so that they don't have to keep coming
16 back monthly to keep doing the same repairs, replacing
17 the same equipment, or saying "Oh, we have to do this to
18 it, we have to do that to it." Why didn't they get the
19 repair totally fixed, at the time when they had it?

20 Many people with being on fixed incomes and
21 needing to have their utilities be -- some being on the
22 CARE program, some being on the medical baseline, some
23 of us are medically --

24 (Timer notification.)

25 SPEAKER BROWN: -- utilities. And, you know,

1 I'm one of those. I have a medical need for it. But my
2 -- my income is such that if they keep having increases,
3 increases, increases, and hit -- you know, how am I
4 supposed to pay for that? How am I supposed to pay for
5 food? How am I supposed to pay for where I live? How
6 am I supposed to, you know, pay for any other bills that
7 I have? And I have minimal bills, as it is, for winter.
8 I'm having \$53-plus for utilities, but I'm not using
9 hardly anything as far as utilities go.

10 So, they need to be on a budget. I see -- you
11 know, and I'm not trying to take away from people having
12 a living wage -- but \$20 an hour, and me being a senior,
13 that's more than I ever got per hour. But the CEOs and
14 their bonuses need to be cut off so that, you know,
15 we're not paying for their bonuses in the electricity
16 rates being increased. And how about having businesses
17 bear the brunt --

18 (Timer notification.)

19 SPEAKER BROWN: -- of these increases, instead
20 of always the residential customers.

21 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. Brown. You're
22 well past the three minutes. Could you try and wrap up
23 your comments?

24 SPEAKER BROWN: This needs to be not approved
25 for these rate increases. And they need to dial it back

1 at Southern California Edison.

2 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you very much.

3 Operator, next speaker.

4 THE OPERATOR: Next caller is Mary Lancamp.

5 You may go ahead.

6 (No response.)

7 THE OPERATOR: Okay. One moment please.

8 ALJ SEYBERT: Operator, I'm not able to hear
9 anything, are you?

10 SPEAKER LANCAMP: I'm sorry. Do I have -- can
11 you hear me now?

12 ALJ SEYBERT: Ah, yes. Thank you.

13 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER LANCAMP

14 Mary Lancamp. Sorry, I didn't know how to
15 connect.

16 I love what everyone has had to say. And I
17 concur, with pretty much everyone, that we do not need a
18 rate increase. I, again, am a senior student -- or not
19 student -- senior citizen in the Temecula area. And the
20 rates just keep going up and up. And I've been trying
21 to be very conservative on keeping my temperature, in
22 the summer even, at 80 degrees, and in the winter at
23 60 degrees, and I still see an increase. And so, I
24 concur with a lot of people and their recent comments.

25 Thank you for letting me share my thoughts.

1 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you very much for your
2 comments today.

3 A reminder, when you first join, please spell
4 your name and indicate the city you are calling from.

5 Operator, next speaker, please.

6 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Gigi Jackson.
7 You may go ahead.

8 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER JACKSON

9 Hi, this is Gigi. Can you hear me?

10 ALJ SEYBERT: Yes.

11 SPEAKER JACKSON: Okay. Thank you for taking
12 this afternoon to listen to our concerns. I'm
13 Gigi Jackson, and I live in Orange County.

14 And I'm a retired educator. And after retiring
15 seven years ago, just as everyone has said -- and I
16 concur with everyone that has shared their concerns and
17 their complaints -- my electric bill has just doubled,
18 if not tripled in certain cases. And when you are
19 living on a fixed income, it is -- it's -- you have to
20 literally pick and choose what you're going to pay in
21 order to make -- pay your bills and not fall too behind.

22 I just feel that we cannot continue to move at
23 this pace. And some of the people have done their
24 homework and found the salaries of some of the CEOs and
25 the other personnel that are working. It's just not

1 fair to put this burden on us. And I came in a little
2 late. But if I heard correctly, I heard that in 2025,
3 our bill is going to go up over 25 percent. That is
4 just unreal.

5 So, I hope the comments that you are hearing
6 today do not fall on deaf ears. I go to several of our
7 city council meetings. And we have a majority group
8 that, regardless of what the citizens are saying, even
9 though almost everyone that goes to the podium is saying
10 "Don't do this, don't do this, it's not good for our
11 city," after all comments are made, it's like it fell on
12 deaf ears, and they vote the complete opposite. So I
13 hope that the comments you're hearing today are not
14 falling on deaf ears and you truly are listening to the
15 concerns of everyone that has spoken this afternoon.
16 It's a reality. We cannot continue at this pace.

17 We're concerned about our homeless populations.
18 And at this pace, if those of us who are on fixed
19 incomes continue at this pace, we're not going to be
20 able to continue in our house or the apartments that we
21 live in. So, thank you for taking the time to listen to
22 us. I hope that you really consider the comments that
23 are made. And I do not support the increase that you
24 guys proposed today.

25 Thank you.

1 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you for your comments
2 today, Ms. Jackson.

3 Just one point of clarification. For the
4 monthly bill impacts for 2025, for an average customer,
5 Edison is proposing approximately a 10.3-percent
6 increase for 2025.

7 SPEAKER JACKSON: That's still too much,
8 especially those of us that are paying over \$400 in
9 electricity right now, like I am.

10 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you.

11 SPEAKER JACKSON: And my house is not that big.

12 ALJ SEYBERT: I appreciate your comments.

13 SPEAKER JACKSON: Thank you.

14 ALJ SEYBERT: Operator, next speaker.

15 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is
16 Toni Clinkscates. You may go ahead.

17 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER CLINKSCALES

18 Good afternoon. My name is Toni Clinkscates,
19 T-o-n-i, first name; last name, Clinkscates,
20 C-l-i-n-k-s-c-a-l-e-s.

21 I'm calling in with the same concerns as
22 everyone else. And my added comment to it is, I heard
23 someone -- and I didn't catch the name -- they were
24 talking about the electric -- the electric cars that are
25 going to be mandated. And I find that that's kind of

1 interesting that California is mandating electric cars
2 when we're having such a problem with our grids keeping
3 up with the current usage that people are -- are having
4 to manipulate to live on during the day, the TOUs, which
5 is the time of use. We have to monitor, you know, what
6 time we can wash our dishes, wash our clothes; and we're
7 doing all of this while they're trying to increase
8 electric cars on the road, while we're having all these
9 new developments.

