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Pursuant to the E-Mail Rulings dated November 8, 2021 and November 17, 2021 (Rulings), Southern California Edison Company (SCE) submits these Joint Comments with the Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates), The Utility Reform Network (TURN), and the City of Avalon, Catalina Island Chamber of Commerce, Santa Catalina Island Company, Santa Catalina Island Conservancy, Guided Discoveries, Inc., Hamilton Cove Homeowners Association (the Catalina Parties) (collectively, the Parties) on the Scheduling of Evidentiary Hearing Dates.¹ For purposes of these Joint Comments, the Parties have assumed that the evidentiary hearings would take place virtually, rather than in person. If that assumption is incorrect, the Parties would need to reconsider the positions taken and proposals made in these Joint Comments.

SCE will be available for evidentiary hearings during January 24-28, 2022. SCE does not believe additional days will be necessary beyond the five days already allotted by the

¹ Pursuant to Rule 1.8(d) of the California Public Utilities Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, SCE has been authorized by Cal Advocates, TURN, and the Catalina Parties to file these joint comments on their behalf.

Commission for hearings. In the event additional days become necessary, SCE will be available for hearings during February, with the exception of February 18, 2022.

Cal Advocates, the Catalina Parties and TURN (“Intervenors”) are available for evidentiary hearings on January 24-28, with exception of Cal Advocates’ witness Jeffrey Roberts. In light of the volume of prepared testimony and the range of issues that are contested (and unavailability of a key witness), Intervenors anticipate that five additional hearing days could be necessary. Due to scheduling constraints caused by out-of-country travel plans, Intervenors would not be available for additional hearing dates until February 22, 2022.

Intervenors’ positions are taken based on the preliminary and initial review of SCE’s rebuttal testimony, and the extent of SCE’s initial and supplemental testimony, and anticipate that the number of hearing days necessary for this proceeding may change as we get closer to the start of hearings. Intervenors would expect some amount of updating to occur as parties work together closer to the start of hearings to establish cross-examination estimates and hearing presentation order for specific witnesses.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Parties,

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