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SCE Programs Help Customers Get More Efficient Equipment and Reduce Electricity Costs

Classic Distributing & Beverage Group, Inc., installed new overhead lighting, occupancy sensors, pallet-wrapping equipment, and forklifts in its 350,000 square foot warehousing and distribution facility in City of Industry.

Why has Classic Distributing electricity bill gone down almost 40 percent? Finance Manager Lyra Bontigao explains,

"Our SCE account representative did a complimentary walk-through energy audit and found many opportunities to save. She gave us a step-by-step roadmap for making the upgrades. To date we've received incentives of nearly \$60,000, cut our demand by about 68 kilowatts (kW), and saved about 350,000 kilowatt hours (kWh)."

SCE's Standard Performance Contracts and Express Efficiency Programs helped provide the financing for improvements to lighting and equipment. SCE's Electric Transportation Department helped Classic Distributing expedite incentives for nine new electric forklifts from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD). Together, the changes have increased the illumination on the warehouse floor; improved visibility and safety; and helped Classic Distributing decrease its monthly electric bill. The upgrades have given Classic Distributing an additional advantage: flexibility to power down when needed during on-peak periods to earn incentives from SCE's Demand Response programs, such as the Summer Discount Plan and the Demand Bidding Program.

Ms. Bontigao uses SCE EnergyManager® to submit bids from her laptop even when she isn't in the office. "EnergyManager is self-explanatory," she says. "I get messages from SCE about upcoming Demand Bidding Program events, and in a few minutes, I can submit a bid on how much load we can reduce during the event. On a single day, we've reduced power by as much as 57 kW without any sacrifice in our operations. Rising costs affect every aspect of our business, and we don't want to pass those costs on to customers, so every savings we earn saves money for them."

To learn more about the Standard Performance Contract Program and the Express Efficiency Program, call **1-800-736-4777**, or call **1-866-334-7827** for Demand Response Programs. More money-saving energy management ideas are available at www.sce.com/classic.

Health and Safety Tips for Temperature-Sensitive Customers

Extreme hot or cold weather may be harmful to people who are temperature-sensitive or those who are in poor health.

Here are steps you can take to avoid heat- or cold-related illness:

To help you stay cool in hot weather

- Take a cool shower or bath.
- Wear lightweight, loose, light-colored clothing and a head covering.
- Stay out of direct sunlight and limit outdoor activity to covered or shaded areas.
- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Visit a movie theatre, an air-conditioned mall, a library or a community center.
- Visit friends or family whose homes are air-conditioned and are located in areas not affected by a rotating outage or severe weather.

How to warm up in cold weather

- Wear a head covering, as the head is the greatest source heat loss from the body.
- Keep extra blankets on hand.
- A portable heater can be used to heat small areas. If you choose to use a portable heater, select one that is certified by a nationally recognized testing lab and one that has a tip-over switch.
- Plug portable heaters directly into electrical wall outlets, and keep them at least three feet away from curtains, chairs, beds, furniture, walls, or other flammable items.

For your safety and those around you, do **not** use a cooking stove or oven to heat your home, and **never** use a barbeque, patio heater or hibachi indoors.

What To Do During Rotating Outages

Plan ahead! To learn which rotating group you or your friends and family members are assigned to, or to learn if there is a current rotating outage in your group, visit www.sce.com/planahead and type in your zip code. You can also view areas of your community that might be affected by a rotating outage.

Note: Rotating outages are designed to last no more than one hour. Customers in rotating outage group N001 are normally not subject to rotating outages. Your rotating outage group number is located at the top of your bill.

Cooling Stations

Cooling Stations have been established in SCE's service territory to provide relief for temperature-sensitive customers whose residence is affected by a rotating outage.

To view a list of Cooling Stations, visit www.sce.com/planahead and click on SCE Cooling Stations, found on the right side of the Web page under Helpful Links. Or, call 1-800-655-4555 to obtain a listing of Cooling Stations in your area.

Advanced Notification of a Rotating Outage

When possible, SCE will provide advanced notice of a rotating outage via an automated telephone message to residential customers, or to someone in a customer's household who files an application certifying that his or her health is at risk when they are exposed to extreme temperatures.

Note: If you already participate in SCE's Medical Baseline program you do not need to complete this application form. Medical Baseline participants receive advanced notification, whenever possible, of rotating power outages that may affect them.

To sign up for advanced notification, download the application at www.sce.com/planahead and click on Advanced Notification Form, found on the right side of the Web page under Helpful Links. Or, call 1-800-655-4555 to request an application.

Return the completed application to:

Southern California Edison

Temperature-Sensitive Customer Representative P. O. Box 6400

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729

Upon receipt of your application, SCE will place your name on a calling list to receive advanced notice, whenever practical, if a rotating outage is anticipated in your area. This service will be provided to you at no cost.

Looking Out For Your Meter Reader

Monthly meter readings help ensure an accurate reading of your electric bill. And with your cooperation, our meter readers can complete their jobs quickly and safely.

Keep the area around your electric meter clear of safety hazards such as debris, toys, hoses, gardening tools, equipment, and overgrown vegetation, as well as bee and wasp nests. Eliminating these hazards will help protect your household members as well as our employees.

Please confine dogs and grant meter readers safe access to your property on the date listed on the first page of your electric bill. Even friendly dogs may become defensive toward strangers and attack the meter reader.

If you cannot accommodate our employee with safe access on your meter reading date, please call SCE at **1-800-655-4555** to make other arrangements. Learn more at **www.sce.com/meterreader**.