10 I live in Inland Empire. And it is just
11 astronomical developments of businesses and houses,
12 which SCE is going to have to accommodate. So the more
13 that we build, the more our grids -- what is Southern
14 California Edison doing to -- what -- for their
15 infrastructure that would begot solar power, instead of
16 building or using private companies to increase our
17 costs? It just doesn't even make any sense.

18 Also, I want to comment on somebody else
19 mentioning -- or no, no, no. I'm sorry. You mentioned
20 that their annual operating costs includes meters,
21 employees, poles, wires, all of that stuff. Well, as
22 some of the other commenters have called in and said,
23 you can't even get ahold of an employee. So, who are
24 you paying? The CEO isn't answering these phone calls.
25 And we can't even get through for our concerns.

1 My meter was out for almost a month, and I
2 never got an alert. And they sent somebody over here --
3 they dispatched somebody over here and never even told
4 me. And when I asked about it, they said they don't
5 send them out. That doesn't make any sense. My meter
6 is out --

7 (Timer notification.)

8 SPEAKER CLINKSCALES: Okay. I know my time is
9 up, but I just wanted to say: I'm in concurrence with
10 everybody else. It shouldn't increase when you're
11 asking -- you're not even looking at your infrastructure
12 or taking care of the so-called employees that aren't
13 even answering the phones.

14 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you very much for your
15 comments today.

16 SPEAKER CLINKSCALES: Thank you for allowing
17 me.

18 ALJ SEYBERT: Operator, next speaker, please.

19 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is
20 Christine Washburn, a Redlands resident.

21 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER WASHBURN

22 Yes. Christine, C-h-r-i-s-t-i-n-e, Washburn,
23 W-a-s-h-b-u-r-n.

24 I am one of those -- my husband and I are
25 retired and on a fixed income. I get a whopping \$12 for

1 Social Security. And he retired as a custodian. I am
2 against these rate increases. And in return, we have
3 higher gasoline prices, higher food prices, higher --
4 home owners' insurance has doubled because of the fires.
5 Even tax preparation fees are going up. So, I am
6 against the rate increases.

7 If Imperial County can have lower rates as the
8 other folks, why can't SCE be more efficient in its use
9 of funds? And why does the CEO require \$2 million? Is
10 \$1 million not enough per a year? I just am very
11 frustrated that it's become harder and harder to live.

12 And I'm a California native. I'd like to die
13 in my own home. And I just hope and pray that we'll be
14 able to make all these payments. Thank you.

15 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. Washburn.

16 Operator, next caller.

17 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Caron Nunez,
18 Lincoln Training Center. You may go ahead.

19 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER NUNEZ

20 Hello, my name is Caron, C-a-r-o-n; last name
21 is Nunez, N-u-n-e-z. And I'm with Lincoln Training
22 Center Organization. We're down in South El Monte.

23 And what we do is, we serve hundreds of people
24 with disabilities. And I'm in support of GRC.
25 Especially when -- I'm in support because I like that

1 when you restore power after an outage, it's done
2 quickly. And so, the upgrades are necessary. We have
3 people with disabilities who are on breathing machines
4 and equipment. And their backup systems only last so
5 long. So restoration during the short times, or
6 downtime, is very critical for this population.

7 I also am in support because of the increase in
8 cyber security needs. I'm -- I'm aware of what can
9 happen if we don't have adequate oversight. So, thank
10 you so much for your time. I appreciate it very much.]

11 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. Nunez.

12 Operator, next caller.

13 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Margarita
14 Masgorro.

15 You may go ahead. State your full name.

16 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER MASGORRO

17 Hello?

18 THE OPERATOR: Margarita, we are not able to
19 hear you, but go ahead.

20 SPEAKER MASGORRO: Can you hear me? Okay. My
21 name is Margarita Masgorro, M-a-s-g-o-r-r-o.

22 My husband and I, we are 80 years old, and we
23 are having -- doing the increases -- I mean,
24 everything -- market, bills. I mean, it's getting
25 tough. He only gets a little more -- with increase this

1 year, a little more than \$700. And it's terrible to
2 hear all these people make millions of dollars. And
3 it's incredible. Some day they are going to be present
4 to God, and they going to say, "Why you let these
5 people" -- "Why you didn't help" when they making
6 millions of dollars.

7 I'm talking about all the senior citizens and
8 all the low-income families who are -- they having the
9 bills to pay, not enough money to -- to put their food.
10 And it's horrible. It's horrible how these people just
11 thinking of themselves, just getting the CO -- EO and
12 their administration and all -- making all the money,
13 and I do not agree for any -- any more increases. We
14 had enough. And our income is very limited. You know,
15 like -- I'm really -- I have issues with my health. I'm
16 (inaudible) in my house, and I have to use electricity.
17 I'm -- can you hear me? Hello.

18 ALJ SEYBERT: Yes. Yes. We can hear you.

19 SPEAKER MASGORRO: Yes. I do not agree with
20 these people that want increases. Please help us to
21 change different companies or somebody else to bring us
22 electricity to our homes.

23 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you very much for your
24 comments today.

25 SPEAKER MASGORRO: Thank you.

1 ALJ SEYBERT: Operator, next speaker.

2 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Rex Worthy.

3 You may go ahead.

4 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER WORTHY

5 Thank you. My name is Rex Worthy, R-e-x
6 W-o-r-t-h-y. I live in Frazier Park, California. I'm
7 69 years old. I'm on a fixed income. And I am on the
8 CARE program. That does help big time, but still, I'm
9 dying here. I'm dying here in California. And the
10 bills are just getting too much. I'm saving every
11 little penny -- or dollar nowadays. And it's just -- I
12 don't know. It's just getting too much for me, you
13 know. My insurance has increased. Like everyone else,
14 the cost-of-living in California has increased. I own
15 my house. I'm still on a mortgage, but every time they
16 get to taxes, it's just -- anyway, I just wanted to say
17 to the community: Please vote no on this subject.

18 They have been a good -- Edison's been a good
19 company. We do (inaudible) up here in Frazier Park.
20 But it's just -- I'm just old, and I'm on, you know,
21 social security. And I'm just trying to -- I have a
22 budget, and it just doesn't work every month. It keeps
23 going up. So I just want to ask the California Public
24 Utilities Commission to vote no on this application.

