

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY
AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
ENERGY BRANCH

RESOLUTION E-3251
DECEMBER 18, 1991

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION E-3251. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO (1) REVISE EXPERIMENTAL SCHEDULE RTP-2 TO EXTEND ITS CLOSING AND EXPIRATION DATES AND (2) MODIFY SPECIAL CONDITION 6 OF THIS SCHEDULE TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE CURRENT OPERATING CONDITIONS OF THE RTP-2 EXPERIMENT.

BY ADVICE LETTER 918-E, FILED ON NOVEMBER 5, 1991.

SUMMARY

1. By Advice Letter 918-E filed November 5, 1991, Southern California Edison (Edison) requests Commission approval to (1) revise Experimental Schedule RTP-2 to extend its closing and expiration dates and (2) modify Special Condition 6 of this schedule to more accurately reflect the current operating conditions of the RTP-2 experiment.
2. This Resolution grants the request.

BACKGROUND

1. Edison has operated an experimental real-time pricing (RTP) program over the past several years. This "is an experimental program designed to provide innovative ways in which customers can respond to costing periods which are more narrowly defined than the normal time-of-use periods." (D.87-12-066, p. 324). This program was offered as one of several options to customers otherwise served under Edison's TOU-8 rate schedule.
2. Edison's RTP program was approved in Edison's 1987 General Rate Case (D.87-12-066, p. 324) and by Resolution E-3129 (Advice Letter 815-E) approved by the Commission on February 24, 1989.
3. Edison's real-time pricing program (RTP-2) is scheduled to expire as of December 31, 1991. In Edison's General Rate Case application (A.90-12-018) currently before the Commission, Edison is proposing an expanded real-time pricing program that would become effective in January, 1993.

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4. This Advice Letter extends the expiration date of Edison's RTP program to January 31, 1993. This allows Edison to continue offering RTP-2 service to its customers throughout 1992 until Edison's expanded RTP program becomes effective in 1993.

5. In its Advice Letter, Edison is also proposing minor changes to Special Condition 6 (Communicating Hourly Rates to Customers). RTP-2 rate forecasts will now be provided on a daily, rather than an hourly basis. A 90-day forecast of RTP-2 hourly rates that were previously provided to each RTP-2 customer will no longer be provided. These price forecasts were seldom accurate since they were based on forecasts of system operating conditions that are highly correlated with weather conditions.

DISCUSSION

1. The Commission Advisory & Compliance Division (CACD) has reviewed this filing and believes that it is reasonable to extend the RTP-2 program for an additional year to serve as a "bridge" between Edison's existing program and the program that they are proposing in their General Rate Case application.

2. This filing will not increase or decrease any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with any schedule or rates.

PROTESTS

1. No protests were filed for this Advice Letter.

2. The Commission's Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) has testified in support of Edison's Advice Letter "in order to avoid a lapse in operation of the real time pricing program before a new program is implemented." (DRA's Consolidated Report on Revenue Allocation and Rate Design for the Southern California Edison Company General Rate Case (A.90-12-018), p. 6-2).

FINDINGS

1. Southern California Edison Company's request to (1) revise Experimental Schedule RTP-2 to extend its closing and expiration dates and (2) modify Special Condition 6 of this schedule to more accurately reflect current operating conditions to be just and reasonable.

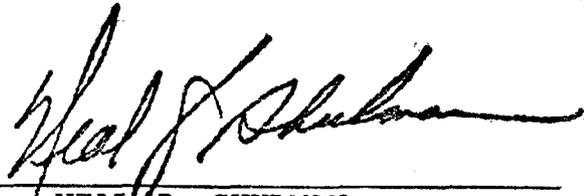
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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Southern California Edison Company is authorized to extend the closing and expiration dates of its RTP-2 rate schedules and to modify Special Condition 6 as requested by Advice Letter 918-E.
2. Advice Letter 918-E, and accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were approved by Commission Resolution E-3251.
3. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on December 18, 1991. The following Commissioners approved it:



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