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Ms. Rebecca Meiers-De Pastino
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RE: Southern California Edison Company's Application for Confidentiality for *the 2013 Integrated Energy Policy Report* Electricity Demand Forecast Submission
Docket No. 13-IEP-1C

Dear Ms. Meiers-De Pastino:

On June 3, 2013, the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) received Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) application for confidentiality in the above-captioned Docket. The application seeks confidentiality for some of the information contained in the Energy Commission's Electricity Retail Demand Forecast forms. SCE's application states, in part:

SCE requests that Row 21—Average Natural Gas Fired Fuel Prices – for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015—of SCE's Form 8.1a be designated confidential and exempt from public disclosure.

SCE requests that the information in Row 21 of Form 8.1a be restricted from public disclosure based on a window of confidentiality looking three years forward. As data becomes one year old, the 1-year window of confidentiality for historical data becomes applicable. Thus in a 2013 forecast of confidential information for 2013, 2014, and 2015, the data for 2013 should be released in 2014 when it is one year old, the data for 2014 should be released in 2015, and so on.

SCE purchases and sells large quantities of electrical energy on behalf of its customers. The market place for such purchases and sales is highly competitive. Accordingly, information about the anticipated price of gas, if revealed, could place SCE at a competitive disadvantage.

A properly filed application for confidentiality shall be granted under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2505(a)(3)(A), "if the applicant makes a reasonable claim that the California Public Records Act or other provision of law authorizes the [Energy] Commission to keep the record confidential."

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SCE's confidentiality application makes a reasonable claim to grant confidentiality for average natural gas-fired fuel prices for years 2013, 2014 and 2015 submitted in Form 8.1a based on the trade secret exemption to the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 6254 (k)).

The Energy Commission will disclose these confidential data only after aggregating to the SCE transmission system area, including Energy Service Providers, Publicly Owned Utilities, and other entities served by the SCE transmission system. The information will remain confidential according to the schedule described in SCE's application. That is, the fuel price for 2013 will remain confidential until December 31, 2014; 2014 will remain confidential until December 31, 2015; and 2015 will remain confidential until December 31, 2016.

Persons may petition to inspect or copy the records that I have designated as confidential. The procedures and criteria for filing, reviewing, and acting upon such petitions are set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2506. Finally, an appeal of this decision must be filed within 14 days from the date of this decision. The procedures and criteria for appealing any part of this decision are set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2505.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kerry Willis, Senior Staff Counsel, at (916) 654-3967.

Sincerely,



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