



## California Public Utilities Commission Proceeding Public Comments

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**Filer Name List:** Southern California Edison Company  
**Description:** Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Authority to Increase Rates for its Class C Catalina Water Utility and Recover Costs from Water and Electric Customers.  
**Assignment List:** ALJ: Garrett Toy (Assigned Nov 20, 2020)  
COMMISSIONER: Alice Reynolds (Assigned Jun 3, 2024)  
**Total Comments:** 292

**C. Bohon**

**El Monte, CA 91732**

The first time I came across such an absurd request was back in 2011. I am sick of the constant drumbeat of "cost causation", sending ratepayers the appropriate "price signals". How on earth can you justify asking one segment of your Captured residential ratepayers' to contribute to the cost of a service that does not benefit them!? Seriously, how does the commercial business customers' living on the "mainland" feel about this additional charge? Wait, I forgot, only the lucky residential ratepayers are being burdened. Back in the 2011 request, SCE labeled it "Alternate one-time proposal". So much for 1 time request! I do not recall the commissioner's name, but it was a woman who had the courage to Dissent!!!! Its unclear as DRA was valiantly attempting to limit the impact on ratespayers. But which group of ratepayers' were they attempting to protect. Islanders'? Mainlanders'? The other point of contention was to spread out the 85% increase (60% to mainlanders) over 3 years or SCE request to impose over 1 year timeframe. Lastly, in the event I'm forced to subsidize SCE greed, who should I forward my water bill too, while I'm helping Catalina residents from the unjust increases to their water rates? CPUC--- clearly, you no longer have actual authority over IOUs' demands. Back then, SCE stated the increase to Catalina residents would be 85%, if the " Alternate proposal" was not approved. Not a single participant even challenged the large one time increase! We are talking about WATER. WATER! When exactly does fair and just rates bleed into unjust and unfair? 86% 90%? I'm really fearful of "spontaneous organic grass root brownouts", aren't you SCE. What's a flashmob??? Hmmmmmm

Jan 24, 2022 9:05 pm



**Julie Osburn**

**Cathedral City Cove, CA 92234**

To those in a position to decide our fate. I beg of you...no more rate increases. We finally see society returning to some sense of normalcy after a pandemic that ravaged finances for so many. I AM OPPOSED! Single income family here. I was laid off one year ago. I am extremely watchful with my energy usage and can't cut any more corners. It was 117° today and I suffered with the swamp cooler as a cost effective choice over A/C. Please decide against SCE's proposal. They had a huge loss and we can't be expected to cover it. My neighborhood has a tax assessment on every home, mine with interest is \$51,000. I'm not asking SCE customers to pitch in. I'm appalled to think they'd suggest this. SHAME ON SCE!

Jun 15, 2021 5:46 pm

**Ann Lee**

**Duarte, CA 91010**

I think it is a fair proposal to increase rates for people privileged enough to live and frequently visit this island, especially if it helps to subsidize costs for ordinary people living on the mainland.

May 25, 2021 12:06 pm

**Josh Feuer**

**Santa Barbara, CA 93105**

SCE'S request to increase electric rates is unconscionable. We already have some of the highest electricity rates in the nation as a consequence of California politicians' green agenda that forced SCE to invest heavily in green energy at the expense of electricity infrastructure maintenance. Now we have public safety power shutoffs to reduce the risk of wildfires, rolling blackouts in the summer because of inadequate power supply and frequent power interruptions similar to a third world country. And our Governor wants to ban the sale of gasoline powered vehicles by 2035? Please stop this insanity.

If California had invested in Nuclear, hydroelectric and natural gas for electricity generation instead of windmills and solar, we wouldn't be in this mess and electricity would be green, reliable and low cost.

Please deny SCE's request for a rate increase and rethink California's energy policy.

Apr 20, 2021 11:55 am

**Lorena Larson**

**Fullerton, CA 92832**

I vehemently oppose the proposed rate increase as described.

Apr 18, 2021 10:57 am



**Sarah Endsley**

**Santa Monica, CA 90401**

My name is Sarah Endsley and I live in California. I was born in 1979.

Apr 11, 2021 4:47 am

**Michelle Becerra**

**Ojai, CA 93023**

Please do not raise our electrical rates any higher. Edison has a monopoly on the household electricity and we are at their mercy. My rates are high enough. It is becoming a hardship for me. I am very careful about my usage. Give the people a break. No increases please.

Apr 09, 2021 4:49 pm



**Mary Sims**

**Thousand Oaks, CA 91360**

I request that Edison does not raise the electrical rates on myself and other steady paying and valuable customers. At this time, we are all under extreme hardship due to Covid-19 pandemic and the effect it has had on our economy. I am an unemployed homeowner. I lost my permanent position as a secretary in the legal department of a major studio in May 2018 after 24 years at the same position. My supervisor of twenty years retired in 2014. As we all know, feature production ceased last year, and my position as temporary clerical has become non-paying even though I am still considered an employee in the temp pool. This means I have not received any pay since February 2020. I have been working other temporary jobs and sewing masks. I have limited savings funds. I am living on my savings, unemployment, and good judgement. I have been successful so far.

I am considering buying a generator as my electrical needs are not great. Generators would be detrimental to our environment as a generator runs on gas. Solar panels are not feasible for me due to the high cost of installation and leasing of the panels, besides there being any financial support by any agency. Due to Covid, I am unable to rent out rooms in my home. **I am a high risk due to my asthma.** It would be a shame if Edison were to lose its steady customers due to a raise in rates as they lose their homes due to lack of funds to pay their mortgages. As a temporary 2020 Census enumerator, I witnessed many empty residences in our community and many homeless people. This is due to poor planning and does not make sense today. Better management would solve these problems. We have seen this happen in our historical financial past.

I question if this raise in rates is being used to provide funds to replace aging Edison electrical equipment, a known source of fires here in California or funds due to the cost of legal judgements. This equipment and these costs are not a trusted, steady customer's responsibility. This equipment should be the responsibility of the provider and owner of said electrical equipment, SoCal Edison. There are other ways to find adequate funding for the replacement of electrical equipment. There are other means to sway judgement due during these trying times. Please do not pass this on to your customers.

Due to loss of many sources of income, loss of business, and lack of industry, Edison may have suffered a loss of paying customers as well. Most small businesses in my community are closed, using no electricity. Entire strip malls are empty. Lack of business is not your paying residential customers responsibility. Please find another way. If different source of funds is not used, your business may indeed suffer more loss in the future due to your customers loss of their homes. Financial institutions also use electricity and are losing a great deal of funding as seen in the loss of mortgage interest rates, inability to see customers in person, and drop in the value of major industry around the world. This is a catch twenty-two situation for everyone. The next decade will be hard on all of us, not just Edison. Please find another way.

If you are hiring, I am available.

Apr 06, 2021 2:43 pm



**Donald Beaver**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

Honorable Members of the California Public Utilities Commission:  
Please do not approve the proposed rate increase for water customers on Catalina Island. Our rates are already among the highest in the state. We conserved during the most recent drought but are now being asked to pay much, much more than the current cost. The Edison suggested increase is excessive and will harm our just barely recovering island economy making it even harder for the many service and hospitality employees who live and work here to survive as many are struggling now as it is. Conservation, reclamation, and storage of rainwater are what we need more of, not rate increases for private consumers.  
Thank you.

Apr 05, 2021 4:20 pm

**Thomas Richardson**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

THE NOTICE EDISON SENT FALSELY REPRESENTS WHAT IS TRANSPIRING. I protest it.

EDISON HAS TWO PLANS. PLAN A IS BASED ON TRANSFERRING \$30,000,000 IN PAST COSTS TO ELECTRIC RATEPAYERS. THIS IS BEING FOUGHT BT CAL ADVOCATES AND THE UTILITY REFORM NETWORK (TURN). IF THIS PLAN SUCCEEDS THE SERVICE CHARGE TO RESIDENTS WILL INCREASE 141% BY YEAR 5 AND RATES BY 221%. WATER BILLS WILL BE OUTRAGEOUS.

IF THE TRANSFER TO ELECTRIC RATEPAYERS DOES NOT GO THRU, VERY UNCERTAIN, EDISON HAS PLAN B. IT THIS PLAN SUCCEEDS THE SERVICE CHARGE TO RESIDENTS WILL INCREASE 427% BY YEAR 5 AND RATES BY 600%. WATER BILLS WILL BE EYEPOPPING.

SCE PROPOSED RATE INCREASES are outrageous.

Apr 01, 2021 4:05 pm

**jason kim**

**torrance, CA 90501**

i just do not understand that why bad decisions on these companies, the punishment has to be felt and paid by us. the companies have money and i understand they are help create jobs, but they have to be liable for mistakes and bad decisions just like we go to jail if we make a mistake or bad judgement/decision

Mar 31, 2021 5:36 pm



**Michael Hauser**

**Palm Springs, CA 92264**

Catalina needs to pay for these 'upgrades' perhaps taxing hotels, ferries, etc. NOT THE REST OF THE STATE.

NO INCREASE!!!!!!

Mar 31, 2021 3:27 pm

**George Mavrovich**

**murrieta, CA 92564**

I pay enough in utility bills. Therefore, I am against any rate increase. Build nuclear power plants. The french have thorium reactors to provide power. The french got it right. Renewable energy is only useful on a very small scale.

Mar 31, 2021 1:01 pm

**Boris Rimensberger**

**Fullerton, CA 92831**

I'm against any water rate increases that exceed the prevailing inflation rate numbers. Proposed increases in the 63 to 65 % range is simply outlandish; there is NO data to indicate that such increases can be substantiated and justified. How are people going to pay these increased costs? You people need a reality check!! No wonder people are leaving California in droves.

Mar 31, 2021 12:34 pm

**Carole Aijala**

**Walnut, CA 91789**

I strongly oppose any rate increase. We the public are continually called upon to pay for mismanagement of funds by large companies. We have already had a recent rate hike by SCE.

We simply cannot afford to live and pay our bills if this rate increase stands.

Mar 30, 2021 10:04 pm



**Carol Millage**

**Ojai, CA 93023**

If the State of California would invest in the infrastructure by building more reservoirs to HOLD and actually STORE water in the existing lakes, such as Lake Casitas, instead of allowing millions of gallons flow down to the ocean to be wasted for non-existent trout (the local teachers plant fingerling trout in case you were wondering how they got there), we may not need to increase the water rates. This should have been done 30-40 years ago, but its not too late to do it now. Worried about the trout? What about the fish in the lake now, birds (CA Condor?), the deer, turkey, and bear that rely on those lakes? I know you don't care about the peoples' needs but I figure you environmentalist (I love animals AND people) may at least like to keep the wildlife alive. Oh and let's not forget the thousands of people pouring through the border. They are going to need water too! So if our Governor would stop wasting our money on some stupid train that nobody wants, we could use that money to build lots of lakes. But I know, then there wouldn't be an emergency every other day to control the people. Thanks....but no thanks...

Mar 30, 2021 9:52 pm

**Donna Johnson**

**Jurupa Valley, CA 92509**

I vote NO. I am against ANOTHER rate increase. I am fed up with always having to pay, recovering expenses, for what should have already been properly maintained/expected by Edison throughout the years to begin with. A \$9.3 million base revenue requirement from Catalina water customers along with a \$29 million to ALL system wide electric customers, really? and do I mention how MANY times you are already turning my power off for the California Wild Fire recovery? You continue charging your customers more but yet provide less service. Please help us better!

