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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENERGY DIVISION

SUBJECT: Revisions to Distribution Line Extension Competitive
Bidding Letter of Understanding, Form 14-189

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) hereby submits for filing the following changes to its tariff schedules. The revised tariff sheets are listed on Attachment A and are attached hereto.

PURPOSE

This advice filing revises Distribution Line Extension Competitive Bidding Letter of Understanding, Form 14-189, by expanding the choices (Bid or No Bid) available to Applicant Installers, and by referencing the applicable tariffs that are available to an Applicant Installer.

BACKGROUND

In Decision (D.) 85-08-043, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) gave customers applying for an extension of electrical service the option of having the line extension work done by the utility distribution company or by a non-utility installer. This option was referred to as the Competitive Bidding Option (which gave Applicant Installers the choice to shop a bid from SCE or have SCE install the extension without a bid) and became effective on August 21, 1985.

At present, SCE provides line extension customers, up-front, with a Competitive Bid Option and an SCE Install Option. The Competitive Bid Option includes a package containing financial and contractual data such as pricing and contractor information, to assist the applicant in its decision

making in selecting who will install its electrical distribution system, based, in part, on the terms contained in the package. Thus, a customer has two choices: (1) SCE install (with no competitive bids); or (2) a Qualified Contractor/Subcontractor/Applicant Installation (with competitive bids).

Recently, an electrical line installation firm – Pacific Utility Installation – and California Building Industry Association representatives discussed with SCE representatives the possibility of providing customers, upfront, the choice of electing the Applicant-Install option without first receiving a SCE bid package. The discussion included the proposal that SCE include a third choice within the current Form 14-189, which would give customers the choice of an Applicant Installation (A Qualified Contractor/Subcontractor) without ever receiving a SCE bid package.

As a result of these discussions, SCE is proposing to revise Form 14-189 to provide three choices:

- (1) Competitive Bidding Process for Applicant Installation. This choice is for those applicants who are unsure of which direction they would like to proceed with their construction services. Under this choice, SCE provides the Applicant with a construction installation estimate which can be used as the basis for soliciting bids from third party installers;
- (2) SCE Installation (no competitive bid). This choice will be for those applicants who desire to have SCE perform the installation work on their construction project without the benefit of a bidding process; and
- (3) Applicant Installation (no competitive bid). This choice will be for those applicants who desire to have a third party installer perform the installation work on their construction project without the benefit of a bidding process. The non-utility installers believe that this option would expedite the current process.

The purpose of this request is to alleviate the need to prepare unnecessary bid estimates in those situations where a customer prefers, at the outset, to choose Applicant installation, without the exercise of comparing various bid estimates. In addition, SCE has changed the title of the Form to reflect the applicable tariffs for electrical installations that are available to applicant installers. SCE feels the expansion of language and revisions to the Form are necessary for applicants to understand their choices.

This advice filing is being made to assist applicants in their choices for installation. SCE believes the requested change is consistent with the Commission's earlier directive to allow for competitive bidding.

No cost information is required for this advice filing.

This advice filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other schedule or rule.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This advice filing will become effective on the 40th calendar day after the date filed, which is September 28, 2003.

NOTICE

Anyone wishing to protest this advice filing may do so by letter via U.S. Mail, facsimile, or electronically, any of which must be received by the Energy Division and SCE no later than 20 days after the date of this advice filing. Protests should be mailed to:

IMC Program Manager
c/o Jerry Royer
Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4002
San Francisco, California 94102
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-mail: jjr@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 (same address above).

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this advice letter should also be sent by letter and transmitted via facsimile or electronically to the attention of:

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Rosemead, California 91770
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Vice President of Regulatory Operations
c/o Karyn Gansecki
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There are no restrictions on who may file a protest, but the protest shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously.

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of General Order No. 96-A, SCE is mailing copies of this advice filing to the interested parties shown on the attached service list and R.00-01-005. Address change requests to the attached GO 96-A Service List should be directed to AdviceTariffManager@sce.com or (626) 302-3985. For changes to the R.00-01-005 Service List, please contact the Commission's Process Office at (415) 703-2021 or by electronic mail at Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov.

Further, in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 491, notice to the public is hereby given by filing and keeping the advice filing open for public inspection at SCE's corporate headquarters. To view other SCE advice letters filed with the Commission, log on to SCE's web site at <http://www.sce.com/adviceletters>.

