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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation into)
the rates, charges, and practices of)
Southern California Edison Company)

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 21, 1991
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
I.91-02-079

ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION

On December 7, 1990, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed Application (A.) 90-12-018 requesting authority to increase the base rate revenue requirement level for electricity by up to \$440 million for test year 1992. On December 18, 1989, the Commission opened Investigation (I.) 89-12-025, in response to Edison's notice that Units 1 and 3 of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station had been out of service for nine months. Application (A.) 90-12-018 and Investigation (I.) 89-12-025 were consolidated by Administrative Law Judge Ruling dated February 1, 1991 in A.90-12-018.

Without prejudging the issues which may arise in A.90-12-018, we institute this investigation so we have a procedural forum and vehicle to fully act on recommendations on revenue requirement, rates, practices and other aspects of SCE's operations which may be beyond the confines of the relief requested in A.90-12-018. The opening of such investigatory proceedings, for consolidation with large utilities' general rate applications, is customary. It is appropriate, in order to fully use the extensive general rate case review, to have such consolidated proceedings. The evidentiary record developed for A.90-12-018 and this consolidated OII, taken together, shall be the common record to support any findings or orders in connection with this investigation.

Accordingly, and on authority of Public Utilities Code Section 729, we will institute an investigation into the rates,

charges and practices of the Southern California Edison Company. This investigation will be consolidated with A.90-12-018 for hearing and decision.

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 729, an investigation into the rates, charges and practices of Southern California Edison Company is instituted.

2. This investigation is consolidated with A.90-12-018 and I.89-12-025 and the record in that consolidated proceeding will form the basis of the Commission's investigation.

3. A public hearing in this matter shall be held before an Administrative Law Judge of the Commission at a time and place to be determined, at which time and place all interested parties may appear and be heard.

4. The Executive Director is directed to serve a copy of this order on SCE by certified mail and by regular mail to each party of record in SCE's general rate case, A.90-12-018.

This order is effective today.

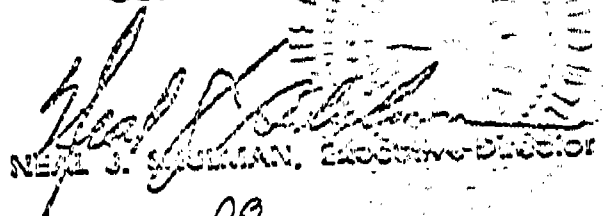
Dated February 21, 1991 at San Francisco, California.

PATRICIA M. ECKERT
President
G. MITCHELL WILK
JOHN B. OHANIAN
Commissioners

I abstain.
DANIEL WM. FESSLER
Commissioner

I abstain.
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioner

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


NEAL J. SUCKMAN, Executive Director

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