25 Thank you very much.

1 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you for your comments,
2 Mr. Worthy.

3 Operator, next speaker, please.

4 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Lisa Bowden.
5 You may go ahead.

6 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER BOWDEN

7 Yes. Hi. My name is Lisa, L-i-s-a, last name
8 Bowden, B, as in boy, o-w-d, as in David, e, as in
9 Edward, n, as in Nancy. And I reside in Rancho
10 Cucamonga, California.

11 The constant increases, it seems like this is
12 such a monopoly. It's hard for -- now it's just my
13 husband and I -- to even, you know, buy groceries, you
14 know, put gas in our vehicles. I did buy a plug-in
15 hybrid which has helped a bit with that, but, you know,
16 there's so many of us on fixed incomes. And this is
17 really -- any increases with any utility is hurting the
18 middle class.

19 It seems like us customers are paying for the
20 inadequacies of the maintenance of what Edison should be
21 doing between, you know, like the fires -- (inaudible)
22 the Grand Prix Fires, the high salaries, which has been
23 already spoke about. I was on line too looking at what
24 some of these people are making, and it's crazy. They
25 should have their salaries reduced, if you ask me, and,

1 of course, them owning stock.

2 And like with the fires, their homeowners
3 insurance -- some of my neighbors can't even get
4 homeowners insurance except they have to go through a
5 special plan through California, but doesn't seem right.
6 The tiers -- luckily my husband and I both work out of
7 the house so when I do need to do anything, when I have
8 time, at least I can do my laundry, but there's very
9 many people that have families that have to wait 'til
10 the evenings even to watch TV, cook their meals. It
11 should just be one rate and a lower rate for everybody.

12 I'm not a big believer in climate change. I
13 think that's a leftist agenda. So I'm not going to make
14 any more comments on that. The -- again, just the --
15 just the cost that it's going to cost us all. It's not
16 right. There's -- something needs to be done.
17 Everybody needs to vote no. It's -- like I said, it's
18 hurting the middle class, and it's not fair. It's
19 almost like between all these companies -- and I will be
20 a little bit political -- it seems like they are trying
21 to turn us into a socialist country so we have to rely
22 on the government.

23 But I hope everybody does -- that this is voted
24 down. And that with the renewable power grid,
25 infrastructure right now can't handle it, and it's going

1 to be a long time before it can be handled.

2 And that's all my comments, and I thank you for
3 having this call today.

4 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. Bowden.

5 SPEAKER BOWDEN: You're welcome.

6 ALJ SEYBERT: Operator, next call.

7 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. And before we go to
8 the next caller, if you would like to make a comment,
9 please unmute your phone, press star one and record your
10 first and last name clearly.

11 Our next caller is James Cervantes.

12 You may go ahead.

13 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER CERVANTES

14 Hello, everybody. My name is James Cervantes,
15 J-a-m-e-s C-e-r-v-a-n-t-e-s. I live in Chino Hills.

16 Also, I understand the GRC and the need to
17 increase the rates. However, how are they going to
18 distribute the increase within the three tiers? Are
19 they going to spread it out evenly or add the increase
20 to a majority of the single tier such as the high-peak
21 tier that is already a high rate.

22 Also, along with that, there's the winter cost
23 periods and the summer cost periods, which were also, I
24 believe, different rates as well. So I just want to
25 know -- or kind of wonder how they're going to spread

1 this increase.

2 Also, the increase over 40.6 percent is way too
3 high of an increase to a utility. It is already one of
4 the highest utilities we pay. Again, I understand the
5 need to increase the rate every four years, which is
6 what the GRC is. However, I believe a lower percentage
7 would be more understandable than a 40 point -- than a
8 40.6 percent increase. And that's it.

9 Thank you much.

10 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Mr. Cervantes.

11 Operator, next caller.

12 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Alice Snyder.

13 You may go ahead.

14 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER SNYDER

15 Hi. My name is Alice Snyder, A-l-i-c-e
16 S-n-y-d-e-r. I'm in my late 20s, and I live in La
17 Crescenta.

18 And I just wanted to add my voice to this
19 conversation because I understand and appreciate that a
20 lot of senior citizens are engaging in this
21 conversation, but I also want to make it clear that it's
22 not just them who are opposing this increase as well.

23 I do -- you know, specifically, myself, I have
24 a master's degree in environmental science and
25 specializing in the interactions between society and the

1 environment. So I understand that there needs to be a
2 shift in where we use our energy and how we use our
3 energy, but I don't believe that the rates should
4 increase so drastically because it discourages people
5 from choosing a renewable option.

6 And to really make the change last, you
7 shouldn't make people choose between keeping their house
8 warm or protecting the environment.

9 And that's all I have to say. Thank you.

10 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you very much for your
11 comments.

12 Operator, next speaker.

13 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Aggie (sic)
14 Jacobi.

15 You may go ahead.

16 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER JACOBI

17 Hi. This is Peggy. I'm sorry. Can you hear
18 me?

19 ALJ SEYBERT: Yes, we can hear you.

20 Okay. I'm -- my name is Peggy Jacobi,
21 P-e-g-g-y J-a-c-o-b-i. I'm from the Victor Valley, the
22 High Desert of California.

23 And I would like to suggest that our elected
24 officials that are for the people of California would
25 put a lot of pressure on Edison. I call for an audit of

1 Edison to see where their money is going to. We -- as
2 Californians, we want to know what their money is going
3 to and then for them to be audited.

4 And also, there was one other thing. Who owns
5 Edison? It feels like some kind of foreign entity
6 purchased Edison and they are taking advantage of the
7 American people. And so I know that with Gavin Newsom
8 and his solar and his electric stuff and him all
9 thinking that that -- this is what we need, no, we need
10 our power grids improved. We need Edison to be audited.
11 We want to know where the money is going, and we want
12 our money to be put to good use. And no, I am against
13 the raise in our Edison bill one hundred percent.

14 Thank you.

15 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. Jacobi.

16 SPEAKER JACOBI: Mm-hmm.

17 ALJ SEYBERT: Operator, next speaker, please.

18 THE OPERATOR: Our next caller is Rachel Beard.
19 You may go ahead. Your line is open.

20 (No audible response.)