For questions, please contact Lisa Ornelas at (626) 302-3981 or by electronic mail at Lisa.Ornelas@sce.com.

Southern California Edison Company

Akbar Jazayeri

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Southern California Edison
Rosemead, California

Revised Cal. PUC Sheet No. 35259-E*
Cancelling Revised Cal. PUC Sheet No. 27032-E

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY
RULE 15 DISTRIBUTION LINE EXTENSIONS, RULE 16 SERVICE EXTENSIONS
INSTALLATION OPTION LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

Form 14-189

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY
RULE 15 DISTRIBUTION LINE EXTENSIONS, RULE 16 SERVICE EXTENSIONS
INSTALLATION OPTION LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

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TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (SCE):

The undersigned Applicant understands that he/she must select one of the following choices listed below for a new electric distribution and/or service extension installed in accordance with SCE's Rules 15, and/or 16 by placing an "X" in the space provided in front of the number representing the choice being selected.

- _____ (1) A Competitive Bidding Procedure requesting bids from SCE and other Qualified Contractor/Subcontractors for a installation of the new distribution and/or service extension; or
- _____ (2) SCE to install a new distribution and/or service extension without requesting bids under Choice (1); or
- _____ (3) A Qualified Contractor/Subcontractor to install a new distribution and/or service extension without requesting bids under Choice (1).

Applicant understands that:

Under **Choice (1)**, the Applicant requests SCE to provide an estimated installed project-specific cost and that Applicant's intent is to competitively bid the project. The Applicant is responsible for requesting and receiving bids from other Qualified Contractors/Subcontractors for the installation of the electric distribution line and/or service extension which includes cable, equipment and components. Under this Choice, the Applicant may select either SCE or a Qualified Contractor/Subcontractor to perform the installation of the electric distribution and/or service extension using the Applicant Notification Letter of Party to Construct Line Extension Form, SCE 15-33. By selecting a Qualified Contractor/Subcontractor, the applicable costs and accounting shall apply per SCE Rule 15, Section G, Applicant Installation Options.

Under **Choice (2)**, the Applicant requests SCE to install and inspect the electric distribution line and/or service extension which includes cable, equipment, and components. SCE will use an estimated installed project-specific cost which is subject to the applicable non-refundable and refundable terms per SCE Rules 15 and/or 16. Under this Choice, the Applicant waives the right to request SCE to provide a competitive bid package [Choice (1) above].

Under **Choice (3)**, the Applicant elects to have a Qualified Contractor/Subcontractor install the electric distribution line and/or service extension which includes cable, equipment and components, without the comparison of a SCE bid. Under this choice, the Applicant waives the right to request SCE to provide a competitive bid package [Choice (1) above]. The Applicant understands that by selecting a Qualified Contractor/Subcontractor, the applicable costs and accounting shall apply per SCE Rule 15, Section G, Applicant Installation Options.

If the Applicant selects SCE to install the distribution and/or service extension under Choice (1) or Choice (2) above and then later decides to secure a Qualified Contractor/Subcontractor, the Applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by SCE for pre-construction and construction work already performed as a result of the Applicant originally requesting SCE to perform the installation.

The choice selected is for the distribution line and/or service extension to be located at and described as follows:

Applicant (Print or Type)

Title (Print or Type)

Signature

Date

(T)

September 03, 2003

California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4005
San Francisco, CA 94102

Attn: Jerry Royer
Energy Division

Re: Substitute Sheets for Advice 1734-E

Dear Mr. Royer:

Enclosed is an original and six copies of Attachment A and substitute Sheet No. 35259-E*.¹ This substitute sheet is necessary to correct an inadvertent computer malfunction error in Form 14-189, Southern California Edison Company Rule 15 Distribution Line Extensions, Rule 16 Service Extensions Installation Option Letter of Authorization, that was filed showing "redlined" text instead of the symbolized version. This correction does not change any language in the filed form.

Please replace the enclosed sheets in your master Advice 1734-E file and distribute to the appropriate people reviewing this filing. If you have any questions, please contact Ruby Galvan at (626) 302-2010.

Sincerely,

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Copy: GO 96-A Service List

¹ Asterisk denotes a substitute sheet.