NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S GAS SERVICE FOR SANTA CATALINA ISLAND A.23-12-011

Why am I receiving this notice? Southern California Edison Company (SCE) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would like to hear from you. You are invited to participate in a public forum regarding SCE's application to raise Catalina Gas rates and to begin the process to transition gas customers to all-electric service over a 20-year transition period. At the public forum, you can make comments and raise concerns with the CPUC's Administrative Law Judge who is overseeing this rate increase request.

How will the public forums be held? There will be two remote public forums as follows:

Remote:

The public forums can be viewed via Internet, or listened to via phone, with the information below. If you wish to make a public comment, please participate by phone using the phone number, passcode and instructions below. When it is your turn to speak, the operator will call your name in the order you signed up to speak.

Date	Time	Details					
Wednesday May 29, 2024	2 p.m.	Phone number:	(800) 857-1917				
		Passcode:	6032788#				
Wednesday May 29, 2024	6 p.m.	Spanish Passcode:	3799627#				
		Webcast: <u>adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/</u>					
PARTICIPANTS WHO WISH TO SPEAK: After entering the passcode above, press "star one" (*1), unmute your phone, and record your name when prompted. You will be put into a speakers' queue in the order you dialed in. When it is your turn to speak the operator will announce your name.							

PLEASE NOTE: Spanish language interpreters will be available during both hearings for those who may need them. If you want to listen to these hearings in Spanish, call in using the 800 number and Spanish Passcode listed above. If you also want to provide a comment in Spanish, after you've entered the passcode, press "star one" (*1) and record your name when prompted. You will be put into a speakers' queue and your name will be called when it is your turn to speak.

If you need language assistance for any of these forums in any other language (except English), contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office using the information at the end of this notice at least five business days before the hearing you plan to attend.

A quorum of commissioners may attend but no decisions will be made or voted on at these forums.

Why am I receiving this notice?

On December 15, 2023, SCE filed its application seeking authority to increase its revenues and rates for Santa Catalina Island Gas Operations (A.23-12-011) with the CPUC. The application is requesting a gas revenue of \$2.062 million in 2025, \$2.309 million in 2026, \$2.357 million in 2027, and \$2.402 million in 2028. This represents a total \$1.727 million revenue increase above present rate revenues over the 2025-2028 period. SCE also presents its plan to begin transitioning gas customers to all-electric service and proposed rate design changes.

Why is SCE requesting this rate increase?

SCE is requesting the rate increase to allow it to continue providing safe, reliable, and affordable gas service on Santa Catalina Island. SCE last filed a general rate case application with the CPUC in 2008. Since then, gas regulations and compliance requirements have substantially increased, resulting in increased costs. SCE claims increased revenues are needed to recover these increased costs.

Why is SCE requesting to begin the process to electrify gas customers?

SCE is requesting to initiate the process to electrify its gas service on Catalina based on forecasted customer savings, environmental and indoor air quality benefits, climate vulnerabilities, the high cost of service for a small gas customer base, and alignment with SCE's efforts to clean Catalina's long-term power generation mix. SCE plans to fully electrify the island over a period of 20-years or sooner, if feasible. SCE is not seeking cost recovery for electrification in this application.

How could this affect my monthly bill?

The following table compares the class average bill for different rate classes at current rates with the rates that would be in effect if SCE's rate request is approved by the CPUC. The class average consumption in the table is 13 therms/month for the G-1 class and 253 therms/month for the G-2 class.

	G-1		G-1-CARE		G-2	
	Average \$ / Month	Year over Year % Increase	Average \$ / Month	Year over Year % Increase	Average \$ / Month	Year over Year % Increase
Current	\$66.69		\$47.61		\$1,501.14	
2025	\$71.20	7%	\$42.59	-11%	\$1,612.40	7%
2026	\$75.52	6%	\$45.24	6%	\$1,709.59	6%
2027	\$76.29	1%	\$45.74	1%	\$1,669.25	-2%
2028	\$77.02	1%	\$46.22	1%	\$1,633.18	-2%

Average Monthly Bill Impact

How does the rest of the process work? This application has been assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt SCE's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review SCE's application. The Public Advocates Office is a party to the proceeding and is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email <u>PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov</u>, or visit <u>PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov</u>.

Where can I get more information?

For questions regarding the application or SCE's request contact SCE:

Email: <u>case.admin@sce.com</u> Phone: (626) 302-0449 Mail:

Southern California Edison Company Attn: Case Administrator A.23-12-011 – Catalina Gas GRC P.O. Box 800 Rosemead, CA 91770

A copy of the application and any related documents may also be reviewed at <u>www.sce.com/applications</u>.

Contact the CPUC:

For additional information, including a fact sheet, and any updates on the hearings, please visit **<u>cpuc.ca.gov/pph</u>**.

Please visit <u>apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2312011</u> to submit a comment about this proceeding. Tap the "Add Public Comment" button on the "Public Comment" tab of the Docket Card for A.23-12-011. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding. Your participation by providing your thoughts on SCE's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision. If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Email: <u>Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov</u> Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074 Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference **SCE Catalina Gas GRC Application A.23-12-011** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.