21 THE OPERATOR: Rachel Beard, we're not able to
22 hear you. Please check your mute button.

23 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER BEARD

24 Oh. Yes. Okay. Yes. Yeah. I don't approve
25 of an increase. I don't believe that we need to push

1 solar powers (sic) on houses that -- just to, you know,
2 help out. I don't agree with them pushing solar. Like
3 we don't really want solar, but we do -- don't want
4 the -- we don't want the increase.

5 I believe that we have fires -- that we pay our
6 fire department through our taxes. So I don't think
7 that should be an issue. And I feel like we really --
8 like one of the gentlemen said, that we really -- we
9 need to really -- the electric company really needs to
10 check their own budget, yes. But -- and I think there's
11 something that (inaudible) around this increase. I know
12 it's 10 percent seems like it's less, you know, than --
13 to you guys, but (inaudible) trust, we do care about the
14 increase. And so that that's all I wanted to say.

15 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you very much for your
16 comments today.

17 MS. BEARD: Thank you.

18 ALJ SEYBERT: Operator, next speaker, please.

19 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. And, again, before
20 we go to the next caller, if you would like to make a
21 comment, please unmute your phone and press star one to
22 record your name.

23 Our next caller is Donnel (sic) Laux-Minjares.

24 You may go ahead.

25 (No audible response.)

1 THE OPERATOR: Again, Donnel Laux-Minjares,
2 we're not able to hear you. Please check you're mute
3 button.

4 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER LAUX-MINJARES

5 Are you saying "Annah Laux-Minjares"?

6 THE OPERATOR: Yes, go ahead.

7 SPEAKER LAUX-MINJARES: My name is spelled
8 A-n-n-a-h, as in honey. Last name is Laux, as in
9 x-ray -M, as in Mary, i-n-j-a-r-e-s, as in Sam. I'm in
10 the Newhall, California area.

11 And I totally agree with not increasing the
12 rate, at least not 10.3 or 10.6, whatever it is that
13 you're looking at. I don't think it should be more than
14 a 2 percent increase. I recently lost my job. I'm a
15 senior. I'm gonna be 64 in a couple of months, and
16 having to look for work at this age, worried about
17 having income to even keep a roof over my head is
18 concerning me let alone having to worry about paying a
19 couple hundred bucks a month for the electric bill.

20 And I just barely qualified for the CARE
21 program because of the loss of my employment. But that
22 still is over \$100 a month, if not more, for the
23 electricity. So I just want to make sure that you
24 consider that as well, that some of us have issues that
25 may take place in our lives that make it difficult for

1 us such as unemployment. And there's probably going to
2 be a lot more people that are losing their jobs because
3 of what happened with the COVID and property management
4 and real estate management.

5 So I thank you for allowing us to call in, and
6 I, as other callers stated, do hope that this isn't
7 falling on deaf ears, that you really are taking into
8 consideration the situation with how difficult it is for
9 us especially older individuals that don't have a steady
10 income or a good income to be able to provide for
11 ourselves. It's not a joke when people are talking
12 about being homeless or having to eat cat food or dog
13 food because you can't afford the electricity in the
14 summer months because it's so overwhelmingly hot.

15 Thank you again.

16 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you. We greatly appreciate
17 your comments today.

18 Operator, next speaker, please.

19 THE OPERATOR: Our last caller is Loretta
20 Cooper.

21 You may go ahead.

22 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER COOPER

23 Loretta Cooper, L-o-r-e-t-t-a C-o-o-p-e-r.
24 Inglewood, California.

25 I respectfully offer my comments regarding my

1 opposition to the proposed cost increases. Financial
2 costs related to wildfires, some of which were linked to
3 utility equipment failures, should not be passed onto
4 customers. Infrastructure improvements are part of
5 doing business, particularly for a privately owned
6 entity. Compensation to shareholders is likely not a
7 major concern for the majority of SCE's 15,000,000
8 customers. SCE profits were \$954 million for 2022,
9 which was about a \$20 million increase from 2021. SCE
10 costs to Southern California customers are twice the
11 national average, and customer service is lacking.

12 I also stand in the gap for all the low-income
13 members of our communities in Southern California. I am
14 in favor of discontinuing privati -- excuse me --
15 privatization to SCE and all entities that provide
16 services and resources that are vital to the health and
17 wellbeing of our community.

18 Thank you for hearing us out.]

19 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you for your comments
20 today, Ms. Cooper.

21 Operator, was that our last speaker today?

22 THE OPERATOR: Yes, it was.

23 ALJ SEYBERT: Okay. Then that concludes all
24 the speakers who have signed up to speak.

25 I want to thank our IT staff, court reporters,

1 and Commissioner Douglas for their participation and
2 support today.

3 And most of all, I want to thank our public
4 speakers for your input and comments and for your
5 patience in waiting in the queue to provide your
6 comments. Thank you, also, to everyone who took the
7 time to listen in on the phone or watch online.

8 If any of you would like to provide additional
9 input or comments after this hearing, you may submit
10 written comments on the Docket Card for this proceeding,
11 which can be found on the Commission's website at
12 apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305010. If you need assistance
13 with providing additional comments, please contact the
14 Commission's Public Advisor's Office.

15 That concludes this afternoon's public
16 participation hearing. Thank you, everyone.

17 We are adjourned. We'll be off the record.

18 (At the hour of 3:41 p.m., this matter having
19 been continued to 6:00 p.m., March 5, 2024,
20 the Commission then adjourned.)

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1 EVENING SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

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3 ALJ SEYBERT: We will now be on the record.
4 The Commission will come to order.

5 This is the time and place set for the Public
6 Participation Hearing in the General Rate Case
7 Application of Southern California Edison, Application
8 23-05-010.

9 My name is Ehren Seybert, and I'm one of the
10 administrative law judges assigned to this proceeding.
11 I'm co-assigned with Judge Sophia Park, who is listening
12 in to today's hearing. We are also joined by
13 Karen Douglas, who is the assigned commissioner for this
14 case.

15 Commissioner Douglas, would you like to make
16 any opening remarks?

17 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Yes. Thank you,
18 Judge Seybert. And I'd also like to thank Judge Park.

