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May 21, 2007

**ADVICE 140-G**  
**(U 338-E)**

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENERGY DIVISION

**SUBJECT:** Adjustment of Existing Income Limitations for  
California Alternate Rates for Energy

In compliance with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Energy Division's letter (Letter) dated May 1, 2007 and Resolution E-3524, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) hereby submits for filing the following revised tariff sheets which are listed on Attachment A and are attached hereto.

**PURPOSE**

This advice filing revises Schedule G-1-CARE, Santa Catalina Island California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Domestic Service to reflect an increase in the household annual income limitations applicable to the CARE program in compliance with the Letter dated May 1, 2007 and Resolution E-3524 dated February 19, 1998. In the Letter, utilities were requested to file revised tariffs reflecting the revised income levels effective June 1, 2007.

**BACKGROUND**

The Commission authorized the Low Income Ratepayer Assistance (LIRA) program by D.89-07-062 which became effective September 1989. SCE's electric Schedule D-LI, Low Income Rate – Domestic Service, became effective pursuant to D.89-09-44 on November 1, 1989. The LIRA program name was changed to CARE effective January 1, 1995, in accordance with Senate Bill 491. Accordingly, SCE's electric rate schedule was renamed to Schedule D-CARE.

Pursuant to D.04-12-018, SCE established Schedule G-1-CARE which provides Santa Catalina Island (Catalina) low-income domestic gas customers with CARE discounts.<sup>1</sup> Catalina customers who qualify for the CARE program for electric service are enrolled automatically for the CARE program for gas service. Catalina gas customers can also utilize the electric CARE application forms for enrollment as well as recertification. In accordance with Conclusion of Law No. 9 of D.04-12-018, low-income customers on Catalina will receive a 20 percent discount in gas service rates under Schedule G-1-CARE.

Household income limitations are used to determine whether a person or household qualifies for discounts provided under Schedules G-1-CARE. The Commission, in Resolution E-3524, directed the Energy Division to communicate new eligibility income levels to the utilities on May 1 of each year. The Commission further required the Energy Division to direct the utilities to file revised tariffs effective June 1 of each year reflecting the new income levels.

The Energy Division's May 1, 2007 letter provided for an inflation factor of 1.024 from the current household annual income limitations. The inflation factor used is the "final" Consumer Price Index All Urban Consumers for the prior year, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The new income limitation levels for the CARE program were calculated by the Energy Division and are based upon the rules for computing income levels as set forth in Resolution E-3524, dated February 19, 1998. This advice filing updates Schedule G-1-CARE by incorporating the new household income limitation levels provided by the Energy Division.

No cost information is required for this advice filing.

This advice filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other schedule or rule.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

In compliance with Resolution E-3524, this advice letter is effective June 1, 2007.

### **NOTICE**

Anyone wishing to protest this advice filing may do so by letter via U.S. Mail, facsimile, or electronically, any of which must be received no later than 20 days after the date of this advice filing. Protests should be mailed to:

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<sup>1</sup> Advice 130-G established Schedule G-1-CARE and was approved by the Commission on March 1, 2005.

CPUC, Energy Division  
Attention: Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102  
E-mail: [inj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:inj@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 (same address above).

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this advice letter should also be sent by letter and transmitted via facsimile or electronically to the attention of:

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There are no restrictions on who may file a protest, but the protest shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously.

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of General Order No. 96-A, SCE is serving copies of this advice filing to the interested parties shown on the attached GO 96-A, A.06-06-032 et al., and R.07-01-042 service lists. Address change requests to the GO 96-A service list should be directed by electronic mail to [AdviceTariffManager@sce.com](mailto:AdviceTariffManager@sce.com) or at (626) 302-2930. For changes to all other service lists, please contact the Commission's Process Office at (415) 703-2021 or by electronic mail at [Process\\_Office@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov).

Further, in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 491, notice to the public is hereby given by filing and keeping the advice filing at SCE's corporate headquarters. To view other SCE advice letters filed with the Commission, log on to SCE's web site at <http://www.sce.com/AboutSCE/Regulatory/adviceletters/>.

