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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DeANGELIS: On the record. This is the time and place for the Prehearing Conference of A.23-10-001, Edison's request for recovery of wildfire mitigation and vegetation management cost incurred in 2022.

Regarding the procedural history of this proceeding, the Commission closed this proceeding in Decision 25-05-051, and that decision found that Edison in part failed to meet its burden of proof on reasonableness regarding certain straight-time labor and overhead costs recorded in memo accounts and balancing accounts. The Commission reopened this proceeding when it granted rehearing at the request of Southern California Edison of a specific issue to correct the amount disallowed as straight-time labor and overhead costs, and that decision number was D.26-05-034, dated May 14, 2026.

I am Regina DeAngelis, the administrative law judge, and Commissioner Douglas is the assigned commissioner and is represented today by her advisory staff.

To date, there are no responsive pleadings

1 filed in this part of the proceeding nor have any been
2 requested by the Commission. This is a rehearing phase
3 of the proceeding, and today we will be discussing the
4 procedure for going forward, the issues, and a
5 time line.

6 I want to remind parties of the ground rules
7 for remote prehearing conferences, and the two I like to
8 remind parties of is to please mute when you're not
9 talking. Actually, also please identify yourself before
10 you speak for the record, and also please refrain from
11 speaking simultaneously, and that will ensure that we
12 have a transcript that's easy to read. Thank you.

13 The first thing I want to do today is just get
14 a sense of who we have here today. So I see that we
15 have Edison. Would you like to identify yourself for
16 the record please.

17 MS. PILIKYAN: Of course. Good afternoon, your
18 Honor. Nayiri Pilikyan on behalf of Southern California
19 Edison, the applicants.

20 ALJ DeANGELIS: Okay. Thank you.

21 And is there anybody else here from Edison?

22 MS. PILIKYAN: Not as a panelist, your Honor,
23 but some may be listening in, and I'm not exactly sure
24 who that would be.

25 ALJ DeANGELIS: Okay. Thank you.

1 I also see Cal Advocates. Would you like to
2 identify yourself for the record.

3 MS. SHEK: Yes. Selina Shek for Cal Advocates.
4 Your Honor, we have Rafat Amin and Dao Phan as panelists
5 today from Cal Advocates.

6 ALJ DeANGELIS: All right. And are those
7 additional representatives of Cal Advocates, attorneys
8 or --

9 MS. SHEK: They are part of the staff.

10 ALJ DeANGELIS: Okay. Thank you for
11 clarifying. And I also see SBUA. Would you like to
12 identify yourself for the record.

13 MR. STRAUSS: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is
14 Ariel Strauss, counsel representing SBUA.

15 ALJ DeANGELIS: All right. Thank you.

16 Is there anyone else, any other parties, that
17 are here today?

18 (No response.)

19 ALJ DeANGELIS: Okay. Hearing none.

20 We're going to move on to the components of
21 Section 1701.1 that will be addressed in the assigned
22 commissioner's scoping memo. The first one that I want
23 to discuss is the categorization of the proceeding.
24 This proceeding was previously categorized as
25 ratesetting in the prior scoping memo. And I don't

1 anticipate that will change.

2 Would any parties like to address that now?

3 (No response.)

4 ALJ DeANGELIS: Okay. Hearing no parties
5 seeking to address that issue, we'll move on to the
6 identification of the substantive issues.

7 So in this area I'd appreciate some specificity
8 if possible. I know that we have a pretty narrow issue
9 at hand, and I just want to make sure that I understand
10 it correctly, and that I move forward with a good
11 understanding of what needs to be addressed here.

12 So, Edison, would you like to go ahead and
13 address the issue.

14 MS. PILIKYAN: Nayiri Pilikyan, again, on
15 behalf of Southern California Edison. Your Honor, we
16 believe the substantive issue to be decided here is laid
17 out in the Commission's decision granting limited
18 rehearing, D.26-05-034, in Ordering Paragraph No. 14,
19 which states that this limited rehearing is for the
20 purpose of calculating the correct disallowance amounts
21 of the incremental straight-time labor and department
22 overhead costs requested by SCE in its application and
23 recorded to the Wildfire Mitigation Plan Memorandum
24 Account, the Fire Risk Mitigation Memorandum Account,
25 and the Vegetation Management Balancing Account.