19 I'm the commissioner assigned to this
20 proceeding where we will be reviewing Southern
21 California Edison's 2025 general rate case. And I'd
22 like to start by thanking everyone for taking time out
23 of their busy evening to participate in today's public
24 participation hearing, this being the second of six such
25 hearings. These hearings are an important way for the

1 Commission to hear directly from individuals in
2 communities who are impacted by the results of this
3 proceeding. Your feedback of these hearings gives us
4 valuable insight, including concerns and priorities that
5 will go a long way in helping us make informed and
6 balanced decisions.

7 This phase of the general rate case determines
8 the total amount of revenue that Southern California
9 Edison would be authorized to collect to cover various
10 utility costs from 2025 through 2028.

11 Right now, California is wrestling with a
12 number of important priorities that are necessary for
13 the provision of affordable, safe, reliable, and clean
14 energy service. These priorities include investments in
15 clean energy programs, infrastructure maintenance and
16 upgrades, customer energization needs, and mitigation
17 work against the continued threat of catastrophic
18 wildfires. I'm also well aware of the affordability
19 challenges that these priorities could place on
20 ratepayers. To that end, we'll be scrutinizing the
21 necessity of Southern California Edison's requested
22 funding authorization and taking actions to contain
23 costs and minimize rate increase.

24 With all of that said, I appreciate the
25 opportunity to hear directly from community members

1 today to understand priorities and concerns from
2 speakers today.

3 And, again, I'd like to thank the many staff
4 that made today's hearing possible, including
5 Judge Seybert, Judge Park, the Public Advisors Office,
6 our court reporters, and our IT staff.

7 Thank you. And back to you, Judge Seybert.

8 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Commissioner.

9 The primary purpose of today's hearing is to
10 hear directly from Southern California Edison customers
11 and the general public about this particular
12 application. Your input and comments are very helpful
13 as parties and the Commission continue to consider all
14 aspects of Southern California Edison's request prior to
15 making a decision.

16 For participants that wish to provide public
17 comments today, you may do so by calling 1-800-857-1917
18 and entering the passcode 6032788 pound for English or
19 3799627 pound for Spanish and then pressing star one on
20 your phone. These instructions are also available on
21 today's webcast. The operator will maintain the queue
22 of public commenters and announce your name when it's
23 your turn to speak.

24 The overall purpose of today's hearing is to
25 obtain public feedback and comments. If you have

1 additional questions regarding the application, you may
2 go to the Commission's website, www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph, or
3 contact the Commission's public advisor at
4 public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

5 If you have a question that is not directly
6 related to Southern California Edison's application,
7 such as a question about your bill or service, we have
8 two representatives from Southern California Edison who
9 are standing by and are available to assist customers
10 during today's public participation hearing. This
11 includes Jerry Aguilar, who may be reached at
12 (626)815-7222 or jerry.aguilar@sce.com. Alternatively,
13 you may also contact Kari Gardner at (909)773-2269 or
14 kari.gardner@sce.com. Again, this information is also
15 posted currently on the webcast.

16 Before we start hearing from the public, I'd
17 like to give you a brief overview of the California
18 Public Utilities Commission and the application filed by
19 Southern California Edison.

20 The Public Utilities Commission is a state
21 agency that regulates privately owned utilities such as
22 Southern California Edison Company. Among other things,
23 the Commission decides how much money Southern
24 California Edison should be authorized to collect from
25 its customers and the actual rates that will be included

1 on customers' bills for electric service.

2 The Public Utilities Commission has five
3 commissioners who are appointed by the governor and
4 confirmed by the state senate. Judge Park and I manage
5 the day-to-day activities of the case; however, the five
6 commissioners are ultimately the ones who will decide
7 and vote on whether or not to approve Southern
8 California Edison's request or some other amount. Our
9 job as the judges will be to evaluate all the evidence
10 in this proceeding and to write a proposed decision for
11 the commissioners to consider. The five commissioners
12 will deliberate and ultimately decide whether to adopt
13 the proposed decision from the judges or adopt their own
14 alternate decision based on the evidence in the
15 proceeding. It is estimated that the Commission will
16 vote on this decision in the first quarter of next year.

17 I will now briefly summarize Southern
18 California Edison's application.

19 In May of 2023, Southern California Edison
20 submitted its general rate case request, asking the
21 Commission for approval on their expected costs for
22 owning and operating the company for the years 2025
23 through 2028. The expenses included in Southern
24 California Edison's rate case application generally
25 cover the poles, wires, meters, employees, and all the

1 activities that are needed to deliver electricity to
2 your home or business. The application also includes
3 capital expenditures to upgrade the electric system,
4 replace infrastructure, address wildfire risks related
5 to Edison's equipment, and improve cybersecurity, among
6 others.

7 It is important to note that the costs we are
8 talking about in this application are just one part of
9 Southern California Edison's annual operating expenses
10 that can impact customer rates. Separate from this
11 proceeding, the Commission authorizes recovery of the
12 costs that California utilities actually incur to
13 purchase electricity on the open market. These costs
14 are directly passed on to consumers, and Southern
15 California Edison is not allowed to earn a profit on
16 them.

17 There's also another proceeding that will
18 determine how approved costs are distributed among
19 Southern California Edison's customers and the specific
20 rates that will be included on customer bills. This is
21 generally referred to as the rate design proceeding, and
22 that application should be filed later this month.

23 Right now, though, we are here to receive
24 comments from the public regarding Southern California
25 Edison's request to increase rates and revenue by

1 \$1.895 billion in 2025 and additional increases of
2 \$619 million in 2026, \$664 million in 2027, and
3 \$705 million in 2028. If the request is approved, the
4 impact on a typical residential customer will be a
5 monthly bill increase of approximately \$17.49 in 2025 or
6 an increase of approximately 10 percent. A typical
7 residential customer's monthly bill would approximately
8 increase by an additional \$5 in 2025, \$5 in 2027, and \$5
9 in 2028.

10 We want to hear what you think about Southern
11 California Edison's request. Comments from the public
12 can help the CPUC reach an informed decision. The
13 commissioners, Judge Park, and I will pay close
14 attention to the opinions expressed during today's
15 public hearing.

16 We have court reporters transcribing today's
17 hearing who will be taking down everything that is said
18 on the telephone line. If you do speak, we ask that you
19 speak slowly and clearly so that the reporters are able
20 to capture everything that is said. The written
21 transcript of today's hearing will be available to
22 Judge Park and myself and the commissioners and posted
23 publicly on the docket card for this proceeding.