Mar 30, 2021 9:51 pm

**Craig turner**

**san juan capistrano, CA 92675**

As a provider of both jobs and unique educational experiences on Catalina Island to 10,000 plus children a year it is simply criminal to increase water rates as proposed. 400% plus over 5 years as a minimum for businesses specifically. This is unconscionable behavior and policy making from Edison. Adding insult to injury is the timing, who now? Why during the worst crisis of our life times? I strongly urge Edison to reconsider.

Mar 30, 2021 9:47 pm

**Yesenia De La Rosa**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

I am against the proposed increase. Water rates are already TOO high. Edison's Catalina Island customers should not be forced to take on any more rate increases. We have families working day in and day out to make ends meet, while doing their very best to not expose themselves to COVID and bring it into their homes. We are all financially trying to stay afloat. This will only make matters worse. If we could please find an alternative solution. Thank you!

Mar 30, 2021 7:52 pm



**Kathy Mines**

**Fontana, CA 92336**

Good evening. I phoned in this afternoon to listen to the 1:30 meeting and after about 15 minutes, I hung up. What a bunch of malarkey. I am so sick & tired of rate increases that have no beneficial effect for most consumers. It is just a way to suffice these incompetent companies that do not know how to spend money properly and get things done wisely. One would think that with many former rate increases, they would have enough sense to build up a hefty reserve. Guess not. We are now a nation that is immensely struggling and trying to recuperate from this unforeseen pandemic and it would be truly absurd to burden us all with more rate hikes! I AM VOTING NO!!! Thank you for hearing my view.

Mar 30, 2021 7:22 pm

**Julie Osburn**

**Cathedral City Cove, CA 92234**

Good evening. Thank you for the opportunity to participate. I am against the proposed increase. I live in Cathedral City Cove. Some years back, our small community put in sewers. This added \$51,000 to the purchase price of my home. I, and everyone else, will be paying this tax assessment for 30 years!!!. Our water bills have tripled in the 6 1/2 years I've lived here. No other city or neighborhood shared the cost, our neighborhood folks did. It's preposterous to force us to share Catalina's cost. I'm sorry SCE has spent this money and even sorrier they feel they can pass this on to ALL SCE customers. It is not right. I can't afford any more increases at all. Especially to pay for an island I've never visited and have no intention of visiting. Poor Catalina residents, my heart breaks for you. The increase amount his honor read at the beginning of the presentation does not seem to match what I read in the proposal I received via email. I AM FULLY AGAINST THIS TO THE EXTENT THAT I WILL MOVE IF THE PROPOSAL PASSES! This is on SCE, some years in business there are losses, some years there are profits. I CANNOT AFFORD THIS! Summer temperatures reach 120 degrees here. I'm afraid some folks in financially poor circumstances will set their thermostats much too warm to compensate and they may possibly suffer physical distress from this. Please...NO!

Mar 30, 2021 6:48 pm





**Karl Schmeck**

**Costa Mesa, CA 92626**

Simply put, the residents and businesses on Catalina cannot absorb the enormous rate hikes proposed in this GRC. Even the scenario wherein a portion of past costs are distributed to electric rate payers creates an extraordinary and untenable cost burden for this most basic and essential service. It would be catastrophic for the CPUC to condone increases of two- to -six times the current rates, as proposed here.

The Island exists as a unique natural and cultural resource for all Californians. Yes, an aging infrastructure and remote geography create disproportionate costs, and the validity of capital costs proposed for recovery should be closely scrutinized. But the fact is that electric customers already pay an equalized rate regardless of local production costs. Absorbing a small water utility into SCE's massive electrical system is a fair way to preserve Catalina as a viable destination into the future, with an almost-negligible impact on electrical service charges.

Trying to levy additional fees onto the \$75 ferry ticket will only create a stronger disincentive for visitation in a tourism-based economy reeling from the pandemic, and moreover is not a sustainable way to address these continued cost recovery claims.

Mar 30, 2021 6:24 pm

**Mi Jung Jin**

**Rancho santa margarita. , CA 92688**

I vote no on increasing rates.

These are difficult times for everyone especially during these covid times. Once the economy gets better, Edison should revisit this increase.

Mar 30, 2021 6:24 pm

**Thomas J Horner**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

Dear CPUC members; Thank you for giving us the opportunity to make public comment. As the operator of a youth education and recreational facility on Catalina, we strongly protest **water rate increases** proposed by SCE. We serve thousands of students in school year science programs and campers in recreational summer programs.

Something is seriously wrong with how Edison runs the water on Catalina Island. We cannot afford an increase of the size in just 5 years. Catalina already has the highest water rates in the State. The current rates are almost double other water companies. The recent drought was hard on all businesses. We did our part to save water as we were ordered by Edison and the State. The increases will put undue strain on the budgets of the youth programs. Again, something is wrong with the management of the water resources by SCE. A \$100,000 plus per year increase in year 5 is not a reasonable increase for our business, especially after being closed for a whole year during the pandemic. Our businesses and residents will suffer. Thank you.

Mar 30, 2021 6:23 pm



**Jasmine Lemaire**

**Riverside, CA 92571**

To whom it may concern

Im sorry to say that im against this increase. Why should this problem become the other customer problem .due to the increase that sce is already charging i struggle already to meet ends meet just so that i could pay my current bill. By adding this increase i fear that i may not even afford to pay my electric bill and others. As much as i would like to help i cant afford it.

If it a problem then you should take to those who live in Catalinas not mine. I dont see how this would even benfit your customers outside of Catalina.

Mar 30, 2021 6:13 pm

**Mesa Bradley**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

Current water rates are already excessive. It is not Santa Catalina's fault that Edison has mismanaged the water resources on the island. Because it is a utility we in Catalina have no other recourse. I own and operate 3 businesses in Avalon. Increasing the rates 600% in 5 years would make it financially impossible to continue to do business and live here.

Mar 30, 2021 5:53 pm

**Rebecca Roosevelt-Parrott**

**Newport Coast, CA 92657**

Dear CPUC Members, Has anyone stopped to think about the repercussions that this could have if the increase happens? I am opposed to this increase! There would be so many families impacted by this decision. Not only on the island but also off of the island. Please realize that the average household income is only \$61,655 on the island. Adding higher rates is putting these families at risk. Then you have all the families that send their kids to different camps on Catalina Island. These camps depend on families that come to the island through school outings and on an individual basis. With that being said if you have rate increases it will limit or stop some of the families from being able to come to camp. Parents depend on this outlet for their children to get a break from life. Catalina Island ratepayers are already paying the highest rates in California. Please DO NOT let this increase happen. Thank you for your time.

Mar 30, 2021 5:13 pm

**Jim Luttjohann**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

In today's afternoon hearing a representative of TURN suggested adding a fee on boats to the island as the means of recovering these expenses. That has already been considered for not only SCE, but other island projects' funding including the long overdue construction of a new hospital (state mandates us to do so) and for construction/repairs of the main pier at which passenger ferries arrive and depart (Cabrillo Mole). Both the Hospital funding and the pier funding fees have been implemented. To add more fees on cross channel travel would be too much to bear on top of the already added fees.

Mar 30, 2021 4:58 pm



**Tony Budrovich**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

The water rates on Catalina Island are too high already. Allowing inflation related increases is understandable but 400% increases in water rates over five years is unacceptable. A good many people who live and work on Catalina Island enjoy the environment but barely afford the cost of living. Water rates that exceed all other areas of California should not continue to increase. The proposed Edison increases will drive away the work force and cause great financial difficulty for a large percentage of the island residents. I live and work on Catalina Island because I love the work of our non-profit and their concern for environment, conservation, education and recreation. Our staff will be pushed away from the island if water rates continue to grow from extremely high current levels. Rate increases that keep up with inflation on an annual basis seem fair to handle. We appreciate a fair solution to their very troubling issue. Thank you for your consideration.

Mar 30, 2021 4:37 pm

**Ma Lewis**

**Los Angeles , CA 90009**

SCE shouldn't be allowed to charge any accounts outside and unassociated with Catalina for water used exclusively on and for Catalina.

Mar 30, 2021 3:48 pm

**William Loss**

**Palm Desert, CA 92211**

I listened in/watched today March 30, 1:30 - I'm relatively new to Palm Desert

I was expecting to hear from SCE to make their case for rate increase. What creative approaches have they taken to mitigate and to respond to questions and why rate payers should pay more.

What is the Governor doing and state / local legislators ?

You know everyone commenting is going to say "No"

Best  
Bill

Mar 30, 2021 3:02 pm

**Tammie Katin**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

I am strongly opposed to any rate increase(s). Though Edison is a public utility, SCE posted operating revenues of 13.6 billion and \$942 Million in net income in 2020, according to Statista.com! SCE needs to absorb the \$38.3 million they are trying to pass on to the consumers in the form of this rate increase. If it cuts down on their profit margin slightly, so be it. According to the numbers, Edison can afford it. Edison should take responsibility for their financial decisions and spending and not have the attitude that the consumer will have to pay for it.

Mar 30, 2021 2:50 pm



**Teresa Rivas**

**Santa Ana, CA 92701**

For a retired senior citizen who has lost about 2/3 of my tax refunds as a result of loss of most of my deductions in the last administration and tax hikes coming in the current administration, this is not good to raise rates.

CA is losing residents and businesses due to high costs.

I understand the demand for office space is reducing.

Stocks are good, for the time being, but I don't see the economy adequately recovering after the pandemic.

All this results in lower tax revenues.

Gasoline prices are very high.

I live in the 92701 zip code and worry for the good families in my community.

Adding to gentrification and rising property values, a high water rate hike will be inhumane to them and other communities. The rising costs will need to be passed on to renters.

Proposed increase in water rates is exorbitant.

Thank you

Mar 30, 2021 2:47 pm

**Maritza Soto**

**Littlerock, CA 93543**

This is ridiculous. More increase? We have solar and our bill is high, how the hell is that even possible? No to an increase that will take more \$\$ out of consumer wallets and into yours.

Mar 30, 2021 2:13 pm



**David Work**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

Dear CPUC Members. I have worked for over 30 years for an experiential science and youth enrichment program on Catalina which serves hundreds of schools and thousands of summer campers annually. Increased water rates have already placed significant stress on the programs providing youth enrichment on Catalina. The camps at Emerald Bay, Howland's Landing, Camp Cherry Valley, Camp Fox, Toyon Bay and Campus by the Sea all invested heavily to mitigate the increased costs of water due to rate increases in the mid 2000's, when rates tripled over a few short years. As one example, we spent \$100,000 in 2010 to bypass all the water pipes in the ground throughout one facility with new lines feeding all buildings. This was done to mitigate leaks in the ground pipes alone. Our facilities, and others, have installed meters at the points of entry to the facilities, and buildings, using time and resources to meter usage daily with the aim of interpolating if there are any possible leaks and to micro-manage usage. This highlights the angst around water rates over the last decade. Also, Edison does NOT provide water service to an entry point of all the camps - which are commercial rate payers. The residential youth camps are, in many cases, also responsible for the extensive infrastructure, maintenance and repairs costs of getting water from Edison points of delivery to their facilities. Examples are: The facility at Camp Fox is responsible for the water pump and 4500 feet of 2" polyethylene pipe from White's Landing over steep hills into Camp Fox (all of which was replaced in 2017); Campus by the Sea is likewise responsible for over a half mile of 2" pipe up and over the hill from Toyon into their facility. Staff have to regularly survey these lines through rugged terrain over concerns there might be a leak somewhere and the excessive costs of water lost due to leaks between Edison's point of delivery and the facilities. These are infrastructure costs associated with facilities the camps do not own and across properties they do not have the leasehold – yet are responsible for the costs of water delivery and water lost due to leaks. The cost of doing business on Catalina exacts an increasing toll on the camps that serve youth and which are, primarily, not-for profit businesses. Continued excessive increases in water rates does, realistically, drive a nail into the operational coffins of youth camps on the island - and the youth and schools they serve.

