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Southern California Edison Company ("SCE") hereby submits a status report describing its activities for the Low-Income Energy Efficiency ("LIEE") and California Alternate Rates for Energy ("CARE") low-income assistance programs for December, 2004. This monthly report includes a narrative that highlights the recent activities that SCE has undertaken to implement its low-income assistance programs and to leverage SCE's program with the services provided by Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs ("LIHEAP") providers.

SCE has worked with the other California utilities, the Energy Division, and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates in developing the format for this report and the accompanying tables. This report includes tables detailing SCE's December 2004 activities, as well as certain summary tables as requested by the Commission. All

of these tables comply with the information requested in Ordering Paragraphs 14 and 17 of Decision 01-05-033, issued on May 3, 2001, as well as supplemental information requested by the Commission. The December 2004 tables are also submitted in accordance with the direction received from the Energy Division and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates on a May 22, 2002, conference call with the Joint Utilities in which it was determined that for certain months, the utilities should file an abbreviated set of tables, but on a quarterly basis, the utilities are to file a full set of tables. This month, SCE is filing the abbreviated set of tables, which includes Tables 1, 4, 6, 10, 11, 11a, 11b, and 16. As the information in these tables is dynamic, the figures submitted herein supersede results reported in prior months. Also, since SCE has no remaining SBX1 5 funds in 2004, SCE has revised many of the tables to eliminate columns that had previously contained SBX1 5 information.

## **I.**

### **NARRATIVE**

#### **A. Description of SCE's Activities for LIEE**

SCE began 2004 seeking to strengthen the delivery of comprehensive services to low-income customers by maintaining an informed and experienced group of providers. December activities have included the installation of 2003 eligible measures in homes where customers received assessment services prior to the release of D.03-11-020 on November 13, 2003. Both assessment and service delivery applications were changed to reflect the new eligibility guidelines and eligible measures reflected in D.03-11-020. Service delivery contracts were revised to reflect the new assessment process and eligible measures.

The following information reflects some of the measures completed and expensed in December 2004. For December 2004, SCE hereby reports on the paid installation of measures including 214 permanent evaporative coolers, 14,316

indoor and 15 outdoor compact fluorescent light bulbs, and 1,180 energy efficient refrigerators.

In addition to the service delivery work completed in December 2004, SCE completed 3,457 assessments of customer homes and provided education to 670 customers.

Of additional note, two changes have been made to Table 1 showing LIEE budget and expenditures, namely, (1) SCE has reallocated LIEE program administrative costs as separate costs for each measure to the “Other Administration” cost line item and (2), SCE has moved the Cool Center budget and expenditures so they are not a part of LIEE and reallocated these funds to other LIEE measures (pursuant to an agreement between SCE and ORA whereby SCE will establish a Memorandum Account to separately track costs for the 2004 Cool Center program.

**1. LIEE Outreach and Leveraging Efforts**

In 2004, SCE will permit any LIHEAP agency to leverage funds from the State Department of Community Services for installation of refrigerators provided at no cost by SCE with LIEE funds. SCE's LIEE contracts with LIHEAP agencies include requirements that refrigerators must be installed in SCE customer homes and completed applications must be returned. Other LIHEAP providers will be contacted by phone and mail to provide them with information on this leveraging opportunity. SCE and SoCalGas have established a cooperative working relationship over the years. SCE will refer all customers receiving electric measures and whose assessment indicates gas space heating and three eligible weatherization measures to SoCalGas.

## **2. Bulk Purchasing**

SCE will continue to competitively bid the purchase of compact fluorescent light bulbs and energy efficient refrigerators. By purchasing these appliances in bulk SCE exercises a level of control over inventory that may not otherwise be possible. Contract terms are usually beneficial to SCE service providers. For example, refrigerators can be shipped in small quantities and are warehoused in a number of convenient locations to our service providers. Finally, SCE is able to obtain the best price possible through a competitive bid process.

### **B. Description of SCE's Activities for CARE**

In December, SCE continued to enroll customers responding to the October and November direct-mail marketing effort that has resulted in 24,130 CARE enrollees to date.