24 If you or anyone else are not able to make
25 comments today, there are several other ways to provide

1 input or become involved. The Commission considers
2 written public comments regarding Southern California
3 Edison's application, which may be submitted any time on
4 the docket card for this proceeding by going to
5 apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305010. As of today, we have
6 received over 130 written public comments.

7 If you wish to find more information on how to
8 become involved in the proceeding or stay updated on
9 proceeding developments, the Commission's public advisor
10 is available to assist you. Information regarding the
11 Commission's public advisor is posted on the
12 Commission's website, www.cpuc.ca.gov, or you can email
13 the public advisor at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

14 Okay. We will now hear from members of the
15 public. Again, if you have a billing or service
16 question that is unrelated to Edison's application, you
17 may contact Jerry Aguilar at (626)815-7222 or
18 Kari Gardner at (909)773-2269. If you wish to provide
19 public comments on Southern California Edison's rate
20 application, please press star one on your phone now,
21 and the operator will add you to the queue of speakers.

22 When it is your turn to speak, the operator
23 will announce your name. Please begin by spelling your
24 full name, provide your city, and remember to speak
25 slowly. To make sure everyone has an opportunity to

1 provide comments, each speaker will have a time limit of
2 three minutes. And a chime will sound when the three
3 minutes is up.

4 With that, Operator, please call the first
5 speaker in the queue.

6 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. Our first
7 caller (audio failure) county of Riverside.

8 Your line is open.

9 (Reporter clarification.)

10 THE OPERATOR: Our first public comment comes
11 from Greg Damewood, commissioner, county of Riverside.

12 And give me just a moment here. I'm having an
13 issue bringing Greg on. One moment.

14 And, Greg, your line is open.

15 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER DAMEWOOD

16 All righty. Thank you. My name is
17 Greg Damewood. I'm in the county of Riverside. I'm
18 representing my myself as a private citizen, but I do a
19 lot of volunteer work for mental health and so on.

20 My questions are as follows: Regarding the
21 fires and so on, I'm hoping Edison had insurance, which
22 could have reduced or helped greatly with the costs of
23 the fires' impossible lawsuits.

24 Also, if enough increases occur, I'm wondering
25 if people will be more motivated to get solar power,

1 thereby decreasing the funds paid to Edison.

2 I've been a loyal customer for many years. And
3 though I'm retired now, while I was working, I have
4 never had a 10 percent increase in just one year from my
5 employers. So it would be really nice if we could look
6 over issues and try to find ways to mitigate, possibly
7 reduce the amount that's actually needed.

8 And I appreciate everyone's time. If there's a
9 need for clarification, please let me know.

10 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Commissioner Damewood.
11 Your comments are much appreciated.

12 Operator, next speaker.

13 THE OPERATOR: Our next public comment comes
14 from Jennifer Mekkelsen.

15 Your line is open.

16 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER MEKKELSEN

17 Thank you. My name is Jennifer Mekkelsen,
18 Riverside County, city of Murrieta. What was I supposed
19 to give? Mekkelsen, M-e-k-k-e-l-s-e-n.

20 I am a mother of three children. I do work
21 part time. We own a home. Unfortunately, we've lived
22 in California my entire life, been a homeowner for
23 15 years now. And it just seems that things are getting
24 increasingly, increasingly out of touch with everyday
25 residents of Riverside County as far as price-wise.

1 I see the increase, again, as the last
2 gentlemen, of 10 percent, and I'm like, wow, that is
3 higher than any increase for pay, for -- for anything
4 that we receive. And some of these expenses -- I mean,
5 there may be a small -- a small, you know, increase
6 that's needed, but there's got to be ways to look at
7 options of seeing how, you know, cuts can be made in
8 other places versus out of our pocket that's just
9 getting thinner and thinner.

10 It's not just not feasible for many citizens in
11 Riverside County or homeowners or even people that just
12 pay rent. It's getting harder and harder to provide
13 just basic necessities. And I think sometimes that
14 people that are up here don't realize -- maybe their
15 income is a little higher than others, but they don't
16 see the day-to-day lives of the citizens that this is
17 affecting.

18 Also, I noticed that the residential increase
19 is higher than any of the other increases. So maybe
20 distribution could be looked at otherwise. But just as
21 far as, like, the fires, like the previous gentlemen
22 said, there's got to be ways to mitigate these changes
23 and increases.

24 Thank you.

25 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. Mekkelsen.

1 Operator, will you call on the next speaker?

2 THE OPERATOR: Our next public comment comes
3 from Esther Wise.

4 Your line is open.

5 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER WISE

6 My name is Esther Wise, W-i-s-e. I moved into
7 this house that I'm living in in October of '69. I live
8 alone. I basically do the same things. I have had
9 increases through the years, but it's really kind of
10 exorbitant. And as a senior citizen, I don't think that
11 this is being considered. And after 50-some years, I
12 would think that I could get a little more
13 consideration. Everything is definitely higher. I
14 definitely understand. But it's gotten to the point
15 it's ridiculous. So if there's anything -- any more
16 consideration that can be given, I would appreciate it.

17 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you for your comments
18 today.

19 Operator, will you call on the next speaker?

20 THE OPERATOR: Our next public comment comes
21 from Kenneth Henderson.

22 Kenneth, your line is open.

23 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER HENDERSON

24 Hi. I'm Kenneth Henderson. That's
25 K-e-n-n-e-t-h. Henderson, H-e-n-d-e-r-s-o-n.

1 I moved to California in 2020 and put solar
2 panels on the house, doing everything to conserve
3 electricity. And we moved from Illinois, and I owned a
4 company there for 38 years. And as a company owner,
5 I've never been able to increase costs to my customers
6 by 10 percent a year. I believe that Edison actually
7 wants 7.6 percent this year. They're also looking at
8 income-based charges that could be anywhere from \$20 to
9 \$170 a month based on your income plus the 10 percent
10 increase. This is ridiculous.

11 I mean, we're retired now. And you kind of
12 have to look at -- a lot of people in California are
13 here because they're retired. They're on fixed incomes.
14 Social Security isn't raising the prices.

