BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Integrate and Refine Procurement Policies and Consider Long-Term Procurement Plans.

Rulemaking 12-03-014 (Filed March 22, 2012)

NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to Rules 8.2(c), 8.3, and 8.5 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) gives notice of the following oral and written *ex parte* communication, which occurred on January 18, 2013 at approximately 2 p.m. in the Commission's San Francisco office and lasted approximately twenty-five minutes. DRA initiated the communications with Commissioner Mark Ferron's advisors Michael Colvin and Charlyn Hook. Attending the meeting on behalf of DRA were Cheryl Cox, Nika Rogers, Radu Ciupagea and Diana Lee.

DRA explained that it generally supported the current proposed decision (PD) authorizing Southern California Edison Company (SCE) to procure resources to meet local capacity reliability (LCR) needs. As explained in the attached handout distributed at the meeting, the Commission should modify the PD to:

Limit SCE's procurement authority for the Los Angeles Basin to 1500 megawatts (MW) and revisit LCR need in 2014;
Eliminate the 1000 MW floor for conventional gas-fired generation to comply with the Loading Order; and
Postpone procurement of Big Creek/Ventura Resources until the 2014 long-term procurement proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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