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Edison Company (U338E) for Authority	)	
to Increase Rates for its Class C	)	
Catalina Water Utility and Recover	)	Application
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VIRTUAL PROCEEDING

FEBRUARY 24, 2022 - 9:00 A.M.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE TOY: The Commission will come to order. We are on the record.

This is this the time and place for evidentiary hearing for Application 20-10-018 Southern California Edison's General Rate Case for the Class C Catalina Island Water Utility.

It is 9:00 a.m. on February 24th, 2022. I am Administrative Law Judge Garrett Toy, and I'm the presiding officer of this proceeding. The assigned Commissioner is Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma. Commissioner Shiroma is not present today, but her advisors will be listening in to the evidentiary hearings as they continue.

The ground rules for this evidentiary hearing are as follows: All counsel and parties agree to adhere to all formal rules of decorum.

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18 have reserved a conference line, which I will  
19 e-mail out to the service list in the event  
20 of an equipment failure.

21           Counsels for SCE, would you please  
22 identify yourself and spell your name fully  
23 for the court reporter?

24           MR. SUNG: Paul Sung for SCE, P-a-u-l  
25 S-u-n-g.

26           MR. FU: Victor Fu also appearing on  
27 behalf of SCE, V-i-c-t-o-r F-u.

28           ALJ TOY: Thank you. And will any

1 others be representing SCE in today's  
2 hearing?

3 MR. SUNG: No, your Honor.

4 ALJ TOY: Representative for the Public  
5 Advocates Office, would you please identify  
6 yourself and spell your name?

7 MS. FISHER: Yes, your Honor. Emily  
8 Fisher, E-m-i-l-y F-i-s-h-e-r.

9 ALJ TOY: And will any others be  
10 representing the Public Advocates Office in  
11 today's hearing?

12 MS. FISHER: No, your Honor.

13 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

14 Representative for the Catalina  
15 Parties, would you please identify yourself  
16 and spell your name?

17 MR. BISHTON: My name is Norris  
18 Bishton, B-i-s-h-t-o-n. I represent the  
19 Catalina Parties.

20 ALJ TOY: And will any others be  
21 representing the Catalina Parties in today's  
22 hearing?

23 MR. BISHTON: No one else.

24 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

25 The representative for The Utility  
26 Reform Network, please identify yourself and  
27 spell your name?

28 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Thank you, your Honor

1 Robert Finkelstein, F, as in "Frank,"  
2 i-n-k-e-l-s-t-e-i-n on behalf of TURN.

3 ALJ TOY: And will any others be  
4 represent TURN in today's hearing?

5 MR. FINKELSTEIN: No, your Honor.

6 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

7 In the (indecipherable) on  
8 evidentiary hearing was filed in December.  
9 The parties stated that they expected the  
10 hearings be held remotely. I'm going to  
11 check again.

12 Do any of the parties have a protest  
13 to holding these hearings remotely?

14 Starting with SCE.

15 MR. FU: No, your Honor.

16 ALJ TOY: Public Advocates Office?

17 MS. FISHER: No, your Honor.

18 ALJ TOY: Catalina Parties?

19 MR. BISHTON: No, your Honor.

20 ALJ TOY: TURN?

21 MR. FINKELSTEIN: No, your Honor.

22 ALJ TOY: Great. Thank you.

23 Off the record.

24 (Off the record.)

25 ALJ TOY: Let's go back on the record.

26 We're going to go through the  
27 attorney attestations now, and then I will  
28 ask each attorney whether they have any

1 issues with the attestations.

2 Attorneys attest that they agree to  
3 the witness testimony and exhibits being  
4 presented via Webex.

5 Attorneys attest that they agree to  
6 the oath of remote witnesses being received  
7 by Webex communication.

8 Attorneys attest that they agree to  
9 adhere to all formal rules of decorum  
10 including the prohibition against coaching  
11 witnesses.

12 Attorneys attest that they agree  
13 that they will not make any recording of the  
14 proceeding.

15 Attorneys attest that they  
16 understand that any recording of the  
17 proceeding held by Webex and/or  
18 teleconference including screenshots or other  
19 visual copying of the hearing is absolutely  
20 prohibited.

21 Attorneys attest that they  
22 understand that a violation of these  
23 prohibitions may result in sanctions,  
24 restricted entry to future hearings, denial  
25 of entry to future hearings, or any other  
26 sanctions deemed necessary by the Commission.

27 Attorneys attest that during the  
28 evidentiary hearing, they will use only the



1 exhibits premarked and identified by parties.

2 Attorneys attest that they agree  
3 that during the evidentiary hearing they will  
4 not use documents not previously shared with  
5 the opposing parties.

6 Mr. Sung, do you agree to these  
7 statements?

8 MR. SUNG: Yes, your Honor.

9 ALJ TOY: Mr. Fu?

10 MR. FU: Yes, your Honor.

11 ALJ TOY: And everyone please give your  
12 name as requested by our court reporter.

13 MR. FU: Victor Fu. Yes, your Honor.

14 ALJ TOY: Mr. Bishton?

15 MR. BISHTON: Norris Bishton. Yes, I  
16 agree.

17 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

18 Emily Fisher?

19 MS. FISHER: Emily Fisher. I agree.  
20 Thank you.

21 ALJ TOY: Okay.

22 Mr. Finkelstein?

23 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Robert Finkelstein.  
24 Yes, I agree.

25 ALJ TOY: Great. Thank you.

26 Off the record for a second.

27 (Off the record.) ]

28 ALJ TOY: Okay. We'll go back on the

1 record. We will move on to marking exhibits  
2 now.

3 I have before me the Joint  
4 Preliminary Exhibit List served by SCE. And  
5 while off the record, we discussed  
6 administrative issues regarding marking. We  
7 will be marking the Catalina Party exhibits  
8 after lunch while they sort out some  
9 duplicate issues in their exhibits.

10 Starting with SCE's exhibits, I have  
11 the document preliminarily marked SCE-01,  
12 Testimony Supporting Southern California  
13 Edison Company's Application for Authority to  
14 Increase for its Class C Catalina Water  
15 Utility and Recover Rates from Water and  
16 Electric Customers - Policy.

17 And I will take that and mark as  
18 SCE-01.

19 (Exhibit No. SCE-01 was marked for  
20 identification.)

21 ALJ TOY: I have SCE-01E, Errata  
22 Testimony Supporting Southern California  
23 Edison Company's Application for Authority to  
24 Increase Rates in its Class C Catalina Water  
25 Utility and Recover Costs from Water and  
26 Electric Customers - Policy.

27 And I'll be marking that as SCE-01E.

28 (Exhibit No. SCE-01E was marked for  
identification.)

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ALJ TOY: I have a document  
preliminarily marked by SCE as WPSCE-01,  
Workpapers to Southern California Edison's  
SCE-01 Testimony - Policy. I will be mark  
that as SCE-01WP.

(Exhibit No. SCE-01WP was marked for  
identification.)

ALJ TOY: I have a document  
preliminarily marked SCE-02, titled  
"Testimony Supporting Southern California  
Edison Company's Application for Authority to  
Increase Rates for its Class C Catalina Water  
Utility and Recover Costs from Water and  
Electric Customers - Operations."

And I'll be marking that as SCE-02.

(Exhibit No. SCE-02 was marked for  
identification.)

ALJ TOY: I have a document  
preliminarily marked SCE-02E, titled "Errata  
Testimony Supporting Southern California  
Edison Company's Application for Authority to  
Increase Rates for its Class C Catalina Water  
Utility and Recover Costs from Water and  
Electric Customers - Operations."

I'll be marking that as SCE-02E.

(Exhibit No. SCE-02E was marked for  
identification.)

1           ALJ TOY: I have a document  
2 preliminarily titled by SCE as WPSCE-02 --  
3 yeah -- 02. Workpapers to SCE-02 -  
4 Operations.

5           I'll be preliminarily marking that  
6 as SCE-02WP.

7           (Exhibit No. SCE-02WP was marked for  
8 identification.)

9           ALJ TOY: I have a document  
10 preliminarily marked by SCE as SCE-03, titled  
11 "Testimony supporting California Edison  
12 Company's Application for Authority to  
13 Increase Rates for its Class C Catalina Water  
14 Utility and Recover Costs from Water and  
15 Electric Customers - Capital Projects."

16           I'll be marking that as SCE-03.

17           (Exhibit No. SCE-03 was marked for  
18 identification.)

19           ALJ TOY: I have a document  
20 preliminarily marked by SCE as SCE-03E,  
21 titled "Errata Testimony supporting Southern  
22 California Edison Company's Application for  
23 Authority to Increase Rates for its Class C  
24 Catalina Water Utility and Recover Rates from  
25 Water and Electric Customers - Capital  
26 Projects."

27           I'll be marking that as SCE-03E.

28           (Exhibit No. SCE-03E was marked for  
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ALJ TOY: We have four documents marked  
WPSCE-03PT01, WPSCE-03PT02, WPSCE-03PT03,  
WPSCE-03PT04. And these are workpapers in  
support of SCE's Exhibit 3, Capital Projects.  
And these parts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

I will be remarking these as  
SCE-03WPpt1, or part 1;

Part 2 will be remarked as  
WPSCE-03pt2;

Part 3 will be marked as -- I'm  
sorry. Strike that.

Can -- off the record.

(Off the record.)

ALJ TOY: Back on the record.

I misspoke just now. Part 2 will be  
marked as SCE-03WPpt2.

Part 3 will be marked as  
SCE-03WPpt3.

Part 4 will be marked as  
SCE-03WPpt4.

(Exhibit No. SCE-03WPpt1 was marked  
for identification.)

(Exhibit No. SCE-03WPpt2 was marked  
for identification.)

(Exhibit No. SCE-03WPpt3 was marked  
for identification.)

(Exhibit No. SCE-03WPpt4 was marked  
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ALJ TOY: I have a document  
preliminarily marked as SCE-04, Testimony  
Supporting Southern California Edison  
Company's Application for Authority to  
Increase Rates for its Class 3 Catalina Water  
Utility and Recover Costs from Water and  
Electric Customers/Rate Base, Depreciation  
Expense, and Taxes.

And I'll mark that as SCE-04.

(Exhibit No. SCE-04 was marked for  
identification.)

ALJ TOY: I have an exhibit  
preliminarily marked as WPSCE-04, Workpapers  
in Support of SCE-04 - Rate Base,  
Depreciation Expense, and taxes.

I will be remarking that as  
SCE-04WP.

(Exhibit No. SCE-04WP was marked for  
identification.)

ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit  
preliminarily marked as SCE-05, titled  
"Testimony Supporting Southern California  
Edison Company's Application for Authority to  
Increase Rates for its Class 3 Catalina Water  
Utility and Recover Costs from Water and  
Electric Customers - Memorandum and Balancing  
Accounts."

1 I'll be marking that as SCE-05.

2 (Exhibit No. SCE-05 was marked for  
3 identification.)

4 ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit  
5 preliminarily marked as WPSCE-05PT01,  
6 Workpapers in Support of SCE-05 Memorandum  
7 and Balancing Accounts.

8 And I also have WPSCE-05PT02, Part 2  
9 of the Workpapers in Support of SCE-05  
10 Memorandum and Balancing Accounts. I'll be  
11 remarking these as SCE-05WPpt01.

12 And part 2 will be remarked as  
13 SCE-05WPpt02.

14 (Exhibit No. SCE-05WPpt01 was marked  
15 for identification.)

16 (Exhibit No. SCE-05WPpt02 was marked  
17 for identification.)

18 ALJ TOY: I have SCE-06, titled  
19 "Testimony supporting Southern California  
20 Edison Company's Application for Authority to  
21 Increase Rates for its Class C Catalina Water  
22 Utility and Recover Costs from Water and  
23 Electric Customers - Results of Operations,  
24 Escalation, and Post-Test Year Ratemaking.

25 I will be marking that as SCE-06.

26 (Exhibit No. SCE-06 was marked for  
27 identification.)

28 ALJ TOY: I have exhibit premarked

1 SCE-06E, titled testimony -- sorry -- "Errata  
2 Testimony Supporting Southern California  
3 Edison Company's Application for Authority to  
4 Increase Rates for its Class C Catalina Water  
5 Utility and Recover Costs from Water and  
6 Electric Customers - Results of Operations,  
7 Escalation and Post-Test Year Ratemaking."

8 That will be remarked as SCE-06E.

9 (Exhibit No. SCE-06E was marked for  
10 identification.)

11 ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit premarked  
12 WPSCE-06, titled "Workpapers in Support of  
13 Southern California Edison Company's  
14 Exhibit 06, Results of Operation-Escalation."

15 That will be remarked as SCE-06WP.

16 (Exhibit No. SCE-06WP was marked for  
17 identification.)

18 ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit premarked  
19 SCE-07, titled "Testimony Supporting Southern  
20 California Edison Company's Application for  
21 Authority to Increase Rates for its Class C  
22 Catalina Water Utility and Recover Costs from  
23 Water and Electric Customers - Rates."

24 That will be marked as SCE-07.

25 (Exhibit No. SCE-07 was marked for  
26 identification.)

27 ALJ TOY: I have an exhibit  
28 preliminarily marked WPSCE-07 titled,



1 "Workpapers in Support of SCE-07 - Rates."  
2 That will be marked as SCE-07WP.

3 (Exhibit No. SCE-07WP was marked for  
4 identification.)

5 ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit  
6 preliminarily marked by Southern California  
7 Edison as SCE-08, titled "Supplemental  
8 Testimony Supporting Southern California  
9 Edison Company's Application for Authority to  
10 Increase Rates for its Class C Catalina Water  
11 Utility and to Recover Costs from Water and  
12 Electric Customers - Ratemaking and Phase-In  
13 proposal."

14 That will be marked as SCE-08.

15 (Exhibit No. SCE-08 was marked for  
16 identification.)

17 ALJ TOY: I have document preliminarily  
18 marked by SCE as WPSCE-08, titled "Workpapers  
19 in Support of SCE Exhibit 8 - Supplemental  
20 Ratemaking and Phase-In Proposal."

21 I will be remarking that as  
22 SCE-08WP.

23 (Exhibit No. SCE-08WP was marked for  
24 identification.) ]

25 ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit  
26 preliminarily marked as SCE-09, titled:  
27 Supplemental Testimony of Southern California  
28 Edison Company Reporting Proposals for

1 Additional Alternatives to Provide Additional  
2 Cost-Recovery Options/Methods. That will be  
3 marked as SCE-09.

4 I have the exhibit preliminarily  
5 marked as SCE-10, titled: Rebuttal Testimony  
6 of Southern California Edison Company. That  
7 will be marked as SCE-10.

8 (Exhibit Nos. SCE-09 and SCE-10 were  
9 marked for identification.)

10 ALJ TOY: I have an exhibit  
11 preliminarily marked as SCE-10WP-C, which is  
12 titled: Workpapers SCE Exhibit 10-C  
13 Rebuttal. I'll be remarking that exhibit as  
14 SCE-10WP-C.

15 (Exhibit No. SCE-10WP-C was marked  
16 for identification.)

17 ALJ TOY: Do the parties have any  
18 issues marking the Southern California Edison  
19 exhibits?

20 MR. SUNG: Paul Sung. No, your Honor.

21 ALJ TOY: Cal Advocates?

22 MS. FISHER: Emily Fisher. No, your  
23 Honor.

24 ALJ TOY: Catalina Parties?

25 MR. BISHTON: Norris Bishton. No, your  
26 Honor.

27 ALJ TOY: And TURN.

28 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Robert Finkelstein.

1 No, your Honor.

2 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

3 Moving on to Public Advocates Office  
4 exhibits, and I may also refer to them as Cal  
5 Advocates, or PAO. I have an exhibit  
6 preliminarily marked as Cal Advocates-01,  
7 titled: Report and Recommendation. I will  
8 be marking that as Cal Advocates-01.

9 (Exhibit No. Cal Advocates-01 was  
10 marked for identification.)

11 ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit  
12 preliminarily marked by Cal Advocates as Cal  
13 Advocates-X-01, titled: Response to Data  
14 Request Set SCE-036-JR. I'll be marking that  
15 as Cal Advocates-X-01.

16 (Exhibit No. Cal Advocates-X-01 was  
17 marked for identification.)

18 ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit  
19 preliminarily marked as Cal Advocates-X-02,  
20 titled: Response to Data Request Set  
21 PubAdv-SCE-020-JR and I will be marking that  
22 as Cal Advocates-X-02.

23 (Exhibit No. Cal Advocates-X-02 was  
24 marked for identification.)

25 ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit  
26 preliminarily marked by Cal Advocates as  
27 Cal Advocates-X-03, titled: SCE Tariff  
28 Rule 3 Application for Service, and I will be

1 preliminarily marking that as  
2 Cal Advocates-X-03.

3 (Exhibit No. Cal Advocates-X-03 was  
4 marked for identification.)

5 ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit  
6 preliminarily marked as Cal Advocates-X-04,  
7 titled: Schedule No. FWY - Fresh Water  
8 Yield. That will be marked as  
9 Cal Advocates-X-04.

10 (Exhibit No. Cal Advocates-X-04 was  
11 marked for identification.)

12 ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit  
13 preliminarily marked as Cal Advocates-X-05,  
14 titled: General Order 96-B, Rule 1.2, and  
15 I'll be marking that as Cal Advocates-X-05.

16 (Exhibit No. Cal Advocates-X-05 was  
17 marked for identification.)

18 ALJ TOY: I have a document  
19 preliminarily marked as Cal Advocates-X-06,  
20 titled: Cal Advocates Excerpt from  
21 Commission Standard Practice U-25-W, and I'll  
22 be preliminarily marking that as  
23 Cal Advocates-X-06.

24 (Exhibit No. Cal Advocates-X-06 was  
25 marked for identification.)

26 ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit marked by  
27 Cal Advocates as Cal Advocates-X-07, titled:  
28 Cost Comparison Per Unit of Water, and I will

1 be marking that as Cal Advocates-X-07.

2 (Exhibit No. Cal Advocates-X-07 was  
3 marked for identification.)

4 ALJ TOY: Does the Public Advocates  
5 Office have any issues with those exhibits?

6 MS. FISHER: No, your Honor. Emily  
7 Fisher. No issues.

8 ALJ TOY: SCE.

9 MR. SUNG: Paul Sung. No issues, your  
10 Honor.

11 ALJ TOY: Catalina Parties.

12 MR. BISHTON: Norris Bishton. No  
13 issues.

14 ALJ TOY: And TURN.

15 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Robert Finkelstein.  
16 No issues, your Honor. Thank you.

17 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

18 As discussed off the record, we will  
19 be coming back to Catalina Parties' exhibits.

20 MR. THOMAS: Your Honor, this is  
21 Thomas, the PA. If we could go off the  
22 record for just a moment to test the sound  
23 quality. The reporters are having difficulty  
24 hearing you.

25 ALJ TOY: Off the record.

26 (Off the record.)