Mar 30, 2021 2:11 pm

**Paula Patterson**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

I should like to make the point that Mr. Bishtons comment that Hamilton Cove represents 13 percent of residential payers, it would be telling to ask him what is the percentage of full time residents versus units that are used for short term rentals. In addition, Hamilton Cove does not use water provided by the desalinization plants and draws strictly from the reservoir built by William Wrigley for the island in the 1920's.

I would also like to say we are the only place Edison serves that does not have smart meters. It would seem in a place like Avalon, it would be absolutely prudent to have smart meters. Often, our meter readings are "estimations" and we will receive no billing for 2 or 3 months and then they are exorbitant. It is impossible to budget for utilities.

Mar 30, 2021 2:05 pm



**bruce brown**

**Redondo Beach, CA 90278**

Dear SCE and CPUC; 3.30.21

Once per week for 1 and 2 weeks ago my street's power has gone off. Prior to that it went out about once per month. 3 out of 4 weren't high wind caused. A couple of times it seems just to be my street, Carlson Ln., Redondo Beach, 90278, for I can see my neighbor on Spreckles has their back porch light on.

Twice I lost computer work when power shut off. These outages happened usually at night when I want to watch and/or tape TV shows, cook dinner, put heater on and see. When power restored it necessitates resetting about 5, non-net connected clocks, microwave, VCR for accurate taping, sprinkler timer, etc... The most time consuming task is re-establishing internet connection for my smart TV.

I tried to get some compensation telephonically, but SCE wanted me to jump through hoops and fill out form. More time lost. Thanks for listening and hopefully improving service.

Mar 30, 2021 2:03 pm

**Paula Patterson**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

I am wondering about the extreme discrepancy between residential and commercial customers. Though we rely on tourism, most do not understand the circumstances of the water supply and demand on the island, nor should we expect them to to a certain extent. I would say that the water consumed in off season versus high tourism season is substantial. Could there not be consideration for this? Why are residents paying once again for business owners who profit substantially from tourism? Most of the jobs here for the bulk of residents here pay minimum wage and these rates for residents is extremely difficult for the average citizen.

Mar 30, 2021 1:58 pm

**Damian Catalan**

**Covina, CA 91724**

I strongly oppose this rate increase until we see SCE upper management doing more to be fiscally responsible. Perhaps upper management needs a pay cut. Additionally I would like to see more being done with renewables. We should not have to foot the bill for an island, despite whom you may think the island benefits.

Mar 30, 2021 1:56 pm

**Eddie Lieber**

**WESTMINSTER, CA 92683**

NO! Our rates are already too high. You need can't even keep our power on during the summer. Droughts are your own fault! How much water is wasted in CA every rain season? Get a clue guys!! People are out of work and late on bills already. DO NOT RAISE RATES DURING A PANDEMIC! This is criminal!

Mar 30, 2021 1:51 pm



**Paula Patterson**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

During the last major drought, we were unable to access much of the water processed by the desalinization plants here on the island. This was because we had an overage of production with nowhere to store the surplus water made by the plants. Edison applied for and received a grant to provide a water storage tank. To my knowledge, nothing has been done towards this end.

Mar 30, 2021 1:50 pm

**bruce stains**

**Palmdale, CA 93551**

I have direct knowledge of multiple Edison yards. There is not a single individual making under \$150,000 per year regardless of position. The first words spoken by the Edison manager upon onboarding were "welcome to Edison, you will never have to worry about money again" I oppose this self-serving increase

Mar 30, 2021 1:49 pm

**Paula Patterson**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

It is becoming untenable due to regular increases in utilities, particularly water and electricity to live on the island. We just had an increase that was made in three increments relating to the underestimation Edison made regarding usage by islanders during drought restrictions. Because they overestimated the use, and residents were diligent regarding water consumption, Edison was penalized and consumers paid for it.

Mar 30, 2021 1:46 pm

**Noel Chun**

**Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**

This rate increase is excessive and unnecessary.

Mar 30, 2021 1:40 pm

**Sarah Ayala**

**Palm Springs, CA 92264**

I strongly oppose a rate increase given we are still in the middle of a pandemic, it couldn't be a worse time to raise the rates which are already extremely high - it's truly the most insensitive time to raise rates

Mar 30, 2021 1:40 pm

**Rose Azevedo**

**Tulare, CA 93274**

I would like to echo the comment posted by Pamela Bennett today at 10:10AM. I find it incredible that SCE is still pursuing rate increases when folks are barely getting back on their feet. Ask your CEO and upper management, who received millions in compensation a year, and perhaps your stockholders, to take a pay cut to facilitate budget apportionment. Thank you.

Mar 30, 2021 1:36 pm





**Ross Turner**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

Dear CPUC Members.

I represent one of the youth camps on Catalina Island and along with all of the youth camps are very concerned about the proposed SCE water rate increase. The Camps have been put at risk by this rate increase. The increase over the next 5 years for Plan B could be as high as 600%. The camps are considered commercial users on Catalina yet most are non-profit organizations serving low- and middle-class families and have very tight budgets. The island is a unique educational environment that cannot be duplicated anywhere in the world. All of the camps on the island operate 10 months each year with summer camps and school year Outdoor Education programs. Collectively the camps host more than 60,000 students and campers and employ over 500 people annually. Millions of children and young camp staff have attended Catalina Camps over the past 100 years. The proposed water rate increase will force camps to increase their fees and thousands of children may not be able to attend camp in the future. The camps have weathered the past rate increases through bold conservation measures reducing water consumption to less than 20 gallons per person per day. We urge the CPUC to consider alternative plans that will allow the camps and the island residents to afford living and working on the island. We also believe that SCE needs to be held more accountable for their fiscal operations and to become as efficient in water conservation as their customers.

Mar 30, 2021 12:42 pm

**Pamela Bennett**

**La Verne, CA 91750**

Tuesday, March 30, 2021; 1:30 pm Session

1. I vote no to any rates increases for 2021, 2022, and 2023 fiscal years. It seems consumers are taking the financial burden of pandemic expenditures, in addition to added stressors.
2. Are you proposing or suggesting that Southern California Edison (SCE) is only increasing rates by 13% in the summer and then again in the winter, each year?
3. If January, 2021 is start date, what is the sunset date?
4. Comparing 2021, March 3 (\$41.20) and 2020, February 29 (\$25.41), my bill has increased by \$15.79. If the claim is a 13% increase in winter, that February 29th billing cycle should have increased to \$28.7133. Yet, it has almost doubled in new charges, for winter.
5. Are you/SCE saying you will only increase customer charges twice annually?

Mar 30, 2021 10:10 am





**Victoria Johnson**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

These proposed rate increases are too much! Our Island community is currently struggling and it will take a few years to rebound. It is not right for Edison to ask for this rate increase at this time. Many have lost jobs and income due to Covid restrictions (Edison employees are an exception). Increasing the cost on a necessity of life is immoral and inconceivable especially in these tough times. The Island residents have done an incredible job of conserving water over the years. We were asked by Edison to be conscientious of our water use and residents complied. Now this slap in the face for our efforts. Please do not allow either of the requested rate increases. This will have a further negative impact on Island residents already devastated by the Covid-caused economy.

Mar 30, 2021 10:01 am

**Caitlin Quintana**

**AVALON, CA 90704**

I am astonished that Southern California Edison would propose this kind of plan after so many have been out of work for the last year. Island residents are already struggling. We are a tourism-based economy after all. Because SCE is the monopoly for gas, electricity, and water on Catalina, we have no other option. I was also disheartened by the fact that people from other counties found out about this public forum weeks before we did. Will it affect those in Ventura, La, or Orange Counties if water rates on Catalina increase? No. It affects us. You'd think you would communicate to us first. NO INCREASES! We shouldn't have to pay for your poor planning. Figure out another way Edison that doesn't push us Island residents farther into the hole.

Mar 30, 2021 6:36 am



**Jim Luttfjohann**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

March 29, 2021

Dear CPUC members:

I am writing on behalf of over 350 businesses, camps and nonprofit organizations on Catalina Island as well as on behalf of many of the island's 4,000 residents and many secondary homeowners.

Southern California Edison (SCE) has proposed two plans for recouping lost revenue, both of which result in increased rates for SCE customers. One plan spreads the cost over southern California customers (plan A) as a whole and the other limits the proposed rate increases to Catalina Island Customers (plan B).

While it is understandable that customers on the mainland would not be in favor of covering the cost of water services on Catalina Island, it is virtually impossible for those island entities and persons mentioned above to absorb the significant increases proposed. Under plan A, the rate schedule for residential and commercial customers in southern California would grow by 141% of current rates by year five. If SCE seeks to recover revenue under plan B, Catalina Island's residential and commercial rates would go up by a whopping 427% at year five. What place of business, residence or nonprofit youth camp could absorb such a significant increase to their cost of living/doing business?

The average household income on Catalina Island is \$61,655 (pre-COVID-19) with many people living in multigenerational homes and multiple occupants under a single roof. That dense occupancy drives high demand for water per household. Despite that, during the drought, Catalina Island water customers reduced usage by 40%, much greater than the Governor's mandate of 25%. In addition to the hardship on residents that conservation caused, businesses shouldered significant increased cost of business in order to do so, including the purchase of bottled water, shipping laundry out of town and limiting operations.

The wet winter that allowed California and Catalina Island to resume a more normal water usage, deterred tourism (the only economic engine) on the island, furthering the hardship of residents and businesses alike. Now we are again struggling under the recurrent limitations on business, significant layoffs and many asunder impacts of COVID-19.

While our mainland brothers and sisters have been impacted by the same events and massive fires too, most communities there have a much more diverse economy and a mixture of high and low wage earners which we do not. Placing the burden of a 427% rate increase on the island will cause businesses to close, people to lose their jobs and have a significant negative impact on the cost of visiting the island. Businesses would be forced to pass along the increased overhead.

Please make a decision on the rate case before you that will not cause any more harm to Catalina Island than to our mainland counterparts. By doing so, all of those mainland



rate payers will have a much better opportunity to visit and enjoy a thriving Catalina Island, vs. the ghost town that will otherwise ensue.

Thank You,

Jim Luttjohann  
President & CEO  
Catalina Island Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau  
DBA, Catalina Island Tourism Authority

Mar 29, 2021 8:30 pm

**David Thompson**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

I'd like to know how many gallons of desalinated fresh water are pumped back into the ocean each year. I'd like the actual amount.

