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To: Michael.Campbell@cpuc.ca.gov (Michael.Campbell@cpuc.ca.gov)
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Subject: Fw: Final Draft: Clean Up Items - President's day.

Fyi. Keep this one under your hat, please.

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
To: Sidney Bob Dietz
Sent: Mar 17, 2014 1:11 PM
Subject: FW: Final Draft: Clean Up Items - President's day.

FYI - Discussion below regarding "President's Day"

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:26 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Final Draft: Clean Up Items - President's day.

Megan,

RE: [Redacted] suggestion on President's Day.

I guess [Red] is satisfied for NOW. I've attached his previous email on the subject.

[Redacted]

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From: Redacted

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:57 AM

To: Redacted

Cc: Redacted

Subject: RE: Final Draft: Clean Up Items - President's day.

Reda

Fair enough and I agree that it is not critical to correct right now. Also, thank you for the explanation as to why it is best kept at the tariff level.

Redact

From: Redacted

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:54 AM

To: Redacted

Cc: Redacted

Subject: RE: Final Draft: Clean Up Items - President's day.

Redact
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I am not saying that it is the legal description, it is commonly referred to as “President’s Day.”

I think at some point, we should change it, but it is not critical to do so now. And I would not like to see it moved to the Rules because the holidays can have a significant impact on our customer’s operations and being on the tariff for the Rate Schedule itself, helps point that.

Redacted

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From: Redacted

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:43 AM

To: Redacted

Cc:

Subject: RE: Final Draft: Clean Up Items - President's day.

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In the spirit of open and honest communication, “President’s Day” is not a legal Federal or California holiday. Should not the tariff holiday definitions have a basis in California and/or Federal law? I would also note that California does retain a legal holiday for Lincoln’s birthday.

However, given that this issue likely does not lead to customer confusion, changes required for a proper cleanup could wait.

One question I have is why do we separately define the holidays in multiple, individual tariffs? Would it not be simpler to define the holidays once such as in the Rule 1 definitions, and then simply refer the tariffs back to the Rule 1 holiday definitions? This might be the easiest way to correct the situation at a future time.

I beg to differ on the 1971 Uniform Holiday Act as giving rise to the “President’s Day” notion as honoring all presidents, past and current. The history seems to be more complicated than that and the supposed 1971 declaration by Nixon as it being a holiday honoring all presidents, past and current, did not happen. President’s Day (and its grammatical variants), however, may be legally defined as a holiday in some states — but not in California or Federally. Overall, “President’s Day” has become more of a commercial marketing term to establish a period companies such as department stores and automobile dealers use for sales events. Commercial marketing perhaps could be the biggest perpetrator for the confusion and use of the incorrect “holiday” term. It is surprising that even many banks will say they will be closed for “President’s Day”, which is not one of the banking holidays as published by the U.S. Federal Reserve that are the basis for bank holiday closures. (See: <http://www.federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed/k8.htm>)

I have provided the California law excerpts and, for the U.S. Federal law, the excerpts originating back to the 1971 Uniform Holiday Act (with any subsequent amendments).

What is your source for what appears to be a quoted discussion in your e-mail below? Is it Wikipedia? Whatever the source, it provides a continuation of false notions. Please see Snopes.com, which is a much more respected source on issues like this one for “President’s Day”. snopes.com: Presidents Day
<<http://www.snopes.com/holidays/presidents/presidentsday.asp>>

Regards,

Redacted

From: Redacted
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 6:27 AM
To: Redacted

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Final Draft: Clean Up Items - President's day.

[Redacted]

I am sympathetic with [Redacted] point below, however, we have to evaluate whether it is worth possibly delaying the entire clean up filing for this issue. I would think in the name of consistency, we would have to revise ALL TOU rates with this word if we decide to change the word now. [Redacted] input is attached.

Unless this word has caused confusion for customers, I'm more inclined to leave it for now and possibly add it to the next clean up filing given it is not time sensitive, however, if you feel strongly about this, I will delay the clean up filing to make the revision. For what it's worth, SCE uses "President's Day" with the clarification (third Monday in February).

Please let me know what you want to do. Thank you.

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 5:44 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Final Draft: Clean Up Items

While I see his point:

Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington's actual day of birth—the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.

What do you think? I think it is pretty commonly known as President's day.

[Redacted]

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-----Original Message Truncated-----

Do I seem terse? Blame the thumb keyboard.