27 ALJ TOY: We will be moving on to  
28 TURN's exhibits. Starting with the document

1 preliminarily marked as TURN-01, titled:  
2 Prepared Testimony of Robert Finkelstein.  
3 I'll be marking that as TURN-01.

4 I have the exhibit preliminarily  
5 marked as TURN-01, dash, E, titled: Prepared  
6 Testimony of Robert Finkelstein. I'll be  
7 marking that as TURN-01-E.

8 Slight change: No dash.

9 And I have the exhibit preliminarily  
10 marked as TURN-02.

11 As I understand it, this may be not  
12 needed, Mr. Finkelstein?

13 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Yes, your Honor.  
14 Robert Finkelstein for TURN.

15 What's been designated as TURN-02 is  
16 an excerpt of a volume of Edison's  
17 workpapers. So it will already get into the  
18 record as part of the workpapers for SCE-05.  
19 The excerpt is really a matter of  
20 convenience. I would leave it to your  
21 preference as to whether or not we need to  
22 move it into the record or just use it for  
23 purposes of steering people's attention  
24 during the hearings.

25 ALJ TOY: Okay. Since you only have a  
26 couple exhibits, we'll just leave it.

27 The document preliminarily marked as  
28 TURN-02, titled: TURN Excerpt of

1 WP-SCE-05-PT01, we will mark as TURN-02.

2 Does anybody have any problem with  
3 marking these exhibits?

4 Starting with TURN.

5 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Your Honor, Robert  
6 Finkelstein for TURN. I have a question  
7 about your preference for the original  
8 version of the testimony that was superseded  
9 by the errata version.

10 If you want both to go into the  
11 record, we are fine with that, but the errata  
12 version that is designated now as TURN-01E  
13 has all the material that was within TURN-01  
14 and merely drops some of the extraneous  
15 language that it slipped into the original  
16 version of the testimony and replaced a  
17 missing page from the attachment.

18 And, again, we're indifferent if we  
19 have both in the record or just one, but if  
20 you're looking to avoid extraneous documents  
21 in the record, we could just have TURN-01E  
22 and dump the original TURN-01.

23 ALJ TOY: Why don't we just proceed  
24 with TURN-01E, and we'll leave it as TURN-01E  
25 for the record. We won't move TURN-01 into  
26 the record. (Inaudible).

27 (Court reporter clarification.)

28 ALJ TOY: TURN-01 won't be in the

1 record. TURN-01E will be in the record.

2 Go ahead, again, Mr. Finkelstein.

3 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Your Honor, Robert  
4 Finkelstein for TURN. I was merely going to  
5 say with those clarifications, TURN doesn't  
6 have any comments on the designation of our  
7 exhibits.

8 (Exhibit No. TURN-01E was marked for  
9 identification.)

10 (Exhibit No. TURN-02 was marked for  
11 identification.)

12 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

13 SCE, any comments?

14 MR. SUNG: Paul Sung. No comments,  
15 your Honor.

16 ALJ TOY: Cal Advocates?

17 MS. FISHER: Emily Fisher. No  
18 comments, your Honor.

19 ALJ TOY: Catalina Parties?

20 MR. BISHTON: Norris Bishton. No  
21 comments, your Honor.

22 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

23 And all the exhibits that we have  
24 just marked, we marked with today's date,  
25 February 24th, 2022. Off the record for a  
26 second.

27 (Off the record.)

28 ALJ TOY: We will go back on the  
record.



1           Mr. Bishton.

2           MR. BISHTON: Your Honor, during the  
3 exchange, I've been able to look at the  
4 exhibits. None of the exhibits that I've  
5 identified -- that you've identified are  
6 duplicated in any way in the Edison exhibits.

7           CP-1 is the direct testimony of  
8 Dr. Brady, our expert, and Vicki Rogers.  
9 It's certainly not duplicated in anything  
10 Edison has --

11          ALJ TOY: Sorry, Mr. Bishton.

12           There's a little bit of a  
13 misclarification there. When I said they  
14 were duplicated, I meant that it is listed in  
15 the exhibit list as Protest Exhibit 1. It's  
16 already in as CP-01. ]

17          MR. BISHTON: And that was -- yes.  
18 Regarded as CP -- it was something --  
19 something for our protest but the direct  
20 testimony we filed later in CP-01.

21          ALJ TOY: My clarification was whether  
22 -- do you see below where the exhibits are  
23 marked as Protestant Exhibit-01? Protestant  
24 Exhibit-02?

25          MR. BISHTON: I don't have that screen  
26 up.

27          ALJ TOY: It was in the spreadsheet  
28 sent by -- off the record.

1 (Off The Record.)

2 ALJ TOY: Back on the record.

3 While off the record, we discussed  
4 the marking of the Catalina Party's exhibits.  
5 And we are going to proceed with marking of  
6 them.

7 I have an exhibit preliminarily  
8 marked as CP-01, Testimony Supporting the  
9 Protest of the Catalina Party.

10 And I will be marking that as CP-01.

11 (Exhibit No. CP-01 was marked for  
12 identification.)

13 ALJ TOY: I have a document  
14 preliminarily marked as CP-02 titled 60-DAY  
15 Notice of Violation.

16 I'll be marking that has CP-02.

17 (Exhibit No. CP-02 was marked for  
18 identification.)

19 ALJ TOY: I have a document  
20 preliminarily marked as CP-03 titled Million  
21 Gallon Tank (MGT) Engineering Assessment.

22 And I will be marking that as CP-03.

23 (Exhibit No. CP-03 was marked for  
24 identification.)

25 ALJ TOY: I have a document  
26 preliminarily marked as CP-04 titled Photo of  
27 Documents to be Shredded.

28 I'll be marking that as CP-04.

1 (Exhibit No. CP-04 was marked for  
2 identification.)

3 ALJ TOY: I have document preliminarily  
4 marked as CP-05 titled Photo of Million  
5 Gallon Tank Sediment Sample.

6 I'll be marking that as CP-05.

7 (Exhibit No. CP-05 was marked for  
8 identification.)

9 ALJ TOY: I have a document  
10 preliminarily marked as CP-06 titled Lab  
11 Report Regarding Million Gallon Tank Sediment  
12 Sample.

13 I'll be marking that as CP-06.

14 (Exhibit No. CP-06 was marked for  
15 identification.)

16 ALJ TOY: I have a document  
17 preliminarily marked as CP-07, SCE  
18 Application to Repair Million Gallon Tank.

19 I'll be marking that as CP-07.

20 (Exhibit No. CP-07 was marked for  
21 identification.)

22 ALJ TOY: I have an exhibit  
23 preliminarily marked as CP-08 titled Permit  
24 to Repair Million Gallon Tank.

25 I'll be marking that as CP-08.

26 (Exhibit No. CP-08 was marked for  
27 identification.)

28 ALJ TOY: I have a document

1 preliminarily marked as CP-09, 2020 Annual  
2 Report of Southern California Edison.

3 And I'll be marking that CP-09.

4 (Exhibit No. CP-09 was marked for  
5 identification.)

6 ALJ TOY: I have a document  
7 preliminarily marked as CP-10 titled Proposed  
8 Decision of ALJ Barnett Application  
9 10-11-009.

10 I'll be marking that CP-10.

11 (Exhibit No. CP-10 was marked for  
12 identification.)

13 ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit  
14 preliminarily marked CP-11, SCE Answer to  
15 Interrogatory and Class Action.

16 I'll be marking that CP-11.

17 (Exhibit No. CP-11 was marked for  
18 identification.)

19 ALJ TOY: I have a document  
20 preliminarily marked as CP-12 titled SCE  
21 Water Loss Reports.

22 I'll be preliminarily marking that  
23 as CP-12.

24 (Exhibit No. CP-12 was marked for  
25 identification.)

26 ALJ TOY: I have the document  
27 preliminarily marked as CP-13 titled SCE  
28 Water Allocations List as of February 8th,

1 2022.

2 I'll be marking that CP-13.

3 (Exhibit No. CP-13 was marked for  
4 identification.)

5 ALJ TOY: I have a document

6 preliminarily marked as CP-14 titled SCE

7 Water Allocation List furnished to Cal

8 Advocates.

9 And I'll be marking that CP-14.

10 (Exhibit No. CP-14 was marked for  
11 identification.)

12 ALJ TOY: Exhibit preliminarily marked

13 as CP-15 titled SCE Schedule FWY and Rule 3

14 as of 2-28-2021.

15 And I'll be marking that as CP-15.

16 (Exhibit No. CP-15 was marked for  
17 identification.)

18 ALJ TOY: I have the exhibit

19 preliminarily marked as CP-16 titled SCE

20 Schedule 14.1.

21 I'll be marking that as CP-16.

22 (Exhibit No. CP-16 was marked for  
23 identification.)

24 ALJ TOY: I have a document

25 preliminarily marked as CP-17 titled SCE

26 Organization Chart.

27 I'll be marking that as CP-17.

28 (Exhibit No. CP-17 was marked for  
identification.)

1 ALJ TOY: I have the document  
2 preliminarily marked as CP-18 titled SCE  
3 Active Connections 2003 to 2020.

4 I'll be marking that as CP-18.

5 (Exhibit No. CP-18 was marked for  
6 identification.)

7 ALJ TOY: And I have a document  
8 preliminarily marked as CP-19 titled  
9 Projected Monthly Bills.

10 I'll be marking that as CP-19.

11 (Exhibit No. CP-19 was marked for  
12 identification.)

13 ALJ TOY: Do the Catalina Parties have  
14 any exhibits that need marking?

15 MR. BISHTON: Norris Bishton. No  
16 comment, your Honor.

17 ALJ TOY: SCE?

18 MR. SUNG: Paul Sung. No, Your Honor.

19 ALJ TOY: Cal Advocates?

20 MS. FISHER: Emily Fisher. No, your  
21 Honor.

22 ALJ TOY: And TURN?

23 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Robert Finkelstein.  
24 No, your Honor.

25 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

26 And all of those documents will be  
27 marked as of 2-24-2022.

28 Off the record.

1 (Off the record.)

2 ALJ TOY: Back on the record.

3 We now have Rosalie Barcinas on the  
4 stand. Could you please read the witness  
5 attestations on the screen?

6 (Crosstalk.)

7 THE WITNESS: Read it out loud, your  
8 Honor?

9 ALJ TOY: Please read it out loud. And  
10 please give your name and business location  
11 first.

12 THE WITNESS: Okay. My name is Rosalie  
13 Barcinas, and I'm with Southern California  
14 Edison. Home office is in Rosemead,  
15 California.

16 ALJ TOY: Thank you. Please proceed  
17 with reading the attestations.

18 THE WITNESS: I, Rosalie Barcinas, do  
19 solemnly state under penalty of perjury that  
20 the testimony I give in the case now pending  
21 before this Commission shall be the truth,  
22 the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

23 I, Rosalie Barcinas, attest I will  
24 testify based on my own knowledge and memory  
25 free from external influences or pressures.

26 I, Rosalie Barcinas, attest I will  
27 adhere to all formal requirements of  
28 testifying under oath including the

1 prohibition against being coached.

2 I, Rosalie Barcinas, attest I will  
3 only refer to materials provided by the  
4 parties, exhibits premarked and identified by  
5 the parties, and previously shared with the  
6 opposing party.

7 I, Rosalie Barcinas, attest I will  
8 not make any recording of the proceeding.

9 I attest I understand that any  
10 recording of a proceeding held by Webex  
11 including screenshots or other visual copying  
12 of a hearing is absolutely prohibited.

13 I, Rosalie Barcinas, attest that I  
14 understand that violation of these  
15 prohibitions may result in sanctions  
16 including removal from evidentiary hearings,  
17 restricted entry to future hearings, denial  
18 of entry to future hearings, or any other  
19 sanctions deemed necessary by the Commission.

20 I attest I will not engage in any  
21 private communications by phone, text, or  
22 e-mail, or any other mode of communication  
23 while under oath and being examined.

24 If I experience any attempts to  
25 tamper with my witness testimony, I will  
26 report the occurrence to the presiding  
27 officer immediately.

28 ALJ TOY: Thank you. And could you



1 please confirm that your testimony is on  
2 behalf of Southern California Edison?

3 THE WITNESS: That is correct.

4 ALJ TOY: Great.

5 ROSALIE BARCINAS, called as a  
6 witness by SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON,  
7 having been sworn, testified as  
8 follows:

9 ALJ TOY: Off the record.

10 (Off the record.)

11 ALJ TOY: Back on the record.

12 Ms. Barcinas is now sworn in and is  
13 available for SCE.

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. SUNG:

16 Q Thank you, your Honor. SCE calls  
17 Ms. Rosalie Barcinas to the stand.

18 Ms. Barcinas, are you sponsoring  
19 written testimony in this proceeding?

20 A I am.

21 Q Is it correct that you are  
22 sponsoring sections 1 through 4 of SCE's  
23 policy testimony labeled SCE-01 and errata to  
24 that testimony labeled SCE-01E previously  
25 sponsored by James Buerkle as identified in  
26 the table of contents?

27 A That is correct.

28 Q Is it your opinion that this  
testimony is correct and represents your

1 views?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Are you also sponsoring Sections 1  
4 through 4 of SCE's supplemental testimony  
5 labeled SCE-09 and Section 1 through 3 and 10  
6 of SCE's rebuttal testimony labeled SCE-10 as  
7 identified in the table of contents?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Was this material prepared by you  
10 or under your direction?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Do you have any corrections that  
13 you'd like to make to your testimony at this  
14 time?

15 A I do not.

16 Q To the extent your testimony is  
17 factual, do you believe it to be correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And to the extent your testimony  
20 reflects an opinion or judgement, does it  
21 reflect your best professional opinion or  
22 judgement?

23 A Yes.

24 MR. SUNG: Your Honor, this witness is  
25 available for cross-examination.

26 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

27 Off the record.

28 (Off the record.)

1 ALJ TOY: On the record.

2 Ms. Barcinas is available for cross  
3 by the Public Advocates Office.

4 CROSS-EXAMINATION

5 BY MS. FISHER:

6 Q Thank you, your Honor. Emily  
7 Fisher for Cal Advocates.

8 Good morning, Ms. Barcinas.

9 A Good morning.

10 Q Two topics to ask you about this  
11 morning. The first would you agree that  
12 Edison's franchise authority to operate the  
13 Catalina Water Utility obligates the utility  
14 to provide safe and reliable service to its  
15 customers?

16 A Yes, I agree.

17 Q And would you agree that  
18 considering the supplies -- the limited  
19 supply of fresh water on Catalina it is very  
20 important that water allocation rules apply  
21 consistently and fairly to everyone who needs  
22 service on the island?

23 A Yes, I agree.

24 Q Could you please turn to page 14 of  
25 your rebuttal testimony? That's Exhibit  
26 SCE-10, I believe.

27 A Can you repeat the page number,  
28 please?

1           Q     Sure.  It's Page No. 14 and  
2 beginning at line 17.

3           A     Okay.

4           Q     Here you testify that Edison has  
5 consistently upheld its obligation to provide  
6 water service to its Catalina customers  
7 despite challenging system conditions; is  
8 that correct?

9           A     That is correct.

10          Q     But isn't it true that Edison has  
11 not issued any new water allocations since  
12 the previous Catalina GRC decision in 2014?

13          A     That is correct.  Edison has been  
14 unable to provide water allocations based on  
15 restrictions with our water tariff under  
16 rationing conditions as well as restrictions  
17 based on the amount of water available under  
18 a safe annual yield.

19          Q     Thank you.  And in that time since  
20 2014, is it correct that Edison has denied at  
21 least 26 requests for new allocations since  
22 back in the '14 decision?

23          A     That is correct.

24          Q     Now, you mentioned the drought  
25 conditions Catalina Island was under  
26 mandatory conservation measures from 2014  
27 until February 2019; is that correct?

28          A     That is correct.

1           Q    And Edison's Tariff Rule 3 provides  
2   that under these mandatory conservation  
3   stages, I believe it's specifically 2  
4   through 4, no new water allocation will be  
5   assigned; is that correct?

6           A    That is correct.

7           Q    At this time, I would like to  
8   introduce Cal Advocates -- cross exhibit by  
9   Cal Advocates-X-03.

10                   And I will attempt to share it. It  
11   appears that I don't have screen sharing  
12   capability?

13           A    Can I attempt to pull it up on my  
14   screen here?

15           ALJ TOY:   Yeah.   Ms. Barcinas, if  
16   you're able to pull it up on your screen,  
17   please do so.

18                   Off the record.

19                   (Off the record.)

20           ALJ TOY:   Back on the record.

21                   Please proceed, Ms. Fisher.

22           MS. FISHER:   Thank you, your Honor.

23           Q    So I'm looking here at Sheet 5 of  
24   Edison's Tariff Rule 3.

25           ALJ TOY:   Could you please state the  
26   exhibit number again?

27           MS. FISHER:   This is Cal Advocates --  
28   Cross-Exhibit Cal Advocates-X-03.

1 ALJ TOY: Ms. Barcinas, are you ready?

2 THE WITNESS: I am ready.

3 MS. FISHER: Okay.

4 ALJ TOY: Please proceed, Ms. Fisher.

5 MS. FISHER: Thank you.

6 Q And actually I need to go back just  
7 a bit. Look at Sheet 2 of this exhibit.

8 I should have never given my  
9 secretary the day off.

10 Okay. So this is Sheet 2 of Cal  
11 Advocates-X-03. Ms. Barcinas, does this  
12 appear to be a true and correct copy of this  
13 Tariff Rule 3?

14 A It does appear to be a correct  
15 copy, yes.

16 Q Thank you. And as we mentioned, we  
17 discussed earlier under mandatory rationing  
18 here in this part that's appearing on the  
19 screen. This is Part 1 -- D-1-B. It  
20 discusses that no fresh water allocations  
21 will be assigned during stages 2 through 4  
22 rationing; is that correct?

23 A That is correct.

24 Q But didn't Edison approve a new  
25 allocation for the Catalina Museum in 2015  
26 during mandatory rations?

27 A Edison initially denied that water  
28 service. However, the Catalina Museum

1 appealed and submitted an informal complaint  
2 to the CPUC. After the CPUC's review, they  
3 directed SCE to approve the water allocation  
4 under the public good and interest of the  
5 museum project.

6 Q Thank you. And so just to  
7 summarize. In this instance with the museum,  
8 a new allocation was ultimately approved  
9 despite the drought conditions; is that  
10 correct?

11 A As directed by the CPUC, SCE did  
12 approve it, yes.

13 Q Thank you. And the drought  
14 restrictions were formally lifted in 2019; is  
15 that right?

16 A That is correct.

17 Q But Edison continued to deny new  
18 allocation requests after 2019; is that  
19 right?

20 A After 2019 and the significant  
21 historical drought that we experienced on  
22 Catalina, Edison needed time to assess the  
23 water system, its conditions, and its true  
24 water supply and water storage conditions in  
25 order to establish what our true surplus was.