I'd like to know if there is a plan to pump this water to the Summit and when this project could be finished.

Mar 29, 2021 8:21 pm

**Chris Hodges**

**Santa Barbara, CA 93110**

None of the links to public comments that SCE provided in their email worked for me. I had to find it myself.

I am adamantly opposed to any rate increases from SCE. They have extremely poor customer service and communications with their customers.

They should be forced to show improvement in these areas before being granted any additional rate increases.

They send out customer surveys but they never respond to any comments or complaints made by their customers.

I have had numerous well documented complaints to them and they haven't followed up once. Their website is terrible - clunky, slow and poorly designed.

They must be held accountable to the customer base that is handed to them in the monopolistic system that is regulated utilities!

Mar 29, 2021 4:59 pm



**Aaron Mills**

**Hemet, CA 92544**

My electric bill already ranges from \$360-\$580 a month. Possibly adding another \$100 to that bill would make life much harder for me & most Californians currently recovering from the recent shut downs, looting & riots. Things are hard enough as is so I do not want the bill's cost to increase. Thank you.

Mar 29, 2021 3:53 pm

**Patricia McCormick**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

We should not be paying for Edison's failure to plan. Water stored is almost nonexistent so excess desalinated water runs into the sea. Where's the infrastructure to become more efficient? The more we limit our water usage, the more we're charged. The citizens of Avalon are tired of being the unloved SCE stepchild. We've been plagued with incompetence for too many years. Don't add insult to injury again by charging us outrageous fees.

Mar 29, 2021 11:38 am

**Kim Icenhower**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

These rates are ridiculous and the overcharging is out of hand! I VOTE NO ON THE INCREASE! Stop gouging your customers! We are just coming off of the slowest economy in a year -- how do you expect us to pay these increases?? DON'T RAISE THE RATES!

Mar 29, 2021 11:10 am

**Shari Cobb**

**Avalon, CA 90704**

These increases are ridiculous! In addition to the increases, they want us to pay for things SCE has already completed. No! It's done and in the past. SCE needs to figure out how to function effectively.

Mar 29, 2021 11:06 am

**Dennis Stockhausen**

**Eastvale, CA 92880**

VOTE NO. As a senior I find it amazing that we would be asked to pay higher electrical bills during this period in time. Its an outrage that you would even consider raising your monthly cost while thousands are out of work and struggling just to maintain. Regarding the people living on Catalina Island; why would others be required to pay for their needs. Where you live is a choice and it should never require for others to pay for there ability to live . The CPUC should never allow this rate increase.

Mar 29, 2021 10:33 am



**Stephen W**

**Yorba Linda, CA 92886**

I am SO sick and tired of utility companies raising our rates over and over again. All behind the ruse of "increased operating expenses." It is ridiculous and I am vehemently opposed to any rate increase. You raise the rates over and over again, yet my salary does not increase to match the rates that always go up. Enough is enough! Learn to budget like us common folk have to do. BUDGET and don't raise our rates!

Mar 29, 2021 12:06 am

**Chris Nguyen**

**Santa Ana, CA 92707**

I vote "NO" for this increasement. Increasing the rate at this moment is not acceptable because we all have been facing difficulties in life, especially at this moment when the pandemic is still raging.

For human sentiment, the rate shouldn't be increased because the amount of people killed has been still increasing dramatically everyday and many people have lost jobs. If this is passed, the lives of families and relatives of the dead as well as the unemployed lives will become even more difficult and they will probably not be able to pay any expense in life and it will cause many people fall into homelessness.

Moreover, government have been trying to help people to get through the pandemic but the cost gets increased so this is unreasonable.

In conclusion, everyone will face another major issue if this is passed. Therefore, everyone should vote NO.

Mar 28, 2021 4:21 pm

**Kristi Speiser**

**Santa Monica, CA 90403**

I Vote NO! Why are we paying for Catalina Island expenses? If they chose to live there, then they should pay for it. My electric bill has doubled in the last year. I was just layed off my job due to the pandemic and need to collect unemployment. I can't afford any more hikes in fees. Everyone is feeling the squeeze in LA. No more price hikes!

Mar 28, 2021 3:18 pm



**Yvette Foster**

**Inglewood, CA 90305**

I vote 'No' for the proposed rate increase for Southern California Edison (SCE). I learned that California is considered to be "Energy Poor," meaning that Californians pay through the teeth for the energy they consume. An article entitled, "The High Cost of California Electricity Is Increasing Poverty," written by Robert Bryce, July 8, 2020. Please use the link to read the article: <https://freopp.org/the-high-cost-of-california-electricity-is-increasing-poverty-d7bc4021b705>. In summary the article indicates, "California has the highest poverty rate of any state in America. When accounting for the cost of living, 18.1% of the state's residents are living in poverty. A growing element of this problem is the cost of electricity; rising electricity prices disproportionately impact lower- and middle-income families who lack the disposable income to absorb the extra costs."

Yes, in California we are forced to pay ridiculous prices for electricity. We are not given a choice; we cannot shop around for a new electricity energy provider. We are at the mercy of the energy provider in our area.

Currently, we continue to suffer through a Pandemic, where people struggle financially just to buy food, pay rent, let alone pay their utility bills. But instead of helping people, SCE is requesting to continue to increase our rates. I still have not recovered from their last rate increase. The last SCE rate increase made my SCE bill, that ran from \$40.00 - \$50.00 a month, increase to \$90.00 - \$100.00. I am retired and I live alone, on a fixed income. I remember feeling as though I could not turn on my air conditioner, because I could not afford the cost of the energy it consumed. I also ran around the house unplugging everything; I began washing items by hand, and attempting to air dry items, instead of using my washer and dryer. I only turned on the air conditioner if I felt like I was going to have a heat stroke and die. Until January, 2021 I was managing to pay about \$85.00 per month, with all my unplugging and air drying, as best I could, from month to month. My last bill, however, was nearly \$350.00 (January-February bill). Keep in mind I live alone. During this pandemic we have had to change the way we live, the way we exercise, the way we take care of our health needs. I have spinal stenosis, carpal tunnel, and arthritis. Several years ago, my physician suggested water aerobics therapy to help me with my constant pain, discomfort, mobility issues. So I began water aerobics therapy; it helped immensely, and I went daily until the pandemic shut everything down. Since the pandemic, I have suffered, great pain in my neck and lower back, joint discomfort, knee swelling, and eventually numbness in my lower limbs, which is indicative of possible nerve damage. I initially attempted (many times) to just go walking to replace the water activity, unfortunately this just made matters worse. I was unable to bear weight on my left leg at all, after a time. I was turning into a hopeless vegetable. Clearly, I needed a way to resume my water aerobics therapy. So, I purchased a Swim/Exercise Spa, which arrived on January 18, 2021, and was filled and turned on January 20, 2021. My first bill from SCE, as previously stated, was nearly \$350.00 (more than 4 times what I was paying previously). Is the exercise spa solving my physical/medical issues? Absolutely; after one week, I was functioning at about 80% with my mobility. And my pain was reduced by at least 75%. But I cannot afford to run the exercise spa at a therapeutic level. I have had to turn the heat down, which is not therapeutic for older individuals; the water needs to be warm for therapy. I began to monitor my electricity usage online, to keep my bill down. My next bill (February/March)



was \$ 192.00, plus taxes, which left me with a tot Mar 27, 2021 3:26 pm		
<b>Spencer Lewis</b>	<b>Rancho Cucamonga, CA</b>	<b>91730</b>
Why in the world should we pay more for electricity right now in the middle of a pandemic? Heck no! Edison charges far more than enough already. Time for them to tighten their own belt instead of charging us more YET AGAIN. Mar 27, 2021 10:53 am		
<b>Michelle Miller</b>	<b>West Covina, CA</b>	<b>91792</b>
Absolutely Not!!!! Half the people have list their jobs and others are just making the ends meet. Hiking fees is irresponsible and unkind to the people. Mar 26, 2021 11:34 pm		
<b>Sandy Williams</b>	<b>Covina, CA</b>	<b>91723</b>
Are you kidding! No! Mar 26, 2021 11:02 pm		
<b>Diana Rice</b>	<b>Moreno Valley, CA</b>	<b>92553</b>
I vote NO! Mar 26, 2021 11:00 pm		
<b>Liza Pizano</b>	<b>Pico Rivera , CA</b>	<b>90660</b>
I vote NO! Mar 26, 2021 10:35 pm		
<b>Karla Garay</b>	<b>West Covina , CA</b>	<b>91791</b>
I VOTE NO Mar 26, 2021 10:28 pm		
<b>SUJAY DHAR</b>	<b>Cerritos, CA</b>	<b>90703</b>
Family of 3 - We vote NO! The electricity rates are already sky high and we do not require unnecessary additional increases. Mar 26, 2021 11:54 am		



**Ricardo Casillas**

**PICO RIVERA, CA 90660**

Understanding this correctly.

Me not living on island, would have to pay more for electricity to offset someone who has "chosen" to live, work, etc on an island. If someone decides to live on a island where it cost more, then be it, that someone should be more money. Do not flip the bill to someone else.

How does this make sense ?? Who thought this would be a good idea to have someone else pay for it ?? I don't think I'm missing something.

DON'T DO IT.....VOTE NO !

Mar 25, 2021 5:36 pm

**Katherine Johansen**

**santa ana, CA 92705**

Oppose rate hike. With the State emergency order still in place resulting in loss of jobs at unprecedented rates and an eviction moratorium suspending rental payment, I am opposed to increasing the utility rates at this time. Absolutely ludicrous to propose such an increase when federal funds are needed to support families who are unable to pay their bills. I am also opposed to any general levy on all users in the state for electric system upgrades that cater to a specific community. Shouldn't that community exclusively pay for the increase? California's cost of living is already very high plus the effects of the pandemic mean SCE should not consider any rate increases in 2021. We strongly oppose this or any rate increase in 2021.

Mar 25, 2021 3:46 pm

**Thomas Guthrie**

**Long Beach, CA 90803**

Please vote NO. Taxes should be levied by legislation or ballot initiatives, NOT by the CPUC or SCE. What SCE euphemistically terms a "cross-subsidy" is in fact a tax. I don't want to pay a \$0.29/month tax to subsidize residents of Catalina Island. Let the island bear the full costs of its utilities. SCE's justification for taxing all rate payers because they are the source of tourist visits is specious. Would the CPUC approve a cross-subsidy for Disneyland because it is visited by large numbers of SCE customers? No! Catalina Island is no different -- it is a luxury tourist destination that deserves no subsidies from SCE rate payers.

Mar 25, 2021 1:28 pm

**Melody H**

**Laguna Niguel, CA 92677**

We vote No. As a young family trying to live and survive in California we do not need another price increase; it is already expensive living in this state.

Mar 25, 2021 9:57 am





**Nathanael Johnson**

**Winchester, CA 92596**

SCE needs to figure out how to modernize and run more efficiently, to catch up with the rest of the world. There is absolutely no reason, other than greed, to continue increasing rates, especially to/for a particular (very small) customer area/use-case. This proposal is outrageous and people should be angry. To customers: vote with your wallets! Go solar, if you can. Call and write your congressmen/women about this. Don't just roll over and take it. Speak up and be heard!

