BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission’s Own Motion into the Rates, Operations, Practices, Services and Facilities of Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas and Electric Company Associated with the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3.

Investigation 12-10-013 (Filed October 25, 2012)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE’S RULING
SETTING A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING AND ADDRESSING MOTIONS FOR PARTY STATUS

The Commission opened this investigation to consolidate and consider issues raised by the extended outages of Units 2 and 3 at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS).

In consultation, assigned Commissioner Michel Florio and Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Melanie M. Darling have determined that it is relevant to this proceeding to hear from the public about whether the Commission should remove the value of any portion of the SONGS facility from rate base, disallow rate recovery of any expenses related to the operation of SONGS, and/or make any findings of fact, conclusions of law, or orders directing Southern California Edison Company (SCE) to take specific actions as a result of the non-operation of SONGS.
Therefore, a Public Participation Hearing (PPH) focused on SCE’s operational and financial response to the SONGS outages will be held as follows:

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 21, 2013
Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center
1845 Park Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA  92627

The ALJ will set the Agenda and determine speaking times. During the first hour of the PPH, local government representatives will be given priority for public comment. Members of the public who wish to address the Commission must sign in at the PPH and will be called upon in the order listed on the sign-in sheet. Community-based organizations (CBOs) and other groups are encouraged to identify one or two speakers to represent the views of the organization’s members.

No later than 10 days after the date of this ruling, SCE shall provide to the Public Advisor by e-mail, for review and approval, a draft customer notice of the PPH. The Commission’s Public Advisor’s Office (PAO) shall work with this Commission’s News and Public Information Office and the Business and Consumer Outreach group to maximize notice to the affected public through a broad range of media and organizational contacts.

In particular, Commission staff, in coordination with the PAO, should reach out to state and local officials and local emergency response agencies for input, as well as CBOs and the general public within SCE’s service territory. Written statements from the public will be accepted by the PAO.
1. **Motions for Party Status**

   Motions have been filed seeking party status by:
   
   - Women’s Energy Matters;
   - Utility Consumers Action Network;
   - Clean Coalition;
   - Independent Energy Producers Association;
   - Southern California Gas Company;
   - Alliance For Nuclear Responsibility; and
   - California Cogeneration Council.

   The motions submitted by these persons establish the minimum requirements for party status as set forth in Rule 1.4 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. Therefore, all of these motions are granted.

   Parties are reminded that party status is not the equivalent of establishing intervenor status for purposes of seeking intervenor compensation, which includes demonstrating customer status pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1802(b). As provided by Rule 17.1(a)(1), Notices of Intent to apply for Intervenor Compensation must be filed by February 7, 2013, 30 days after the PPH.

   **IT IS RULED** that:

   1. A Public Participation Hearing is set for 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center, located at 1845 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627.
2. The motions for party status by Women’s Energy Matters; Utility Consumers Action Network; Clean Coalition; Independent Energy Producers Association; Southern California Gas Company; Alliance For Nuclear Responsibility; and California Cogeneration Council are granted.

Dated December 26, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET A. ECONOME for
Melanie M. Darlin
Administrative Law Judge