26 We also proposed new methodology  
27 under Advice Letter 123 that would help  
28 improve the water availability and certain

1 conditions on the island. And Edison did  
2 need time after lifting of the drought to  
3 confirm a healthy system and its true  
4 available surplus conditions.

5 Q Thank you. Are you aware that  
6 Edison's total production did not exceed the  
7 safe annual yield after February, 2019? And  
8 fresh water was available per the calculation  
9 methodology and Schedule No. SWY?

10 A Can you repeat that? I'm sorry.

11 Q Sure. Are you aware that Edison's  
12 total production did not exceed the safe --  
13 the total water production did not exceed the  
14 safe annual yield after February, 2019.

15 A Subject to check. But I believe  
16 that is correct.

17 Q And that fresh water -- after 2019  
18 fresh water was available per the calculation  
19 methodology in Edison's Schedule No. SWY?

20 A Just by pure calculations; that is  
21 correct. However, we needed time to confirm  
22 that the number of availability and the  
23 health of the ultimate system. And that  
24 included testing some of our pumping stations  
25 of that example to make sure that the water  
26 availability matched with the numbers we were  
27 experiencing as well.

28 Q Is it accurate to say though that



1 Edison did not specifically determine that  
2 whether demand exceeded safe annual yield  
3 when it denied new allocation requests after  
4 February, 2019?

5 A Demand -- the allocations that were  
6 requested did exceed what we felt to be the  
7 current demand compared to our current supply  
8 calculations and a safe annual yield, which  
9 is why we did not provide and approve those  
10 water allocations during that time.

11 Q Outside of formal drought  
12 conditions, doesn't Tariff Rule 3 also allow  
13 Edison to deny new allocations for no reason  
14 -- or for any reason I should say?

15 A It allows -- it allows a  
16 methodology and calculation. So I don't  
17 believe it allows denial for any reason. It  
18 must be one that's substantiated. So  
19 Edison's denial was based on the lack of  
20 availability of surplus water.

21 Q Thank you. So now turning in this  
22 exhibit, Cal Advocates-X-03, to Sheet 5. And  
23 here under Part 3-B, it states that:

24 When fresh water is not available  
25 from the company because demand  
26 for fresh water exceeds the  
27 limited safe annual yield or for  
28 any other reason.

1           Wouldn't you agree that that gives  
2 Edison discretion to deny allocations for any  
3 other reason?

4           A    My interpretation of that  
5 particular clause is that it has to be a  
6 substantial reason for safety reasons or  
7 something to that extent. But not the  
8 discretion to just turn away with no reason  
9 at all.

10          Q    Can you identify language in the  
11 Rule 3 that requires Edison to provide the  
12 specific other reason?

13          A    There is no such language.

14          Q    Thank you.                                 ]

15                  And even when there is surplus  
16 water, doesn't Edison have sole discretion  
17 not to allocate it?

18          A    Under this clause, Edison --

19          Q    In general.

20          A    Edison does have an obligation to  
21 provide a water service, and believes it has  
22 upheld that obligation whenever there has  
23 been a surplus available.

24          Q    Thank you.

25                  I would like to introduce Cal  
26 Advocates' Exhibit Cross Exhibit X-04. And  
27 this is schedule number FWY, Fresh Water  
28 Yield.

1           Ms. Barcinas, this schedule FWY  
2 deals with methodology for calculating fresh  
3 water supply; is that correct?

4           A     That is correct.

5           Q     And does this exhibit appear to be  
6 a correct copy of schedule FWY?

7           A     I'd does appear to be a correct  
8 copy, yes.

9           Q     So we're looking here at sheet two  
10 of schedule FWY. And in this first  
11 paragraph, doesn't it state that water  
12 allocations may be assigned by SCE in its  
13 sole discretion if the calculation  
14 methodology results in a surplus?

15          A     It does state that. And our  
16 interpretation of that is that it -- we still  
17 have an obligation to serve when there is a  
18 surplus. However, CPUC or other agency  
19 approval is not required. And so Edison has  
20 its own process in order to provide  
21 allocations once there is a surplus.

22          Q     But would you agree that based on  
23 the language, schedule FWY appears to give  
24 Edison discretion to deny new allocations,  
25 even when there is more than adequate supply  
26 to meet demand?

27          A     The language here says that the  
28 water allocations may be assigned by SCE in

1 its sole discretion. It does not say that it  
2 can deny service here. So my interpretation  
3 is, the process in which we assign those  
4 allocations are up to SCE's discretion.

5 Q Well, if SCE has discretion to  
6 assign, doesn't that include discretion to  
7 deny new allocations, or to not assign, as  
8 well?

9 A My interpretation is, this is how  
10 we would provide those -- and not necessarily  
11 to deny. Denying service when there is a  
12 surplus, without substantial reasoning, would  
13 not uphold our obligation to serve.

14 Q Would you agree that the rules for  
15 how Edison carries out its obligation to  
16 serve are spelled out here in its tariffs and  
17 the Fresh Water Yield schedule?

18 A For the methodology, yes.

19 Q So if the tariff language gives  
20 Edison some discretion to approve or deny new  
21 allocations for any reason, and doesn't  
22 specifically require a reason to be given, in  
23 practice, doesn't that make Edison's  
24 obligation to serve discretionary?

25 A I don't believe Edison's obligation  
26 to serve is discretionary.

27 Q Thank you.

28 Now, if you could now please turn

1 to page 16 of your rebuttal testimony.

2 A Can you confirm the exhibit number?

3 Q Oh, yes. SCE-10.

4 A And the page number?

5 Q Page 16.

6 A Okay.

7 Q And beginning with line 19, you  
8 state that the Commission's Standard Practice  
9 U-25-W is the basis for classifying Catalina  
10 Water as a Class C water utility; is that  
11 correct?

12 A That is correct.

13 Q I would like to now introduce Cal  
14 Advocates's Exhibit Cross Exhibit Cal  
15 Advocates-X-06 Standard Practice U-25-W.

16 Are you able to see the screen?

17 A I am, yes. Thank you.

18 Q Okay. And -- this is the title  
19 page of Standard Practice U-25-W.

20 Can you read the title of the  
21 standard practice, please, for the record?

22 A Guide for Adjusting and Estimating  
23 Operating Revenues of Water Utilities.

24 Q Thank you.

25 In your rebuttal testimony on  
26 page 16, at Footnote 42, you cite Chapter 3,  
27 Section A.1 of the Standard Practice as the  
28 relevant portion of this document as to class

1 size; is that correct?

2 A As it relates to whether or not  
3 fire connections should be counted in the  
4 customer count, yes.

5 Q So turning to that page,  
6 paragraph 1 is the provision that you just  
7 mentioned for how customers should be  
8 counted; is that correct?

9 A That is correct.

10 Q To the best of your knowledge, does  
11 Standard Practice U-25-W contain any  
12 provisions or requirements for how utility  
13 class size is determined, whether Class A, B,  
14 or C?

15 A It does establish how Class A, B,  
16 and C are categorized, depending on the  
17 number of customers, yes.

18 Q So the standard practice  
19 specifically addresses utility class size; is  
20 that correct?

21 A That is --

22 Q Is that your testimony?

23 A That is my understanding.

24 Q Is there any other Commission  
25 regulation that you know of that applies to  
26 determining class size?

27 A It's my understanding that the  
28 standard practice is where it is stated.

1           Q    I would like to introduce Cal  
2 Advocates' Cross Exhibit Cal  
3 Advocates-X-07 -- and I apologize, going back  
4 one. I'm introducing Cal Advocates-X-05.  
5 And this is an excerpt from General Order  
6 96-B, specifically Rule 1.2.

7                   Ms. Barcinas, are you familiar with  
8 this rule from the General Order 96-B?

9           A    I am -- and I misspoke earlier  
10 about where the class size is stated -- yes.

11           Q    Okay. And turning to -- so here,  
12 can you see Rule 1.2?

13           A    I can.

14           Q    And does it appear to specifically  
15 -- or explicitly address how utility class  
16 size is determined?

17           A    That is correct.

18           Q    Does this rule exclude any types of  
19 customers?

20           A    It is based off of service  
21 connections. It does not exclude, explicitly  
22 in the language here, any classifications.

23           Q    Thank you.

24                   Okay. Changing topics just a bit.

25                   Could you turn to page 26 of your  
26 supplemental testimony in Exhibit SCE-09,  
27 please?

28           A    Can you repeat the page number,

1 please?

2 Q Sure. It's page 26.

3 A Okay.

4 Q And at lines 14 to 17, you state  
5 that:

6 Acquisition of the Catalina Water  
7 Utility by a Class A utility is  
8 not feasible right now, due to  
9 certain environmental liabilities  
10 that Edison recently identified.

11 Is that correct?

12 A We believe that could be a  
13 challenge in a sale at this point.

14 Q I'm sorry. Could you repeat what  
15 you --

16 (Crosstalk.)

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 SCE does believe that those  
19 environmental liabilities and remediation  
20 work could be a challenge in a Class A water  
21 utility wanting to make a purchase at this  
22 point. Yes.

23 BY MS. FISHER:

24 Q Thank you.

25 And just to clarify for the record,  
26 by "Environmental liabilities and  
27 remediation," are you referring specifically  
28 to the decommissioned water pipeline



1 containing pi- -- polychlorinated biphenyls,  
2 or PCBs?

3 A I am referring to the current  
4 in-service pipeline and decommissioned  
5 pipelines that currently have some -- I can't  
6 repeat that -- PCBs in its wrap around the  
7 pipeline. Yes.

8 Q So when you indicate in your  
9 testimony that these environmental  
10 liabilities must be resolved before SCE would  
11 be able to dispose of the water utility to a  
12 willing buyer, by "resolved," are you  
13 referring to removal of the decommissioned  
14 pipeline and any related remediation work?

15 A That is correct; as well as a  
16 potential removal on remediation of the  
17 in-service pipeline as well. And that is our  
18 judgment of a successful sale and willing  
19 buyer. However, I don't want to speak on  
20 behalf of other Class A water utilities that  
21 might be interested, despite that.

22 Q Has Edison made inquiries to class  
23 A utilities to determine if there is  
24 interest?

25 MR. SUNG: Objection, your Honor. That  
26 includes confidential information. And it's  
27 outside the scope of the this proceeding.

28 ALJ TOY: Ms. Fisher, do you have a

1 response?

2 MS. FISHER: No. I'll move on.

3 Thank you.

4 Q Ms. Barcinas, if not for these  
5 environmental liabilities, is it reasonable  
6 to say that acquisition of the Catalina Water  
7 Utility by a Class A utility could be  
8 feasible?

9 A I do believe it is feasible, not  
10 within this proceeding and timeframe. But I  
11 do believe a sale to a Class A water utility  
12 is feasible, yes.

13 Q Thank you.

14 Your Honor, if we could re- -- if  
15 we could have just a short break? I really  
16 need to grab a drink of water.

17 ALJ TOY: Sure. We'll take a 10-minute  
18 break. We'll come back at 10:40.

19 MS. FISHER: Thank you very much.

20 Thank you, Ms. Barcinas.

21 ALJ TOY: Off the record.

22 (Off the record.)

23 ALJ TOY: Okay. We'll go back on the  
24 record.

25 We're continuing the cross of Ms.  
26 Rosalie Barcinas. Ms. Barcinas, I want to  
27 remind you, you are subject to the same  
28 witness attestations you stated earlier.

1                   And continue with your  
2 cross-examination, Ms. Fisher.

3           MS. FISHER: Thank you, your Honor.

4           Q   Hello again, Ms. Barcinas.

5           A   Hello.

6           Q   If we could go back just a little  
7 bit to your earlier statement about the  
8 allocation that was granted to the Catalina  
9 Museum.

10                   And I believe you stated that  
11 Edison was directed by the CPUC to authorize  
12 that allocation, is that --

13           A   That is my understanding; after the  
14 Catalina Museum submitted a complaint to the  
15 CPUC.

16           Q   Are you aware of any Commission  
17 order or decision directing Catalina -- or  
18 directing Edison to issue that allocation?

19           A   I'm not aware of whether or not it  
20 was an official decision in a proceeding. I  
21 don't believe a proceeding was opened. But  
22 it's my understanding that we were directed  
23 by the Commission to move forward with the  
24 approval of the allocation. The actual  
25 mechanism of how we were directed to do that,  
26 I don't recall at this time.

27           Q   So it's -- it may have been a  
28 Commission staff member directing SCE to do

1 this?

2 A That could be -- that could have  
3 been that, yes.

4 Q And do you understand that  
5 Commission staff members' statements are not  
6 authoritative as to whether it's an order or  
7 a decision of the Commission?

8 A We do take guidance from staff.  
9 We're working collaboratively with them. But  
10 we -- I do understand it's not an official  
11 order from the Commission if it's staff  
12 guidance.

13 Q So if Edison received staff  
14 guidance to authorize the allocation, doesn't  
15 that still give them discretion as to whether  
16 that guidance should be followed?

17 A It's my understanding that the  
18 guidance or direction from the CPUC was for  
19 the public good to move that project forward.  
20 And so that's ultimately the reason why  
21 Edison provided the allocation.

22 Q Okay. But that was Edison's  
23 decision based on its reviewing the  
24 circumstances and exercising its discretion.

25 Would you agree?

26 A Based on the CPUC's input, yes.

27 Q Thank you.

28 Okay. Now, Ms. Barcinas, if you

1 could turn to page 10 of Exhibit SCE-10.

2 A Confirming that's page 10; correct?

3 Q Yes. That's correct.

4 A Okay.

5 Q And here you've provided a table  
6 showing -- comparing water loss percentages  
7 for various utilities of different sizes; is  
8 that correct?

9 A That is correct.

10 Q And is it your position that  
11 Edison's water loss percentage is similar to  
12 the percentages of loss shown in the table?

13 A When compared to similar-sized  
14 utilities to the Catalina Water Utility, we  
15 do perform in a reasonable range compared to  
16 them, yes.

17 Q Does the data in this table account  
18 for the cost of water?

19 A This -- these tables represent  
20 water loss percentages and key performance  
21 indicators related to water loss, but does  
22 not account for cost.

23 Q Would you agree that to determine a  
24 reasonable percentage of water loss, it's  
25 important to consider cost?

26 A Water loss, as it is counted,  
27 especially by the American Water Works  
28 Association -- which is how we establish our

1 numbers -- does not account for cost, only  
2 the real loss, apparent loss, the amount of  
3 water produced versus the amount of water  
4 billed, and so it does not account for cost  
5 in those calculations.

6 Q Thank you.

7 And looking at page 11 of your  
8 testimony in SCE-10, you discuss the example  
9 of the Golden State Water Company in  
10 Clearlake, California; is that correct?

11 A That is correct.

12 Q And on line 8, you note that  
13 Clearlake's water losses exceeded 20 percent  
14 each year since 2003, basically indicating  
15 that they -- that Clearlake had a high water  
16 loss percentage; is that correct?

17 A That is correct.

18 Q I would like to introduce Cal  
19 Advocates' Cross Exhibit Cal Advocates-X-07.

20 Now, this cross exhibit is a table  
21 that our witness Jeffrey Roberts put  
22 together. And it indicates the -- a  
23 comparison between the cost of water for SCE  
24 Catalina and for Golden State Clearlake.

25 Ms. Barcinas, can you determine  
26 whether the cost of water in Catalina makes a  
27 difference compared to Clearlake when we're  
28 talking about water loss?

1           A    Ms. Fisher, are you showing the  
2 exhibit? I don't see the exhibit.

3           Q    Oh, I'm looking at it. I don't --  
4 I guess everyone else needs to see it too.  
5 Okay. Sorry about that.

6                   Okay. Do you see it now?

7           A    I do see it, yes. Thank you.

8                   If you can repeat your question,  
9 please.

10          Q    So as you can see in this table,  
11 water loss in one utility may be a very  
12 different issue from water loss in another.

13                   Can you see the difference between  
14 the cost of water -- and this is per 100  
15 cubic feet -- between Catalina and Clearlake?

16          A    So this table appears to provide  
17 the amount of water supplied and its revenue  
18 requirement per each utility. And if we're  
19 comparing the two, it -- you know, SCE -- the  
20 Catalina system has significant challenges  
21 that I don't believe Clearlake has in its  
22 being an island. Therefore, you know,  
23 everything that we procure from materials,  
24 chemicals, and labor, if we need to contract  
25 it, is significantly higher. Because we have  
26 to barge it over, we have to contract that in  
27 a different way.

28                   It's also very challenging

1 geographically and environmentally on  
2 Catalina as compared to, you know, Clearlake,  
3 which is rather flat in comparison. And it  
4 also has multiple water systems spread  
5 across, you know, the challenging terrain.

6           The other significant challenge  
7 that Catalina has I don't believe Clearlake  
8 has is the significant amount of tourism that  
9 we have to -- so Catalina has to accommodate  
10 its water infrastructure to accommodate the  
11 significantly higher number -- approximately  
12 1 million visitors per a year -- but such a  
13 smaller customer base on Catalina. So the  
14 infrastructure has to accommodate that larger  
15 number and, also, the operation and  
16 maintenance related to the fluctuations and  
17 the difference in demand between, you know,  
18 between peak and off-peak tourism time. So  
19 the difference in cost here is likely due to  
20 those significant challenges.

21           Q     That makes sense.

22                     So you would agree that there are  
23 good reasons for Catalina's cost of water to  
24 be much higher than Golden State Clearlake's  
25 cost?

26           A     Yes.

27           Q     Along those lines, if the cost of  
28 water -- excuse me -- in Catalina is almost



1 three times greater than in Clearlake,  
2 shouldn't that be a factor in determining  
3 what percentage of water loss is reasonable?

4 A Water loss, whether or not it's --  
5 we compare, you know, against similarly-sized  
6 utilities, you know, just to understand and  
7 benchmark against. You know, when it comes  
8 to water loss, there should always be room  
9 for improvement. And so, you know, Edison is  
10 taking very active -- you know, proactive  
11 measures to improve in that area.

12 But to answer your question of  
13 whether or not revenue should be related to  
14 the importance of the water loss, can you  
15 restate that question?

16 Q Sure.

17 A I'm --

18 (Crosstalk.)

19 BY MS. FISHER:

20 Q I guess maybe a different way of  
21 putting it is:

22 If you have very little water to  
23 lose, making it very expensive, shouldn't the  
24 rate of water loss be as low as possible?

25 A Yes.

26 Q And you stated earlier that the  
27 table in SCE-10 and on page 16 -- and it's  
28 the -- the first table, Table 2-1, that these

1 comparisons of other utilities, different  
2 sizes, did not account for the cost of water  
3 in those other jurisdictions; is that  
4 correct?

5 A These --

6 (Crosstalk.)

7 MR. SUNG: Objection. Asked and  
8 answered.

9 (Court reporter clarification.)

