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Application of Southern California
Edison Company (U-338E) for
Authorization to Recover 2022
Incremental Costs Related to Wildfire
Mitigation and Vegetation
Management.

Application 23-10-001

ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S AMENDED SCOPING MEMO AND RULING

This scoping memo and ruling sets forth the issue, need for evidentiary hearing, schedule, category, and other matters necessary to scope this phase of the proceeding pursuant to Decision (D.) 26-05-034,¹ Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) Section 1701.1, and Article 7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules).

1. Procedural Background

On June 26, 2025, the Commission adopted D.25-06-051 in this proceeding, Application (A.) 23-10-001, and authorized Southern California Edison Company (SCE) to recover from ratepayers \$290.502 million in operations and maintenance expenses and \$99.392 million in capital expenditures together with interest for certain wildfire mitigation and vegetation management costs recorded in the Wildfire Mitigation Plan Memorandum Account (WMPMA), Fire Risk Mitigation

¹ D.26-05-034, *Order Modifying Decision 25-06-051 and Granting Limited Rehearing of the Decision* (May 14, 2026) at 19, 20-23.

Memorandum Account (FRMMA), and Vegetation Management Balancing Account (VMBA)² incurred in 2022.³

On July 30, 2025, SCE filed a timely application for rehearing of D.25-06-51.⁴ Small Business Utility Advocates (SBUA) filed a separate timely application for rehearing of D.25-06-051 on July 30, 2025.

On May 14, 2026, the Commission adopted D.26-05-034, granting limited rehearing of D.25-06-051 in response to SCE's application for rehearing to correct amounts disallowed for straight-time labor (STL) and overheard (DOH).⁵ The Commission also clarified findings in D.25-06-051 on incrementality and reasonableness of STL and DOH costs and denied SBUA's application for rehearing.⁶

This scoping memo and ruling adopts a process and addresses other matters in response to the Commission's directive in D.26-05-034 to initiate a process to correct the calculation of the disallowed 2022 costs referenced above (Rehearing Phase).

A prehearing conference was held on August 6, 2026 in the Rehearing Phase to address the issues of law and fact, determine the need for hearings, the schedule for resolving this matter, and address other topics as necessary.⁷

³ D.25-06-051, *Decision Granting, in Part, Request by Southern California Edison Company for 2022 Wildfire Mitigation and Vegetation Management Costs* (June 26, 2025) at 2.

⁴ All pleadings filed in this proceeding are available on the Commission's website at *Docket Card* by searching A2310001.

⁵ D.26-05-034, *Order Modifying Decision 25-06-051 and Granting Limited Rehearing of the Decision* (May 14, 2026).

⁶ D.26-05-034, *Order Modifying Decision 25-06-051 and Granting Limited Rehearing of the Decision* (May 14, 2026) at 19, 20-23.

⁷ Reporter's Transcript (A.23-10-001 Prehearing Conference August 6, 2026).

After considering the parties' positions and the discussion at the prehearing conference, I have determined the issue and initial schedule of the Rehearing Phase of this proceeding as set forth herein.

2. Issue

The issue to be determined or otherwise considered in the Rehearing Phase is set forth at Ordering Paragraph 14 of D.26-05-034 and restated as follows:

1. Determine the correct calculation of disallowance amounts pursuant to D.25-06-51 of the incremental STL and DOH costs requested by SCE in its Application and recorded to the WMPMA, FRMMA, and VMBA.

No environmental and social justice issues have been raised at this time.

3. Need for Evidentiary Hearing

Parties state that contested, material issues of fact may exist. Accordingly, the Commission finds that evidentiary hearings in the Rehearing Phase are needed. The need for evidentiary hearings will be re-evaluated after additional input from parties later in the proceeding and further instructions may be provided to parties at or after the status conference.

4. Schedule

The following schedule for the Rehearing Phase is adopted here and may be modified by the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) as required to promote the efficient and fair resolution of this proceeding:

A.23-10-001 Rehearing Phase

Event	Date
Prehearing Conference	August 6, 2026
SCE prepared direct testimony served	September 10, 2026
Intervener prepared testimony served	November 10, 2026
All party rebuttal testimony served	December 10, 2026

Status conference	January 11, 2027
Evidentiary hearing	January 13, 2027
Concurrent opening briefs	February 10, 2027
Concurrent reply briefs [<i>matter submitted</i>]	March 10, 2027
Proposed Decision [<i>no later than 90 days after submission</i>]	3 rd Quarter 2027
Commission vote [<i>no sooner than 30 days after Proposed Decision</i>]	3 rd Quarter 2027

The purpose of the January 11, 2027, status conference will be to ascertain whether, pursuant to Rule 13.8(c), the parties stipulate to the receipt of prepared testimony into evidence without direct or cross examination or other need to convene an evidentiary hearing or, in the alternative, the parties' resources, readiness and needs for the effective remote conduct of the evidentiary hearing, including estimates of time requested for cross-examination and identification of anticipated exhibits.