For questions, please contact Darrah Morgan at (626) 302-2086 or by electronic mail at [Darrah.Morgan@sce.com](mailto:Darrah.Morgan@sce.com).

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Enclosures

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY  
ENERGY UTILITY**

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)	
Company name/CPUC Utility No.: <u>Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E)</u>	
Utility type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELC <input type="checkbox"/> GAS <input type="checkbox"/> PLC <input type="checkbox"/> HEAT <input type="checkbox"/> WATER	Contact Person: <u>James Yee</u> Phone #: <u>(626) 302-2509</u> E-mail: <u>James.Yee@sce.com</u>
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE  ELC = Electric      GAS = Gas PLC = Pipeline      HEAT = Heat    WATER = Water	(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)
Advice Letter (AL) #: <u>140-G</u>	
Subject of AL: <u>Adjustment of Existing Income Limitations for California Alternate Rates for Energy</u>	
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): <u>Compliance, CARE, LIRA</u>	
AL filing type: <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> One-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: <p style="text-align: center;"><u>E-3524</u></p>	
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: _____	
Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL <sup>1</sup> :  	
Resolution Required? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Requested effective date: <u>6/1/07</u> No. of tariff sheets: <u>-2-</u>	
Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%): _____	
Estimated system average rate effect (%): _____	
When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).	
Tariff schedules affected: <u>Schedule G-1-CARE and Table of Contents</u>	
Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1</sup> : _____	
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: _____	

<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

**Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:**

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
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Revised 919-G	Table of Contents	Revised 906-G

Schedule G-1-CARE Sheet 1  
SANTA CATALINA ISLAND CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE)  
DOMESTIC SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to domestic service to CARE households residing in a permanent single-family accommodation where a customer meets all the Special Conditions of this Schedule. Customers who receive gas service under Schedule G-1 are eligible for this Schedule.

TERRITORY

The City of Avalon, Santa Catalina Island.

RATES

The bill as determined under Schedule G-1 which would otherwise be applicable, minus the CARE surcharge, less a 20% discount excluding the PUCRF.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. CARE Customers are exempt from a CARE Surcharge of \$0.03352/Therm for Baseline and Non-Baseline Service. The 20% discount applies to the Customer Charge and GCAC and base rate (excluding the CARE surcharge portion) charges only. The total Schedule G-1-CARE bill is thus equal to the Schedule G-1 bill, minus CARE surcharge, minus the 20% discount.
2. CARE Household: A CARE Household is a household where the total gross income from all sources is less than shown on the table below based on the number of persons in the household. Total gross income shall include income from all sources, both taxable and nontaxable. Persons who are claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return are not eligible.

<u>No. of Persons In Household</u>	<u>Total Gross Annual Income</u>
1-2	\$29,300
3	34,400
4	41,500
5	48,600
6	55,700

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For Households with more than six persons, add \$7,100 annually for each additional person residing in the household. (l)

3. Application and Eligibility Declaration: An application and eligibility declaration on a form authorized by the Commission is required for each request for service under this Schedule unless the Customer has completed an electric service application for CARE. If a customer qualifies for CARE as an electric service customer they are also eligible for Schedule G-1-CARE. Renewal of a customer's eligibility declaration will be required every two years and may be required on an annual basis. Customers are only eligible to receive service under this rate at one residential location at any one time and the rate applies only to a customer's permanent primary residence. This Schedule is not applicable where, in the opinion of SCE, either the accommodation or occupancy is transient.
4. Commencement of Rate: Eligible customer shall be billed on this Schedule commencing no later than one billing period after receipt and approval of the customer's application by SCE.
5. Verification: Information provided by the applicant is subject to verification by SCE. Refusal or failure of a customer to provide documentation of eligibility acceptable to SCE, upon request by SCE, shall result in removal from this Schedule.
6. Notice From Customer: It is the customer's responsibility to notify SCE if there is a change in his eligibility status.
7. Rebilling: Customers may be rebilled for periods of ineligibility under the applicable rate schedule. However, if SCE determines a customer does not qualify for the CARE discount, SCE will not rebill for the amount of the discount distributed from November 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006.

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Issued by  
Akbar Jazayeri  
Vice President

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