10 THE WITNESS: These tables do not  
11 account for cost on page 10 in Edison's  
12 Exhibit SCE-10.

13 MS. FISHER: Thank you.

14 ALJ TOY: I'm going to let it through  
15 since she answered it before you objected. ]  
16 BY MS. FISHER:

17 Q Ms. Barcinas, in the supplemental  
18 testimony, Exhibit SCE-09, on page 5,  
19 beginning at line 18 --

20 A Yes.

21 Q -- you assert that SCE should be  
22 able to, basically, consolidate its water  
23 utility with its electric utility because  
24 other large water utilities consolidate their  
25 rate jurisdictions.

26 MR. SUNG: Objection; misstates the  
27 witness's testimony.

28 MS. FISHER: I'll rephrase the

1 question.

2 Q At line 18, you state that there's  
3 an underlying policy issue in this  
4 proceeding, which is that SCE provides  
5 primarily electricity rather than water, and,  
6 therefore, has been able to consolidate its  
7 high-cost Catalina water rates with its broad  
8 customer base like other water-only utilities  
9 would be able to do; is that correct?

10 A That is correct.

11 Other Class A water utilities would  
12 be able to and do often subsidize high-cost  
13 areas with their low-cost areas.

14 Edison, because we provide a  
15 different service, has been unable to do  
16 that.

17 Q Would you agree that the customers  
18 of those Class A utilities are all receiving  
19 water service from the utility?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And would you agree that Edison's  
22 electric customers, apart from those who live  
23 on Catalina Island, do not receive water  
24 service from Edison?

25 A They do not receive water service  
26 or billed water service, but we believe that  
27 a majority of the Catalina tourists that  
28 enjoy that service in that commodity are from

1 Edison electric ratepayers.

2 Q And when you say believe that the  
3 majority of tourists to Catalina are Edison  
4 ratepayers, is that based on a specific study  
5 of whether Edison ratepayers make up the bulk  
6 of tourists to Catalina?

7 A Catalina Chamber of Commerce issued  
8 a report, I believe, in 2017 that did find  
9 that over 70 percent of its tourists were  
10 from the Southern California area, which  
11 largely overlaps with Edison electric  
12 ratepayers.

13 Q The chamber of commerce report did  
14 not specifically address whether these  
15 visitors were actually Edison customers; is  
16 that correct?

17 A That is correct.

18 Q When tourists visit Catalina  
19 Island, do they pay for water that they use?

20 A They do not. They enjoy the  
21 restaurants, the hotels, and the drinking  
22 water, the bathrooms, and so the water  
23 service, but are not directly paying for that  
24 service themselves as tourists.

25 Q But doesn't someone have to pay for  
26 the water?

27 If I go to a restaurant in Catalina  
28 and drink a glass of water, someone has to

1 pay for that water; correct?

2 A The Catalina customers on the  
3 island are paying for that.

4 Q So wouldn't it be fair to say that  
5 the Catalina commercial customers pass  
6 through the cost of water to their clientele?

7 A I cannot say how much or whether or  
8 not they pass on that cost to their  
9 customers.

10 Q Would it be fair to assume that if  
11 I have a hotel or a restaurant, I would want  
12 to include my cost of goods and services in  
13 what I charge my customers?

14 MR. SUNG: Objection, your Honor. This  
15 is calling for speculation. It goes beyond  
16 the scope of Ms. Barcinas's testimony?

17 ALJ TOY: I'm going to uphold that  
18 objection.

19 MS. FISHER: I'll see if I can  
20 rephrase.

21 Q Edison's commercial customers on  
22 Catalina, does the commercial customer class  
23 have a greater allocation in the rate design  
24 than residential customers?

25 MR. SUNG: Objection, your Honor.

26 Ms. Barcinas is not the witness  
27 sponsoring the rate design piece. We have  
28 Mr. Behlihomji who will be here next

1 Wednesday who can answer questions relating  
2 to rate design.

3 ALJ TOY: Do you have a comment,  
4 Ms. Fisher?

5 MS. FISHER: Thank you for making that  
6 point. I'll save that question for  
7 Mr. Behlihomji.

8 Q But you would agree, Ms. Barcinas,  
9 that ultimately someone does pay for the  
10 water that tourists use when they visit  
11 Catalina?

12 A Unfortunately, the small number of  
13 customers do pay for all the water usage that  
14 are experienced by the tourists as well.

15 Q So, hopefully, if they are smart  
16 business owners, they're passing through  
17 those costs, but...

18 MR. SUNG: I'm not sure if that was a  
19 question, your Honor.

20 ALJ TOY: I don't think that was a  
21 question. Is there a question related to  
22 that, Ms. Fisher?

23 MS. FISHER: No. I'll move on. Thank  
24 you.

25 Q Would you agree that in order to  
26 charge customers for a service, they should  
27 be a recipient of -- they should be receiving  
28 the services that they are being charged for?

1           A    Can you restate your question,  
2 please?

3           Q    Yes.

4                    Would you agree that in order to  
5 impose costs of the utility services on  
6 customers, they should be benefiting from the  
7 service that they're paying for?

8           A    There are many examples: High-cost  
9 fund, cross-subsidization as it relates to  
10 high-cost and low-cost areas where customers  
11 have a more blended rate to where they are  
12 not directly receiving that service, but  
13 their cost is spread to help with  
14 affordability. There are examples where  
15 they're not receiving that exact service, but  
16 are contributing to the subsidization of it.

17          Q    You're speaking of examples where  
18 they're receiving the same service as -- that  
19 they're being charged for as Class A water  
20 utility customers may pay a portion of the  
21 cost of water customers in other rate  
22 districts; is that correct?

23          A    The same type of service; is that  
24 what you're asking?

25          Q    Yes.

26          A    Yes. Those are typically -- they  
27 are receiving the same type of service.  
28 Catalina is unique where our proposal is

1 looking to subsidize rates across services  
2 due to the unique nature of Catalina and SCE  
3 being a Class C utility.

4 Q You would agree that apart from the  
5 chamber of commerce study that we discussed  
6 earlier, there is no specific evidence that  
7 Edison electric customers are benefiting from  
8 the Catalina water system?

9 A SCE has not performed any specific  
10 analysis, but can make that conclusion based  
11 off of the chamber of commerce report.

12 MS. FISHER: Thank you. I think I may  
13 be nearly done can we go off the record for  
14 just two minutes?

15 ALJ TOY: Sure. Off the record.

16 (Off the record.)

17 ALJ TOY: Back on the record.

18 Please continue with your cross,  
19 Ms. Fisher.

20 BY MS. FISHER:

21 Q Ms. Barcinas, thank you very much  
22 for your time this morning. No more  
23 questions.

24 A Thank you, Ms. Fisher.

25 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

26 We'll now proceed with any redirect  
27 that SCE has.

28 Are the SCE attorneys ready?



1 MR. SUNG: Yes, your Honor.

2 ALJ TOY: Off the record.

3 (Off the record.)

4 ALJ TOY: Back on the record.

5 We will continue now with the  
6 redirect of Ms. Barcinas.

7 Mr. Sung, go ahead.

8 MR. SUNG: Thank you, your Honor.

9 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. SUNG:

11 Q Ms. Barcinas, do you believe that  
12 SCE has the sole discretion to deny fresh  
13 water allocation on Catalina Island for any  
14 reason?

15 A I do not believe that Edison has  
16 the sole discretion. There are specific  
17 Commission tariffs and documents that  
18 establish methodologies and expectations that  
19 Edison does have an obligation to serve;  
20 however, there is discretion to apply that.

21 Q Has SCE exercised that discretion  
22 in any unreasonable manner?

23 A We have not exercised that in any  
24 unreasonable manner. We take our obligation  
25 to serve very seriously, and we have taken  
26 actions as recent as Advice 123W that shows  
27 we're taking active measures to always  
28 improve and provide service where it's

1 needed.

2 Q And if you can share, what are some  
3 of the expected outcomes from the Advice  
4 Letter 123 process that you had mentioned?

5 A There are a number of benefits, but  
6 I'll highlight the top ones: The first is  
7 adding the desal production to the  
8 established safe annual yield and our ability  
9 to count that in whether or not we have a  
10 surplus; the second is separating out the two  
11 major systems on the island from the Little  
12 Ranch Avalon to Isthmus West End in a process  
13 in which the requesting allocation looks at  
14 the surplus within each system, and whether  
15 or not that is available for better  
16 management overall of the system.

17 The third is making sure that there  
18 is a, you know, consistent and clear  
19 methodology in which we apply these.

20 The outcome ultimately -- and we  
21 are still assessing -- is we believe that the  
22 outcome of these benefits will be providing  
23 and approving water allocation from our  
24 current wait list.

25 Q Thank you.

26 And referring to the service  
27 connection and Cal Advocates  
28 Cross-Examination Exhibit 5, in General Order

1 96-B, does it anywhere define how to  
2 calculate or categorize service connections?

3 A In General Order 96?

4 Q Right.

5 A Service connections is also used in  
6 the same terminology of a standard practice.  
7 It is our understanding that service  
8 connections under General Order 96, as they  
9 are classified under Class A, B, and C  
10 utility, are used in the same text as the  
11 standard practice guidance.

12 Q Is SCE trying to avoid become  
13 classified as a Class C utility?

14 A SCE has no incentives to avoid  
15 connections that are to be classified as  
16 one -- Class A, Class B or Class C utility at  
17 all.

18 Q Did SCE seek clarity from the Water  
19 Division on how to count service connections  
20 for purposes of classification?

21 A We did seek clarity and provided  
22 guidance back to the standard practice of  
23 service connec- -- fire service connections  
24 or not to be included in the count.

25 Q And, finally, referring to  
26 Clearlake, in 2008 Clearlake forecasted water  
27 loss to be 47.40 percent; correct?

28 A That's my understanding.

1           Q    And in 2011 Clearlake reported  
2 water loss exceeding over 20 percent for many  
3 years; is that your understanding?

4           A    My understanding, yes.

5           Q    So even though Clearlake had water  
6 losses ranging from 20 to 47 percent, the  
7 Commission still stated that because Golden  
8 State had made progress in reducing water  
9 losses, it was not necessary to establish a  
10 penalty mechanism; is that correct?

11          A    That is correct.

12          Q    And is SCE currently working to  
13 improve its water losses?

14          A    Absolutely. We've taken steps over  
15 the years, but it's probably best  
16 demonstrated in the last two years where it  
17 included it as part of our asset management  
18 program, and we've prioritized both last year  
19 and in our priorities this year to continue  
20 to make progress.

21           MR. SUNG: Thank you, Ms. Barcinas.

22                   No further questions, your Honor.

23           ALJ TOY: Ms. Fisher, do you have  
24 recross?

25           MS. FISHER: Yes, your Honor. Just  
26 briefly. I'm unmuted; right?

27           ALJ TOY: Yes.

28                   ///

1                                   RECROSS-EXAMINATION

2   BY MS. FISHER:

3           Q    Ms. Barcinas, you were just asked  
4   by counsel if Edison has an incentive to  
5   remain a Class C.  Wouldn't you agree that  
6   there are more regulatory compliance filings  
7   associated with being a Class B water  
8   utility?

9           A    There are more reporting  
10  requirements as being part of a Class B  
11  utility, but that does not factor into how we  
12  provide service allocations.

13           MS. FISHER:  Thank you.

14                   No further questions.

15           ALJ TOY:  Thank you.

16                   Mr. Sung, any further redirect?

17           MR. SUNG:  No, your Honor.  Thank you.

18           ALJ TOY:  Thank you.  We'll go off the  
19  record for a second.

20                   (Off the record.)

21           ALJ TOY:  Back on the record.

22                   Ms. Fisher, was your cross-exhibit  
23  Cal Advocates-X-01 or Cal Advocates-X-02  
24  utilized?

25           MS. FISHER:  No, they were not.

26                   (Reporter clarification.)

27           ALJ TOY:  Moving on, we'll now have the  
28  cross-examination of Ms. Barcinas by The

1 Utility Reform Network. I would remind you  
2 of the attestation you stated earlier.

3 Mr. Finkelstein, please proceed with  
4 your cross.

5 CROSS-EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. FINKELSTEIN:

7 Q Thank you, Judge Toy.

8 Good morning, Ms. Barcinas. I'm  
9 Bob Finkelstein representing TURN. Let me  
10 start by asking you to turn to your direct  
11 testimony in SCE-01, page 21.

12 A Okay.

13 Q At the bottom of the page starting  
14 on line 25, you see your statement:

15 SCE currently earned a negative  
16 rate of return in the water  
17 utility.

18 A Yes.

19 Q Now, can I get you turn to the  
20 workpapers in support of your direct  
21 testimony; that's SCE-01-WP, I believe, and  
22 there I need you to turn to page 164 of the  
23 workpapers, and if it helps you, helps  
24 anyone, to find it in the PDF file, it's page  
25 197 of 461.

26 A Can you repeat the page number?

27 Q Sure. It's page 164.

28 A Okay.

1           Q    Should be the cover page.  It says  
2   "Class B and C Water utilities"?

3           A    Yes, I do see that.

4           Q    And that's an annual report that  
5   Edison files with the Commission?

6           A    That is correct.

7           Q    Let me get you to skip ahead to  
8   page 205 in that same document, and this is  
9   page 238 of the PDF file if that's easier.

10                  Do you have that?

11           A    Page 205, yes.

12           Q    And this is an appendix for that  
13   same annual report?

14           A    It is.

15           Q    Looking at the discussion under the  
16   heading "Footnote No. 1," do you see that it  
17   says that Catalina Water Operations is not a  
18   separate legal entity?

19           A    I do see that.

20           Q    And here "Catalina Water  
21   Operations" is referring to Edison's water  
22   utility services on Catalina Island?

23           A    That is correct.

24           Q    So when it says here under Footnote  
25   1, that it's part of SCE's generation  
26   organization unit, is that generation  
27   organization unit part of Edison's electric  
28   utility services?

1           A     That is correct.

2           Q     And then under Footnote 3 on that  
3 same page, do you see that it, again, states  
4 that Catalina Water Operations is not a  
5 separate legal entity?

6           A     It does state that.   Yes.

7           Q     And there aren't separate cash  
8 accounts maintained for Catalina and expenses  
9 are paid out of an SCE general cash account;  
10 do you see those references?

11          A     It does state that, yes.

12          Q     And it states -- is it also your  
13 understanding of how Catalina expenses are  
14 tracked by SCE?

15          A     This is -- expenses are tracked  
16 back based on the activities of water alone.  
17 We did keep the accounting separate to make  
18 sure that from a water utility perspective,  
19 operation and maintenance, capital projects,  
20 those all have separate accounting to account  
21 for those dollar amounts.

22          Q     And then on the same page of the  
23 workpapers, the heading "Footnote No. 4,"  
24 again, begins with the assertion that  
25 Catalina Water Operations is not a separate  
26 legal entity.

27                 Do you see that?

28          A     I do see that.



1           Q    And SCE doesn't maintain separate  
2 retained earnings accounts for Catalina?

3           A    That is correct.

4           Q    And next sentence says those  
5 earnings are commingled -- Catalina retained  
6 earnings are commingled with SCE; do you see  
7 that?

8           A    Yes.

9           Q    So for purposes of this report --  
10 I'm sorry. Strike that. Let me move on.

11                   Let me get you to go back in this  
12 document to page 170 please, and it is page  
13 203 of the PDF file, and it should have the  
14 heading, "Utility Plant and Capitalization  
15 Data"?

16           A    Yes.

17           Q    And then as I'm looking at the  
18 bottom of this table on this page, Note No. 2  
19 makes a reference to Appendix Footnote No. 5;  
20 do you see that?

21           A    Yes.

22           Q    Is it your understanding that those  
23 are the same footnotes that we were just  
24 reviewing on page 205 of the document?

25           A    It does appear to be correct, yes.

26           Q    So, for example, on line 13 on this  
27 page where it shows an average figure of  
28 approximately \$9.1 billion of retained

1 earnings, that's for Edison, the electric  
2 utility, as well as the Catalina Water  
3 Operations?

4 A Yes. That is correct.

5 Q Then, if you would, please, moving  
6 to page 183 of the document, do you have that  
7 showing a Schedule A-15?

8 A I do.

9 Q This is about a table for common  
10 stock and a table for preferred stock; do you  
11 see that?

12 A I do.

13 Q And for each table, the only entry  
14 states: "The appendix FN No. 4"; do you see  
15 that?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And, again, is it your  
18 understanding that that's the Footnote No. 4  
19 that we were reviewing earlier on page 205?

20 A That is my understanding. ]

21 Q Do you have that showing as  
22 Schedule A-15?

23 A I do.

24 Q And this is about a table for  
25 common stock and a table for preferred stock.  
26 Do you see that?

27 A I do.

28 Q And for each table, the only entry

1 states "See Appendix F and No. 4." Do you  
2 see that?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Again, is it your understanding  
5 that that's the Footnote No. 4 that we were  
6 reviewing earlier on page 205?

7 A That is my understanding.

8 Q Is it also your understanding that  
9 SCE's shareholders earn a return based on the  
10 totality of the utility's operations?

11 A That is my understanding.

12 Q So it's all elements of the  
13 electric service throughout the service  
14 territory as well as throughout the Catalina  
15 Water Utility service?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And similarly you understand that  
18 there aren't any shareholders that own stock  
19 solely in Catalina Water Utility services as  
20 offered through Edison?

21 A That is correct.

22 Q Would you agree with me that  
23 whether or not shareholders earn a rate of  
24 return in any amount on their investment is  
25 based on Edison's wide performance?

26 A Yes.

27 MR. SUNG: Objection. It's a little  
28 vague on the latter part of that question.

1                   If you can clarify?

2   BY MR. FINKELSTEIN:

3           Q    Ms. Barcinas, would you agree with  
4   me that whether or not Edison's shareholders  
5   earn a return on their investments depends on  
6   Edison's system-wide performance. That is  
7   their performance in providing electricity  
8   service throughout their service territory as  
9   well as water utility service on Catalina  
10  Island?

11          A    Their rate of return is established  
12  based on the -- Edison as an entire company's  
13  performance. However, performance in the  
14  water utility can prevent high risk of cost  
15  recovery depending on the outcome of this  
16  proceeding essentially. And under that could  
17  expect a higher cost of return in their  
18  investment.

19                So while their rate of return is  
20  based on the entire company's performance for  
21  its electric and water utility, the  
22  performance of each can impact the investment  
23  community and their expectation for rate of  
24  return in the future.

25          Q    So there you're referring to the  
26  performance of the water utility on Catalina  
27  Island as a separate segment or a distinct  
28  segment of Edison's operations?

1           A    It is a distinct segment of Edison  
2 operations.

3           Q    And would that be equally true for  
4 Edison's electric generation operations that  
5 it be a distinct segment of Edison's  
6 operations?