15 I think you guys have to go back to the drawing
16 board and say 10 percent -- 10.6 is ridiculous. I mean,
17 if it's 2 or 3 percent, that's not horrible. But I
18 think you're trying to get too much at one time. And
19 you want to do this every year. This is impossible to
20 keep up with.

21 People want to get solar panels. And then now
22 they want to get electric cars. Well, then they have to
23 pay \$5,000 or something like that to have a charging
24 station put in their garage so they can charge the cars.
25 And you guys are the ones that are pushing -- everything

1 has got to go electric. No gas stoves. No this. No
2 this. So now you're forcing everybody to use more
3 electricity, raise the rates, now income-based on top of
4 that. I would say please do not allow them to get this
5 increase through.

6 Thank you very much.

7 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Mr. Henderson.

8 Operator, please call on the next speaker.

9 THE OPERATOR: Our next public comment comes
10 from Carolina Khoury.

11 Your line is open.

12 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER KHOURY

13 Carolina Khoury, LA County. C-a-r-o-l-i-n-a.
14 Last name of K-h-o-u-r-y.

15 This is my first time I've called in, but our
16 electric bill has increased 85 percent. Our bill 2/6/24
17 was \$101 plus the additional fees, which came out to
18 \$187. It's becoming unaffordable. Our salaries do not
19 increase at this rate. And we are -- I mean, we're
20 lucky to get a 3 to 4 percent increase. So come summer,
21 our electric bill, I'm sure, will increase due to, you
22 know, air conditioning and all that. So at this rate,
23 it's just becoming unaffordable. And that's the end of
24 my comment.]

25 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you for your comments

1 today.

2 Operator, will you call on the next speaker?

3 THE OPERATOR: Our next public comment comes
4 from Andrew Gregson. Your line is open.

5 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER GREGSON

6 Hi. Good evening. My name is Andrew Gregson,
7 A-n-d-r-e-w; Gregson, G-r-e-g-s-o-n. I'm the CEO and
8 steward of North Orange County Chamber of Commerce who's
9 represented our vibrant business community since 1893.

10 I want to express our support for Southern
11 California Edison in their general rate case. It's a
12 critical factor in maintaining a strong energy
13 infrastructure. Beyond its numbers, it's about securing
14 the backbone of our regional economic end game.

15 Southern California Edison is more than just a
16 utility provider. They are a critical partner in our
17 region's economic prosperity. Their reliable services
18 are the lifeblood of our business enabling us to operate
19 effectively and efficiently.

20 We understand the complexity of the situation
21 with large projects and programs contributing to all
22 overall tasks. About half the consumer rates are
23 influenced by decisions in this general rate case
24 impacting the service of our quality -- of quality. We
25 appreciate Edison's efforts towards the cleanest

1 sustainable energy future and encourage further
2 investment aligning with the commitment to the
3 environmental responsibility.

4 Another third of these rates are linked with
5 energy source tasks. It's vital that our rates strike a
6 delicate balance supporting operational needs while
7 keeping energy affordable for businesses and residents.

8 As the Commission considers rate adjustments,
9 we urge prioritizing stable, reasonable, and fair rates.
10 We recognize Southern California Edison's commitment to
11 upgrading the grid and encouraging finding a balance
12 that allows necessary investment without burdening
13 businesses and their residents.

14 Thank you for awarding the North Orange County
15 Chamber the opportunity to speak this evening. We
16 sincerely appreciate your attention and are eager to
17 embark on a collaborative journey toward a sustainable,
18 reliable, and affordable energy future. Your support
19 enables the growth of our business community and amplify
20 our collective efforts for a prosperous and resilient
21 future. Together we can achieve new heights and
22 contribute to the public development of our community.

23 Thank you so very much.

24 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Mr. Gregson.

25 Operator, please call on the next speaker.

1 THE OPERATOR: Our next public comment comes
2 from Dotty (sic) Bishop.

3 Dotty, your line is open.

4 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER BISHOP

5 Hi. This is actually Patty Bishop, P-a-t-t-y;
6 Bishop, B-i-s-h-o-p. I live in Lake Forest, California
7 in the Orange County area. And my rate has increased by
8 12 percent from last year, and I'm a -- I'm a homeowner.
9 I'm a native Californian, and I also own a small
10 business. And with COVID hitting the last few years,
11 we've been forced to work out of our home, and it's just
12 killing us right now because we want to be here in
13 California.

14 I can't qualify for solar. I've had several
15 people come out. My roof is too small to handle the
16 increase of the rates, and we're just frustrated as
17 business owners and homeowners that this is killing us.

18 We are actually making decisions to think about
19 leaving California, our home for our whole life, because
20 of these rate increases. And we pay ourselves, so I
21 can't ask my customers to say, "Hey, I want an increase
22 in funds." I can't do that. It doesn't work that way
23 in the small business world, and I'm frustrated.

24 Thank you.

25 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you for your comments,

1 Ms. Bishop.

2 Operator, will you please call on the next
3 speaker?

4 THE OPERATOR: Our next public comment comes
5 from Sofi Bee.

6 Sofi, your line is open.

7 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER BEE

8 Hello. My name is Sofi, S-o-f-i; Bee, B-e-e.
9 I live in Long Beach. I am 25 years old. I work to
10 support me and my girlfriend. I'm a first time
11 apartment renter, and I wanted to -- I heard on -- I
12 have auto pay on so I didn't even see the notice for
13 this. I had to be told about it. And when I was told
14 about it that they were increasing the rates, it makes
15 me quite furious.

16 Just doing a quick Google search I see that
17 Pedro Pizarro the president of SCE makes \$12.19 million
18 per year; the VP and CFO, Maria Rigatti, makes \$3.45
19 million per year; the executive VP makes \$2.86 million a
20 year; and these numbers go on.

21 In the year of 2022, SCE made a net income of
22 \$954 million. And in 2021, it was \$935 million. I
23 imagine that these numbers have only gone up over the
24 years.

25 So as someone who is struggling -- who is

1 struggling to support my family and to (indecipherable)
2 my apartment -- I'm working full time. I'm working --
3 taking up extra gigs where I can. It infuriates me to
4 hear about our rates are increasing when the people that
5 are making these decisions live in a completely
6 different world than me or anyone that I know as far as
7 money. What seems like a 10 percent increase, you know,
8 doesn't seem that bad is actually a huge deal, and it
9 adds up to be a big deal. I don't make millions of
10 dollars. I'm not a million -- hundred multi-million
11 dollar making company.