Mar 25, 2021 8:34 am

**A. Cant**

**Long Beach, CA 90808**

Please vote NO. Catalina is treasured by all southern California residents and tourists who have the privilege of visiting the island. Catalina residents are the people responsible for maintaining this gift for others to be able to experience and should in no way be solely responsible for bearing the burden of increased living/operating costs. Please give consideration to the voices of the other California residents here.

Mar 25, 2021 8:21 am

**Darlene Gomez**

**UPLAND, CA 91784**

We're already struggling financially from covid19 economic catastrophe.. many have lost jobs or have reduced hours at work. Why would you make it harder on us already! I dont agree with this at all.. we're already taxed too much already!

Mar 25, 2021 7:23 am

**Jane Pannor**

**Rancho mirage, CA 92270**

Please do not impose a rate increase on people with fixed incomes. It is hard to have to ration electricity use when it gets to be 120 degrees out here in the desert. Someone could die because of it. And especially during a pandemic it is not the right thing to do to the elderly.

Mar 25, 2021 12:19 am

**B. Cole**

**Aliso Viejo, CA 92656**

Dear SCE  
Please do not raise our rates, I am a disabled older legal resident of CA born and raised here and on a fixed income, even with your discounts for me, I have to watch what I spend because your costs are too great. I boil in the summer afraid to use the AC and freeze in the winter because of heating costs. It's outrageous you'd want more money!

Mar 24, 2021 11:47 pm



**Edward Maich**

**Menifee, CA 92584**

I vote No. Prices are extremely expensive as it is. Increasing prices during a pandemic is not the way to do business.

Mar 24, 2021 11:42 pm

**Paula Martin**

**Hacienda Heights , CA 91745**

Today I had a scheduled power outage by sce. 6 men came out in 4 vehicles to preform what I believe to have been maintenance updates to equipment. After turning off my power they attempted to gain permission by phone to access a power pole on my property behind my gated fence. Of course since my power was already off this request went straight to voice mail and was not accessible to me until power was restored. An sce employee I believe jumped my fence and manually, without permission cranked open my electric gate. They then drove 2 of their vehicles onto my property fully blocking my access to the street. The sce employees had the time to move my trashcan, but not time to make sure my trash collection service had access to them. My trash remains to be put out again next week. 2 of the 6 employees then spent the better part of the 4 hous remaining on the tailgate of the 2 remaining pickup trucks on the street on their personal phones.

If manpower were managed appropriately there would be no need for rate increases. I believe there would be monies available for infrastructure maintenance as well.

Mar 24, 2021 5:47 pm

**Elizabeth Fowler**

**Yucca valley, CA 92284**

As a member of the community of Morongo Basin since 1994, I disagree with the rate increase. NO. SCE's poor business practices and mismanagement need to be addressed prior to increasing customer rates on service that is inconsistent, unreliable and dependant upon unmaintained, outdated and inadequate infrastructure. It gets worse year after year as our community grows. SCE needs to put the money their customers pay in for maintenance where they can actually see it. As for now, this is an unjustified rate increase. A service is expected for the fees as scheduled on our bill. We do not see that service being performed, and it has had dire consequences in recent years.

Mar 24, 2021 5:26 pm

**Mary Abrahams**

**Culver City, CA 90230**

This is ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. WE have to pay back for your miscalculations and drought expenses ?! That's bullshit, I have had blackouts left and right, JUST SAY YOU'RE TRYING TO SCAM PAYING CUSTOMERS SINCE YOU COULDN'T CHARGE LATE FEES DURING THE PANDEMIC

Mar 24, 2021 5:03 pm



**Robert Gracz**

**Lancaster, CA 93534**

So from the electricity side of things, I am not seeing a specific reasoning for the increase here. All items seem to lead to water price increases, YET, there is a proposed .2% increase per MONTH? That compounds, it isn't the measly 30 cent increase per month you suggest. I have had dozens of brownouts or blackouts. Why don't you work on delivering our power without fail for a year before you even THINK, let alone set out for increasing our residential prices. We already have the highest rates already. Also after 2022 are you suggesting that the prices return to the current (2021) rate? We need answers as to why the increase needs to happen. As from our side it just seems like greed or fiscal mismanagement. You spent money between 2012 and 2019 for environmental related issues? Then why just this last year did we have so many issues with environmental reasons that power needed to be shutdown/conserved. Seems like this money you want to recover was wasted. Again, if you want to rip us off, we need specifics as to why these increases are happening. How much expenditure and to what are these "2012-2019 capital expenditures"? Just sounds like operating costs to me.

As for water, the way this title reads is water bills will increase in Catalina Island only, however, reading the following paragraph it reads as though it is all water customers. Make sure that this cost stays with Catalina customers/visitors like it reads. Catalina water prices should stay on Catalina island and not affect the greater Southern California prices. What operating expenses have increased the need for 9.3 million dollars??? I hope a lot of these issues are covered, because it makes no sense to me to increase the water bill SO drastically. As well as the harsh increase in electricity payments when we have renewables that are becoming cheaper every year, be it by increased efficiency or the tech becoming cheaper to accrue and maintain.

Mar 24, 2021 4:27 pm

**J. Campos**

**Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91701**

I vote NO on this application! Utilities are already monopolies that do not give residents any options. We are at the mercy of the utilities assigned to our area and whatever rates they choose to charge. Rates are constantly increasing and there's no accountability or proof of what improvements are being made. If Catalina Island is an issue, than the residents living there should be responsible for it, not the rest of the SCE customers. Additionally, the timing is poor especially during a pandemic when people have been forced to work at home and home school their children while schools and businesses are closed. Water and power are necessities especially during this time and customers do not have a choice as to which utility companies they can sign up with. Perhaps examining your own infrastructure and strategizing some cost cutting inside the utility company may be a better way to start trying to save more money instead of automatically thinking the customers can pick up the cost.

Mar 24, 2021 4:26 pm



**Lauren Luna**

**Long beach, CA 90802**

Please vote NO! Especially during a pandemic, many residents are already struggling to get by and increasing utility rates could be that push that puts a family in need under water. The residents of Catalina should already be aware of the costs of providing utilities to an island & therefore can be responsible for those costs. When SCE is already making higher profits than most residents it is unethical to raise rates. Their monopoly on the utility market gives consumers no choice and therefore raising rates unchecked can literally throw people into poverty. Humans need water & electricity to survive these days and the cost of utilities should NEVER be the reason a family has to go hungry.

Mar 24, 2021 2:46 pm

**Xu Feng**

**Temple city, CA 91780**

I vote NO. Everyone is staying home during pandemic, and we struggle with less income and taking care of kids at home. And SCE decided to increase rate due to higher demand in electricity in residential property. Why not raise rate in government buildings or school district when there is no utilization at this time.

SCE is responsible for your own maintenance of your equipment. I never ask my boss to give me a raise because i need to maintain my car. If you guys get a raise, maybe i should get a raise too I need to drive to work.

Mar 24, 2021 2:39 pm

**El Sey**

**Culver City, CA 90230**

It is not ok to add more burden on customers while you have the highest rate to begin with. As a single mom living in 2 bedroom apartment edison charge for electricity 300\$ plus a month. Asking more money on the top of the high cost is not ok. Comparing to LA DWP edison punishes the working class with high water and electric bill. No more burden on working class. We should be protected. They should use their profit.

Mar 24, 2021 2:36 pm

**Brenda Claros Contreras**

**Hacienda Heights, CA 91745**

I do not think that raising the water and electricity rates should increase further, it is unfair to consumers much less during an ongoing pandemic and people struggling to make ends meet it is just wrong to pay more. I do not agree with the raise of water and electricity to increase. SCE should be responsible for restructuring their business to support changing needs. Not relying on struggling customers to pay for the additional rate increase.

Mar 24, 2021 2:35 pm



<b>Kathryn Velderrain</b>	<b>Lake Hughes, CA 93532</b>
I don't think it is okay to raise rates on others to help an area that should be paying for it. Asking for help and making an increase are not the same. Many people are already struggling. You should ask for help from others and not do an increase.	
Mar 24, 2021 1:55 pm	
<b>William Spence</b>	<b>Oxnard, CA 93036</b>
People outside Catalina island should not shoulder the costs of providing water to a wealthy subgroup of people who chose to live on a luxurious desert island. Do not raise rates for anyone outside of Catalina Island. Let them pay the full cost of water. Do not raise our rates.	
Mar 24, 2021 1:37 pm	
<b>Thomas Jackson</b>	<b>Orange, CA 92868</b>
Do not allow rate increase!	
Mar 24, 2021 1:21 pm	
<b>Janette Aguila</b>	<b>Whittier , CA 90601</b>
I vote NO!!! rates are already high as it is.	
Mar 24, 2021 1:16 pm	
<b>RENEE ANDREWS</b>	<b>DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765</b>
DO NOT INCREASE RATES , WHY EVERYTHING IS EXPENSIVE IN CALIFORNIA	
Mar 24, 2021 12:54 pm	
<b>Ellis Redding</b>	<b>Santa Ana , CA 92707</b>
You should charge all the wealthy people on Catalina for their water issues. I'm not sure why you would ask poor people like me to help people who are far wealthier than me.	
Mar 24, 2021 11:52 am	
<b>Autumn Brown</b>	<b>Redondo Beach, CA 90277</b>
I vote no. SCE should be responsible for restructuring their team/business to support changing needs. Not relying on significantly increasing costs for their forced customers especially when so many are struggling with pandemic impact. Wrong plan. Wrong time.	
Mar 24, 2021 11:52 am	



**Mike Hunt**

**Newport Beach, CA 92660**

A 63% increase in rates is outrageous and reveals poor financial planning and capital budgeting on SCE's part. Do not raise rates.

Mar 24, 2021 11:34 am

**Gary Yung**

**Irvine, CA 92602**

Do not increase rates. We already have one of the highest rates in the country. Instead rate increases should be tiered for wasteful usage, not across the board. Also, decreasing solar rates, programs, incentives and benefits, is not beneficial for tackling our climate issues. This is extremely detrimental to the entire California. Instead of continuing to lead and setting a good example for the rest of the country and world, these changes are backwards. What are your justification for these changes? Have you looked at waste inside your own corporation?

Mar 24, 2021 11:17 am

**Candis Miller**

**Santa Ana, CA 92703**

A rate increase in/post-COVID is a slap in the face. We own our home and our main source of income is a disabled-veteran. We've struggled to pay our current bill (especially in last summer's heat wave). As summer approaches again, I am not sure we can sustain. SCE has been negligent in maintaining the current infrastructure, causing a few of the SoCal fires last year--spurring the even hotter than normal temperatures. Customers should not have to pay for their negligence, nor should customers be subject to yearly rising prices as wages remain stagnant, there's still a pandemic, AND they're already struggling to meet current prices.

Mar 24, 2021 11:00 am

**Edward Seitz**

**Culver City, CA 90232**

VOTE NO! Stop raising the rates, we are struggling with unemployment and the pandemic, we have no choice but to work from home and hardly able to pay my bill as is. SCE is attempting to raise rates simply for profit, however, utilities are a necessity and should not be going through the roof. We have no other choices other than SCE, not fair.

Mar 24, 2021 10:47 am

**Jennifer Janes**

**Helendale , CA 92342**

People on disability like myself are already struggling to pay power bill and you want to do this during covid on top of that?! You will make the disabled and elderly suffer if not just straight up kill them.