7           A    It is a department within Southern  
8 California Edison as Catalina is within  
9 generation.

10          Q    Now --

11          A    Meaning the distinct operations of  
12 the generation and its operation of  
13 maintenance and capital projects as compared  
14 to, say, transmission distribution, which is  
15 a different department and different  
16 operation and -- yes.

17          Q    And to follow up on your assertion,  
18 transmission would be a separate set of  
19 operations within Edison as the utility and  
20 distribution would be a different set of  
21 operations within Edison as a utility? Is  
22 that a correct understanding?

23          A    Transmission and distribution,  
24 those -- they are different departments  
25 within one larger -- divisions within one  
26 larger department.

27          Q    Thank you. Let me get you, please,  
28 to turn to your direct testimony again in

1 SCE-01. And it's the testimony that starts  
2 on page 24.

3 Let me know when you're there.

4 A Okay. Page 24.

5 Q And starting on line 5, you've got  
6 a discussion about the visitor -- both the --  
7 as an alternative for paying for cost of  
8 Edison's water utility operations; is that  
9 correct?

10 A That is correct.

11 Q And on page -- it's on the first  
12 paragraph that starts on line 6 you did a  
13 rough calculation based on an assumption of  
14 700,000 passengers per year and a \$1 boat fee  
15 each direction for tourists that are using  
16 the ferry service; is that correct?

17 A That is correct.

18 Q And on line 22, you made clear that  
19 Edison's not proposing a boat fee alternative  
20 as a mitigation measure here; is that  
21 correct?

22 A Edison is not proposing this  
23 alternative in its proposal, no.

24 Q And the first reason you cite  
25 starting on line 23 is that the boat fee --  
26 and here I'm quoting:

27 May dissuade potential visitors  
28 from selecting Catalina in favor

1                   of other regional tourism  
2                   destinations.

3                   Do you see that?

4           A     Yes.

5           Q     Let me get you now please to turn  
6 to what's been marked as SCE-09, which is  
7 supplemental testimony and page 16, 1-6, of  
8 that document.

9           A     Okay.

10          Q     And here you've got further  
11 discussion about the visitor boat fee  
12 alternative. Do you see that?

13          A     I do see it.

14          Q     And on page 17, the following page,  
15 it shows a table Roman 3-2. Do you see that?

16          A     I do see that.

17          Q     And is it correct to understand  
18 that this table shows that if Edison were to  
19 attempt to collect in a single year  
20 \$30.9 million from a boat fee that it would  
21 require a fee of \$22.15?

22          A     That is correct.

23          Q     And then the last line on the table  
24 is it correct to understand that to indicate  
25 that if Edison collected the amount over  
26 20 years, it would require a \$1.27 boat fee?

27          A     That is correct.

28          Q     And that would represent a 3.5

1 percent increase to the current boat fee?

2 A That is correct.

3 Q So just above the table -- I'm  
4 sorry. Turn to the next page, page 18. Do  
5 you see that?

6 A I do.

7 Q And here you're beginning a  
8 discussion about -- on line 7 and 8, you're  
9 beginning a discussion of "Considerable legal  
10 and procedural barriers to establishing a new  
11 boat fee." Do you see that?

12 A Yes, I do.

13 Q And you recognize here starting on  
14 line 9 that the Commission regulates the  
15 Catalina Cross Channel Carriers; is that  
16 correct?

17 A That is correct.

18 Q And the Cross Channel Carriers are  
19 the ferries that bring tourists and residents  
20 back and forth between Catalina Island and  
21 the mainland?

22 A That is correct.

23 Q And then on page 19 that same  
24 document, please, starting on line 18, you  
25 refer to "The boat fee lacking a reasonable  
26 nexus to the cost that a ferry normally  
27 collects to transport its customers."

28 Do you see that?



1           A     I do see that.

2           Q     Is it your understanding that the  
3 ferries already charge and collect fees for  
4 other services that are provided on Catalina  
5 Island?

6           A     I'm not aware of all of the  
7 services and fees that the ferries' charges  
8 include.

9           Q     Are you aware of any of them?

10          A     I am aware of them as they relate  
11 directly to the service that the carrier  
12 provides and it's relatable -- related taxes  
13 and surcharges.

14          Q     Isn't there a fee associated with  
15 health services provided on Catalina Island?

16          A     It was recently implemented, so I'm  
17 not sure if that's in effect yet or the  
18 amount provided. But I know that that was  
19 being pursued.

20          Q     Being pursued. And is it your  
21 understanding that it's been authorized?

22          A     That is my understanding.

23          Q     And has it been implemented as of  
24 this date to your knowledge?

25          A     I am unsure or whether or not it  
26 has been implemented to date.

27          Q     On page 19 of SCE-09 starting on  
28 line 21, you have a sentence about the need

1 for the Commission to afford due process to  
2 all affected stakeholders. Do you see that?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And one of the stakeholders that  
5 you specify here is Catalina Express?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And that's one of the ferry service  
8 providers?

9 A That is. And that is just one  
10 stakeholder that is not included in this  
11 proceeding that would need to be involved for  
12 such a proposal.

13 Q Is it your understanding that the  
14 Commission can't adopt an outcome based on the  
15 utility application unless each party that  
16 might be affected by that outcome is  
17 represented in a proceeding?

18 A The parties that would be impacted  
19 by the proposal should have an opportunity to  
20 engage in a proceeding.

21 Q Let me get you to turn back to your  
22 direct testimony in SCE-01 if you would,  
23 please, on page 4. Do you have that?

24 A I do.

25 Q And at the very bottom of the page  
26 on line 17, there's reference to SCE having  
27 been actively engaged in preparing and  
28 implementing a cost recovery plan for the

1 water utility since the prior year GRC  
2 decision came out in October of 2014. Do you  
3 see that?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And one of the things that you  
6 specifically referred to on the carryover  
7 from page 4 to page 5 was that there was  
8 considerable -- I'm sorry. There were  
9 considerable stakeholder engagement  
10 activities?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And at the bottom of page 5, you  
13 make a reference in Footnote 11 to four pages  
14 of the workpapers in support of SCE-05. Do  
15 you see that?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And you have what's been marked as  
18 TURN-02, which is an excerpt from the  
19 workpapers for SCE-05?

20 A Will you be pulling that up similar  
21 to Public Advocates Office?

22 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Your Honor, can we go  
23 off the record for a second?

24 ALJ TOY: Yes.

25 Off the record.

26 (Off the record.)

27 ALJ TOY: Back on the record.

28 Please continue with your cross,

1 Mr. Finkelstein.

2 MR. FINKELSTEIN: Thank you, your  
3 Honor.

4 Q Ms. Barcinas, do you have before  
5 you what's been marked a Exhibit TURN-02,  
6 which is an excerpt of the workpapers for  
7 SCE-05?

8 A I do have it in front of me, yes.

9 Q And do you see that on page --  
10 what's designated as page 362 has a heading  
11 Summary of Catalina Stakeholder Engagement  
12 Activities?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And there's a Table 1-1 in about  
15 the middle of the page. Do you see that?

16 A I do.

17 Q And the sentence that's after that  
18 refers to "External engagement meetings at  
19 Edison began conducting in 2018." Do you see  
20 that?

21 A I do see that.

22 Q And in Table 1-1 itself, do you see  
23 that about five lines down on the left-hand  
24 side that Catalina Express is one of those  
25 stakeholders that is included in those  
26 meetings?

27 A They were included in those  
28 meetings, and we discussed our upcoming GRC

1 as well as the idea of a boat fee to which we  
2 received significant feedback that there was  
3 opposition to that (inaudible) and Edison's  
4 proposal does not include that in its  
5 proposed recovery of cost. But, you know,  
6 maybe as an alternative that it reviewed.

7 Q So turning to page 363 of this  
8 document, do you see there's a Table 1-2?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And it shows a series of meetings  
11 that took place between May 2018 and November  
12 of 2018. Do you see that?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And for each of the meetings  
15 through August 23rd, 2018, one of the topics  
16 discussed was a proposed boat fee?

17 A That is correct. It was a boat  
18 fee. The idea of proposing a boat fee, yes.

19 Q And the second meeting that's shown  
20 here on Table 1-2 is a meeting on June 6th,  
21 2018, with Catalina Express?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Thank you. Let me get you to go  
24 back to your direct testimony in SCE-01,  
25 please.

26 A Okay.

27 Q At page 24 at the bottom of the  
28 page starting on line 25, a second reason

1 Edison cited for not proposing the boat fee  
2 is the assertion that the majority of  
3 visitors to the island come from areas within  
4 Edison's service territory. Do you see that?

5 A Yes. I do see that.

6 Q And on page 25, the sentence that  
7 begins on line 1 states that:

8 The feeder areas from which  
9 tourists come to Catalina largely  
10 overlap with Edison's electric  
11 service territory.

12 A That is correct.

13 Q And am I correct in understanding  
14 your response to Ms. Fisher's questions  
15 earlier to be that the Chamber of Commerce  
16 study from -- I forget if it was 2016 or 2017  
17 -- that's what you're relying on for this  
18 analysis?

19 A That is correct.

20 Q Did Edison perform any sort of  
21 independent analysis to confirm the figures  
22 that you're citing here?

23 A We did not perform a separate  
24 analysis, no.

25 Q And is it your understanding --  
26 well, Ms. Barcinas, would you agree with me  
27 that the fact that a tourist comes from Los  
28 Angeles County doesn't mean that the tourist

1 is coming from a household that's served by  
2 Southern California Edison for electricity  
3 service?

4 A There is a large overlap with SCE's  
5 territory in LA County, but it is not only  
6 served by SCE.

7 Q Right. It's also served Los  
8 Angeles Department of Water and Power?

9 A That is correct.

10 Q And there are a couple of other  
11 smaller municipal utilities also within Los  
12 Angeles County?

13 A Smaller, yes.

14 Q And do you have a sense of the  
15 general percentages of the LA County  
16 residents that are served by Edison versus  
17 served by the other entities?

18 A I do not have that percentage.

19 Q And is it your understanding that  
20 the study from the Chamber of Commerce  
21 treated all of the customers from Los Angeles  
22 as being Southern California Edison  
23 customers?

24 A They did not mention Southern  
25 California Edison customers specifically in  
26 their report is my understanding. But more  
27 just the nature of where the tourists reside.

28 Q Right. But in calculating that

1 70 percent of the customers -- I'm sorry.  
2 Let me get you to go to page 24 of your  
3 direct testimony at the very bottom of the  
4 page, line 26, carrying over into page 25.  
5 You state that:

6 The Visitors Report shows that  
7 over 70 percent of visitors  
8 originate in feeder areas across  
9 Southern California.

10 Is that correct?

11 A That is correct.

12 Q Okay. And in calculating that  
13 70 percent, was the entirety of Los Angeles  
14 included in that calculation?

15 A Los Angeles among other counties  
16 within Southern California, yes.

17 Q The majority were from Los Angeles  
18 County. Is that your understanding?

19 A I don't recall if the majority were  
20 LA County. But the 70 percent reference is  
21 to Southern California in its entirety.

22 Q So is it your understanding that  
23 includes San Diego?

24 A It's not my understanding whether  
25 or not they included San Diego County.

26 Q I'm sorry. Is your response that  
27 you don't have an understanding as to whether  
28 or not they included San Diego?



1           A     My assumption was that they did  
2 include San Diego. But I cannot confirm. I  
3 don't have that confirmation.

4           MR. FINKELSTEIN: Thank you,  
5 Ms. Barcinas.

6                     Your Honor, that's all I have at  
7 this time.

8           ALJ TOY: Okay.

9                     Is there any redirect from SCE?

10          MR. SUNG: Yes, your Honor.

11          ALJ TOY: Are you ready to conduct that  
12 now or do you need a minute or two?

13          MR. SUNG: No. It will be short so I  
14 can go ahead and get started.

15          ALJ TOY: Okay. Great. Please proceed  
16 with your redirect.

17                     REDIRECT EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. SUNG:

19          Q     Ms. Barcinas, in the stakeholder  
20 conversation with the Catalina Island  
21 stakeholders, you have expressed that the  
22 boat fee was discussed; is that correct?

23          A     That is correct.

24          Q     And what was the feedback that SCE  
25 had received in regards to the boat fee?

26          A     We received significant opposition  
27 to the boat fee in its potential to impact  
28 the tourism and the economy that the city and

1 the island community really rely on.

2 Q Was that feedback obtained by one  
3 stakeholder or several?

4 A Several stakeholders.

5 Q As a result of that stakeholder  
6 process, how did SCE form its cost recovery  
7 proposal as currently stated in the GRC  
8 proceeding?

9 A With that feedback in mind with a  
10 potential impact to the Catalina residents  
11 and economy, being good stewards overall with  
12 the community did not want to propose  
13 something that could have such a significant  
14 impact. So that was factored in our ultimate  
15 preferred solution, which is our proposal  
16 today to charge SCE's Catalina customers for  
17 the routine operations and maintenance and  
18 the extra ordinary cost to spread that across  
19 the electric customers.

20 MR. SUNG: Thank you, Ms. Barcinas.

21 No further questions.

22 ALJ TOY: I have a question off of  
23 that, Ms. Barcinas.

24 When you held these stakeholder  
25 meetings, was there any sort of ranking done  
26 by the stakeholders? Or was it more just  
27 comments on all the different (inaudible.)

28 THE WITNESS: I was not personally in

1 attendance to any of those meetings. But  
2 it's my understandings at the time we did not  
3 have the full suite of alternatives to rank.

4 Can you guys hear me okay?

5 ALJ TOY: Yes.

6 THE WITNESS: Sorry. There was a  
7 refreshing, I think, in the system.

8 I was not in attendance myself, but  
9 it's my understanding that we discussed the  
10 boat fee, and, again, received the feedback.  
11 So we did not have a ranking of alternatives  
12 that we received back from the parties.

13 ALJ TOY: Okay. Thank you.

14 Do you have any re-cross,  
15 Mr. Finkelstein?

16 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. FINKELSTEIN:

18 Q Very quickly.

19 Ms. Barcinas, in the stakeholder  
20 meeting, did you also receive feedback from  
21 ratepayer representatives about Edison's  
22 proposal to collect costs from Edison's  
23 electric customers?

24 A I do not and cannot confirm whether  
25 or not that was a proposal that we had at  
26 that time in 2018 and whether or not that was  
27 part of the discussion at that time in 2018.]

28 Q So you're not aware if that was

1 something that was presented as a possibility  
2 in the stakeholder meetings?

3 A I cannot recall whether or not that  
4 was a possibility that was discussed.

5 Q Well, wouldn't you have had to  
6 discuss it with stakeholders from Catalina  
7 Island as an alternative that would permit  
8 Edison's recovery of the costs, ultimately?

9 If you're not getting it from a  
10 boat fee and you're not getting it from water  
11 rates, where would you be getting the  
12 recovery from otherwise?

13 A It's my understanding that that  
14 engagement regarding our specific proposal  
15 occurred after 2018. So the specific  
16 meetings that you are pointing to, I cannot  
17 confirm whether or not that was a subject of  
18 discussion.

19 Q Looking back on what's been marked  
20 as Exhibit TURN-02, the excerpt of the  
21 workpapers from SCE-05 -- do you have that?

22 A Yes.

23 Q In Table 1-2, on page 363?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Do you see that the 6/21/18 meeting  
26 with representatives of ORA and TURN  
27 discussed the acronym "RMSM"?

28 A I do see that, yes.

1           Q    Do you know what that acronym  
2 stands for?

3           A    I do not.

4                   Is that specified here?

5           Q    Not that I know of.

6                   Your Honor, could we get Edison to  
7 commit to supplementing the record to at  
8 least explain what that acronym stands for?

9                   My recollection is that it was  
10 regarding having electric customers pay for  
11 water utility costs. But I don't have the  
12 specific acronym name in mind, as I sit here  
13 today.

14           ALJ TOY: Does Edison have comments on  
15 that?

16           MR. SUNG: Yeah. So Mr. Cooper Cameron  
17 will be on the stand slated for tomorrow.  
18 And he can speak to that portion of it. It  
19 refers to Rate Mitigation Sharing Mechanism.  
20 But, yeah, it -- you know, Ms. Barcinas was  
21 obviously not a part of those meetings. So  
22 we can have another witness speak to that if  
23 TURN wishes.

24           ALJ TOY: Mr. Finkelstein?

25           MR. FINKELSTEIN: Sure, your Honor.  
26 Just a couple more questions.

27           Q    Ms. Barcinas, does that refresh  
28 your recollection, that it's the Rate

1 Mitigation Sharing Mechanism?

2 A Mr. Sung did confirm that that's  
3 what that stands for. However, as I  
4 mentioned before, I was not in attendance  
5 during those meetings. So I cannot confirm  
6 the extent of what that discussion contained.

7 Q But based on the name of it, would  
8 you expect that it involved sharing costs  
9 between Edison's Catalina water customers and  
10 Edison's electricity customers on the  
11 mainland?

12 A It could -- it could have included  
13 a number of ratemaking consolidation  
14 proposals. And I cannot confirm what it  
15 actually consisted of.

16 Q But did I understand you to say  
17 earlier that the cost-sharing proposals had  
18 not been part of the discussion prior to  
19 2018?

20 A I did not understand it to be part  
21 of the discussions before 2018. But, again,  
22 I was not in attendance during those  
23 meetings.

24 Q So is it fair to characterize your  
25 testimony as cost-sharing proposals could  
26 have been discussed, but you're unaware of it  
27 at this time?

28 A The extent of the cost-sharing

1 proposals and to what extent that included,  
2 I'm not aware of, since I was not in the  
3 meetings. No.

4 Q Okay. I'll leave it at that.

5 Thank you, your Honor.

6 ALJ TOY: Mr. Sung, any redirect?

7 MR. SUNG: No, your Honor.

8 ALJ TOY: Okay. It is 12:04. We can  
9 take our lunch now. We'll take an hour and  
10 five minutes. So everyone come back at 1:10.

11 Thank you for your participation so  
12 far today. Off the record.

13 (Whereupon, at the hour of 12:05  
14 p.m. a recess was taken until 1:10  
p.m.)

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1 AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:10 P.M.

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4 ALJ TOY: Okay. Back on the record.

5 We're coming back from our lunch  
6 break. I will now continue with the  
7 cross-examination of Ms. Barcinas. We will  
8 be continuing with the cross by the Catalina  
9 Parties.

10 And, Ms. Barcinas, I just want to  
11 remind you of the attestations you took  
12 earlier.

13 Please proceed with your cross, Mr.  
14 Bishton.

15 ROSALIE BARCINAS,  
16 resumed the stand and testified further as  
17 follows:

18 MR. BISHTON: Thank you, your Honor.  
19 May I -- I request that I be allowed to share  
20 screens for exhibits.

21 ALJ TOY: Sure. Off the record.

22 (Off the record.)