1 And I am happy to go into the details of how I
2 understand that and what it's seeking, but we think in
3 terms of a scoping memo, that that would be kind of the
4 substantive issue that will be decided in this limited
5 rehearing.

6 ALJ DeANGELIS: (Line muted.)

7 MS. PILIKYAN: Your Honor, you're muted.

8 ALJ DeANGELIS: That's very helpful. In terms
9 of potentially going into more detail here, I have a
10 follow-up question, and will Edison be submitting
11 testimony on this topic or how will we go forward in
12 framing this issue from an evidentiary standpoint?

13 MS. PILIKYAN: Of course, your Honor. Nayiri
14 Pilikyan, again, on behalf of Southern California
15 Edison.

16 Ms. Shek from Cal Advocates and I have been
17 exchanging emails to kind of address that very question.
18 I apologize to Mr. Strauss and SBUA for not including
19 them. It was Cal Advocates issue that was raised in the
20 underlying proceeding, but I'm happy to connect with him
21 after this prehearing conference if he has any concerns.

22 But we would propose to do some limited
23 testimony that lays out what the evidence shows the
24 correct amounts are that SCE was seeking or is seeking
25 in this application and kind of do the calculation to

1 show what amount should have been disallowed.

2 And we'd also include, to the extent it would
3 be helpful to your honor, redline the original decision,
4 D.25-06-051, to kind of correct the numbers or the
5 dollar amounts, and Cal Advocates was amenable to that.

6 It would be a pretty limited calculation, and
7 some written material kind of explaining the
8 calculations, and then Cal Advocates and SBUA could have
9 a chance to review it, conduct some discovery to the
10 extent it's needed, and then submit some kind of
11 response in the form of testimony, and then SCE would
12 reserve the right to do rebuttal.

13 Again, like everything after the direct
14 testimony would be as needed or if needed. We think
15 it's a fairly straight-forward issue that can,
16 hopefully, be resolved quickly.

17 ALJ DeANGELIS: Okay. Thank you. That makes
18 sense. And in that case, I can wait until the testimony
19 is submitted, and I will read the testimony together
20 with a redline of the decision.

21 And the reason I'm asking for that is I want to
22 understand on a more granular level what exactly is
23 changing. So I just want to, you know, come at it from
24 that perspective as well as what is the request. So I
25 appreciate the offer of a redline, and if Edison has any

1 other material that would be helpful from that
2 standpoint, it would be appreciated in the testimony.

3 All right. Thank you.

4 Is there any other parties that would like to
5 address the issue framed in this rehearing proceeding?

6 (No response.)

7 ALJ DeANGELIS: I don't hear any requests, and
8 I appreciate the work, before this prehearing
9 conference, to come up with a consensus position.

10 All right. Now, in terms of factual disputes,
11 I don't think we need to discuss that topic directly. I
12 don't have a need to, but does any other party have a
13 need to discuss that?

14 (No response.)

15 ALJ DeANGELIS: Oh, okay. How about the need
16 for evidentiary hearings? Edison, would you like to
17 address that please.

18 MS. PILIKYAN: Your Honor, while I think it's
19 highly unlikely we'd need evidentiary hearings because
20 this is in our view an arithmetic exercise, we'd like to
21 reserve the right to have hearings, and if there's any
22 testimony from Cal Advocates and SBUA that we would have
23 questions about, we would like to have a hearing.

24 ALJ DeANGELIS: I think that's a good idea
25 because we want to get it right this time. Thank you.

1 All right. Any other comments on the need for
2 evidentiary hearings?

3 (No response.)

4 ALJ DeANGELIS: Okay. In terms of deadlines
5 that parties would like me to be aware of while I'm
6 putting together a schedule for the assigned
7 commissioner to consider, we are working on -- you know,
8 actually, I'm not quite sure -- I'm just thinking about
9 this right now -- what the statutory deadline is, but I
10 have to think about that a little bit more, but we might
11 have to issue an order extending statutory deadline.
12 I'm actually not quite sure. I have never had a case in
13 this procedural posture before. So I need to think
14 about that.

15 But is there any deadlines that parties would
16 like to bring to my attention that would require this
17 decision -- the Commission to consider a decision at a
18 particular time?

