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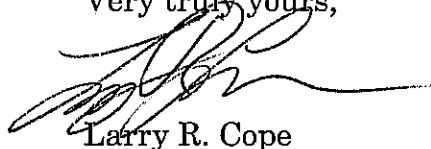
All Parties of Record in Docket No. R.04-01-006, et al

Re: R.04-01-006 et al Executive Director's Grant of  
Deferment of the Program Year (PY) 2004 Low  
Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) Impact  
Evaluation to 2005

On February 7, 2005, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) sent a letter to the Executive Director of the California Public Utilities Commission, Mr. Steve Larson on behalf of itself and Pacific Gas & Electric Company, San Diego Gas and Electric Company and Southern California Gas Company (the "Joint Utilities") for authorization from the Commission to conduct the next impact evaluation on the 2005 Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) Program rather than on the 2004 program.

Please be advised that, pursuant to the attached letter dated March 17, 2005, Mr. Larson has granted the Joint Utilities the deferment of Program Year 2004 Low Income Energy Efficiency Impact Evaluation to Program Year 2005.

Very truly yours,



Larry R. Cope

cc: Steve Larson, Executive Director, CPUC (w/o enclosure)  
ALJ Steve Weissman  
ALJ Meg Gottstein  
ALJ Sarah Thomas

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March 17, 2005

Mr. Larry Cope  
Southern California Edison  
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Re: R.04-01-006 - February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Letter Requesting Deferment of the Program Year (PY) 2004 Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) Impact Evaluation to 2005

Dear Mr. Cope:

I reviewed your letter dated, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005, filed in R.04-01-006 by Southern California Edison Company on behalf of the Joint Utilities<sup>1</sup>. After consulting with the Energy Division and the Assigned Administrative Law Judge, I find the rationale of improved data quality and usefulness to be sound reasons for approving the utilities' request to circumnavigate an evaluation of the 2004 LIEE program.

Consequently, the Joint Utilities shall conduct an Impact Evaluation on their 2005 LIEE programs. The evaluation is to be filed, according to current Measurement and Evaluation protocols, as well as the provisions described in D.03-10-041, with the utilities' applications in the following year's Annual Earnings Assessment Proceeding (the 2006 AEAP for the PY2005 LIEE Impact Evaluation Study).

Pursuant to Rule 48(b), you must promptly inform all parties to the proceeding of this extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Larson".

Steve Larson

cc: ALJ Steve Weissman  
ALJ Meg Gottstein

<sup>1</sup> The Joint Utilities are: Southern California Edison Company, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company

February 7, 2005

Mr. Steve Larson  
Executive Director  
California Public Utilities Commission  
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REGISTRATION DIVISION

Re: R.04-01-006 - Request to Conduct Next Low  
Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) Evaluation for  
2005 Program, Rather Than the 2004 Program

Dear Mr. Larson:

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) on behalf of itself, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the "Utilities") requests authorization from the Commission to conduct the next impact evaluation on the 2005 Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) program, rather than on the 2004 program. While conducting the impact evaluation of the 2002 program, which occurred in 2003 and 2004, the Utilities, Energy Division, and Office of Ratepayer Advocates all determined that the collection of additional measure data and improved sampling techniques would enhance the quality of subsequent impact evaluations and that the next evaluation should be conducted when these additional data would be available. This determination was made in fall 2004, too late to collect new data for 2004. Therefore, 2005 will be the first year that the new data will be available.

Impact evaluations for the LIEE program typically have been performed every other year. An exception was made for the 2001 program year in D.01-06-082. Due to the large number of Energy Crisis induced measures that were added to the program in 2001, the Commission requested a study of the 2001 program year, rather than skipping a year. An Impact Evaluation also was conducted on the 2002 LIEE program year.

The Utilities, in their 2003 program Applications, requested to return to the practice of skipping the 2003 year with the understanding that a study would be performed in 2004. The Commission in D.02-12-019 stated,

"...we see no reason at this time to modify the general practice of "skipping a year" between studies. Therefore, we expect the utilities to return to their bi-annual schedule unless otherwise directed by the Commission in any subsequent order. This

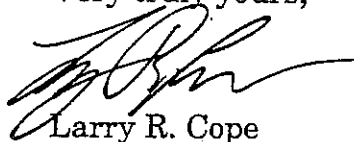
means that, following completion of the PY 2002 program evaluation, the next one would occur for the PY2004 LIEE program.”

The utilities have reviewed the Measurement and Evaluation Protocols<sup>1</sup> and have determined they are silent on the recommended frequency of LIEE impact evaluations. For this reason, the utilities are not requesting any modifications to the Protocols.

Again the utilities are requesting authorization to conduct the next impact evaluation on the 2005 Low Income Energy Efficiency (“LIEE”) Program. By performing the impact evaluation on the 2005 LIEE program instead of the 2004 program, the quality and usefulness of the evaluation will be greatly improved. The utilities believe the Office of Ratepayers Advocates and the Energy Division both support this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or believe there is a preferable approach to bringing this request to the Commission, please contact me at (626) 302-2570.

Very truly yours,



Larry R. Cope

cc: All Parties of Record  
ALJ Sarah Thomas  
ALJ Meg Gottstein

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<sup>1</sup> Protocols and Procedures for the Verification of Costs, Benefits, and Shareholder Earnings from Demand-Side Management Programs, as adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission, Revised June 1999. The Protocols and Evaluations are within the scope of the Commission’s Annual Earnings Assessment Proceeding.