23 ALJ TOY: Okay. Back on the record.

24 Please proceed with your cross of  
25 Ms. Barcinas.

26 CROSS-EXAMINATION

27 BY MR. BISHTON:

28 Q Mr. Barcinas, my name is Norris



1 Bishton. I represent the Catalina Parties,  
2 which are representative of virtually all of  
3 the ratepayers -- water ratepayers on the  
4 island from the City of Avalon, to Hamilton  
5 Cove, to the Conservancy, to the Santa  
6 Catalina Island Company, to the Chamber of  
7 Commerce. And we have been working and  
8 meeting with Catalina -- I'm sorry -- your  
9 representatives on the island for many, many  
10 years as a group. And we are trying to work  
11 together as a group.

12 I note from your qualifications  
13 that are contained in one of the exhibits of  
14 evidence you've been in this position as  
15 Director of SCE's Catalina Operations and  
16 Strategies since April of 19 -- 2021; is that  
17 correct?

18 A That is correct.

19 Q What were you doing prior to that?

20 A So, I've been with Edison for over  
21 the 23 years now and held a number of  
22 positions across many subject areas. They  
23 include: Regulatory affairs, the development  
24 and construction of major projects,  
25 environmental external engagement, just to  
26 name a few. And so I've held many positions  
27 across those areas.

28 Q Okay. Now, I meant -- I should

1 have asked it more particular.

2 What in connection with Catalina  
3 Island, and the operations on Catalina  
4 Island, did you have prior to April of 2021?

5 A Prior to April of 2021, my only  
6 direct experience is when I was in our real  
7 properties department many years ago. I was  
8 a real estate services agent. And so I --  
9 Catalina was within my territory.

10 Other than that, the rest of my  
11 experience, again, across regulatory,  
12 environmental, external engagement, the  
13 development and planning of major complex  
14 infrastructure projects, and the State and  
15 Federal review required for that have all  
16 provided a strong foundation to apply over to  
17 the water and gas and electric utilities on  
18 Catalina. Ultimately, those subject areas  
19 are foundational to the needs for Catalina.

20 Q What do you know about the  
21 operations and have principally learned since  
22 you took over in April of last year?

23 A I'm sorry. Can you restate that?

24 Q What do you know about the Catalina  
25 water operation that you principally have  
26 garnered that information since April of last  
27 year?

28 A Majority of my knowledge has come

1 from April of last year as it relates to the  
2 direct operations of the water and gas and  
3 electric utility, yes.

4 Q Within the -- Edison, what is water  
5 operation -- what would you call it?

6 A What would I call water  
7 operation --

8 Q Is it a -- it's certainly not an  
9 entity of its own; correct?

10 A Catalina Water Utility is within  
11 the overall Catalina operations. That is a  
12 -- you know, a department underneath our  
13 generation division.

14 Q Okay. It's a department.  
15 Does it have its own monthly P&L?

16 A Can you describe -- tell me what  
17 P&L --

18 Q Profit-and-loss statement --  
19 financial statement.

20 Does it have a monthly financial  
21 statement for that department --

22 A Not that I'm aware.

23 Q -- that focuses on that department?

24 A Not a monthly profit-and-loss  
25 statement, that I'm aware of, no.

26 Q You're aware of the expenses that  
27 have been approved in the prior GRC by the  
28 PUC for the water operation?

1           A     I'm a -- I am aware of that, yes.

2           Q     And that's -- it would be like a  
3 budget for that operation, would it not?

4           A     That is the approved dollar amount  
5 for those particular projects and for the  
6 revenue requirement, yes.

7           Q     Does the water department have a  
8 monthly measurement of performance against  
9 budget?

10          A     We do discuss the status of our  
11 annual budget, as well as the status against  
12 our performance against our capital projects.  
13 So, yes, we do.

14          Q     No, I'm talking about your  
15 operating expenses. You know, a normal  
16 business maintains control through use of the  
17 financial statement -- typically, monthly  
18 financial statement -- where they measure  
19 their current performance against their  
20 budget.

21                   Does Edison have anything like that  
22 for their water operation?

23          A     We have regular meetings to discuss  
24 how we are performing against our annual  
25 budget, which does include our operating  
26 expenses, labor, et cetera.

27          Q     That is an operating budget for the  
28 entire operation on Catalina Island, is it

1 not?

2           A    We discuss the performance for the  
3 water utility, as well as the gas and our  
4 electric.

5           Q    Dr. Brian Brady, our expert, in his  
6 direct testimony identified 10 other Class C  
7 entities -- water utilities regulated by the  
8 PUC. Each one of them is either a  
9 corporation or -- I believe they are all  
10 corporations.

11                   Your water operation is not a  
12 corporation; is that correct?

13           A    It is not --

14           Q    It doesn't have a Board of  
15 Directors for example?

16                   (Crosstalk.)

17                   (Court reporter clarification.)

18           ALJ TOY: Mr. Bishton, please let the  
19 witness finish her statement.

20           MR. BISHTON: I apologize.

21           Q    It doesn't have a Board of  
22 Directors, for example, to supervise the  
23 operation of the department or anything of  
24 that nature?

25           A    It has its own dedicated  
26 management, but does not have a Board of  
27 Directors for the Catalina utilities itself,  
28 no.

1           Q   And it has 13 part-time employees;  
2   is that correct?

3           A   It has 13 full-time employees.

4           Q   But they only work part-time -- do  
5   they not? -- for the water operation?

6           A   13 full-time employees that service  
7   both the gas and water utility.

8           Q   And they are reported -- their  
9   compensation is reported in account 630 in  
10   the annual reports filled by Edison with the  
11   PUC?

12          A   I cannot confirm the exact account  
13   that you mentioned. But they -- their time  
14   is allocated based on how their time is spent  
15   and whether it's attributed to the water or  
16   the gas utility, depending on the work they  
17   are doing.

18          Q   In the annual report for 2019, the  
19   compensation for the 13 part-time employees  
20   was 2 million -- \$1,677,000. You divide that  
21   by 13, and that's \$129,000 per employee.

22                   Is that kind of compensation  
23   comparable to what is paid for other water  
24   companies supervised by the PUC?

25          A   I do not have their compensation in  
26   front of me to confirm that number, nor I do  
27   know the compensation of other water utility  
28   employees to compare it to.

1           Q     In 2021 -- pardon me.

2                     In 2020, account 630 has \$3 million  
3     -- 8 -- 900 -- 803,469 (sic), which is  
4     \$292,575 per employee for 13 employees.

5                     That's an astronomical  
6     compensation, is it not?

7           A     I cannot confirm whether that is  
8     made up of just those 13 employees across the  
9     water and gas utility, or if it includes  
10    other labor that provides support to the  
11    island. For example, within generation, we  
12    have asset management engineers and employees  
13    that will provide support when needed, as  
14    well as environmental, regulatory, and other  
15    departments that provide support when needed.  
16    So I cannot confirm whether or not that  
17    particular number only relates to the 13  
18    full-time employee.

19          Q     I direct your attention to your  
20    Exhibit 2 at page 6.

21                     Can you call that up?

22          A     Can you repeat that?

23          Q     SCE-02 at page 6.

24          A     I don't seem to have SCE-02.

25          MR. SUNG: Your Honor, I don't want to  
26    prematurely object, but SCE-02 was not  
27    sponsored by Ms. Barcinas. It's testimony  
28    sponsored by Mr. Hite. So that's probably

1 why Ms. Barcinas does not have that in her  
2 materials. So it sounds like an objection is  
3 coming based off expanding beyond the scope  
4 of her testimony, but I didn't want to  
5 prematurely object. But it does seem like  
6 it's going to go there, your Honor.

7 MR. BISHTON: Your Honor, I listened  
8 very closely to Mr. Sung at the beginning.  
9 And he said that Ms. Barcinas was sponsoring  
10 not just SCE-01, but 1 through 4, as well as,  
11 I believe -- I have it down here --

12 ALJ TOY: I believe that was sections 1  
13 through 4 of SCE-01, Mr. Bishton.

14 Is that correct, Mr. Sung?

15 MR. SUNG: That is correct, your Honor.

16 MR. BISHTON: Let me show her the --  
17 what I'm referring to.

18 ALJ TOY: What's the nature of your  
19 question regarding?

20 MR. BISHTON: As to the number of  
21 employees -- what the testimony has been  
22 concerning the number of part-time employees  
23 employed by the water department.

24 MR. SUNG: Your Honor, we will -- Mr.  
25 Hite is slated to appear on Monday, who can  
26 speak to these issues, including the  
27 O&M-specific accounts and the part-time  
28 employees that Mr. Bishton is referencing.



1 So we would, you know, kind of have a  
2 standing objection to any line of questioning  
3 regarding this line of testimony.

4 ALJ TOY: Is there a particular reason  
5 you believe Ms. Barcinas should be answering  
6 these particular questions, Mr. Bishton?

7 MR. BISHTON: No particular reason. I  
8 can take it up with Mr. Hite if that is the  
9 Court's ruling.

10 ALJ TOY: Okay. Yeah. Please do that.  
11 Stay within Ms. Barcinas' testimony.

12 BY MS. BARCINAS:

13 Q Ms. Barcinas, what are ratepayers  
14 on the island -- if they also have electrical  
15 service from Edison and they have gas -- some  
16 of them gas service, they receive one bill --  
17 is that correct? -- they are billed in one  
18 bill? There's not a separate bill for water  
19 separate from gas, separate from electricity,  
20 is there?

21 A It was my understanding that those  
22 bills are separate. There are separate  
23 charges for each.

24 Q They are separate charges for each;  
25 but it comes in the mail to them or online a  
26 single bill for whatever services they  
27 have received from Edison?

28 A I cannot confirm that. I'm unsure

1 of how the actual bills show up.

2 Q For a lot of ratepayers on the  
3 island, is there an office or person on the  
4 island that they can reach out with -- to for  
5 questions that they have concerning their  
6 bill or their service?

7 A We do have customer service numbers  
8 where Catalina Water and Gas and Electric  
9 customers can contact in the event of any  
10 customer service concerns.

11 Q That is the same customer service  
12 that is provided for your mainland electrical  
13 customers also, is it not?

14 A We recently created one  
15 specifically for the water billing. Earlier,  
16 the -- I believe it was -- time all runs  
17 together. It may have been towards late last  
18 year that we created a specific customer  
19 service center for Catalina.

20 Q And where is that located?

21 A Where is the number located?

22 Q Where is the people that handle  
23 that located?

24 They are not on the island, are  
25 they?

26 A They are not on the island.

27 Q So where are they located? -- on  
28 the mainland?

1           A     Their home office, I believe, is in  
2     one of Edison's offices. But I cannot -- I  
3     don't know whether -- out of which city they  
4     work.

5           Q     Are they the same -- part of the  
6     same customer service group that handles  
7     electrical ratepayers also?

8           A     They are.

9           Q     If you go to the Edison website, is  
10    there a separate tab for water customers to  
11    get information?

12          MR. SUNG: Objection, your Honor. This  
13    is really going beyond the scope of Ms.  
14    Barcinas's testimony.

15          ALJ TOY: Do you have a response, Mr.  
16    Bishton?

17          MR. BISHTON: Yes, your Honor. I'm  
18    trying to demonstrate that the water is just  
19    really part of one operation -- one combined  
20    operation. It is not really separate. It is  
21    not a separate entity as the other ones that  
22    are normally regulated water entities by the  
23    PUC. It is --

24          ALJ TOY: And what was your last  
25    question? Sorry.

26          MR. BISHTON: My last question was on  
27    the website. Edison has a single website,  
28    and there's no special place or tab or

1 anything where a water customer can obtain  
2 information or make contact or anything else.

3 ALJ TOY: I'm going to let this  
4 question through.

5 Ms. Barcinas, please respond as best  
6 able.

7 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of whether  
8 or not our sce.com website -- the exact areas  
9 in which our water customers or gas customers  
10 have any different tabs or anything of that  
11 sort.

12 BY MR. BISHTON:

13 Q We recently have had a draught that  
14 affected Catalina Island. Was that an  
15 unusual occurrence for Catalina Island?

16 A Droughts, unfortunately, are not  
17 unusual to Catalina, as you know. However,  
18 the most recent one, 2013 to 2019, was one to  
19 the extent that was historical in how extreme  
20 it was.

21 Q Did you -- Edison established a  
22 rationing procedure with approval of the PUC  
23 in 1977; is that correct?

24 A I do not recall the year in which  
25 that initial plan was approved with the CPUC.

26 Q Directing your attention to SCE-01,  
27 on page 20, reads:

28 SCE was an early adopter of

1 conservation practices. SCE's  
2 Staged Mandatory Conservation and  
3 Rationing Plan, Water Rationing  
4 Plan, was originally adopted in  
5 1977. SCE has implemented its  
6 Water Rationing Plan on numerous  
7 occasions over the years to  
8 maintain an adequate supply of  
9 water during periods of prolonged  
10 drought.

11 Do you see that?

12 A I do see that.

13 Q What, starting in 1977, did Edison  
14 do to maintain an adequate supply of water  
15 during drought?

16 What does it -- what action, if  
17 any, did it take?

18 MR. SUNG: Objection. Compound.

19 ALJ TOY: Could you please simplify  
20 your question a little bit, Mr. Bishton?

21 BY MR. BISHTON:

22 Q What action, if any, did SCE take  
23 subsequent to 1977 to provide adequate water  
24 supply during a drought, if any?

25 A One recent action -- I will draw  
26 back to the 1977. But one recent action was  
27 installation of a desalination plant. And we  
28 have multiple plants there now, plant one and

1 plant two, which is significantly improving  
2 the water supply and reliability for the  
3 island.

4 Q You received -- Edison received a  
5 desalination plant in, approximately, 1986 --  
6 did it not? -- as a -- at no cost to Edison;  
7 is that correct?

8 A I don't recall the year or that it  
9 was at no cost to SCE.

10 Q Did the developers of Hamilton Cove  
11 provide a -- were they required to provide a  
12 desalination plant in order to go  
13 forward with that development?

14 A I am aware of their contributions,  
15 but do not recall if it covered the entire  
16 cost of desalination plant one.

17 Q Once that was received by Edison,  
18 did they stop using it shortly thereafter and  
19 lost the licensing and permits to operate it?

20 MR. SUNG: Objection, your Honor. This  
21 is really beyond the scope of Ms. Barcinas's  
22 testimony. These are actions back in the  
23 80s. And we're -- the GRC proceeding is  
24 covering the Test Year of 2022. So I'm  
25 wondering if there's a more direct relevance  
26 to the current application. You know, it  
27 really does strike as irrelevant and outside  
28 the scope.

1           ALJ TOY: Do you have a response,  
2 Mr. Bishton?

3           MR. BISHTON: Your Honor, the dealing  
4 with drought conditions, how Edison has dealt  
5 with the drought conditions that they know  
6 are persistent on Catalina Island, I think is  
7 an issue in this proceeding. They want to  
8 recover substantial money from current  
9 ratepayers in connection with drought  
10 expenses. This is very much an issue in this  
11 proceeding. What I quoted from comes from  
12 the testimony in SCE-01.

13           MR. SUNG: Your Honor, that was more of  
14 a background to help establish the  
15 reasonableness of the recent drought  
16 beginning -- ending in February of 2019. So,  
17 you know, we're more than prepared to discuss  
18 the --

19                   (Webex audio glitch.)

20                   (Crosstalk.)

21           MR. SUNG: But to go this far back,  
22 first, that's outside the scope of Ms.  
23 Barcinas' testimony, because she really is  
24 the policy witness to speak on these issues.  
25 And Mr. Hite would be better to -- better  
26 suited to discuss or answer questions  
27 relating to the specifics of the actions that  
28 SCE took. But, you know, having said that,

1 it's still back in the 80s and really a  
2 tenuous connection here, your Honor.

3 ALJ TOY: Are you attempting to  
4 establish the history of SCE's actions with  
5 regards to drought conditions, Mr. Bishton,  
6 or --

7 MR. BISHTON: Yes, I am. 45 years have  
8 passed since 1977 to the present. And I --  
9 I'm trying to establish what, if anything,  
10 has been done to provide an adequate water  
11 supply by the sole water utility on Catalina  
12 Island. ]

13 ALJ TOY: I would say that you may ask  
14 Ms. Barcinas about her knowledge of actions  
15 that she has taken, but I don't think this  
16 extraneous, sort of, line of questioning  
17 about chronology and things is necessary to  
18 discuss with her. Possibly you may bring it  
19 up with Mr. Hite if it's in his testimony.

20 If you want to point to the specific  
21 actions they've taken in Ms. Barcinas's  
22 testimony, if there are any other actions,  
23 I'm happy to hear that, but, otherwise, I  
24 would say, please move on.

25 BY MR. BISHTON:

26 Q Ms. Barcinas, recently, Edison  
27 brought an Advice Letter 123 in order to deal  
28 with the Safe Annual Yield or Fresh Water



1 Yield; correct?

2 A That is correct. To improve the  
3 methodology and conditions under which Safe  
4 Annual Yield is determined.

5 Q And Edison noted in that that they  
6 had been ordered 13 years before to provide  
7 within 60 days a water-modeling study, but  
8 they waited 13 years to provide it to the  
9 PUC; is that correct?

10 A I'm not aware of that.

11 Q The PUC rejected 123 initially --  
12 did it not -- and required SCE to file 123-A;  
13 is that correct?

14 A My understanding of the revisions  
15 that were asked under the Advice Letter  
16 related to the amount of supply from the  
17 desalination plant and that we were  
18 proposing, and so, ultimately, in the last  
19 revision, we aligned that amount with what is  
20 in our coastal development permit (inaudible)  
21 amount of desalination that we're allowed to  
22 produce.

23 Q Catalina Parties protested both 123  
24 and 123-A; did they not?

25 A That's my understanding.

26 Q And Edison filed 123-B?

27 A Can you repeat that? I'm sorry.

28 Q They had to file Advice Letter

1 123-B?

2 A We were asked to modify our  
3 proposal and file 123-B.

4 Q And as a result of that dating back  
5 to February of last year, the Safe Annual  
6 Yield or Fresh Water Yield has been greatly  
7 increased; has it not?

8 A As a result of 123 being approved,  
9 yes. Our Safe Annual Yield has significantly  
10 improved with an additional, I believe, 147  
11 acre feet per year, which is a significant  
12 benefit to the supply in how we calculate as  
13 well our supply.

14 Q Yes. Have any requests for  
15 allocations been approved since 123-B was  
16 approved?

17 A Not yet; however, we anticipate  
18 that that will happen shortly. We are  
19 vetting the methodology and the numbers as we  
20 speak. We do anticipate starting to approve  
21 those on the wait list. Although I can't say  
22 at this point how many, we do anticipate  
23 providing the approval very soon.

24 Q Earlier I asked questions about  
25 water loss in the system. Can you identify  
26 anything specifically that have been done to  
27 deal with water loss?

