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In D.05-10-044 the Commission approved various modifications to the Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) and CARE programs to help mitigate the impacts of high gas bills on low-income customers during the winter of 2005-2006. The Commission defined the winter period as November 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter the “Winter Initiatives Period”). On March 30, 2006, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) and Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) filed a motion to extend self-certification enrollment for the LIEE program beyond the Winter Initiatives Period (the “Motion”). Southern California Edison Company (SCE) supports the Motion.

SCE is pleased to offer comments in support of SDG&E and SoCalGas’s Motion. As described in the Motion, in D.05-10-044, the Commission authorized the utilities to use census data to identify low-income areas, and permit potential LIEE program participants to self-certify their income eligibility.<sup>2</sup> In the same decision, the Commission also allowed the utilities to use an automatic qualification approach for LIEE measures, and increase the number of new

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<sup>1</sup> D.05-10-044, fn. 6.

<sup>2</sup> D.05-10-044, pp. 14-15.

refrigerators and compact fluorescent lights placed in qualifying homes.<sup>3</sup> SCE supports these efforts to simplify LIEE enrollment and accelerate the distribution of weatherization measures.

Along these lines, SCE believes that certain other LIEE program and CARE program measures authorized by the Commission in D.05-10-044 should also be extended beyond the Winter Initiatives Period (or the utilities given the option to continue such programs), including the CARE telephone enrollment/recertification programs<sup>4</sup> and permitting CARE customers to automatically qualify for LIEE measures.<sup>5</sup> SCE anticipates filing a motion at a later date to address these issues.

SCE appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in support of SDG&E and SoCalGas's Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>3</sup> D.05-10-044, p. 21.

<sup>4</sup> D.05-10-044, pp. 11-12.

<sup>5</sup> D.05-10-044, pp. 14-15, 21

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, I have this day served a true copy of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S (U 338-E) COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO MOTION OF SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY TO EXTEND SELF-CERTIFICATION ENROLLMENT FOR THE LOW-INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM BEYOND THE WINTER INITIATIVES PERIOD on all parties identified on the attached service list(s). Service was effected by one or more means indicated below:

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