

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EVALUATION AND COMPLIANCE
DIVISION
Energy Branch

Resolution E-3003
July 16, 1986

RESOLUTION

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (EDISON)
AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT A REFUND PLAN IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$36,000 INCLUDING APPROPRIATE INTEREST, FOR
ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS ON SANTA CATALINA ISLAND

By letter dated May 22, 1986, Edison has submitted a plan to refund to active electric customers on Santa Catalina Island ("Catalina") during the August 1986 billing period, an estimated overcollected balance of \$36,000, including accrued interest, in the Catalina Energy Cost Balance Adjustment Account. The facts are as follows:

1. On April 4, 1985, Edison filed Advice Letter No. 674-E requesting the elimination of the Catalina Energy Cost Balance Adjustment ("CECBA") from Part G of the Preliminary Statement as of May 1, 1985. Edison's request was granted on May 1, 1985.
2. While the Catalina Energy Cost Balance Adjustment Billing Factor ("CECBABF") surcharge ended on May 1, 1985, the CEC Balancing Account has remained active in order to accumulate any billing adjustments and accrued interest since May 1, 1985. The account has since accrued an overcollected balance that is estimated to total \$36,000, including interest, to September 1, 1986.
3. The interest rate is compounded monthly at the rate of 1/12 of the interest rate on Commercial Paper.
4. All active Catalina electric customers will receive refunds during the August 1986 billing period based upon the estimated CECBA balance of \$36,000, including accrued interest to September 1, 1986. The average domestic customer will receive a refund of approximately \$7.74.

5. The refund amount per electric customers will be computed based upon:
 - a. kWh usage by rate schedule for the 12 months ending April 30, 1986, and
 - b. The number of active electric customers per rate schedule during August 1986. Refunds will be credited to customer bills as follows:
 - (1) The amount of the refund shall be allocated to each Catalina electric rate schedule in proportion to the total kWh usage for each rate schedule during the 12 months ending April 30, 1986. The refund amount per rate schedule shall be divided by the active Catalina electric customers of record per rate schedule as provided in attachment "A". The result shall be the refund amount per active Catalina electric customer, which will be credited to active Catalina electric customers' bills during the August 1986 billing period. See attachment "A".
 - (2) Refunds will be made only to active Catalina electric customers of record during the August 1986 billing period. Refund requests from former customers will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
 - (3) A message on the August 1986 electric bill of active Catalina electric customer's bills will explain the purpose of the refund.
 - (4) Refund amounts to each eligible Edison employee will be reduced by 25 percent to adjust for the employee discount.
6. The remaining balance in the CECBA as of December 31, 1986, will be handled in a manner consistent with Cory vs CPUC 33c.3d 522 (1983).
7. Edison will publish notice of the refund in local newspapers on Catalina. Because of the small amount of the refund and the limited number of customers affected, the staff considers this notice to be sufficient.
8. Edison will consider and evaluate all inquiries from active customers and former customers through November 30, 1986, and adjustments will be made where deemed appropriate.

FINDINGS

1. This refund plan is similar to prior refund plans filed by other California utilities which have been approved by previous Commission resolutions.
2. We find that this refund plan is just and reasonable and in the best interest of the customers and should be implemented in an expeditious manner.

THEREFORE:

1. Southern California Edison Company is ordered under Section 453.5 of the Public Utilities Code to implement the proposed refund plan as provided above, for refunds to Catalina Island customers during its August 1986 billing cycle.
2. Southern California Edison Company shall make reasonable efforts to locate former customers in accordance with the above.
3. Edison shall keep records of the refunds and shall submit reports to the Commission on the disposition of any amount unrefunded by December 31, 1986. These reports shall include specific data as to the results of efforts to locate former customers.
4. Southern California Edison Company shall give public notice to its customers of this refund in accordance with its method outlined above.
5. This electric refund plan shall be marked to show that it was approved for filing and implementation by Commission Resolution E-3003. This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on July 16, 1986. The following Commissioners approved it:

CATALINA ISLAND ELECTRIC REFUND
COMPUTATION OF REFUND PER CUSTOMER

RATE SCHEDULE	(1) KWH USAGE	% OF KWH USAGE	REFUND PER RATE SCHEDULE	25% De DISCOUNT	TOTAL REFUND	(1) NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS	REFUND PER CUSTOMER
D	5,106,620	30.182	\$10,870.65	\$84.25	\$10,954.90	1,415	\$7.74
De	163,092	0.964	347.17	(86.79)	260.38	26	\$9.30
DM	154,034	0.910	327.90	2.54	330.44	24	\$13.77
GS-1	2,865,029	16.933	6,098.90	-	6,098.90	367	\$16.62
GS-2	6,765,564	39.987	14,402.12	-	14,402.12	103	\$139.83
LS-1	77,064	0.456	164.06	-	164.06	7	\$23.44
DL-1	744	0.004	1.59	-	1.59	1	\$1.59
PA-1	1,470,576	8.692	3,130.45	-	3,130.45	11	\$284.59
PA-2	316,692	1.872	674.17	-	674.17	4	\$168.54
TOTALS	16,919,415	100.000	\$36,017.00	\$0.00	\$36,017.00	1,960	

TOTAL ESTIMATED REFUND EQUALS \$36,017.00 (2)

(1) AVERAGE FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDING
APRIL 30, 1986.

(2) AVERAGE INTEREST RATE USED FOR MAY
THROUGH AUGUST, 1986 IS APPROXIMATELY
7 PERCENT.