28 A Yes. We've got a number of steps

1 that we're taking starting a few years ago.  
2 Like I mentioned, we started looking at this  
3 much closer, as our asset management program,  
4 and so part of that is looking at baseline  
5 conditions of our infrastructure and creating  
6 a proactive plan for improvement as it  
7 relates to the infrastructure.

8 We also adopted the American Water  
9 Works Association's methodology in  
10 calculating water loss and what that also  
11 does is identify areas for improvement. Last  
12 year, we formalized those steps even more,  
13 creating a program, a water loss production  
14 program, with establishing resources to make  
15 improvements, identifying goals in our  
16 looking to make additional significant steps  
17 this year.

18 Other steps include customer  
19 meters, for example, as well and making sure  
20 that we are identifying when those need to be  
21 replaced. We are testing and calibrating  
22 those so that, you know, the apparent losses  
23 are reduced with more valid data.

24 We also are looking at meters  
25 on our own where we sourced the water to make  
26 sure that that data is accurate, and we are  
27 identifying whether there is any actual  
28 losses in those areas as well. So those are

1 just a few examples of a number of steps we  
2 are taking to make improvements.

3 Q Has any improvement occurred?

4 A This program has just started; so  
5 we expect to see improvements this year.

6 Q In the SCE Exhibit 10, page 6,  
7 there's a short sentence: "Provide for  
8 equity between present and future users of  
9 water service."

10 That's one of the things that  
11 Edison is required to do. What do you  
12 understand that to mean?

13 A Can you repeat the page number?

14 Q Page 6 in SCE-10.

15 A Which line?

16 Q Page 6. I don't have it up here.  
17 It's in the list of items.

18 A Can you repeat the question? I  
19 think I have the area that you're  
20 referencing.

21 Q It says one of your obligations is  
22 to provide for equity between present and  
23 future users of water service. It's a bullet  
24 point in one of the bullet points.

25 A I see that, yes.

26 Q What do you understand that to  
27 mean?

28 A I understand this to mean that

1 we're not unfairly burdening either the  
2 present customers or future customers with  
3 costs that may not be related to their  
4 service or improvement of their service.

5 Q What does it mean, Edison, as you  
6 have testified, is facing numbers as high as  
7 \$70 million to be spent removing  
8 decommissioned and active pipelines lined  
9 with PCB-containing material, PCB material,  
10 period, and have asbestos on the outside of  
11 the pipes?

12 These pipes go back a long time.  
13 Is it your position that the equity between  
14 present and future users of water service  
15 would require them to pay for every  
16 mediation?

17 MR. SUNG: Objection, your Honor. That  
18 is not within the scope of this proceeding,  
19 let alone this person's testimony.

20 Those costs are being tracked in a  
21 separate memo account and have been  
22 specifically carved out of this proceeding  
23 because we're not seeking cost recovery. It  
24 just really has no bearing on this present  
25 proceeding.

26 ALJ TOY: Your response to that,  
27 Mr. Bishton.

28 MR. BISHTON: In this proceeding,

1 they're also claiming the -- trying to have  
2 money for the retool of the million-gallon  
3 tank with the same problems and certain  
4 amount of piping that was allowed in that  
5 process, and I can address the question to  
6 them.

7 ALJ TOY: Okay. Please move on from  
8 the questions regarding PCB and cost recovery  
9 for that because that is not an issue here.

10 BY MR. BISHTON:

11 Q Edison is requesting a substantial  
12 amount of money for the rehab and the  
13 rehabilitation of the million-gallon tank --  
14 is that correct -- in this proceeding?

15 (Reporter clarification.)

16 BY MR. BISHTON:

17 Q Edison is requesting a substantial  
18 amount of money in this proceeding for the  
19 rehabilitation of the  
20 PCB-lined-million-gallon tank and the piping  
21 connected with the tank; is that correct?

22 A I disagree with the  
23 characterization of it being a substantial  
24 amount. Edison is requesting to recover its  
25 expenses related to the rehab of the  
26 million-gallon tank in this proceeding, yes.

27 Q Is it your testimony that it is  
28 equitable to charge present and future

1 customers for that past problem?

2 A That expense was incurred during  
3 the time that we are discussing here for this  
4 GRC since our last GRC. We believe it is  
5 appropriate to request recovery for that  
6 expense, yes.

7 Q And you think that's equitable on  
8 present and future ratepayers; is that  
9 correct?

10 A We think it is fair.

11 Q The tank was originally put in by  
12 Edison in 1967; wasn't it not?

13 A I do not recall the date that it  
14 was installed.

15 Q Do you recall whether it was  
16 installed by Edison?

17 MR. SUNG: Objection, your Honor. This  
18 goes beyond the scope of Ms. Barcinas's  
19 testimony. Mr. Hite, who is going to be  
20 appearing on Monday, can speak to the  
21 specifics of the MGT and any other questions  
22 that Mr. Bishton would have relating to the  
23 details on that.

24 ALJ TOY: Mr. Bishton.

25 MR. BISHTON: I'll wait and question  
26 Mr. Hite.

27 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

28 BY MR. BISHTON:

1           Q    Ms. Barcinas, are you familiar with  
2   Public Utilities Code Section 451 that  
3   provides that all charges shall be just and  
4   reasonable, and every unjust, unreasonable  
5   charge is unlawful. Are you familiar with  
6   that?

7           A    Yes.

8           Q    Are you familiar with the basic  
9   principle of all of the applicable public  
10   utility laws that the provision of water is  
11   to ensure that the public gets an adequate  
12   service at a reasonable rate without  
13   discrimination?

14          A    I am aware of that. Yes.

15          Q    Turn your attention to SCE-10, page  
16   22 --

17          A    Okay.

18          Q    -- where it says:

19               Without a cross-subsidy to  
20               alleviate the high cost of the  
21               water services, Catalina residents  
22               would be unable to afford water.  
23               SCE recognizes that recovering the  
24               cost of water service for solely  
25               the Catalina customers is  
26               untenable; and, therefore, could  
27               deprive Catalina residents their  
28               fundamental right to safe, clean,



1 and affordable water.

2 Are you aware of that?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And further on it provides:

5 A small number of Catalina  
6 customers many of whom are  
7 low-income workers in service jobs  
8 supporting the tourism economy  
9 simply cannot pay the cost it  
10 takes to serve them.

11 ALJ TOY: Mr. Bishton, what page is  
12 that?

13 MR. BISHTON: 22 to 23 is the second  
14 quote.

15 ALJ TOY: The bottom of 22.

16 THE WITNESS: Perfect. I see it now.

17 BY MR. BISHTON:

18 Q You are aware of that testimony; do  
19 you sponsor that testimony?

20 A Yes.

21 Q If there's no cross-subsidy, as is  
22 being sought here, is it Edison's position  
23 that Catalina ratepayers should pay the  
24 amounts that are now sought as a subsidy?

25 A That is not our proposal. Our  
26 proposal is to recover the routine operation  
27 and maintenance and costs associated with the  
28 water utility for Catalina customers, and to

1 have a cross-subsidization of the  
2 extraordinary cost to its electric customers;  
3 so it's not our proposal.

4 Q You provide a supplemental  
5 testimony of what it would be like if all  
6 that had to be what the costs would be to  
7 Catalina ratepayers if you don't get the  
8 cross-subsidy; did you not?

9 A We are aware of the impact if we do  
10 not get the cross-subsidy; hence, the  
11 testimony here that states that an  
12 alternative solution is needed such as the  
13 cross-subsidy, which we believe is the most  
14 reasonable and achievable solution that  
15 provides for affordability to the Catalina  
16 customers.

17 Q I'm going to refer you to Catalina  
18 Parties Exhibit No. 19, which comes from a  
19 chart prepared by Dr. Brady in connection  
20 with his direct testimony.

21 What would be the effect of the  
22 various proposals that Southern California  
23 Edison has proposed, and its Plan B, which is  
24 the plan if --

25 ALJ TOY: Mr. Bishton, would you pull  
26 up the exhibit, and explain what it is.

27 MR. BISHTON: I'm sharing it right now?  
28 Can you see it.

1 ALJ TOY: Not yet. Off the record.

2 (Off the record.)

3 ALJ TOY: Back on the record.

4 Please continue.

5 BY MR. BISHTON:

6 Q This exhibit was prepared by  
7 Dr. Brady and contained in his direct  
8 testimony comparing current rates for a  
9 residential customer using 2,000 gallons a  
10 month, 65 gallons a day. Current charges,  
11 Plan A is if a subsidy goes into place; Plan  
12 B is based upon Edison's testimony as to what  
13 would happen if the subsidy did not go into  
14 place. And it shows that currently a  
15 customer -- 2,000 gallons a month is 65  
16 gallons a day, which is a very nominal use of  
17 water.

18 Currently, the average monthly  
19 would be \$75.84 for summer and winter rates.  
20 Under the plan that includes a full subsidy,  
21 the bill would go to 110.30 in the first  
22 year. It would go up to \$208.60 a month in  
23 year five.

24 Without the subsidy, it shows that  
25 the bill in year one would go up to 119.79 in  
26 the first year. 456.25 per month in year  
27 five; 602 percent increase from where it is  
28 now.

1           And I'm asking the witness whether  
2     \$456.25 a month -- first, do you believe that  
3     is something that people living on Catalina  
4     Island, ratepayers, can afford?

5           A     I just wanted to say that SCE did  
6     not prepare these numbers, and it cannot  
7     confirm the accuracy of them.

8           To your question of whether or not  
9     customers can afford \$456 per month,  
10    unfortunately, I cannot speculate as to that,  
11    but as I go back to SCE's proposal, we are  
12    concerned about the overall affordability to  
13    the Catalina customers, and, hence, our  
14    proposal is not to implement Plan B as it is  
15    stated here and as you stated in your  
16    question.

17           Our proposal is to subsidize for a  
18    cross-subsidization for a significant portion  
19    of the costs.

20           Q     Assuming that the  
21    cross-subsidization is not approved, what  
22    alternative does Edison propose to deal with  
23    the cost of providing service on the island  
24    other than to collect it from ratepayers?

25           A     Edison included a number of  
26    alternatives that could be pursued in the  
27    event that our cross-subsidization proposal  
28    is not approved.

1           Some of them cannot be achieved in  
2 this proceeding. Some of them have  
3 challenges and require other actions, for  
4 example, by the City of Avalon or  
5 legislatively, but there are other  
6 alternatives if the subsidization is not  
7 approved.

8           And it is our proposal because it  
9 is the only one that we see that achieves a  
10 fair balance between cost-of-service  
11 ratemaking and affordability for the Catalina  
12 Customers. I cannot speculate as to what  
13 would happen if our proposal is not approved.

14           Q   The obligation of Edison, as a  
15 public utility, is it -- this started in  
16 1962 -- correct -- it became a water utility  
17 supervised and regulated by the CPUC in 1962?

18           A   That is correct.

19           Q   70 years have passed that Edison  
20 has had an opportunity to do whatever is  
21 necessary to provide adequate service at  
22 reasonable rates; is that correct?

23           A   We are coming up on 68th year  
24 anniversary.

25           Q   I'm asking about 60 years.

26           A   Over the 60 years we believe Edison  
27 has been prudent in its management and  
28 obligation to provide safe and reliable

1 service to the island.

2 Q Are you aware of any regulation or  
3 statute or anything that provides that a  
4 public utility is guaranteed to make a  
5 profit?

6 A The regulatory compact says that --  
7 states that the utilities should have an  
8 opportunity to recover prudent and reasonable  
9 costs as well as reasonable rate of return.

10 Q It should be, but is there any  
11 guarantee that this must occur?

12 A I just stated it says that the  
13 utilities should be allowed the opportunity  
14 to recover any prudent and reasonable costs.

15 Q But what if they are unable to  
16 recover those without having bills that are  
17 not just and reasonable? What is the  
18 alternative?

19 A SCE has proposed a number of  
20 alternatives as to how to approach cost  
21 recovery for Catalina Water Utility.

22 And, again, our proposal for that  
23 ends up being the one that can be achieved  
24 within this proceeding and does provide that  
25 fair balance.

26 Q SCE's principal responsibility is  
27 to provide adequate water at reasonable cost  
28 to ratepayers of the island; is that correct?

1           A     We have an obligation to provide  
2     water service. Unfortunately, the cost of  
3     water operation and maintenance on Catalina  
4     is very high for the reasons I mentioned  
5     before in this hearing, but I'll restate some  
6     of them. Again, the arid, desert-like nature  
7     of the island itself, water is a scarce  
8     commodity, unfortunately, on the island.

9                     The challenging terrain and how our  
10    water system is spread across that terrain to  
11    serve a very small number of customers, the  
12    fact that that infrastructure has to be built  
13    to accommodate a significantly larger number  
14    of people or to accommodate the tourism  
15    compared to the customers on there also adds  
16    an additional complexity and cost challenge.

17                    Operating and maintaining in a  
18    manner that has to accommodate the high  
19    fluctuations from the off peak and low peak  
20    with tourism usage also adds to that cost  
21    challenge. Being on an island, any  
22    materials, chemicals, labor that we may need  
23    to contract off island does also come at a  
24    significant expense.

25                    So those are numbers, but not an  
26    exhaustive list of reasons why it is very  
27    costly to maintain the utility on the island.

28           Q     Have any of the conditions changed

1 since 1962 when you became a public utility,  
2 water utility, to the present that has  
3 increased the cost of providing water? Any  
4 conditions?

5 A I cannot speculate as to what the  
6 conditions were in 1962 compared to today. I  
7 do know and understand that since our last  
8 year's SEC filing, costs have significantly  
9 increased related to operation and  
10 maintenance of the utility.

11 Q I'm not talking about cost. I'm  
12 talking about conditions. The conditions?  
13 Terrain? Anything changed?

14 A The conditions as it relates to  
15 costs have increased.

16 Q You would agree that from 1962 to  
17 the present costs have increased everywhere.  
18 I mean, that is a normal thing that occurs  
19 over time that costs increase. I'm focusing  
20 on any condition that has changed.

21 ALJ TOY: Can you clarify what you mean  
22 by "condition," Mr. Bishton.

23 BY MR. BISHTON:

24 Q The terrain, the -- even the  
25 population, has there been a big change?

26 A I cannot speak to the amount of  
27 available water, for example, in 1962 as  
28 compared to today.



1           As I mentioned, as it is today, the  
2 water is scarce. I cannot speculate as to  
3 other conditions that might have been present  
4 from 1962 compared to today. What I can say  
5 is when you do look at the age and condition  
6 of our infrastructure from 1962 to today, the  
7 infrastructure age requires costs.

8           We talked about PCB in our million  
9 gallon tank. That is material that was used  
10 very early on that was approved and has since  
11 then been considered a hazardous material,  
12 and so, perhaps, that could be a condition  
13 that has changed that increased cost. So  
14 those are the only conditions that have  
15 changed since then.

16           Q   Is that timely maintenance of the  
17 equipment, the pipelines and other equipment  
18 involved in water distribution a normal  
19 responsibility of the water utility, kind of,  
20 over time?

21           A   Yes.

22           Q   Is some of the piping that's been  
23 identified, for instance, the problem with  
24 the million gallon tank goes back to 1967;  
25 correct. It was put in. It was coated with  
26 material. Then it was safe, and then it was  
27 declared unsafe a few years later.

28           MR. SUNG: Objection; mischaracterizes

1 Ms. Barcinas's testimony.

2 ALJ TOY: Mr. Bishton, do you have a  
3 response? ]

4 MR. BISHTON: I didn't hear what Mr.

5 --

6 MR. SUNG: Mischaracterizes  
7 Ms. Barcinas's testimony.

8 MR. BISHTON: Let me -- I'll withdraw  
9 the question.

10 Q According to -- I'm sorry. The  
11 exhibit I'm starting with has been marked as  
12 CP Exhibit-18. It's a chart taken from --  
13 information taken from annual reports going  
14 back to 2003 as to the number of connections.  
15 And -- start -- eliminates fire protection to  
16 the extent that fire protection was  
17 identified as included in the connections in  
18 the annual reports.

19 And it shows that in 2003 there  
20 were 911 (sic) collections -- connections.  
21 Now there's only 18 -- 1,887 collections --  
22 connections. Twenty-four less currently than  
23 there was in 2003.

24 Do you see that? Aware of that?

25 A I see that based on your table,  
26 that that is what you're stating, yes.

27 Q There has been no growth in  
28 connections over that whole period of time;

1 is that correct? Is that normal for a water  
2 utility to have no growth whatsoever over a  
3 period of 17 years?

4 MR. SUNG: There are two questions  
5 there, your Honor.

6 ALJ TOY: Mr. Bishton, could you please  
7 break up your question?

8 BY MR. BISHTON:

9 Q Ms. Barcinas, water -- availability  
10 of water does not affect the -- whatever goes  
11 on on Catalina Island in terms of the people  
12 that live there, the growth of the  
13 population, the growth of the business? It's  
14 all dependent upon water, is it not?

15 A Can you restate your question? I'm  
16 sorry.

17 Q Edison has an obligation to provide  
18 an adequate water service at reasonable  
19 rates. We established that. You agreed to  
20 that earlier. Part of that is to provide  
21 service to the people who want and desire  
22 service. There's been no growth since 2003  
23 in connections.

24 Doesn't that signal that there's  
25 been no growth whatsoever on the island  
26 because there was no water available -- made  
27 available to the people on the island to  
28 grow?

1           A     I cannot confirm that there has  
2     been no additional water services since 2003.  
3     I don't believe that's an accurate statement.

4                     As it relates to between 2013 and  
5     now, I can speak to why we've not been able  
6     to provide water allocations. And we do have  
7     an obligation to serve where there -- we do  
8     have a sufficient water supply. And we  
9     believe that we have been prudent in doing  
10    so.

11           Q     There was a bracket I was going to  
12    go into detail with you, but I have to call  
13    up another exhibit here. Just a second.

14           ALJ TOY: Which exhibit, Mr. Bishton?

15           MR. BISHTON: I'm going to identify it.  
16    Just a second here.

17           MR. SUNG: Your Honor, maybe we can  
18    propose a break. We've been going for an  
19    hour now.

20           MR. BISHTON: Yes. I'd appreciate  
21    that, your Honor. I'll identify the exhibit.

22           ALJ TOY: Okay. We'll take a break for  
23    10 minutes until 2:20.

24                     (Off the record.)

25           ALJ TOY: We're back on the record.

26                     Please continue with your cross,  
27    Mr. Bishton.

28    BY MR. BISHTON:

1           Q    Ms. Barcinas, you were questioned  
2   by Ms. Fisher concerning the policies of  
3   Edison in turning down or (indecipherable)  
4   approval of allocations for water. Exhibit  
5   CP-13 is a list of pending allocations that  
6   was provided to me, Mr. Sung, Edison's  
7   attorney, on February 8th of this year.

8                    You're aware, are you not, that  
9   Rule 3 requires Edison to maintain, on like  
10  an ongoing basis, a list of allocations that  
11  have been requested but not approved because  
12  of the lack of water?

