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January 10, 2013

Advice Letter 2791-E

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Subject: Withdrawal of So. Cal. Edison Advice Letter 2791-E - Notice of Proposed Construction - Deteriorated Pole Replacements in the Coastal Zone of Unincorporated Santa Barbara County

Dear Mr. Jazayeri:

Advice Letter 2791-E is withdrawn as requested in your letter dated January 8, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward F. Randolph".

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division

ADVICE LETTER (AL) SUSPENSION NOTICE
ENERGY DIVISION

Utility Name: Southern California Edison

Utility No./Type: U 338-E

Advice Letter Nos.: 2791-E

Date AL filed: October 10, 2012

ED Staff Person: Lon Payne (LP4, 3-3175)

Utility Contact Person: Darrah Morgan

Utility Phone No.: 626-302-2086

Date Utility Notified: October 26, 2012 via email to: darrah.morgan@sce.com

Date Calendar Clerk Notified ____/____/____

Date Commissioners/Advisors Notified ____/____/____

INITIAL SUSPENSION (up to 120 DAYS from the expiration of the initial review period)

This is to notify that the above-indicated AL is suspended for up to 120 days beginning November 9, 2012 for the following reason(s) below. If the AL requires a Commission resolution and the Commission's deliberation on the resolution prepared by Energy Division extends beyond the expiration of the initial suspension period, the advice letter will be automatically suspended for up to 180 days beyond the initial suspension period.

A Commission Resolution is Required to Dispose of the Advice Letter

Advice Letter Requests a Commission Order

Advice Letter Requires Staff Review

The expected duration of initial suspension period is 120 days

FURTHER SUSPENSION (up to 180 DAYS beyond initial suspension period)

The AL requires a Commission resolution and the Commission's deliberation on the resolution prepared by Energy Division has extended beyond the expiration of the initial suspension period. The advice letter is suspended for up to 180 days beyond the initial suspension period.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Lon Payne at lon.payne@cpuc.ca.gov.

cc:

EDTariffUnit

October 10, 2012

ADVICE 2791-E
(U 338-E)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENERGY DIVISION

SUBJECT: Notice of Proposed Construction – Replacement of
Deteriorated Poles in the Coastal Zone of Unincorporated
Santa Barbara County

PURPOSE

This advice filing complies with direction given to Southern California Edison Company (SCE) by Energy Division Staff to file an Advice Letter pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B, General Rule 7.6.1 for the replacement of deteriorated 66 kilovolt (kV) wood poles with equivalent 66 kV lightweight steel (LWS) poles in accordance with GO131-D, Section III.B.1.b.

BACKGROUND

Over the next several years, SCE plans to replace deteriorated 66 kV wood poles within the Coastal Zone in unincorporated Santa Barbara County. Poles requiring replacement will be identified on an ongoing basis through SCE's inspection and maintenance program consistent with CPUC GOs 95 and 165. GO 95 sets forth the "requirements for overhead line design, construction, and maintenance, the application of which will ensure adequate service and secure safety to persons engaged in the construction, maintenance, operation or use of overhead lines and to the public in general." GO 165 establishes "requirements for electric distribution and transmission facilities... regarding inspections in order to ensure safe and high-quality electrical service. "

Many of the existing 66 kV wood poles have been identified for replacement because of extensive damage caused by woodpeckers. SCE proposes to replace existing wood poles with LWS poles to mitigate the impact of woodpeckers, as well as to reduce the frequency by which poles are currently being replaced, thus minimizing maintenance, and disruption of service. LWS poles are a functional equivalent to wood poles, as they are direct buried, and are of similar height and circumference as the existing wood poles to be replaced.

Pursuant to Commission GO 131-D, Section III.B.1, projects meeting specific conditions are exempt from the Commission's requirement to file for an application requesting authority to construct. SCE proposes to replace deteriorated 66 kV wood poles with equivalent LWS poles consistent with the following exemption:

“b. the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.”

This advice filing is intended to only apply to replacement of deteriorated 66 kV wood poles within the Coastal Zone in unincorporated Santa Barbara County that meet all of the following conditions:

- 66 kV wood poles proposed for replacement with 66 kV LWS poles;
- Replacement 66 kV LWS poles are no more than 10 feet higher than existing 66 kV wood pole heights;
- Per GO 131-D Section III.B.2, none of the conditions specified in Section 15300.2 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines exist; and
- The replacement of poles will not result in any increase in capacity pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15302.

The CPUC requires utilities to employ “no cost” and “low cost” measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMF). In accordance with “EMF Design Guidelines” filed with the CPUC in compliance with CPUC Decisions 93-11-013 and 06-01-042, SCE will implement applicable measures to replacement of deteriorated poles.

This advice filing is made more than 30 days before the date such replacement is intended to begin. Starting in November 2012, and on an ongoing basis, poles will be identified for replacement, and upon completion of any required Local Coastal Program review by the County of Santa Barbara, and receipt of any applicable ministerial permits (e.g., encroachment permits) they will be replaced.

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 rate schedule or rule.

TIER DESIGNATION

Pursuant to GO 96-B, Energy Industry Rule 5.2(4), this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 2 designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

In accordance with GO 96-B, General Rules Section 7.3.4(1), this advice filing will become effective on November 9, 2012, the 30th calendar day after the date filed.

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 no later than October 30, 2012. Protests should be mailed to:

CPUC, Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@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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Vice President of Regulatory Operations
Southern California Edison Company
8631 Rush Street
Rosemead, California 91770
Facsimile: (626) 302-4829
E-mail: AdviceTariffManager@sce.com

Leslie E. Starck
Senior Vice President
c/o Karyn Gansecki
Southern California Edison Company
601 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 2030
San Francisco, California 94102
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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 4 of General Order No. 96-B, SCE is serving copies of this advice filing to the interested parties shown on the attached GO 96-B service list and the

County of Santa Barbara Director of Planning and Development. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed by electronic mail to AdviceTariffManager@sce.com or at (626) 302-4039. For changes to all other service lists, 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 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/AboutSCE/Regulatory/adviceletters>.

For questions, please contact Christine McLeod at (626) 302-3947 or by electronic mail at Christine.Mcleod@sce.com.

Southern California Edison Company

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Enclosures

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E)

Utility type:

ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: Darrah Morgan

Phone #: (626) 302-2086

E-mail: Darrah.Morgan@sce.com

E-mail Disposition Notice to: AdviceTariffManager@sce.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas
 PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 2791-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Notice of Proposed Construction - Deteriorated Pole Replacements in the Coastal Zone of Unincorporated Santa Barbara County

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: _____

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹: _____

Confidential treatment requested? Yes No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement.

Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/access to confidential information:

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 11/9/12 No. of tariff sheets: -0-

Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%): _____

Estimated system average rate effect (%): _____

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: _____

Service affected and changes proposed¹: _____

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: _____

¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than October 30, 2012 after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

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