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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Authority to Recover Costs, Amongst Other Things, to its Class C Water Utility and Smaller Gas Utility.

Application 26-03-003

**(NOT CONSOLIDATED)**

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Authority To, Revise and Increase the Safe Annual Yield, Revise Rule 3, and Allocate Water Per a Special Agreement for its Class C Water Utility.

Application 26-04-017

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING NOTICING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS**

This ruling sets two in-person public participation hearings (PPHs) on September 10, 2026 at both 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., and a further remote virtual PPH on September 15, 2026, at 6 pm only. These hearings are for two unconsolidated applications filed by Southern California Edison Company (SCE), both of which address ratemaking issues related to SCE's water and gas services on Santa Catalina Island (Catalina). It is both efficient and economical to reach out for public participation for both applications at the same time.

The first proceeding, Application (A.) 24-03-003 addressed a request to recover various costs recorded in balancing and memorandum accounts. Which if approved as filed could increase rates charged for water service by \$55,196,000 or 11.11% in 2025) by \$22,041,000 or 3.99% in 2026, and by \$25,809,000 or 4.49% in

2027. The second, A.24-04-017 if approved as filed would revise and increase the Safe Annual Yield, Revise the applicable tariff Rule 3, and would allocate water under a new Special Agreement for Edison's Class C Water Utility operations on Catalina.

The main purpose of the PPHs is to provide opportunity for the utilities' customers to communicate directly with the Commission regarding the proposed changes in both proceedings. Public comments made at these PPHs are not evidence and are not the basis for deciding the outcome of these proceedings.

Details regarding how to participate in the September 10 in-person PPHs on Catalina and for the September 15, 2026, remote PPH are provided below. Edison shall take certain actions to further notice and facilitate public participation at these hearings.

**1. September 10, 2026 In-Person Public Participation Hearings**

Two hearings will be held at 2:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., at Avalon City Hall, City Council Chambers, 410 Avalon Canyon Road, Avalon, CA 90704.

**2. September 15 Virtual Public Participation Hearings**

One hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m., only and can be viewed via the internet, or listened to via phone, with the information below. If parties wish to make a public comment, they may do so by dialing:

- Toll-Free: 800-857-1917  
Public Access: 7032766#
- The link below will provide the public access to the internet broadcast of on the day of the hearing:  
<http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/>

The call-in line will run from 5:45 p.m. to a (soft-scheduled) end of 8:30 pm. and sessions will be accessible using the information above.

### **3. General Participation Information - All Hearings**

Please note that a quorum of commissioners may attend but no decisions will be made or voted on at a public participation hearing.

Members of the public must sign in at September 10<sup>th</sup> in-person PPHs or use phone number options to provide verbal comments at the September 15<sup>th</sup> Virtual PPH.

When it is time for comments, the presiding Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will make an announcement. Participants on September 15 using the phone options who wish to make a comment must follow the procedures, as directed above.

Public officials wishing to speak at any of the three PPHs should provide their name, title, and governmental entity prior to speaking.

Based on the number of speakers wishing to provide comments, the ALJ may limit speakers' time so that all speakers have an opportunity to comment, and to conduct an efficient, respectful hearing.

The Commission's court reporters will record the statements made during the hearing and post the transcript on the Commission's website at the Docket Card for both proceedings.

If you need a language interpreter, at any of three PPHs please contact the Commission's Public Advisor's Office at least five business days before the hearing, using one of the following methods:

- Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074
- Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102
- E-mail: [Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov)

In addition to the three PPHs, customers may submit written public comments at any time during the proceeding and read other public comments via the Commission's website at the Docket Card for this proceeding, using the Public Comment tab at:

1. Application A. 26-03-003  
<https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:65::ADDPC::::>
2. Application A. 26-04-017  
<https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:65::ADDPC::::>

#### **4. Directive to Edison**

For the Virtual PPH on September 15, 2026 SCE shall provide the name, title, and telephone number of at least one senior customer service representative who can be reached by customers during the hearing for individual service or billing issues; and at least one representative capable and prepared to respond to specific questions about the material in the Application. SCE shall provide this information to the Public Advisor's Office no later than seven days before the PPH. This information may be posted for use by the public during the hearing.

