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I.

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) Ruling Setting Remote Prehearing Conference issued on April 27, 2026 (Ruling), Southern California Edison Company (SCE) submits this Joint Prehearing Conference (PHC) Statement on behalf of itself and the following parties: California Choice Energy Authority (CalChoice), Mission:data Coalition (Mission:data), Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates), Small Business Utility Advocates (SBUA), and The Utility Reform Network (TURN).¹

The Ruling directs parties to meet and confer prior to the PHC to prepare, file with the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Docket Office, and serve the official service list a Joint PHC Statement by 3:00 p.m. on May 27, 2026 that identifies and provides the following: (i) the name, phone number and e-mail address of individuals intending to speak at the PHC, and, in the case of multiple representatives for the same party, indicate who is designated as the primary party representative; (ii) objections to the preliminary categorization; and (iii) proposed

¹ Pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure 1.8(d), these parties have authorized SCE to file this Joint PHC Statement on their behalf.

scope of the proceeding. Pursuant to this requirement, SCE emailed all parties on the official service list for this proceeding (not including Information Only) on May 4, 2026 to arrange a meet and confer session, which was held via a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting on May 18, 2026.² The parties to this Joint PHC Statement hereby submit the required information below.

II.

INDIVIDUALS INTENDING TO SPEAK AT THE PHC

The name, phone number, and e-mail address of individuals intending to speak at the PHC are as follows. In the case of multiple representatives for the same party, the primary party representative is designated with an asterisk (*).

Party	PHC Speaking Representative's Name(s)	Representative's Phone Number	Representative's E-mail Address
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² TURN's representative was unable to attend the May 18, 2026 meeting, but provided input via email, including by reviewing and approving this Joint PHC Statement.

III.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PRELIMINARY CATEGORIZATION

The preliminary categorization pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure 7.1(a) and Resolution ALJ 176-3580 is Ratesetting. No party objects to this preliminary categorization.

IV.

PROPOSED SCOPE OF THE PROCEEDING

The parties agree on most issues that should be scoped in this proceeding, including all those proposed by SCE in the application and certain additional issues proposed by intervening parties in their protests and responses. As discussed in SCE's Reply to Protests and Responses filed on May 11, 2026,³ SCE does not agree to the scoping of two issues that TURN asserts should be considered in this proceeding.

A. Issues All Parties Agree Should Be Scoped

The parties agree that the issues identified below in this section IV.A. should be in scope in this proceeding. First, the parties agree that the issues SCE proposed for consideration in its application should be scoped. These issues are as follows:⁴

1. Whether the Commission should authorize SCE to implement a multi-year program to replace the current "AMI 1.0" meters with a new generation of "AMI 2.0" meters.
2. Whether SCE's Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) 2.0 proposal (1) is cost-effective and will provide lasting value to customers; (2) is based on a reasonable business case and deployment plan; (3) reflects a reasonable technology choice based

³ See SCE's Reply to Protests and Responses, pp. 2-7.

⁴ SCE's Application, pp. 13-14.

on AMI technologies available on the market; and (4) is aligned with State energy policy objectives.

3. Whether the costs to be recovered in rates from customers to fund the deployment of AMI 2.0 are just and reasonable in compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 451.
4. If the Commission grants the application, what follow-up measures should the Commission order, such as advice letters and customer outreach.
5. Relevant safety considerations: SCE does not anticipate that replacement of AMI 1.0 meters with AMI 2.0 meters and related infrastructure and operational changes will result in any adverse safety impacts on facilities or operations. SCE's deployment plan is intended to facilitate all necessary safety measures and precautions in relation to meter replacement and associated upgrades.

Second, the parties agree to adding the following issues proposed, respectively, by Cal Advocates (issues 6-10),⁵ CalChoice (issues 11-13),⁶ Mission:data (issues 14-16),⁷ and TURN (issue 17):^{8,9}

6. Whether SCE should be authorized to establish an AMI 2.0 Memorandum Accounts to track, record, and recover actual AMI 2.0 costs and a Balancing Account into which to transfer amounts recorded in the AMI 2.0 Memorandum Account.¹⁰
7. Whether the circumstances are caused by an event outside of SCE's control.

⁵ Cal Advocates' Protest, p. 3.

⁶ See CalChoice's Response, pp. 3-5.

⁷ See Mission:data's Protest, pp. 6-13.

⁸ See TURN's Protest, pp. 3-4.

⁹ SBUA has no proposed additional issues for consideration in this proceeding.

¹⁰ TURN similarly proposed scoping the issue of whether SCE's proposal to establish an AMI 2.0 Memorandum Account and transfer those amounts to a two-way AMI 2.0 Balancing Account is reasonable and in the public interest. See TURN's Protest, p. 3.

8. Whether the O&M and capital costs were reasonably foreseeable as part of SCE's Test Year 2025 General Rate Case (GRC).
9. Whether the O&M and capital costs are reasonably foreseeable and able to be included in SCE's Test Year 2029 GRC, which SCE is expected to file in May 2027.
10. Whether ratepayers will benefit from the financial relief provided to SCE by allowing memorandum account treatment.
11. Whether SCE's proposal complies with competitive rules and principles.
12. Whether SCE's proposal aligns with cost causation principles.
13. Whether SCE's proposal considers benefits to Community Choice Aggregators.
14. Whether SCE's proposal complies with existing Commission directives, laws, and privacy requirements regarding data access, including real-time or near real-time and historical customer data access.
15. Whether SCE's proposal is missing necessary information on performance attributes such as data accuracy and availability.
16. Whether SCE's proposal regarding grid edge technologies and the lack of an "app store" on the proposed meters sufficiently addresses risks to fair competition.
17. Whether SCE's proposal to recover up to \$44.5 million via Tier 2 advice letters is reasonable and in the public interest.

B. Additional Issues Proposed By TURN, Which SCE Does Not Agree Should Be Scoped

In its protest, TURN proposed two additional issues, which SCE does not agree should be scoped for the reasons discussed in SCE's Reply to Protests and Responses.¹¹ These issues are:¹²

¹¹ See SCE's Reply to Protests and Responses, pp. 2-7.

¹² See TURN's Protest, pp. 2-3, 4.

1. Whether SCE's AMI 1.0 was cost-effective and whether the forecasted benefits were realized.
2. Whether SCE has provided sufficient information and mitigation for potential stranded assets and the appropriate ratemaking treatment.

V.

CONCLUSION

The parties appreciate the Commission's and the assigned ALJ's attention to this proceeding, and look forward to the upcoming PHC on June 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of all captioned parties,

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