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File No. 602-19

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Dear Mr. Jazayeri:

Enclosed is a copy of the utility's Advice Letter No. 75-W, to establish tariff Schedule W-4, Dedicated Water Service for Private Fire Protection Systems, which you have withdrawn per your letter of April 15, 2010.

As a reminder, withdrawn tariff sheets shall be retained in the utility's file of canceled and superseded sheets, and sheet numbers and advice letter numbers of withdrawn filings shall not be reused.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josie R. Babaran".

JOSIE R. BABARAN
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Water & Sewer Advisory Branch

Enclosures

March 26, 2010

ADVICE 75-W
(U 338-W)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
WATER DIVISION

SUBJECT: Establishment of Schedule W-4, Dedicated Water Service for
Private Fire Protection Systems

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

The purpose of this advice filing is to establish Schedule W-4, Dedicated Water Service for Private Fire Protection Systems, to conform it to Standard Practice U-7-W, Rate Design for Water and Sewer System Utilities including Master Metered Facilities, Appendix A.

BACKGROUND

SCE provides fire water service on Santa Catalina Island (Catalina) through dedicated piping and other infrastructure to ensure the availability of water for customers' private fire protection systems and to provide an operational fire protection system that does not affect the integrity of Catalina's drinking water system.¹ SCE's Rule 17.A.1.c provides that "[a]ll water sold by SCE will be upon the basis of metered volume sales except that SCE may at its option provide flat rate or estimated service for . . . Public and private fire protection."² SCE's Rule 21.A., effective November 9, 2008, provides that "[f]ire protection service will be furnished by SCE only at the rates and under the conditions set forth in an appropriate rate schedule for the service filed as a part of these tariff schedules, except as such service may be supplemented or amplified by

¹ All water provided by SCE on Catalina is fresh water.

² SCE's Rule 17 has contained the same or similar language since November 21, 1962.

more detailed contractual arrangements after authorization therefore has first been obtained from the California Public Utilities Commission."

SCE makes available to some customers on Catalina water service solely for use with their private fire suppression systems ("dedicated fire protection service"). These customers pay a monthly service charge, pursuant to Schedule W-1 and based on the size of the installed service, for dedicated fire protection service, but no volumetric charges for the quantity of water delivered. Unlike typical fresh water service, meters on these dedicated pipelines are not used to measure the quantity of water delivered and do not correspond in size to the pipeline size. Meters are installed in these circumstances to detect water flow and to verify that water is used only for fire suppression purposes. Accordingly, the service charge SCE has historically applied for dedicated fire protection service on Catalina is the "Service Charge" identified in Schedule W-1 for the meter which would otherwise apply to the connection size. For example, the service charge billed for a four-inch diameter pipeline used for dedicated fire protection service would be the Service Charge identified in Schedule W-1 for a four-inch meter.³

SCE has been applying the Service Charge in Schedule W-1 to dedicated fire protection service, as described above, for over 32 years. However, recently customers have questioned the applicability of Schedule W-1 rates to dedicated fire protection service, and litigation is pending concerning the sufficiency of SCE's tariffs to authorize such charges (*Martin Curtin, et al. v. Southern California Edison Company, et al.*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC417712). Plaintiffs in the lawsuit contend that SCE does not have a valid tariff in effect to support the charges it has applied for this service.

PROPOSED TARIFF

In order to avoid any dispute with respect to the applicability of service charges for dedicated fire protection service in the future, SCE proposes to establish a separate rate schedule which specifically delineates the charges and provisions for dedicated fire protection service and to accommodate customers with these private fire protection systems. Furthermore, based on review of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Water Division, Standard Practice guidelines,⁴ SCE believes that it is appropriate to have a separate rate schedule for this purpose. Standard Practice U-7-W, "Rate Design for Water and Sewer System Utilities including Master Metered Facilities," Appendix A includes a list of rate schedules identified by Class of Service. The list includes "Private Fire Protection Service" (Schedule 4)⁵ as a class of service for

³ Attachment B contains SCE's Schedule W-1.