Mar 24, 2021 10:28 am



**Michael Kim**

**Fullerton, CA 92831**

I vote no! Come ask us for higher rates when your profits are near the avg gross income of your clients. The cities should have stricter guidelines on how profitable a utility company can be off the city residents. We don't have a choice to use other utilities companies when it comes to electricity, we shouldn't have to pay for something the utility company should have budgeted for.

Mar 24, 2021 10:27 am

**Julie Freeman**

**HIDDEN HILLS, CA 91302**

NO! NO! NO! Put this info on your FB and let your neighbors know that we MUST fight the constant rate increases by SCE and the CPUC! NO ONE at these organizations looks out for us because we are asleep at the wheel til it comes time to pay our bills! JUST SAY NO to rate increases! We are ALREADY paying the highest rates in the country!

Mar 24, 2021 10:23 am

**Angel Jimenez**

**Rialto, CA 92376**

You guys expect people to pay more than we should be. It's very inconsiderate that you guys are trying to raise rates and claim unpaid money when people are struggling and dying everyday. Just goes to show you guys have no consideration for your community nor state. Rich people do not care about the poor. All of SCE employees do not have to worry about their power being cut off or water because they have jobs. Yet you expect struggling people to pay. This shouldn't even be up for discussion and the fact that it is, is truly saddening. You guys have no morals and only an agenda. Heartless people.

Mar 24, 2021 10:23 am

**Guilmar Perdomo**

**Monterey Park, CA 91754**

In the middle of a pandemic, SCE raises prices for families struggling to survive? This is outrageous! My family, friends and neighbors are extremely angered by the lack of sympathy and compassion SCE has towards us and working folks across LA. This increase would undoubtedly dig everyone into a deeper hole.

Mar 24, 2021 10:12 am



**David Hirschmann**

**Redondo Beach, CA 90277**

Enough is enough. In the midst of an economic calamity and world-wide pandemic, with unemployment at all time highs, this monopoly wants to raise rates? SCE provides a PUBLIC utility and needs to be dropping already astronomically high rates out of proportion with the reality of resident's stagnant incomes. Even during the last year, when stress was highest, my household continually saw our monthly bills rise despite decreased energy demands. Please represent the PUBLIC first and get this company in check. Do not approve rate increases. Whatever bogus reason SCE is trying to sell can't be worth driving real families toward economic dire straits.

Mar 24, 2021 9:14 am

**Sean Budd**

**Lancaster, CA 93534**

SCE is already charging outrageous amounts. In the summer of last year my bill got up to \$300 dollars for a couple months and I live in a 750 square foot apartment that I can barely afford even with working 11 hours most days. If I pay that much in an apartment, I dread the amount people who live in houses pay for their electricity. Edison should be lowering prices, not raising them. Oh, and lets also talk about them increasing their rates in order to help them pay for the damages caused by wildfires that their equipment started so that they won't go bankrupt. Let them go bankrupt so we can have their equipment divided up among smaller electric companies. But that is beside the point for this conversation. As others have stated, with the amount of money they make in profit each year, they should be able to handle any increase to their expenses. In 2020 Edison made 13.6 billion dollars in revenue. Now, I don't know how much of that goes to employee wages and equipment maintenance, but I doubt it is anywhere close to the amount they make. And Edison is going, "Oh no, we might make only 13.5 billion this year, what ever will we do?" The reality is that in 2019 they made 12.4 billion and in 2020 they made 13.6 billion. They do not need more revenue. Please do not allow them to raise their rates. Instead, set limits on how much they can charge so that we never have to have this conversation again.

Mar 24, 2021 6:24 am





**Oscar Lopez**

**Altadena, CA 91001**

HELL NO! You're already charging high BS fees that YOU DON'T EVEN EXPLAIN WHEN ASKED! Don't want to be that guy, but those people choose to live on an island, and apparently have the money to do so. So they should front the bill on that. Or better yet, how about you stop paying your executives, like the CEO Kevin M. Payne, \$2,795,879 a YEAR! Who don't do jack but collect a paycheck and screw users over. Then maybe you'll have the money needed to do what you need to do. "SCE is requesting this rate increase to recover its expenses" my a\$\$\$. Don't punish the users for SCE's mismanagement of money. Again, stop price gouging users, cut executive salaries, because no one needs \$2,795,879 a year to live! We all know the dirty dealings electric companies do. Why should we pay more when SCE doesn't provide any kind of good or reliable service, they make it a pain to add solar to a house, not to mention can't even be off grid, doesn't maintain the infrastructure properly, and hasn't even upgraded the system since what, the 60's or 70's!? With all that money you're already making, SCE DOESN'T EVEN GIVE BACK TO THE USERS! How about putting solar on roofs for free? That would help with the power shortages issue. I'm with other users here, need to open up to other competition. Until then, we all need to band together and do something about SCE and other utilities. I do not know about anyone else, but I am tired of the rich and insanely huge companies screwing over the hard working 99%

Mar 23, 2021 11:28 pm

**Mary Contreras**

**Victorville , CA 92392**

I agree with the rest of the comments. We are already paying high premiums. What will happen to those on fixed income like my parents on social security. Their income wont be going up so it is extremely irresponsible to raise prices up. People will be left to choose what bills to pay or they will have to go without electricity. Please reconsider this!

Mar 23, 2021 7:34 pm

**Analycia Ramirez**

**Ontario, CA 91762**

It is already impossible to live here in CA without two incomes. Now you want to increase the cost of electricity? This seems extremely burdensome to CA residents who are struggling to make ends meet, especially during this pandemic. I beg that you please do not raise the rates of electricity! I think you should look to the politicians to find where you can better cut spending rather than constantly raising prices.

Mar 23, 2021 4:09 pm



**Mark B. Strauss**

**Simi Valley, CA 93065**

There is no valid reason that Southern California Edison needs to increase rates for electricity and water at this time. They have plenty of capital coming in "to cover its anticipated costs from 2021 through 2024 for its employees to inspect, repair, and, when appropriate, upgrade poles, transformers and distribution lines." A 14.4% increase for residential customers is unnecessary to accomplish these tasks.

SCE has increased rates and, therefore revenues in 2018, 2015, 2012 and in 2009 (D. 19-05-020 (authorized the final revenue requirement for 2018, 2019, and 2020) A.16-09-001 Docket; D.15-11-021 (authorized the final revenue figures for 2015 and 2016) A.13-11-003 Docket; D.12-11-051 (authorized the final revenue figures for 2012, 2013, and 2014) A.10-11-015 Docket; D.09-03-025 (authorized the final revenue figures for 2009, 2010, and 2011) A.07-11-011 Docket). SCE does not need to raise rates at this time, as it has greatly bolstered its revenue over the past 12 years.

As well, we just saw a 7% rate increase on April 13, 2020 to increase SCE's revenue requirement by \$477.6 million dollars.

This 2021 request is very misaligned with today's economy. It represents a \$1.295 billion, or 20.1 percent, increase in 2021 over currently authorized base rates. Increases for 2022 and 2023 are \$366.5 and \$534.2 million. It proposes raising the average residential monthly bill by approximately \$14. An increase of this amount per household is unreasonable. AGAIN, THIS IS FAR OUT OF LINE for what an average income earner can afford in today's economy.

This is blatant thievery of the livelihoods of residents under its jurisdiction.

I urge the California Public Utilities Commission to DENY this rate increase in lieu of the above stated facts.

Mar 23, 2021 2:07 pm

**Brian Ulrich**

**La Mirada, CA 90638**

Between being stuck at home consuming more energy, AND summer heat coming, this would be a financial hardship for families. Please reconsider this!

Mar 23, 2021 1:49 pm

**Joel Santos**

**Santa Ana, CA 92705**

Please do not raise the rates. It would be cruel and terrible to do this right now. I'm sure there are plenty of other ways for SCE to save money right now than squeezing money out of its customers.

Mar 23, 2021 1:36 pm



**Sean Cocca**

**Placentia, CA 92870**

A rate increase at this time would be beyond cruel. Many people are still unemployed or underemployed and struggling to make rent/mortgage payments. Raising electricity rates while this is still all ongoing is unconscionable. Add to that the fact that many infrastructure improvements have been deferred for years to facilitate profitable returns to investors and this request falls even flatter. Do not raise our rates.

Mar 23, 2021 1:29 pm

**Martinez Sellers**

**Fontana, CA 92336**

This is becoming a continued challenge, especially as I live at the foot of the mountains with high winds. I feel as if my electric is always among the FIRST to be cut off and the LAST to be turned back on. I have gone three (3) days without power. No one replaced the food and other items that I lost. I have an elderly mother living with me and there seems to be no consideration. I try to be careful about my electrical usage to no avail. Are we investing in other ways to produce cleaner energy that will benefit we the consumers? Increasing rates always seems to be the first course of action. I know there is another way!!!

Mar 23, 2021 1:29 pm

**Robert Burke**

**BARSTOW, CA 92311**

No rate increase due to the COVID year, why should we pay for Catalina improvements. rates are high enough.

Mar 23, 2021 12:48 pm

**Suresh Pandrhally**

**Corona, CA 92882**

Rate increase should be last option and this much rate increase not needed, this will impact all of us. Do cost cutting like admin and sal costs.  
Don't increase basic water usage costs up-to 2000 gallons.

Mar 23, 2021 12:18 pm

**Andy Tuu**

**Lake Forest, CA 92630**

Per your latest 10K filing your revenue and operating costs has been relatively stable year over year with the exception of significantly increased Wildfire-related claims. People are hurting from this pandemic and you are planning to pass costs arising from neglected maintenance to the consumer? This is after reaping profits for how many years of inflated balance sheets having not spent money to maintain existing infrastructure as deemed necessary by law. We will not accept a rate hike.

Mar 23, 2021 12:02 pm



**Daniel Hicks**

**Santa Ana, CA 92707**

You have got to be kidding. The only action that should be taken is opening up SCE to competition. SCE is one of the most incompetent utilities I have ever encountered. The only way they are able to be so bad at customer service, billing, record keeping, and general business is because of a lack of other options. Open this up to bidding from other providers and get rid of these tools and their ridiculous profits forced upon the citizens. And they want more?! Disgraceful!

Mar 23, 2021 11:52 am

**Nathan Rowe**

**SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030**

Under no circumstances should anyone be considering hiking prices in the middle of a ongoing pandemic where a massive chunk of the country is under or unemployed.

Mar 23, 2021 11:25 am

**Brandon Strumlauf**

**Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688**

Rate increase as high as 40%? Who crunched these numbers and thought it to be an acceptable proposal? Stop playing, SCE. If you need more return to attract investors why don't you cut your profits and bonuses? You'd be able to pay this several times over. \$12B in operating profits per year and you still can't keep rates down, don't be stupid. No rate increase.

Mar 23, 2021 10:59 am

**Danielle Delgado**

**Rialto, CA 92376**

Absolutely not. We have already had a lot of issues with our high electric bills and power outages. I am saying NO to increasing our rates.

Mar 23, 2021 10:59 am

**Irma Pamplona**

**Long beach, CA 90802**

Again!? We just had an increase... and were still in the midst of a pandemic! How can SCE justify this!?