#### **5. Public Notice**

Pursuant to Rule 13.1(b) and (c),<sup>1</sup> SCE must, at a minimum, take the actions listed below to ensure that customer notice regarding the PPHs is distributed in a comprehensive manner:

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<sup>1</sup> Rule 13.1(b) and (c) provides as follows: (b) Whenever any electrical, gas, heat, telephone, water, or sewer system utility files an application to increase any rate, the utility shall give notice of any public participation hearing that may be set in the proceeding, not less than five nor more than 30 days before the date of the public participation hearing, to entities or persons who may be affected thereby, by posting notice in public places, which may include the website of the utility, and by publishing notice in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the area or areas concerned, of the time, date, and place of hearing. Proof of publication and sample copies of the notices shall be filed within 10 days after publication. (c) In addition to the notice required by this rule, parties shall provide such notice of hearing as the presiding officer may designate.

- Post notice of the PPHs in at least one newspaper in each geographic region in its service territory. In a geographic region with a notable number of non-English speaking customers, post notice of the PPHs in a regional newspaper in those languages and secure radio advertising broadcasted in non-English languages;
- Include notice of the PPHs in mailed bill to customers that currently receive bills via the United States Postal Service;
- Send e-mail messages to all customers that have provided SCE with an e-mail address and the subject line of this e-mail must clearly advise the recipient that this PPHs will be held in this proceeding. The body of the e-mail must include the same information as approved by the Commission's Public Advisor's Office in the bill notice. In addition, e-mail messages shall not be combined with an e-mail electronic bill but, instead, be sent separately from a customer's electronic bill;
- SCE shall publicize the PPHs on all social media platforms it uses;
- SCE shall post notice of its PPHs on its website in a prominent location so that customers easily access the notice/information; and
- Ensure all the above communication methods are compatible with electronic or remote access and clearly state hearing can be accessed remotely.

Not later than seven days prior to the first PPH, SCE shall file and provide the Commission's Public Advisor's Office a letter verifying that it has complied with the above directives. This letter shall state the dates when the referenced types of notices were sent to customers, the methods used, and the approximate number of customers notified by each method. SCE shall also provide the dates and locations of publication and posting. A copy of its PPH notice shall be attached to this filing.

**6. Party Participation in the Public Participation Hearings**

Each party to this proceeding may make a brief 2-minute presentation at the start of each PPH session. Each party may also prepare no more than two slides for use during their presentations. Parties wishing to participate in the PPHs shall provide the name, position, e-mail address, and phone number of the individual who will be conducting the presentation, and any slides to be used during the presentation. This information shall be e-mailed to the assigned ALJ, copying the Service List, no later than seven days prior to the PPHs in which the party seeks to participate. For the remote PPH, a separate Webex link and speaker code will also be emailed to each designated party presenter prior to the event.

**IT IS RULED that:**

1. The scheduled in-person public participation hearings for SCE's Application (A.) 26-03-003 and A.26-04-017 is September 10, at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., at Avalon City Hall, City Council Chambers, 410 Avalon Canyon Road, Avalon, CA 90704.
2. The schedule for the remote access public participation hearings for Edison's Application (A.) 26-03-003 and A.26-04-017-0-001 is September 15, at 6:00 p.m.
3. SCE shall provide customer notice via direct mailing or the Internet not less than five days before the first September 10, 2026 public participation hearings. Where customer email addresses are available, SCE shall also provide the notice through direct e-mail communication.
4. SCE shall publish a notice of the September 10, 2026 and September 15, 2026, public participation hearings in one or more local

newspapers of general circulation in its relevant service territory for seven consecutive days prior to, and including, the date and times of the three sessions.

5. SCE shall prominently post a notice of the public participation hearings on its website and in all its offices where customers come into contact with a company customer service representative.

6. SCE shall provide the Public Advisor's Office, not later than five days prior to the first public participation hearing, a letter verifying that it has complied with the customer notice requirement.

7. SCE shall have: one customer service representative available at each of the respective public participation hearings to answer any billing or service questions that individual customers may have; and one representative capable and prepared to respond to specific questions about the material in both Applications. SCE shall provide this information to the Public Advisor's Office no later than seven days before the first public participation hearing.

8. If any active party in this proceeding wishes to present a brief summary (not to exceed 2 minutes each) of its position at the beginning of public participation hearing sessions (PPH), the party must inform the assigned Administrative Law Judges in both proceedings at least seven days prior to the September 10, 2026, date of the first PPH and serve the request on the service lists to both applications.

Dated July 2, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DOUGLAS M. LONG  
Douglas M. Long  
Administrative Law Judge

/s/ SYCHE CAI  
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Administrative Law Judge