12 I think it's outrageous that a company that
13 makes so much money is passing the charges to continue
14 operating off to the consumer instead of looking at how
15 that money of profit -- and processes that can be done
16 to have that -- those charges of operations just be less
17 profit. It just seems greedy.

18 I don't know what else to add other than to
19 please look at other ways to not pass the -- this off to
20 the consumers because this is just very unfair.

21 Thank you.

22 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. Bee. We
23 appreciate all your comments today.

24 Operator, can we call on the next speaker?

25 THE OPERATOR: Our next public comment comes

1 from Michael Garr.

2 Michael, your line is open.

3 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER GARR

4 Yes. My name is Michael Garr, M-i-c-h-a-e-l
5 G-a-r-r. I'm a tax person. I deal with -- I have many,
6 many clients, hundreds of clients. And I see with all
7 those clients the effect that the utilities have on
8 their businesses. And it's not pretty. And it goes up,
9 fine. It went up before COVID. It goes up during
10 COVID. And now it's going up after COVID. And it's
11 not -- it's not right for these people.

12 And in my personal experience as long as I've
13 been in my house, the electric bill has gone up over 100
14 percent over time. And it's -- you know, it's a
15 terrible thing to watch.

16 Now you guys -- when I say "you guys," I mean
17 the utility companies -- have come up with all these
18 different versions of the SCE and the various things we
19 -- you go and don't use utilities during -- during
20 certain hours from 5:00 to 8:00 and 4:00 to 9:00 or
21 whatever it is. It seems more of a (inaudible) to me
22 than an actual answer because our bills don't go down no
23 matter which way we do them, and I've switched them
24 different ways.

25 I'd like to say that -- that getting money,

1 passing these bills and getting money is an easy way for
2 the utility companies. What they should be doing is
3 looking toward management. Because the management is
4 what makes this thing work. And it doesn't matter how
5 much money we throw at it. If the management doesn't
6 work properly, then we don't benefit and they'll just
7 ask for more money because that's the way the game is
8 played and that's the way they've found works best for
9 them.

10 You know, the other thing I want to say is a
11 lot of people have been encouraged over time to spend a
12 lot of money on solar. And they get the solar and then
13 all of a sudden the solar comes in and then the utility
14 companies have less customers. And then they say,
15 "Well, we have less customers, so now we have less
16 money. So now we have to raise the prices to make up
17 for the customers who aren't here."

18 It's a vicious circle and it's bad business.
19 And I think it all comes down to management. And if
20 they're getting millions of dollars, they should have
21 some idea of where they're going. That's all I want to
22 say.

23 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you for your comments and
24 participation, Mr. Garr.

25 Operator, can we move to the next speaker?

1 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. If you'd like to
2 leave a public comment, please press star-one, unmute
3 your phone, and clearly state your first and last name
4 slowly.

5 Our next public comment comes from Victoria
6 Bantau.

7 Your line is open.

8 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER BANTAU

9 Hello. My name is Victoria, V-i-c-t-o-r-i-a
10 B-a-n-t-a-u. I would like to say that I agree with
11 everyone who has spoken so far in just about every way.
12 But what I was calling in about mainly was the back of
13 the legal notice. It says one of the costs that Edison
14 incurs for the reasons for their increase in rates is
15 street and area lighting.

16 My street has no lighting. And so my neighbors
17 and I provide our own security lighting. So I'm paying
18 extra to do the job that supposedly Edison is doing or
19 that I'm paying for if you're going to increase the
20 rates. And I'd like to know if there's any plan to
21 reimburse me and other folks that need to do this for
22 the expense -- the extra expense that we're incurring.

23 And also, this is based on one of the other
24 comments someone else made about the executives making
25 so much money, is there any consideration for those

1 folks to take a reduction in their salaries to offset
2 the increase in the rates that are so difficult for us?

3 And the other comment I'd like to make is that
4 there's no competition. So it's not like we can choose
5 another company, you know. We can't change how -- we
6 are stuck. We don't have any choice. But I appreciate
7 the ability to voice our opinions and hope that you will
8 consider the two items I brought up about the executives
9 taking a reduction in their pay. And also us being
10 reimbursed for the extra electricity we're using to
11 secure our neighborhoods.

12 And I don't think I got my location in there.
13 I'm in Yucaipa in San Bernardino County.

14 Thank you.

15 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you, Ms. Bantau. We will
16 -- we appreciate and will consider all your comments
17 today.

18 Operator, do we have anyone else joining on the
19 queue.

20 THE OPERATOR: The public comment queue is
21 currently empty. If you wish to speak -- if you wish to
22 make a public comment, please unmute your phone, press
23 star-one, and record your first and last name slowly and
24 clearly when prompted.

25 One moment.

1 ALJ SEYBERT: Thank you. We'll give it a
2 minute or two. A reminder to please press star-one if
3 you want to speak during today's public participation
4 hearing.

5 Operator, do we still have no one in the queue?

6 THE OPERATOR: We have no additional public
7 comments, your Honor.

8 ALJ SEYBERT: Okay. Then that concludes all
9 the speakers who signed up to speak.

10 I want to thank our IT staff, the court
11 reporters, the Public Advocates Office, and
12 Commissioner Douglas for their participation and support
13 today.

14 Most of all I want to thank our public speakers
15 for your input and comments and for your patience in
16 waiting in the queue to provide your comments. And
17 thank you also to everyone who took the time to listen
18 in or phone or watch on line.

19 If you -- if any of you would like to provide
20 additional input or comments after this hearing, you may
21 submit written comments on the docket card for this
22 proceeding, which can be found on the Commission's
23 website at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2305010. If you need
24 assistance with providing additional comments, please
25 contact the Commission's Public Advisors Office.

1 That concludes this evening's public
2 participation hearing. This meeting is adjourned.
3 We'll be off the record.

4 (At the hour of 6:35 p.m., this matter having
5 been continued to 2:00 p.m., March 20, 2024,
6 the Commission then adjourned.)

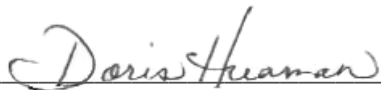
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