⁴ Standard Practice U-1-W, modified July 2007 pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B, defines a Standard Practice as "A Water Division document that provides guidelines (1) to the public and Utilities for preparing, and filing with the Water Division or the Commission, various documents, including formal applications and advice letters, and (2) to Staff for reviewing such documents and creating Water Division work products.

⁵ Schedule numbering corresponds generally to revenue classes reflected in the present uniform system of accounts for water utilities.

which a separate water service schedule may be provided. Accordingly, SCE proposes to establish Schedule W-4, entitled "Dedicated Water Service for Private Fire Protection Systems."⁶ SCE does not propose to change the currently effective service charges applied for fire water service. The applicable service charges from Schedule W-1 will be duplicated in the new Schedule W-4 for dedicated fire protection service, along with a description of the service and its provisions. SCE will continue to charge customers the applicable service charge for dedicated fire protection service based on the diameter of the fire water service connection. All water service not covered by Schedule W-4 will continue to be governed by Schedule W-1 and, where applicable, Schedule W-1-CARE.

In order to mitigate customer confusion over the applicability of charges for dedicated fire protection service in the future, SCE requests that the Commission expedite its review of this Advice filing and approve Schedule W-4 as soon as possible.

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.

TIER DESIGNATION

Pursuant to GO 96-B, Water Industry Rule 7.3.2, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 2 designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This advice filing will become effective upon approval by Water Division pursuant to General Rule 7.6.1.

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 20 days after the date of this advice filing. Protests should be mailed to:

Director, Water Division
CPUC
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102
E-mail: water_division@cpuc.ca.gov
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

⁶ SCE proposes to use this title as it is more indicative of the service provided.

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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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 for GO 96-B, SCE is serving copies of this advice filing to the interested parties shown on the attached GO 96-B service list. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed by electronic mail to AdviceTariffManager@sce.com or at (626) 302-2930. 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 Lisa Vellanoweth at (626) 302-2021 or by electronic mail at Lisa.Vellanoweth@sce.com.

Southern California Edison Company

Akbar Jazayeri

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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS Advice Letter Cover Sheet	(Date Filed / Received Stamp by CPUC)
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Replacing AL#: N/A	Authorization for Filing: Standard Practice U-7-W	Compliance Filing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Rate Impact	\$	
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<p><u>The public has 20 days from Date Mailed (above) to protest this advice letter. If you chose to protest or respond to the advice letter, send Protest and/or Correspondence within 20 days to:</u></p>	Director Division of Water and Audits 505 Van Ness Ave. San Francisco, CA 94102
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<p><u>and if you have email capability, also email to:</u></p>	water_division@cpuc.ca.gov
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<p><u>Your protest also must be served on the Utility</u></p>	(see attached advice letter for more information and grounds for protest)
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Company Name: Southern California Edison Company	CPUC Utility Number:
Address: 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue	WTA _____
City, State, Zip: Rosemead, CA 91770	WTB _____
	WTC <u>U 338-W</u>
	WTD _____
	SWR _____

	Contact Name:	Phone No.	Fax No.	Email Address:
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Alternate	Susan Quon	626-302-2930	626-302-4829	susan.quon@sce.com

Description:
 In this space or on the back of this form:

1. Explain justification for requested Tier: GO 96-B - Water Industry Rule 7.3.2
2. Describe service affected and how it is affected: Establishes Schedule W-4 which delineates the charges and provisions for dedicated fire protection water service
3. Describe differences from related Advice Letters (Similar service, replacement filing): N/A

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Analyst:	Extended on:
Due Date:	Resolution No.:
Completion Date:	AL/Tariff Effective Date:

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Schedule W-4
DEDICATED WATER SERVICE FOR PRIVATE
FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

Sheet 1

APPLICABILITY

This Schedule is applicable to water service through supply lines that provide water solely for private fire protection systems. All other water service shall be charged under the provisions of Schedule W-1 and, where applicable, Schedule W-1-CARE.