Mar 23, 2021 10:44 am

**Ana Gallardo**

**South Gate, CA 90280**

"No" Do not increase rates. First able, they need to upgrade their equipment. We had three power outages in one day. Water comes out brown at least once a month. Second, why should we pay more when the services are decreasing instead getting better. Edison profits and we get the worse service and customer service.

Mar 23, 2021 10:42 am



**Colin Willoughby**

**Irvine, CA 92618**

California electric rates are already among the highest in the nation. An increase only furthers the issue and should be a last resort. The public needs to be provided with an explanation as to why SCE cannot keep par with other states' utility providers who are able to do more with less per-kwh charges. To do anything else is to continue to throw good money after bad. Additionally, echoing other comments, this is a thinly-veiled attempt to recoup losses due to forest fire settlements. Asking the public to suffer a rate increase while zero impactful accountability is enacted for these repeated issues is not the right path - it will only encourage and enable the same negligent behavior in the future.

Mar 23, 2021 10:42 am

**Kevin D**

**El Monte, CA 91733**

Did we not literally just have this same conversation at this time last year? Once again, SCE can't seem to put together a compelling argument as to why they need another rate increase. Their EPS and financial reports in 2019 and 2020, which include two equity offerings, indicate that they have the resources and profits for upgrades without having to increase rates. They should be proving a higher level of competence in managing their revenue and bottom line before voicing a need for rate increases. Customers shouldn't have to continually foot the bill for operating costs and upgrades when SCE is already raising a significant amount of capital with existing rates and by diluting their shares with back-to-back equity offerings. Settlements as a result of mismanagement are also not something that customers should be paying for. What an outrageous example of mismanagement.

Mar 23, 2021 10:28 am

**Fernando Vera**

**ARTESIA, CA 90701**

It's ok to raise the rates

Mar 23, 2021 10:21 am

**NANCY SCHROEDER**

**VISALIA, CA 93277**

No rate increase! Edison reported net income of \$1.98 per share in 2020. Let them use their profits for upgrades

Mar 23, 2021 10:13 am

**Jordan Harris**

**Fullerton, CA 92833**

If SCE would use their existing funds to maintain their equipment they would have back to back settlements of \$1.1B and \$360M for cutting corners and causing fires with more to come. THAT is why you want the increase, to cover those settlements, not what is listed. We all see right through it. NO INCREASE!

Mar 23, 2021 10:11 am



**Jessica Rivers**

**Cypress, CA 90630**

We live in a mobile home park and SCE charges us NO LESS than \$200 a month. During the summer there were two months our electric bill was over \$500! We can't afford this let alone all of our other bills and now you want to raise the prices? No. You keep losing money because YOUR equipment keeps starting forest fires and you want to pass on your losses onto your consumers. And after a year like 2020 when people are trying to recover, here comes Edison being greedy. No. Enough is enough.

Mar 23, 2021 10:02 am

**Phyllis Muro**

**Simi Valley, CA 93063**

Before raising rates, SCE should fix their equipment so that they may stop seriously inconveniencing their customers every time there is a breeze. If they can turn off our power to avoid fire danger, they can invest in repairing or replacing their old, shoddy equipment that poses the actual fire danger, using the revenues from the frequent rate increases they've already imposed on their customers. I doubt their executives have missed a pay increase or a bonus. In order to properly function as a public utilities company, they should focus their efforts and their priorities on SERVING customers. In addition to the inconvenience of having our power shut off, I am genuinely concerned about community members who are elderly, disabled, and who require medical equipment. Turning off power to these affected groups goes far beyond inconvenience, it is life altering and possibly devastating. I am tired of seeing frequent rate increases without also seeing a genuine effort made by SCE to focus on the needs of their customers. Their response to the public is abysmal. Hearing a recorded statement when we call is unacceptable. The SCE "customer service" personnel I have been able to connect with have been unconcerned with my situation and provide little to no information and are clearly annoyed the company has delegated them to deal with the public. They do not appear to have been given any information from senior management and don't seem to appreciate being put in the position SCE has delegated to them. SCE must be MUCH more customer focused and responsive to their customers before they attempt to impose yet another rate increase.

Mar 23, 2021 8:21 am



**Joshua Simmons**

**Rialto , CA 92376**

I am completely against the rate increases, as many individuals are now working from home as the new normal. Due to this, the cost of water and electricity usage has already gone up dramatically and is NOT paid for by most corporations. This is a cost each individual must pay on their own. Before, it was paid for at a corporate building for employees but due to current changes, a lot of people are now working from home. This increase will damage individual families already struggling and does not account for future inflation that is not met by wage increases. PLEASE READ THIS COMMENT, AS I KNOW I SPEAK FOR MANY WHO ARE OR WILL BE IN THE SAME SITUATION.

Furthermore. SCE makes way too much money as it is, they don't reinvest in to the communities as they suggest. CEW Kevin M. Payne Makes \$2.7mil every year!! SVP Russell C. Swartz makes \$1mil every year!! SVP Carline Choi makes \$1mil every year!! SVP Philip R. Herrington makes \$1mil every year!! Cut their pay, in half for the next 5 years, and put that money towards this stupid excuse for cash grabs from the public.

And one last point to make, give freedom to the customers who have solar arrays and remove the stupid cap on % of total coverage, if a customer has the means to cover more that 120% of their annual usage let them lift the regulations on harvesting the sun! SCE DOES NOT OWN THE SUN!!

**WE DO NOT SUPPORT ANY INCREASE ON UTILITY RATES!**

Mar 23, 2021 8:18 am

**Sergio Soto**

**Fontana, CA 92336**

No! I do not agree to price increase

Mar 23, 2021 7:23 am

**James G.**

**Ridgecres, CA 93555**

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Mar 23, 2021 6:40 am





**John Roberts**

**PALM SPRINGS, CA 92264**

Unbelievable, frankly, but NO SURPRISE. My electricity rates have gone up 50% in a couple years, it's ridiculous. NO NO, no more rate increases! Don't use Catalina Island as an excuse. They can pay for their own water if they want to live on a waterless island. SCE always has some absurd reason why they need to raise rates.

Mar 23, 2021 6:10 am

**Peter Nguyen**

**Laguna Hills, CA 92653**

No. You can not increase rates.

Mar 23, 2021 5:31 am

**Lena Woo**

**Alhambra, CA 91801**

This is completely absurd! People have lost their jobs, barely being able to afford food on the table, pay for running heat, water, electricity and you want to raise prices during a pandemic!? Why add to people's already hard strife? Do NOT do this to residents that are already being hit hard by the pandemic. This hurts your families as well! DO NOT RAISE THE PRICES!

Mar 23, 2021 12:54 am

**Kimberly Nguyen**

**PALMDALE, CA 93550**

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Mar 22, 2021 10:43 pm

**Phillip Cervantes**

**La Puente, CA 91744**

My vote is NO, it is ridiculous and illegal. Totally wrong  
A lot of families are struggling don't do this to California residents

Mar 22, 2021 9:09 pm

**Kym Moore**

**Aliso Viejo, CA 92656**

I vote NO!!! Absolutely Ludicrous!! California is turning into a joke on how much we pay for everything. Enough is enough

Mar 22, 2021 9:07 pm





**Jeff Kerns**

**Santa Barbara, CA 93150**

As commented by others, it's difficult to follow the logic of requiring all ratepayers within the SCE territory to pay a share of the water system on Catalina. It seems that approval would set a dangerous precedent. Who would be the next to seek assistance from SCE ratepayers outside of their community to fund projects in their community?

Mar 22, 2021 4:51 pm

**George Rapciewicz**

**Temecula, CA 92592**

With California already increasing costs for its residents in other areas, nearly doubling the cost of water as well as increasing electrical costs is a slap in the face to its residents. This proposal will further reinforce the potential need for current residents to really take a second look at leaving this state. If California had any sense, it would not have invested in a high speed rail system, but instead in a mass water reclamation system. Additionally, I understand costs go up, but what SCE is proposing is absolutely ludicrous.

Mar 22, 2021 3:07 pm

**Stephanie A**

**Santa Clarita, CA 91351**

I just read SCE's informative email about proposed rate increases.  
A 2% residential electric rate increase is understandable, but a 40% residential water rate increase is outrageous.

S. Arnold

Mar 22, 2021 2:49 pm

**Martha Zuniga**

**PORTERVILLE, CA 93258**

ITS RIDICULOUS THAT PRICES KEEP GOING UP. I OPPOSE TO THIS INCREASE. MANY FAMILIES ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE THE DIFFICULT DECISION; BUYING FOOD FOR THEIR FAMILY OR PAYING THEIR LIGHT BILL. ITS WRONG FOR SOUTHERN COMPANY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THERE CUSTOMERS JUST BECAUSE THEY SEE IT IS A NECISITE. I OPPOSE.

Mar 22, 2021 2:13 pm



**Harold Glick**

**Jurupa Valley, CA 92509**

I do not see why Catalina's electric rate increase should impact my rate in Riverside, CA. I doubt that an SCE rate increase in Riverside would increase Catalina's rate; Would it?? Also, my local water district just got approval for 5 years of rate increases; and again, I don't need to have Catalina's rate increases impact me, nor do I think that Catalina wants to share every local water utility's rate increase.

I ask the PUC to disallow these wide ranging rate increases that should only apply to Catalina.

Thank you

Mar 22, 2021 2:10 pm

**Gustavo Mendez**

**Bell Gardens, CA 90201**

A tax increase for a place I have not visited nor live in is wrong. I'm against this proposal. California Public Utilities Commission needs to review their personnel salaries, cut costs internally, apply for federal grants, make bonds, and then tax businesses as a last resort, not residents. We already have increases in rent and gas, DON'T increase taxes.

Mar 22, 2021 2:09 pm

**Kristin Gosney**

**Victorville, CA 92395**

I vote no

Mar 22, 2021 2:04 pm

**A Martinez**

**Upland , CA 91785**

I vote NO. Like the prior person that commented, I do not feel that I should have to pay for Catalina issue. I've never been & don't plan on it. I am permanently disabled & on a strict budget & any increase is TOO much.

Mar 22, 2021 2:00 pm

**Julie Alvarez**

**Ontario, CA 91762**

My vote is NO. This is absolutely ridiculous . I have nothing to do with Catalina Island, never been there. This is just another excuse to screw us over. This has to be illegal.

Mar 22, 2021 1:40 pm



**Robin Whittington**

**Riverside, CA 92508**

I am totally opposed to rate increases especially with the poor excuse you are providing about Catalina Island. As with most people, I am held hostage by your company if I need electricity. It is unfair that you spread your extra expenses across the board for work done in a county in which I don't live and also for water??? I am of the older age bracket and on a fixed income. I manage my home as efficiently as possible and am still bombarded by local and State rules about what I can and can't do. The costs rise but my income doesn't. Your proposal doesn't help. As a public utility the public has a say and as I am the public, I SAY NO!

Mar 22, 2021 1:17 pm

**Kathy Farren**

**JURUPA VALLEY, CA 92509**

Please don't do this not when we are still in covid. We don't need or want extra payments for electricity on Catalina Island, where we don't live. Why are you charging us for there electricity we have nothing to do with the Island. So no I don't think it is operate to charge others for the Island.