19 (No response.)

20 ALJ DeANGELIS: Okay. I am hearing no comments
21 on that question.

22 So we're going to move on to a standard
23 question required by ALJ division and that is the
24 identification of any environmental or social justice
25 issues unique to this case. Would anybody like to

1 address that question?

2 MS. PILIKYAN: Your Honor, Nayiri Pilikyan,
3 again, for Southern California Edison. We don't believe
4 there are any unique environmental or social justice
5 issues in this proceeding.

6 ALJ DeANGELIS: Thank you.

7 Would any other party like to address that?

8 (No response.)

9 ALJ DeANGELIS: So the only other issue that I
10 wanted to raise -- and I alluded to this already -- is
11 that this procedural posture, it's rare. So are there
12 any topics related to moving forward in this case that
13 parties would like to bring up?

14 I anticipate recommending to the assigned
15 commissioner that we move forward in the fashion that is
16 very typical for any proceeding. There will be a new
17 scoping memo. That scoping memo will have a schedule.

18 I'm hearing that parties are interested in
19 testimony, reserving time for evidentiary hearing.
20 There will be a briefing schedule. So it will be laid
21 out in a very typical fashion.

22 Do parties have any comments on that?

23 MS. PILIKYAN: Your Honor, Nayiri Pilikyan on
24 behalf of Southern California Edison. I think that
25 process makes sense. Ms. Shek and I have spoken about a

1 potential schedule, at least the testimony portion of
2 that process. I can give you those dates now or we're
3 happy to email a copy to the service list.

4 I have not run them by Mr. Strauss at SBUA --
5 my apologies again -- but we have some proposed dates
6 that work for both Edison and Cal Advocates.

7 ALJ DeANGELIS: Okay. Let's go ahead and put
8 those on the record. And if you would follow up with an
9 email, that would be appreciated.

10 MS. PILIKYAN: Of course, your Honor. We would
11 propose SCE's direct testimony be served on
12 September 10th, and then Cal Advocates' and SBUA's
13 testimony would be on November 10th, with rebuttal,
14 again, if necessary, on December 10th.

15 ALJ DeANGELIS: Okay. Those dates sound very
16 reasonable to me. My only concern is that I am not -- I
17 have no guarantee that we would have the scoping memo
18 out that quickly.

19 MS. PILIKYAN: Would your Honor be opposed to
20 SCE serving the direct testimony before the scoping memo
21 or, otherwise, we can wait until there's a scoping memo?

22 ALJ DeANGELIS: I think it would be helpful to
23 maybe have alternative dates that's maybe a few weeks
24 later as well.

25 And I will do my best to have something issued

1 to accommodate this September -- did you say "10th"? --
2 filing date, but, perhaps, a later sequence would also
3 be helpful.

4 MS. PILIKYAN: Of course, your Honor. We'll
5 propose some alternate dates as well.

6 ALJ DeANGELIS: Okay. All right.

7 I don't have any other issues to raise.
8 Anything else that parties would like to bring up now or
9 bring to my attention?

10 MR. STRAUSS: Yes, your Honor. This is Ariel
11 Strauss on behalf of SBUA. As Ms. Pilikyan observed,
12 Cal Advocates emphasized the STL issue. And so SBUA is
13 primarily here today to confirm the scope matches what
14 we anticipate the scope would be based on the decision,
15 and do not anticipate necessarily -- as we understand
16 that scope, it doesn't end up impacting issues made
17 previously. So that's the purpose of our attendance
18 today, and we'll be following up with Ms. Shek and
19 Ms. Pilikyan to make sure we understand the parameters
20 of this proceeding.

21 ALJ DeANGELIS: Okay. Thank you for that
22 clarification. That's helpful.

23 MR. STRAUSS: Thank you.

24 ALJ DeANGELIS: Thank you.

25 All right. If Edison would follow up with an

1 email with dates to the service list, that would be
2 appreciated.

3 Is there anything further one last time?

4 (No response.)

5 ALJ DeANGELIS: Okay. This is one of the
6 fastest prehearing conferences I've ever had. So then
7 we are adjourned, and have a nice afternoon, everyone.
8 Thank you.

9 (At the hour of 1:21 p.m., this matter having
10 been concluded, the Commission then
11 adjourned.)

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