13           A    That is correct. We are obligated  
14  to maintain a wait-list, yes.

15           Q    And this list starts out with one  
16  request on 1-27-2003. Do you see that? The  
17  very first one?

18           A    I do see that.

19           Q    And the very second one is 2013 for  
20  8.62 acre feet a year; correct?

21           A    Correct.

22           Q    Now, Rule 13 -- Rule 3 as it's been  
23  provided by you says that you're going to  
24  provide water in order of receipt of  
25  applications; correct?

26           A    I believe that was what it states,  
27  yes.

28           Q    So you have 16, 17 acre feet of --

1 year of water going back to 2003 that's ahead  
2 of everybody; correct?

3 A So they're the first and second on  
4 the wait-list here, yes.

5 Q Now, I personally know that  
6 something is missing from this list because  
7 I'm president of Hamilton Cove. What is  
8 missing is that development of 88 units, a  
9 single-family residence where it's approved  
10 as a project. And only six have been built.  
11 And the company believes that they have an  
12 allocation of water for another 82  
13 single-family residences. That's not even on  
14 this list?

15 MR. SUNG: Objection.

16 BY MR. BISHTON:

17 Q Are you aware of that?

18 MR. SUNG: Objection, your Honor. This  
19 is not a direct testimony from Mr. Bishton  
20 but rather a cross for Ms. Barcinas.

21 ALJ TOY: Do you have a response,  
22 Mr. Bishton?

23 MR. BISHTON: It is not a direct  
24 testimony. Yes, your Honor. I would have to  
25 agree. I'll take -- go on another question.

26 Q Ms. Barcinas, isn't it -- those are  
27 -- those allocations have to be filled before  
28 any others under the way you operate and

1 apply your reasons for not approving  
2 allocations, they have to be served first?

3 A I'm sorry. Can you restate your  
4 question.

5 Q You first have to deal with -- it  
6 is Edison's intention to deal with these  
7 requests in the order that they are listed  
8 and were received by Edison; is that correct?

9 A That is correct. And, however,  
10 part of the process that, you know, also get  
11 a better understanding of the timing of their  
12 projects. There will be seeking updates from  
13 them, each of the parties here as well as,  
14 you know, certain time periods in which they  
15 can pull the allocation. I believe it's  
16 18 months.

17 And so for example if the No. 1  
18 party here on the waitlist has not exercised  
19 their option within that 18 months, we will  
20 look to provide it to the subsequent person  
21 on the list.

22 Q Well, it was asked -- originally  
23 put on here in 2003. 18 months passed hasn't  
24 it?

25 A This is a list of requests that  
26 have not been approved.

27 Q Ms. Barcinas, if someone on  
28 Catalina Island is thinking of doing some

1 construction or adding a bedroom, they would  
2 obtain this list that is made available to  
3 the public, and they would see all of these  
4 requests ahead of them; is that correct?

5 A Any requests will need to go  
6 through the formal process that we have to  
7 submit it in writing. And we have a form  
8 that asks for all the applicable information.  
9 And this is a particular document that  
10 they -- I'm not sure how we make this public,  
11 the entire list and all of the detail that we  
12 have here, the locations, the requested  
13 amount, et cetera. I'm not sure how we make  
14 that public.

15 But we do provide a response back  
16 to the requester as to, you know, where they  
17 may be on the list.

18 Q Ms. Fisher identified a place in  
19 Rule 3 where it says you can deny requests  
20 for any reason. Is one of the reasons to  
21 deny a request is that they are at the bottom  
22 of the list? They have to go to the bottom  
23 of the list and all these other requests  
24 above them have to be handled before they'll  
25 be handled? Is that a reason that Edison  
26 would use to not provide immediately water to  
27 someone?

28 A A reason could be in that situation



1 that based on the current water supply,  
2 whether we have enough to approve any  
3 allocations and where they are on the wait  
4 list, yes.

5 So if there are others that are  
6 ahead of them and the waitlist says they'll  
7 be approved first, depending on the amount of  
8 water supply, will determine whether or not  
9 theirs could be approved as well.

10 Q Some -- I'm going to call your  
11 attention to one of the requests that was  
12 made in 2020 and -- (indecipherable.)

13 ALJ TOY: Sorry. You're breaking up a  
14 little bit.

15 MR. BISHTON: Just a second.

16 ALJ TOY: Off the record.

17 (Off the record.)

18 ALJ TOY: Back on the record.

19 Mr. Bishton, please continue with  
20 your cross of Ms. Barcinas.

21 BY MR. BISHTON:

22 Q Ms. Barcinas, I was questioning you  
23 about reasons for denying applications for  
24 water. As I have provided by -- in Rule 3,  
25 which says that Edison has discretion to deny  
26 applications and also says, as Ms. Fisher  
27 brought out, you can deny them for any  
28 reason.

1           For example I wonder if you could  
2 assist me here and look at Exhibit CP-13,  
3 second page. For example someone requested a  
4 hose bib. To put in hose a hose bib that  
5 would take in .0009 in additional water. For  
6 what reason was that denied?

7           A    This looks like this request came  
8 in in 2020. So my understanding of anything  
9 beyond the drought rationing period was a  
10 result of Edison not having a water supply  
11 sufficient to approve any of the water  
12 allocations that were here.

13           Q    In 2020 you did not have -- you  
14 could not approve something that 0009 --  
15 "point" 0009 additional water?

16           A    Our process, to be fair and  
17 consistent, looks at the waitlist on a  
18 first-come first-serve basis.

19           Q    Okay. Where can you identify any  
20 regulation, rule of the PUC, or any statute  
21 that requires you to take requests in any  
22 particular order?

23           A    I'm not sure if that is in a CPUC  
24 standard or requirement. But it is Edison's  
25 practice to look at these allocations on a  
26 first-come first-serve basis.

27           Q    So until all these in front of this  
28 gentleman who wishes to have a hose bib

1 including the one that dates back to 2003, he  
2 will not be approved for a hose bib?

3 A We approve these on a first-come  
4 first-serve basis depending on the amount of  
5 water supply we have in order to provide the  
6 water allocations. It's our best way to make  
7 sure that we have a fair and consistent  
8 process.

9 Q And it's your testimony that in  
10 October 15th, 2020, you did not have adequate  
11 water to supply .0009 acre feet of water so  
12 someone could add a hose bib to their house?

13 A That's a misrepresentation, I  
14 believe, of what I just said. And since the  
15 drought, we've not had water supply to  
16 provide to the water list here. And given  
17 the place of that particular request on the  
18 list and there's above him would take  
19 priority in getting the approval for water  
20 allocations.

21 Q Now, 123-W was approved effective  
22 February 28th, 2021; correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q And it's greatly increased the  
25 capacity -- there's a safe annual yield -- or  
26 FWY, "Fresh Water Yield," as effective that  
27 date?

28 A It does include the additional

1 desalination into our calculations, yes. At  
2 that time we are confirming our methodology  
3 and in order to understand how many of these  
4 that we can provide allocations to. But  
5 based on our analysis to date, we will be  
6 able to approve some of these. At this time,  
7 I'm not able to say how many.

8 Q This hose bib request won't get  
9 approved except in the order in which it was  
10 requested under the way Edison operates?

11 A I cannot say if the water supply  
12 will allow us to approve all of the waitlist  
13 above them including that one.

14 Q But unless it's approved --  
15 everything above is approved, the hose bib  
16 request is going to be rejected?

17 A Unless there is sufficient water  
18 supply to include them in the approval.

19 Q Do you agree that the failure to  
20 approve requests for water -- scratch that.

21 All of these requests for water on  
22 this exhibit are for water within confines of  
23 the City of Avalon; correct?

24 A I cannot confirm that. These may  
25 be requests from other parts of the island  
26 and outside of Avalon. I cannot confirm  
27 whether these are -- the exact location of  
28 all of these.

1           Q    I've looked through the address.  
2 All of the addresses are within the  
3 2.6 square miles that make up Avalon.  
4 There's nothing for the Isthmus. They're all  
5 in the city limits of Avalon. Are you aware  
6 of any requests for -- add service to the  
7 Isthmus for example?

8           A    It's my understanding that this  
9 waitlist compiles all the request that we've  
10 received to date that are still outstanding.

11          Q    Would you agree that if the length  
12 of this waitlist, the time that it reflects,  
13 and amount of things that we're adding a  
14 bedroom or building some apartment complexes  
15 have had a negative impact on the financial  
16 condition of the City of Avalon and its  
17 residents?

18          A    I can't speculate to the impact of  
19 not being able to approve these water  
20 allocations.

21          Q    Doesn't this list reflect that  
22 there's been no growth in residential units  
23 or improvement of existing residential units  
24 since 2003?

25          A    I cannot say that there has been no  
26 growth since 2003.

27          Q    Edison had -- you had a request  
28 that's dated 2003. If you're applying

1 first-come first-serve approach, which you  
2 state in Rule 3, unless you accept that  
3 request you can't fill any other requests?

4 A We have not been able to approve  
5 any of these water allocations requests.

6 Q And you haven't been able to --  
7 even so -- if you can't approve these, how  
8 could you approve others that properly apply  
9 to your Rule 3 as to first-come first-serve?

10 A We -- since 2013, this represents  
11 all of the requests that we've received. And  
12 we have not been able to approve. As I said  
13 earlier in the evidentiary hearing, there is  
14 one exception with that being the Catalina  
15 Museum that we initially denied. But, again,  
16 as mentioned based on CPUC direction, we  
17 ended up approving that. So that would be  
18 the only outlier of a request that we  
19 approved bearing the timeline 2013 and today  
20 that is not on this list.

21 MR. BISHTON: I have no further  
22 questions.

23 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

24 Mr. Sung, do you have any redirect?

25 MR. SUNG: Yes, your Honor.

26 ALJ TOY: Please continue.

27 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

28 BY MR. SUNG:

1           Q    Ms. Barcinas, I'd like to direct  
2 your attention to Catalina Parties Exhibit-13  
3 that Mr. Bishton has shared with us that we  
4 can reference.

5                   First, this list accounts for  
6 requests that were initially denied; correct?

7           A    Yes.

8           Q    And that would mean this list would  
9 not include any requests that were ultimately  
10 approved; is that correct?

11           A    That is correct. These are only  
12 the requests that we received that we were  
13 not able to approve and did deny.

14           Q    And it's your understanding that  
15 water allocation requests have been approved  
16 from 2003 to 2013?

17           A    That's correct.

18           Q    And Catalina Island experienced  
19 drought from 2012 to 2019; correct?

20           A    That is correct.

21           Q    And this was one of the most severe  
22 droughts experienced in recent history; is  
23 that correct?

24           A    We often refer to it as historical  
25 and definitely significant, yes.

26           Q    So during that period from 2012 to  
27 2019, it really wouldn't be possible for SCE  
28 to allocate -- or grant allocations of fresh

1 water, wouldn't that be correct?

2 A That is correct based on  
3 implementation of the Water Rationing Plan.

4 Q And Mr. Bishton made multiple  
5 references to the hose bib requesting  
6 .0009 acre feet; is that correct?

7 A That is correct.

8 Q And would it be fair for someone  
9 with a brand new project to jump ahead of the  
10 line of someone's whose been patiently  
11 waiting since, say, February 2013?

12 A That would not be fair, which is  
13 why we have our first-come first-serve  
14 practice in order to make sure that there is  
15 fairness in how we provide these allocations.

16 MR. SUNG: Thank you. No further  
17 questions.

18 ALJ TOY: Mr. Bishton, do have any  
19 re-cross?

20 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. BISHTON:

22 Q Yes. You said that the drought  
23 started in 2003 in response to Mr. Sung's  
24 question. But the drought -- the most recent  
25 drought started in 2013; is that correct?

26 A I did not state the drought started  
27 in 2003.

28 Q When did the most recent drought



1 start?

2 A The most recent drought started in  
3 2013.

4 Q And the drought ended in February  
5 of 2019?

6 A That is correct.

7 Q Isn't it true that Edison reached  
8 600 gallons -- well, strike that.

9 The various stages that have  
10 provided for under Schedule FWB 14.1 are  
11 based upon the capacity in the Thompson  
12 Reservoir; correct? How much water is at the  
13 Thompson Reservoir determines whether you can  
14 go to Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3; isn't that  
15 correct?

16 A Based on our current supply is  
17 determined and whether it's Stage 1, Stage 2,  
18 Stage 3.

19 Q Is it supply or is it the level of  
20 water in the Thompson Reservoir?

21 A It is the level within our  
22 reservoir.

23 Q And that is the reservoir in which  
24 Edison draws no water whatsoever provided to  
25 the customers; correct?

26 A I cannot confirm that. Coming from  
27 the Thompson Reservoir. I cannot confirm we  
28 do not draw any water from that.

1           Q    You don't know whether you pump  
2 water out of the reservoir and supply it to  
3 customers?

4           A    That would be a question that our  
5 operations witness (indecipherable) could  
6 better answer.

7           Q    Okay. The FW -- pardon me, 14.1  
8 allows you to go in any stage -- provides you  
9 can go into stage reductions of service,  
10 mandatory reductions of service provided you  
11 get permission from the PUC to do so;  
12 correct? You have to apply for permission?]

13          A    Can you restate that?

14          Q    In order to go into a stage of  
15 mandatory rationing, you have to apply for  
16 permission to the PUC; correct?

17          A    I'm not aware of whether or not we  
18 have to apply for permission or -- and if,  
19 once the threshold is exceeded, then we start  
20 implementing Stage 1. But I'm not familiar  
21 with the approval process to -- that may or  
22 may not be required to implement that, or if  
23 it's a notification instead of an approval  
24 request.

25          MR. BISHTON: Your Honor, I'll take up  
26 this line of questioning with Mr. Hite.  
27 Because, apparently, this witness is not  
28 aware of the various provisions that govern

1 mandatory rationing on the island.

2 I have no further questions.

3 ALJ TOY: Thank you.

4 Mr. Sung, did you have any redirect?

5 MR. SUNG: No, your Honor.

6 But I would move to strike that  
7 characterization from Mr. Bishton's  
8 testimony. That was really grounds of --  
9 it's on the line of argumentative, your  
10 Honor.

11 ALJ TOY: I'm going to grant that  
12 objection. Strike that.

13 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Bishton.

14 EXAMINATION

15 BY ALJ TOY:

16 Q I just had a couple questions for  
17 you, Ms. Barcinas.

18 In your testimony, you discussed a  
19 number of alternative recovery methods of  
20 revenue, two of them including grants, sort  
21 of, financed loans.

22 Are you aware, sort of, what -- how  
23 SCE, sort of, takes those or utilizes those  
24 tools on a day-to-day basis in its operations  
25 or --

26 A So as it --

27 Q -- how it plans for those when it  
28 takes on capital infrastructure projects,

1 things like that?

2 A So as it relates to grants, we have  
3 applied for, and in this GRC, you'll note,  
4 received two approvals for grants for water  
5 utility projects. And we also recently  
6 applied for another one early -- or I'm  
7 sorry -- it was late last year. And so it's  
8 a -- a program that we have recently stood up  
9 to mature in how we pursue and apply for  
10 those opportunities. And so we do see that  
11 while they are not guaranteed -- grants are  
12 not guaranteed, there's a long process, there  
13 -- it's a very competitive field. Lots of  
14 parties are, you know, applying for the same  
15 dollars. We are seeking more opportunities  
16 to continue to do that.

17 Q Okay. Do you have any, sort of,  
18 historical information about how SCE,  
19 Catalina Water, has approached searching for  
20 grants for capital infrastructure?

21 A Prior to these few grants that are  
22 mention in the GRC, we did not have a lot of  
23 familiarity or expertise in applying for  
24 grants.

25 Q Okay. Thank you.

26 And last question: The, sort of,  
27 electric rate customer subsidization proposal  
28 proposes to transfer about \$29 million worth

1 of cost to SCE's electric ratepayers?

2 A I believe we've updated that to  
3 approximately 32 million, your Honor.

4 Q Right. Sorry. Thank you.

5 So 32 million -- and it proposes to  
6 be tracked in a separate account. Was there  
7 any consideration given to taking that now  
8 \$32-million total and amortizing that over a  
9 longer timeframe, say 20 years, and having  
10 the Catalina ratepayers pay for it? Or what  
11 considerations were given regarding that?

12 A Well, we believe -- even though  
13 amortizing over a longer period of time would  
14 still result in significantly higher costs,  
15 and we would still have affordability  
16 concerns for the Catalina customers.

17 Q Okay. Okay. Thank you.

18 A Thank you, your Honor.

19 ALJ TOY: Thank you for your  
20 participation today. You are dismissed.  
21 Thank you for coming.

22 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

23 ALJ TOY: Off the record for a second.

24 (Off the record.)

25 ALJ TOY: We will go back on the  
26 record. We will close evidentiary hearings  
27 for today and continue tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

28 Do any of the parties have any

1 issues they would like to bring up,  
2 currently?

3 MR. BISHTON: Quick question, we'll use  
4 the same invitation to the web meeting for  
5 panelists that we used for today?

6 ALJ TOY: You should have received a  
7 new panelist invitation for tomorrow. So it  
8 should be on your calendar for tomorrow. If  
9 not --

10 MR. BISHTON: I have -- I'm looking at  
11 -- I have not received it. My office may  
12 have received it, but I have not -- they have  
13 not forwarded it to me.

14 ALJ TOY: Okay. I'll double check with  
15 our IT staff on that. If not, Mr. Bishton,  
16 you can always use the public link. And  
17 we'll upgrade you to panelists once you get  
18 in here.

19 MR. BISHTON: Thank you, your Honor.

20 MR. SUNG: And, your Honor, we have the  
21 same issue as well. I don't think I've  
22 received the panelist invitation for  
23 tomorrow. And one of our witnesses, Cooper  
24 Cameron, he has reported that the hasn't  
25 either. But we would be happy to sign on the  
26 public and be upgraded, like you mentioned,  
27 if not.

28 ALJ TOY: Okay. I will double check on

1 that.

2 MR. FINKELSTEIN: And, your Honor, Bob  
3 Finkelstein for TURN. My plan at this point  
4 is to potentially not be in attendance on  
5 days where I don't have cross-examination for  
6 the witnesses that are scheduled to appear.  
7 I don't anticipate that being a problem. But  
8 I wanted to at least flag it before it  
9 actually happened in case you've got a strong  
10 preference that you see my smiling face no  
11 matter what.

12 ALJ TOY: Okay. That's no problem.

13 (Crosstalk.)

14 ALJ TOY: Just let us know so that we  
15 know not to expect you.

16 Okay. Hearing nothing else, I will  
17 close hearings for today. And I will see you  
18 all tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

19 Off the record.

20 (Whereupon, at the hour of 2:58  
21 p.m., this matter having been continued  
22 to 9:00 a.m., February 25, 2022, via  
Webex, the Commission then adjourned.)

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