

Decision 26-06-030 June 11, 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Authority to Securitize Certain Costs and Expenses Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 850 et seq.

Application 20-07-008

DECISION GRANTING INTERVENOR COMPENSATION TO WILD TREE FOUNDATION

Summary

This decision modifies the intervenor compensation award granted to Wild Tree Foundation (Wild Tree) in Decision (D.) 23-11-021. In D.23-11-021, the 2020 hourly rate for Wild Tree’s representative Aaron Rothschild was calculated incorrectly. Accordingly, this decision adjusts that hourly rate and awards Wild Tree an additional \$10,540 in intervenor compensation.

Application 20-07-008 is closed.

1. Background

On November 11, 2023, the Commission issued Decision (D.) 23-11-021, awarding intervenor compensation to Wild Tree Foundation (Wild Tree) for its substantial contribution to D.20-11-007¹ in Application 20-07-008.

D.23-11-021 awarded Wild Tree \$63,843.80 in intervenor compensation and adopted a 2020 hourly rate of \$340 for representative Aaron Rothschild (Rothschild).

On December 8, 2023, Wild Tree filed an application for rehearing of D.23-11-021, stating legal error, challenging the adjusted award and asserting entitlement to full compensation.

On April 25, 2025, the Commission issued D.25-04-044, granting limited rehearing of D.23-11-021, and agreed that Rothschild's 2020 hourly rate should be recalculated, but denied rehearing in all other respects.²

2. Rothschild's New 2020 Hourly Rate

In D.23-11-021, Rothschild's 2020 hourly rate was correctly established using the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in Resolution ALJ-387 but was based on an incorrect experience level of 13 years instead of 19 years.

Accordingly, this decision awards Rothschild a 2020 hourly rate of \$465 as authorized in D.25-04-044 and per Resolution ALJ-387 based on his correct experience level, as opposed to the \$340 rate previously determined in D.23-11-021, for work performed in this proceeding. Based on the 84.32 hours awarded

¹ D.20-11-007 issued a Financing Order to Southern California Edison Company for authority under Assembly Bill 1054 and Public Utilities Code § 850.1 to issue a Recovery Bond for approximately \$337,141,000.

² D.25-04-044 Ordering Paragraph 1.

for Rothschild's work in this proceeding in 2020, Wild Tree should receive an additional \$10,540 in intervenor compensation for its substantial contribution to D.20-11-007.

3. Comments on Proposed Decision

Per Rule 14.6(c)(6) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment for a decision on a request for compensation pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1801 et seq. Because this is a decision on a request for compensation, we waive the comment period.

4. Assignment of Proceeding

Christine Harada is the assigned Commissioner and Camille Watts-Zagha is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. In D.23-11-021, the 2020 hourly rate for Wild Tree's representative Aaron Rothschild was calculated incorrectly as it was based on an incorrect experience level of 13 years instead of 19 years.

2. Aaron Rothschild's 2020 hourly rate for work performed in this proceeding should be \$465 as opposed to \$340 as previously authorized in D.23-11-021.

3. Based on the hours awarded in D.23-11-021 for work performed by Aaron Rothschild in 2020, Wild Tree is owed an additional \$10,540 in intervenor compensation for its contribution to D.20-11-007.

Conclusions of Law

1. Wild Tree should be awarded an additional \$10,540 in intervenor compensation for its contribution to D.20-11-007.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Wild Tree Foundation is awarded an additional \$10,540 for its contribution to Decision 20-11-007.
2. Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, Southern California Edison Company shall pay Wild Tree Foundation the additional award. Payment of the award shall include compound interest at the rate earned on prime, three-month non-financial commercial paper as reported in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15, beginning March 27, 2021, the 75th day after the filing of Wild Tree Foundation's request, and continuing until full payment is made.
3. Application 20-07-008 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated June 11, 2026, at Sacramento, California

JOHN REYNOLDS

President

DARCIE L. HOUCK

KAREN DOUGLAS

CHRISTINE HARADA

Commissioners

Commissioner Matthew Baker
recused himself from this agenda
item and was not part of the quorum
in its consideration.