

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY  
AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
ENERGY BRANCH

RESOLUTION E-3372  
February 16, 1994

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION E-3372. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON REQUEST  
TO DEVIATE FROM SCHEDULE I-6 TO INCREASE THE FIRM  
SERVICE LEVELS ON FOUR NORTHROP CORPORATION  
INTERRUPTIBLE ACCOUNTS.

BY ADVICE LETTER 1033-E, FILED ON DECEMBER 23, 1993.

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SUMMARY

1. This Resolution allows the Northrop Corporation Aircraft Division (Northrop), a customer of Southern California Edison (Edison) to increase its firm service level for four of its interruptible accounts. Northrop requests this increase in its firm service level because it has recently consolidated its operations.
2. No protests have been received for this advice letter.
3. This resolution approves Edison's request.

BACKGROUND

1. Northrop has 13 interruptible accounts at its Hawthorne, California plant that are served under Edison's Rate Schedule I-6. These accounts represent approximately 40 MW of interruptible load.,
2. Due to continued reduction in economic activity in the defense and aerospace industries, Northrop has consolidated its Aircraft Division operations through equipment and operational changes. As a result of these changes, certain processes and equipment critical to Northrop's operations were combined into four facilities which currently take interruptible service. Northrop requests to increase its firm service level for its four interruptible accounts which serve these facilities by approximately 21 MW.
3. Under Rate Schedule I-6, Special Condition 3 customers must have a bona fide addition of load on an interruptible service account before the customer can increase its firm service level. Northrop's consolidation activities do not meet this criterion, therefore Edison is requesting a deviation from

Special Condition 3 so that Northrop may increase its firm service level.

**NOTICE**

Public notice of Advice Letter 1033-E was made by publication in the Commission calendar and by Edison mailing copies to all interested parties as required under General Order 96-A, Section III.-G.

**PROTESTS**

1. No protests were received for this Advice Letter filing.

**DISCUSSION**

1. CACD believes it is reasonable to allow Northrop to increase its firm service levels on its interruptible accounts to a level that protects Northrop's critical process equipment from being interrupted even though there has not been a bona fide load addition as required under Special Condition 3. Northrop could not have anticipated the need to consolidate its operations at the time it initially requested interruptible service. Accordingly, Edison's request for a deviation for Northrop from Special Condition 3 of Rate Schedule I-6 is reasonable.

2. Increasing Northrop's firm service level would increase the revenues that Edison receives from Northrop (assuming that usage remains constant) although it will also reduce the amount of interruptible load on the Edison system by 21 MW.

**FINDINGS**

1. Northrop has consolidated its operations in California.
2. Northrop has requested Southern California Edison to increase its firm service level for its four interruptible accounts by 21 MW.
3. Northrop does not meet Special Condition 3 of Rate Schedule I-6 for increasing its firm service level.
4. Northrop requires the firm service level to protect its critical process equipment from being interrupted after its consolidation.
5. Southern California Edison is requesting a deviation from Special Conditions 3 of Rate Schedule I-6.
6. Edison's request to grant Northrop a deviation from Rate Schedule I-6, Special Condition 3 is reasonable.
7. CACD recommends approval of the request.


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**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. Southern California Edison Company's (Edison) request to deviate from Rate Schedule I-6, Special Condition 3, in order to allow the Northrop Corporation Aircraft Division (Northrop) to consolidate its operations at its Hawthorne, California plant is approved.

2. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on February 16, 1994. The following Commissioners approved it:



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