

September 15, 2020

Ms. Rachel Peterson  
Acting Executive Director  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102

**Re: Activation of SCE's CEMA as the result of the Extreme Heat Events Across California**

Dear Ms. Peterson:

This letter is to inform you that Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has activated its Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) effective August 16, 2020, to restore service to customers and repair damage to its facilities from the recent extreme heat events across California.

Resolution No. E-3238 (Resolution), issued on July 24, 1991, and Public Utilities Code Section 454.9, which codified the CEMA process, set forth the criteria for utilities to use the CEMA, providing, among other things that its "use will be restricted to events declared disasters by competent state or federal authorities." Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency for Extreme Heat Events across California on both August 16, 2020, and September 3, 2020, respectively, due to the "historic heat wave and related energy shortages." The Governor's proclamations indicated that "it is necessary to take action to reduce the strain on the energy infrastructure and increase energy capacity during the Extreme Heat Event." The Governor also found that that "conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the Extreme Heat Event throughout California."

The Resolution specifically allows for a utility to use its CEMA to comply with government agency orders resulting from declared disasters. SCE's Commission-approved CEMA tariff states: "If a Catastrophic Event occurs SCE shall, if possible, inform the Executive Director by letter within 30 days after the Catastrophic Event, if SCE has started booking costs into the CEMA." This letter provides notice to the Commission of SCE's intent to seek recovery of costs related to these heat waves through the CEMA.

At this time, SCE has not yet developed a complete assessment of our system or a detailed estimate of the costs to restore service to our customers, repair our facilities, or comply with Governmental orders. SCE's assessment is ongoing.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me or Sue DiBernardo of my staff at 626-302-4353. Thank you for your attention to this item.

Best regards,

Gary Stern  
Managing Director, State Regulatory Operations

Attachments

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