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Decision 92-06-026 June 3, 1992

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY)
 (U 338-E) for Authority to Increase)
 its Authorized Level of Base Rate)
 Revenue Under the Electric Revenue)
 Adjustment Mechanism for Service)
 Rendered Beginning January 1, 1992)
 and to Reflect this Increase in)
 Rates.)

ORIGINAL

Application 90-12-018
 (Filed December 7, 1990)

And Related Matters.)

I.89-12-025
 (Filed December 18, 1989)

I.91-02-079
 (Filed February 21, 1991)

EIGHTH INTERIM OPINION: PHASE 1 PETITIONS FOR MODIFICATION

The Commission has been unable to address two petitions for modification of Decision (D.) 91-12-076, the Phase 1 order in the test year 1992 general rate case of Southern California Edison Company (Edison), in time to incorporate any consequent revenue requirement changes into the rate design authorized today in D.92-06-020. In order to minimize the impacts of this delay on ratepayers, Edison's rates are made subject to refund, pending resolution of the petitions. Edison's rates will not reflect Commission action on the petitions until the next time rates are revised, but ratepayers will be protected by this order and by the workings of the Electric Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (ERAM) and the associated balancing account.

The petitions necessitating this order were filed by the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) on January 31, 1992 and by Edison on March 3, 1992. The maximum revenue requirement impact of the two petitions is approximately \$37.1 million annually.

On May 29, 1992, Edison filed another petition for modification of D.91-12-076, seeking a revenue requirement reduction of approximately \$14.8 million. We will also protect this amount from further over-recovery, producing a total of \$51.9 million subject to refund. This order does not in any way prejudice the merits of the various petitions.

Findings of Fact

1. DRA and Edison have filed petitions for modification of D.91-12-076, which established the revenue requirement for the rates adopted in D.92-06-020.

2. A reasonable estimate of the amounts in dispute in the petitions is \$51.9 million annually, covering the revenue requirement issues of Cost Containment savings, nuclear production expense calculations, Cal Energy interconnection facilities, and the DC Expansion Project.

3. Edison's ratepayers should be protected from continued over-recovery if the Commission eventually reduces authorized revenue requirement in response to the petitions.

Conclusions of Law

1. Edison's rates should be made subject to refund, pending Commission orders in response to the three petitions for modification of D.91-12-076.

2. This decision should become effective today, to protect ratepayers against possible continued over-recovery.

EIGHTH INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the rates of Southern California Edison Company are subject to refund in an amount not to exceed \$51.9 million annually, pending Commission resolution of the three petitions for modification identified herein.

This order is effective today.

Dated June 3, 1992, at San Francisco, California.

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER
President

JOHN B. OHANIAN

PATRICIA M. ECKERT

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Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY


NEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director