The proceeding will stand submitted upon the filing of reply briefs, unless the assigned ALJ determines otherwise. Based on this schedule, the proceeding will be resolved within 18 months from today, as permitted by Pub. Util. Code Section 1701.5(b).

5. Alternative Dispute Resolution Program and Settlements

The Commission's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program offers mediation, early neutral evaluation, and facilitation services, and uses ALJs who have been trained as neutrals. At the parties' request, the assigned ALJ can refer this proceeding to the Commission's ADR Coordinator.⁸

⁸ Additional ADR information is available on the Commission's website:

<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/adr/>

Any settlement between parties, whether regarding all or some of the issues, shall comply with Article 12 of the Rules and shall be served in writing. Such settlements shall include a complete explanation of the settlement and a complete explanation of why it is reasonable in light of the whole record, consistent with the law, and in the public interest.

6. Category of Proceeding and Ex Parte Restrictions

This ruling confirms the prior determination that this is a ratesetting proceeding.⁹ Accordingly, ex parte communications are restricted and must be reported pursuant to Article 8 of the Rules.

7. Public Outreach

Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 1711(a), where feasible and appropriate, before determining the scope of the proceeding, the Commission sought the participation of those likely to be affected, including those likely to derive benefit from, and those potentially subject to, a decision in this proceeding. This matter was noticed in the Commission's Daily Calendar. Where feasible and appropriate, this matter was incorporated into engagements conducted by the Commission's External Affairs Division with governments and other interested parties.

8. Intervenor Compensation

Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 1804(a)(1), a customer who intends to seek an award of compensation must file and serve a notice of intent to claim compensation within 30 days after the prehearing conference.

⁹ See, *Assigned Commissioner's Ruling and Scoping Memo* (February 15, 2024) at 11, stating: "This ruling confirms the Commission's preliminary determination in Commission Resolution ALJ-176-3535 that this is a ratesetting proceeding. Accordingly, ex parte communications are restricted and must be reported pursuant to Article 8 of the Commission's Rules or Practice and Procedure."

9. Response to Public Comments

Parties may, but are not required to, respond to written comments received from the public. Parties may do so by posting such response using the *Add Public Comment* button on the *Public Comment* tab of the online docket card for the proceeding.

10. Public Advisor

Any person interested in participating in this proceeding who is unfamiliar with the Commission's procedures or has questions about the electronic filing procedures is encouraged to obtain more information at <http://cpuc.ca.gov/pao> or contact the Commission's Public Advisor at 866-849-8390 or send an e-mail to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

11. Filing, Service, and Service List

The Commission's official service list has been created and is on the Commission's website. Parties are directed to confirm that their information on the service list is correct and serve notice of any errors on the Commission's Process office, the service list, and the assigned ALJ. Persons may become a party pursuant to Rule 1.4.¹⁰ When serving any document, each party must use the current official service list on the Commission's website.

This proceeding will follow the electronic service protocol set forth in Rule 1.10. All parties to this proceeding shall serve documents and pleadings using electronic mail transmitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date scheduled for service to occur. No paper copies should be served on the assigned ALJ.

¹⁰ The form to request additions and changes to the Service list may be found at <https://www.cpus.ca.gov/-/media/cpus-website/divisions/administrative-law-judge-division/documents/additiontoservicelisttranscriptordercompliant.pdf>

When serving documents on Commissioners or advisors, whether or not they are on the official service list, parties must provide electronic service. Do not provide paper copies of documents to Commissioners or the advisors, unless specifically asked to do so.

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

An unofficial alternative to obtaining email notifications of documents is the Commission's subscription service, which sends individual notifications to each subscriber of formal e-filings accepted by the Commission. Notifications can be for a specific proceeding, a range of documents, and daily or weekly digests.

12. Receiving Electronic Service from the Commission

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

13. Assignment of Proceeding

Karen Douglas is the assigned Commissioner and Regina DeAngelis is the assigned ALJ and presiding officer for the Rehearing Phase of this proceeding.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The scope of this proceeding is described above and is adopted.
2. The schedule of this proceeding is set forth above and is adopted.
3. Evidentiary hearing is needed.

4. The presiding officer is Administrative Law Judge Regina DeAngelis.
5. The category of the proceeding is ratesetting.

Dated August 26, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KAREN DOUGLAS

Karen Douglas
Assigned Commissioner