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FILING BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (SCE): FUEL CELL PROJECT PROPOSED INCREASE IN ELECTRIC RATES APPLICATION NO. A.09-04-018

On April 27, 2009, SCE filed an application with the CPUC requesting authorization to incur and recover the costs necessary to pursue the development of three fuel cell installations at various state-owned universities in SCE's service territory (Fuel Cell Program). The sites selected by SCE to participate in its program are the California State University at San Bernardino (CSUSB), the California State University at Long Beach (CSULB), and the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB). Both CSUSB and CSULB will each host a fuel cell installation with associated cogeneration facilities and an electrical output rating greater than one megawatt (MW), and UCSB will host a highly efficient electric power output only fuel cell installation rated at 200 kilowatts (kW). Locating the power plants "on-site" at institutions of higher learning will provide benefits of locally generated electrical and thermal energy, and will also provide an educational platform for the universities to help develop an educated workforce, and increase the public's familiarity with this advanced, environmentally friendly technology.

SCE expects to incur approximately \$21.6 million in direct capital expenditures and \$8.9 million in non-fuel related operation and maintenance (O&M) expenses over the 10-year life of the fuel cells. These costs represent the expenses required to acquire, install, and maintain the fuel cells at the three host sites. However, SCE is proposing to fund 50% of the of the Fuel Cell Program's estimated capital cost by using approximately \$10.8 million of unspent and uncommitted funds that are currently recorded in the existing Self Generation Program Incremental Cost Memorandum Account (SGPICMA). SCE's proposal to recover the remaining \$10.8 million of capital costs and O&M expenses associated with the Fuel Cell Program is detailed in its supporting testimony.

If the CUPC approves SCE's request, it would result in an increase that is less than 1% of SCE's total revenue (the total amount of money customers pay in a year for the electric services they receive). An average residential customer using 600 kilowatt-hours per month would see an increase of \$0.02 per month, from \$77.72 to \$77.74, or 0.026%. The recovery of these costs is expected to begin 2010. The following table shows an estimate of proposed rate changes by customer group:

CUSTOMER GROUP RATE IMPACT			
Customer Group	Present Rates ¢/kWh	Proposed Rates ¢/kWh	
Residential	15.529	15.546	
Lighting - Small and Medium Power	14.999	15.017	
Large Power	10.749	10.762	
Agricultural and Pumping	10.869	10.881	
Street and Area Lighting	19.213	19.225	
TOTAL	14.044	14.060	

THE CPUC WELCOMES YOUR PARTICIPATION AND COMMENTS

The CPUC may hold evidentiary hearings whereby formal parties of record provide testimony and are subject to cross-examination before a CPUC Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). These hearings are open to the public, but only those who are formal parties of record may participate. The CPUC has its own court reporters who will record the comments of those formal parties of record participating in the evidentiary hearings. After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned ALJ will issue a proposed decision. When the CPUC issues a final decision on the application, it may adopt, amend, or modify all or part of the ALJ's proposed decision as written. The CPUC's decision may be different than SCE's request.

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) is an independent arm of the CPUC, created by the Legislature to represent the interests of all utility customers throughout the state to obtain the lowest possible rates for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. DRA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting, and engineering.

You may submit written comments to the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at the address or e-mail shown below. Please state that you are writing concerning SCE's application A.09-04-002. Your comments will become a part of the formal correspondence file for public comment in this proceeding. The Public Advisor's Office will circulate your comments to the five Commissioners, the ALJ, DRA, and to CPUC staff assigned to this proceeding. You may also write to the CPUC if you need advice on how to participate in this proceeding, or would like to receive further notices regarding the date, time, and place of any hearing on SCE's application. You may also review a copy of this Application and related exhibits at SCE's corporate headquarters (2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770). Finally, you may also review a copy of this Application and related exhibits at the CPUC's main office in San Francisco, listed below.

The Public Advisor		
California Public Utilities Commission		
320 West Fourth Street, Suite 500		
Los Angeles, CA 90013		
E-mail: Public.Advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov		

The Public Advisor California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2103 San Francisco, CA 94102 E-mail: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FROM SCE

As noted above, you may review a copy of this Application and related exhibits at SCE's corporate headquarters (2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770). You may also view these materials at the following SCE business offices:

1 Pebbly Beach Rd.	30553 Rimrock Rd.	374 Lagoon St.
Avalon, CA 90704	Barstow, CA 92311	Bishop, CA 93514
505 W. 14th Ave.	3001 Chateau Rd.	510 S. China Lake Blvd.
Blythe, CA 92225	Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546	Ridgecrest, CA 93555
26364 Pine Ave.	41694 Dinkey Creek Rd.	421 W. J St.
Rimforest, CA 92378	Shaver Lake, CA 93664	Tehachapi, CA 93561
120 Woodland Dr. Wofford Heights, CA 93285	6999 Old Woman Springs Rd. Yucca Valley, CA 92284	

Customers with Internet access may view and download SCE's application and the papers supporting it on SCE's Web site, www.sce.com/applications. Anyone who would like to obtain more information about the application, please write to:

Southern California Edison Company

P.O. Box 800

2244 Walnut Grove Avenue

Rosemead, CA 91770

Attention: Case Administration

Para solicitar una copia de esta notificacion en espanol por favor escriba a:

Southern California Edison Company 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Quad 4A Rosemead, CA 91770

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