As part of the CARE Capitation Program, 14 agencies/organizations submitted 381 applications in December. Of these, 194 customers were enrolled, 160 were found to be existing CARE enrollees and 27 applications were rejected. A total of \$2,317.00 was paid out as part of the Capitation program in December 2004.

SCE's multi-lingual efforts produced 370 applications in December with 263 of those applications resulting in new CARE enrollments. SCE data sharing also continues with SoCalGas and Southwest Gas.

In December, the total enrollment in SCE's CARE program was 974,205 customers. Based on SCE's revised estimates of eligible customers as submitted to the Commission in Table 16 of this report, SCE's current enrollment equates to a penetration rate of approximately 86%.

**1. Outreach Provided to California Indian Tribes So That Compliance With SBX1 5 Section 5(j) Can Be Monitored**

SCE seeks to continue to work with the Southern California Indian Center in 2004 to provide important outreach to underserved Native Americans.

**2. Discussion of SCE's 2003/2004 CARE Program and Outreach Plan**

SCE implemented a far reaching media campaign in 2004 and will continue to expand on this approach in 2005. Direct mail will always be a component of SCE's efforts. In 2003, over 86,000 customers were enrolled through direct mail. In October and November 2004, SCE mailed 530,000 CARE direct mail pieces to targeted customers. In six weeks, 24,130 customers have already been enrolled. SCE will continue to track the new CARE enrollments driven by this direct mail campaign.

SCE will work to expand grassroots efforts through strategic alliances. SCE also plans to develop additional data systems and enhancements to CARE applications to improve the infrastructure of the system used to process applications and recertification documents.

In addition to implementing the high level marketing campaign and improving the infrastructure of the application processing/certification/verification process, SCE will fund the cost recovery for Phase II of the Low-Income Needs Assessment. SCE believes increased marketing and communication to multi-lingual customers is consistent with Commission policy and should lead to increased CARE enrollment.

The 2004 total SCE CARE program budget, excluding dollars for the CARE rate discount, was reduced from \$5,082,838 to \$2,882,838 as a result of SCE returning unspent 2003 PGC CARE funds to ratepayers. For 2004 CARE

administrative activities to date, SCE has spent \$3,720,783. The CARE program budget includes program support, automatic enrollment, information technology, and outreach. As of the date of this filing SCE has exceeded the \$2,882,838 budget for 2004. This level of activity was anticipated and was reflected in SCE's July 1, 2004 Application, seeking budget and rate authorization for \$4,104,000 for CARE during 2005. Table A-1 in SCE's testimony filed in A.04-07-012 indicates year to date expenses through May 2004 to be \$1,407,788 which when extrapolated out for the entire year of 2004 shows a potential 2004 CARE expenditure of approximately \$3,379,000.

### **3. Status of Migrant Housing Review**

SCE has responded to both of the Administrative Law Judge's Rulings seeking input regarding Assembly Bill 868, which permits some migrant farm housing to be eligible for the CARE program. SCE believes the migrant farm housing centers operated by the Office of Migrant Services (OMS) should be eligible for CARE. SCE does not oppose a Commission interpretation of AB 868 to include migrant farm housing centers operated by other non-profit organizations for eligibility, because even if it is not feasible to ensure the operator passes through the benefits to the resident, the non-profit's mission to provide housing services will be enhanced. SCE along with the other utilities are currently investigating their records to determine what types of migrant housing centers exist, how they are constructed and operated (for example: single meter vs. individual meter, single residence vs. multiple-residence, profit vs. non-profit, farm vs. non-farm). Once SCE has determined what type of migrant housing exists on its system SCE, will be in a better position to analyze and discuss migrant housing issues beyond those operated by OMS.

**II.**

**CONCLUSION**

SCE appreciates this opportunity to provide the Commission with updated information about the successes SCE has achieved in its LIEE and CARE programs through the Rapid Deployment effort.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Docket Clerk:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are the original and five copies of the **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S (U 338-E) RAPID DEPLOYMENT - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2004** in the above-referenced proceeding.

We request that a copy of this document be file-stamped and returned for our records. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Your courtesy in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Larry R. Cope

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