

December 20, 2021

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

**Re: Activation of SCE's CEMA as the result of the January 2019 Winter Storm 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 January 5, 2019, to restore service to customers and repair damage to its facilities from the January 2019 winter storm related to an atmospheric river event in Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties, within its service territory.

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 Newsom declared a disaster across California on February 21, 2019, due to the January 2019 "severe winter storms that have caused flooding, mudslides, erosion, power outages, and damage to critical infrastructure." The Resolution specifically allows for a utility to use its CEMA for costs resulting from declared disasters in order to (1) restore service to customers, (2) repair, replace, or restore damaged facilities, and (3) comply with governmental agency orders in connection with events declared disasters by competent state or federal authorities. 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 this winter storm through the CEMA.

At this time, SCE has incurred approximately \$13 million in capital expenditures to restore service to our customers and to repair our facilities. SCE's damage 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 matter.

Best regards,

/s/ Shinjini C. Menon

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