TERRITORY

Santa Catalina Island in Los Angeles County.

RATES

Per Service Connection
per Month

Service Charge:

For	5/8-inch diameter supply line	\$	26.44
For	3/4- inch diameter supply line	\$	37.06
For	1-inch diameter supply line	\$	47.67
For	1-1/2-inch diameter supply line	\$	63.67
For	2-inch diameter supply line	\$	84.89
For	3-inch diameter supply line	\$	177.45
For	4-inch diameter supply line	\$	241.42
For	6-inch diameter supply line	\$	400.91
For	8-inch diameter supply line	\$	596.32

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Subject to SCE approval, the installation of or changes to facilities for water service to a privately owned fire protection system shall be performed by SCE or under SCE's direction. The cost of the entire installation or change shall be paid for by the applicant. Additionally, SCE will charge a fee for review of the proposed installation or change prior to work being performed. This review fee will be assessed on a case-by-case basis according to the size of the proposed fire protection service system. Such fee shall not be subject to refund.
2. The expense of maintaining the private fire protection water service facilities on the applicant's premises (including the vault, meter and backflow device) shall be paid for by the applicant.
3. All facilities installed by the applicant, excluding the connection at the main and any service pipe located in a public-right-way, are the sole property of the applicant. SCE and its duly authorized agents shall have the right of ingress to, and egress from, the premises for all purposes relating to said facilities and the provision of water service.
4. No structure shall be built over or enclosing the private fire protection facilities and the customer shall maintain and safeguard the area occupied by the private fire protection facilities from traffic and other hazardous conditions. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis for extenuating circumstances.

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Schedule W-4
DEDICATED WATER SERVICE FOR PRIVATE
FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

Sheet 2

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

5. The customer will be responsible for any damage to the private fire protection facilities whether resulting from the use or operation of appliances and facilities on customer's premises or otherwise.
6. Any unauthorized use of water by the private fire protection facilities will be charged at applicable tariff rates and may be grounds for SCE discontinuing private fire protection water service without liability to SCE. A meter may be installed on the water service facilities used for private fire protection water service. Such meter will not necessarily correspond in size to the size of the water service pipe and is installed to detect and/or measure the unauthorized use of water.
7. SCE will supply to the privately owned fire protection system only such water at such pressure as may be available from time to time in the operation of SCE's system. Section 774 of the Public Utilities Code limits the liability of SCE resulting from a claim regarding the provision or maintenance of an adequate water supply, water pressure, equipment or other fire protection facility or service. Acceptance of service under this tariff is acknowledgement of notice of the provisions of Section 774 of the Public Utilities Code.

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Attachment B



Schedule W-1
GENERAL METERED FRESH WATER SERVICE

Sheet 1

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered fresh water service.

TERRITORY

Santa Catalina Island, Los Angeles County.

RATES

	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>	
	Summer Season May through <u>September</u>	Winter Season October through <u>April</u>
Quantity Rates:		
First 2,500 gallons, per 1,000 gallons	\$11.17 (I)	\$9.95 (I)
Between 2,501 and 10,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons	30.01 (I)	22.73 (I)
Over 10,000 Gallons, Per 1,000 gallons	41.08 (I)	30.60 (I)
Service Charge:		
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	26.44 (R)	26.44 (R)
For 3/4-inch meter	37.06 (R)	37.06 (R)
For 1-inch meter	47.67 (R)	47.67 (R)
For 1-1/2-inch meter	63.67 (R)	63.67 (R)
For 2-inch meter	84.89 (R)	84.89 (R)
For 3-inch meter	177.45 (R)	177.45 (R)
For 4-inch meter	241.42 (R)	241.42 (R)
For 6-inch meter	400.91 (R)	400.91 (R)
For 8-inch meter	596.32 (R)	596.32 (R)

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge applicable to all metered service which is added to the quantity charge computed at the Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITION

Service to customers shall be on an annual basis only with an annual service charge equating to twelve times the monthly service charge, payable at the monthly service charged rates.

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