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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for Thomas Fire and Montecito Debris Flow Recovery Bond Financing Order Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 850 *et seq.*

Application 25-04-021

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE’S RULING GRANTING MOTION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (U 338-E) TO SHORTEN THE TIME FOR PROTESTS AND RESPONSES TO SCE’S THOMAS FIRE AND MONTECITO DEBRIS FLOW RECOVERY BOND FINANCING ORDER

On April 30, 2025, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed its *Application for Thomas Fire and Montecito Debris Flow Recovery Bond financing Order Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 850 et seq. (Application)*. On May 1, 2025, SCE filed a *Motion to Shorten Time for Protests to its Application (Motion)*. SCE requests that pursuant to Rules 1.2 and 2.6(e) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, this proceeding warrants shortening the time for responses and protests to its *Application*.

Rule 2.6(a) provides that a protest or response to an application must be filed within 30 days of the date of the notice of the application’s filing. In this instance, the deadline would be May 30, 2025. Rule 2.6(e) provides that an applicant may file a reply to a protest or response within 10 days of the last day for filing protests and responses, “unless the Administrative Law Judge sets a different date.”

But our rules permit deviation from these response and protest deadlines if warranted by the facts. Rule 1.2 states that “In special cases and for good cause shown, and within the extent permitted by statute, the Commission may permit deviations from the rules.” SCE suggests that there is good cause to shorten the time for responses and protests to its *Application*. It asserts that Pub. Util. Code Section 850.1(g) provides that the Commission must issue a decision on any application that request the issuance of financing orders – such as the above-captioned *Application* – within 120 days of the application’s filing. Because of such an expedited time frame for the resolution of this *Application*, SCE suggests it would be just and reasonable to have a shorter deadline for filing any responses or protests.

Good cause exists to shorten the response and protest period in this proceeding and to set a schedule for a decision within the 120-day deadline. The last Commission Voting Meeting to consider SCE’s *Application* within the 120-day deadline is August 28, 2025. Advancing the deadline for responses or protests, as well as any replies, will allow more time for discovery and briefing by the parties and will provide the assigned Administrative Law Judge with more time to prepare the final decision for a vote at the August 28, 2025, Commission Voting Meeting.

Nor does it appear that granting SCE’s *Motion* will prejudice interested parties. SCE’s *Application* asserts that its proposal for the Thomas Securitization tracks the framework approved by the Commission in the Third AB 1054 CapEx Financing Order, with the modifications described in the supporting testimony. SCE has included as Appendix D-2 to the *Application* a redline that compares its proposed Financing Order to SCE’s Third AB 1054 CapEx Financing Order (D.23-02-023). Any interested party will be able to review and evaluate new or

modified terms as compared to the issues that the Commission previously resolved in the Third AB 1054 Cap.Ex Financing Order in an expeditious fashion.

Pursuant to Rule 11.1(g), the Commission has the authority to rule on this Motion before responses or replies are filed. Because SCE is seeking a shortened period, issuance of the ruling now will give parties notice of the expedited schedule in time to file their pleadings.

Thus, this ruling advises all interested parties that the Commission adopts the following schedule:

Event	Date
Financing Order Application filed	April 30, 2025
Protests and responses due	May 15, 2025
Applicant’s reply to protests and responses	May 22, 2025
Prehearing Conference and Scoping Memo issuance	Week of May 26, 2025
Concurrent Opening Briefs	June 12, 2025 (unless the assigned Administrative Law Judge adjusts the deadline for good cause shown)
Concurrent Reply Briefs	July 2, 2025 (unless the assigned Administrative Law Judge adjusts the deadline for good cause shown)
Commission Voting Meeting	August 28, 2025

IT IS RULED that:

1. Protests or responses to the *Application* must be filed by May 15, 2025.

2. Applicant's replies to the protests or responses must be filed by May 22, 2025.
3. By separate ruling, the assigned Administrative Law Judge will notice the prehearing conference for the week of May 26, 2025.
4. For good cause shown, the assigned Administrative Law Judge may adjust the schedule for the filing of opening and reply briefs.

Dated May 9, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHELLE COOKE

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Chief Administrative Law Judge