Mar 22, 2021 12:59 pm

**John Hitchens**

**La Mirada, CA 90638**

Having never been to Catalina Island, and never intending to do so, I think it is inappropriate for me to pay any extra fees to subsidize potable water production on Catalina. I think that fees should be assessed directly from water system users on Catalina and tourists that visit.

We should keep in mind that it is no mystery that potable water supplies are severely limited on Catalina where average price per square foot of a home is nearly double that of the average price in the rest of California. Not to mention the increased cost of anything else that needs to get to that island.

Granted the extra cost I would be incurring is minimal and almost imperceptible, it's the idea that poor households will be subsidizing water for wealthy households and that doesn't sit well with me.

Mar 22, 2021 12:32 pm

**Theta Young**

**Murrieta, CA 92563**

I am a No vote for any rate increase. Why rate increases seem to be the only ideas companies can come up with only to have to turn around a year or two later asking for another one is bad. For once figure out another way other than a rate increase that will affect a persons ability to pay for their obligations. We the people do not get compensation for our lossess due to droughts or any other of lifes surprises.

Mar 22, 2021 12:10 pm



**Linda Stephens**

**Jurupa Valley , CA 91752**

I am not a Catalina resident & would receive no benefit from improvements to Santa Catalina's water service.

We are barely coming out of a substantial economic downturn & this rate increase would be detrimental to people already having difficulty meeting financial obligations.

Time & again SCE has increased rates without addressing their aging infrastructure leading to associated deaths: remember Paradise?

How many Catalina residents would pay for rate increases on the mainland? If the CPUC approves this rate increase (as they always seem predisposed to do) then I would recommend spreading the rate increase to Catalina residents only over 3-5 years to mitigate rate shock to them.

Mar 22, 2021 11:25 am

**Jennifer Wilson**

**Monrovia, CA 91016**

I am against this increase. My electric and water bill is too high already for a senior person.

Mar 22, 2021 11:24 am

**Oliver Liu**

**REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277**

I think it's a terrible idea to raise rates right now when so many families are struggling.

My vote is no.

Mar 22, 2021 11:15 am

**Jonathan Castillo**

**Frazier Park , CA 93225**

I think it is very negligent for you guys to raise rates at a time like this. People haven't been working and going through hard times in a pandemic. How money hungry are you people!??? I do not approve of this and find it very disrespectful that you guys would consider doing this at a time like we are in!!

Mar 22, 2021 11:12 am



**Lon Johnson**

**Tustin, CA 92782**

Having the entire SCE service area pay for capital projects related to a very specific geography and purpose is just a shell game to distract regulators and judges. SCE wants to extract more revenue. If they really don't have the existing capital to pay for the project, they need to issue more stock and use that. This is simple corporate finance. The electricity rates for Catalina can be adjusted (temporarily!) to make sure they get their return on the new stock. This will keep the true cost of electrifying the island in its rates.

The 0.2% increase will, of course, have no end. And that is why SCE is pursuing this through some obscure administrative procedure. Why the PUC just plays along and allows it to get this far tells me they are not looking out for the public, but the utility that pays their bills.

Do not approve this rate increase.

Mar 22, 2021 11:05 am

**Elizabeth Castillo**

**Lakewood, CA 90712**

During a time of mass suffering, death, illness, and economic loss for the working class SCE should not be increasing rates on anything. The CEO's and shareholders should shoulder the brunt of this disaster where untold amounts of death and suffering have occurred because of the capitalist system. There has been an increase in homelessness and we could see mass evictions coming because of job loss so how does SCE expect the working class to afford an increase in water and electricity if they can barely pay for food and medicine? Please ask the psychopaths in Congress to bail out SCE because the working class has had enough abuse.

Mar 22, 2021 10:33 am

**Brad Napientek**

**Yucca Valley, CA 92284**

SCE is a for-profit monopoly and should not be allowed to raise rates under any circumstances. Compare their rates per kWh to LADWP, IID, and SMUD.

Mar 22, 2021 10:33 am

**Jimmy Andreoli**

**La Habra, CA 90631**

It is incredible that this company, who continues to raise rates, fails to repair critical infrastructure, and spend our rate increases and government support on their salaries instead of improving our infrastructure. Until they are held responsible for the incredibly high costs of energy they charge, higher than most of the USA already, they should not be allowed to raise rates. Further, why should they be allowed to charge the rest of their customers for service impacts in one specific area? Catalina is a wealthy area, that should bear their own cost increases only.

Mar 22, 2021 10:27 am



**Kiara Lee**

**West Hollywood, CA 90069**

It would be incredibly poor form to increase the rates. Especially during a pandemic. The rates are already high enough. At what point is enough, enough? Big companies always make a lot of money, a lot of people are still oppressed by the system. This is really disappointing that sce would even try to raise their rates at this point. It's not like they need to pay their employees more because we all know THE MINIMUM WAGE is not that much.

Mar 22, 2021 10:22 am

**patricia mercado**

**hutnington beach, CA 92647**

they company Edison shouldn't increase the price of the electricity , it is already too high , businesses such as mine are suffering and Edison never reduced the fees , Edison company has too much money already.

Mar 22, 2021 10:15 am

**Chase M**

**Hermosa Beach, CA 90254**

The federal government is reportedly putting together a wide-ranging infrastructure bill as we speak. With millions of Californians already facing economic hardships and potential for federal/state assistance on the horizon it would make the most sense to table this proposal and attempt to get this project prioritized through the federal infrastructure appropriations bill that is in progress. I would not support the rate increase at this time until we know the results of the infrastructure plan.

Mar 22, 2021 10:12 am

**Joe Oregona**

**Redondo Beach, CA 90278**

This is outrageous. Why on earth should we all pay for Catalina, a high property value communitie's water service rate increase? They can afford to pay for their own rate increase! NO! After the complete gutting of small business by the current governor and killing of the middle class the last thing any of us except for the one percent can afford is a rate increase!!!! FORGET ABOUT IT!!!

Mar 22, 2021 9:45 am

**CAROL HENDON**

**UPLAND, CA 91784**

NO INCREASE... SUPPORT SENIORS... NOT THOSE WHO DO NOT WORK. SENIORS "ALL" NO MATTER HOW MUCH SOCIAL SECURITY THEY RECEIVE. LANDLORDS WHO DO NOT BRING THEIR BUILDINGS UP TO CODE "WINDOWS" "DOORS"INSULATION FINE THEM AND THEY CAN NOT PASS THIS ON TO RENTERS. ABUSERS SHOULD PAY... NOT ME!

Mar 22, 2021 9:41 am



**Ann Morrison**

**Idyllwild, CA 92549**

Before a rate increase is approved, please research the pay packages of SCE executives. Have those packages been substantially cut to reflect the dismal performance of the company? If not, they need to be cut before customers are burdened with yet another rate increase. Also, please research the company shareholder returns. Shareholder returns should also be substantially cut before customers are forced to pay more. Serious attention to these two groups - executives and shareholders - is critical. Cuts made in these groups will likely cover any proposed increase in rates to customers and allow rates to stay the same. The rates are already very high.

Mar 22, 2021 9:41 am

**amy beaudet**

**cypress, CA 90630**

Absolutely do not agree with any rate increase, I mean are you kidding after all the job loses and this pandemic, you really think an increase will help us? Totally disagree and how you can even think that this is right, you should be ashamed.

Mar 22, 2021 9:25 am

**Kori Fai**

**Fullerton , CA 92832**

Do not approve a rate increase. Source different funding means that do not land with the customer.

Mar 22, 2021 9:16 am

**Annisa Claunch**

**Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739**

The water increase is too steep and will be a financial hardship on most. This is unacceptable to raise the price that much! I do not agree to the increase.

Mar 22, 2021 7:28 am

**Felisia Chan**

**Alhambra, CA 91801**

I disagree with increasing rate to customers to recover the costs of water service on Catalina. Electricity rates have been increased multiple times causing high electricity bills.

There should be another way to recover the costs of water service on Catalina, perhaps with government subsidy, etc.

Water and electricity are substantial, and residents should not have a heavy burden bill to meet water and electricity needs.

There should be government intervention to find a way to cover all costs while making water and electricity accessible and affordable to its residents.

Mar 21, 2021 10:20 pm



**William Kalb**

**North Tustin, CA 72680**

yeah, your screwing on over priced rates...again and again and again. Heres my comment: Go fuc yourself...again and again...jac offs.

Mar 21, 2021 7:21 pm

**Carolyn Hohlfeld**

**No Ho, CA 91605**

Hi, I will suggest people go to a off grid sites where we dont have to worry about the monopoly you have on us.

This is nothing but a monopoly and this seems like a dictatorship as the people have no control but be at your damn mercy.

People are on low income and they have a budget they must adhere to!!!!

Upgrade the infrastructure so anytime anyone farts the power wont go out..Tired just tired!!!

What about renewable energy?

Mar 21, 2021 6:43 pm

**Luana Turner**

**West Hollywood, CA 90069**

I wholeheartedly disagree with any rate increases for the residents of Catalina. This is a horrible economic time and California Public Utilities need to utilize the funds they have already taken and the previous increases to continue services. The Governor and other state officials need to help with any increases needed, not the people who continue to have to take on the increases without increases in their salaries and without improved services. More than ever, our structures are not sound and yet for years increases still occur. This type of system is not sustainable and should not continue.

Mar 21, 2021 5:29 pm

**Lorena S.B.**

**Fontana , CA 92335**

I'm not in accordance with this. There are families including myself that are on low income programs just to be able to pay their monthly bill. We are never given the exact reason as to why prices increase, yet we have no choice but to pay it with our hard earned money. And just because we're allowed to add our comments here, doesn't mean we're going to be heard.

Mar 21, 2021 2:42 pm





**richard sandbrook**

**San Bernardino, CA 92410**

first, I feel bad for the residents of Catalina for having to deal with such an enormous rate increase. I hope you do everything possible to keep their water and electric rates as low as possible.

secondly, for the rest of us, although a .2% increase appears to be minuscule, I am concerned. SCE and other electric generators/distributors in our state are under a lot of pressure in recent years to 1.upgrade transmission lines to make them less susceptible to causing wildfires, and 2. transfer much of our generating system to renewables.

I urge you to slow the transition to renewables in order to free up resources to upgrade transmission lines and also to prevent events such as what took place in Texas this past winter.

California's electric rates are among the highest in the nation, and there is really no excuse to have rates over 20 cents kwh. I understand that costs of living here are higher, labor costs are more, but it appears from numerous studies that wind and solar generation are more expensive, and i urge you to not force utilities to go to renewables that cost taxpayers more and provide little benefit to anyone.

Mar 21, 2021 1:16 pm

**Yecenia Riley**

**Fontana , CA 92336**

Absolutely not in agreement with an increase. We are already paying astronomical amount in electricity bills! Sce is always raising rates enough already!

Mar 21, 2021 10:27 am

**alena Jorgensen**

**temple city, CA 91780**

In a time of economic troubles, this is not the time to raise prices. When will the well fair of people be more important than giving more money to your share holders?

Mar 21, 2021 8:41 am

**Monty Henry**

**Camarillo, CA 93010**

You should invest in the infrastructure so that it doesn't go down anytime someone sneezes! You're wasting far too much on salaries!

Mar 21, 2021 7:08 am



**Debra Turner**

**Yorba Linda, CA 92886**

This is outrageous. The amount of money we are already being charged and you want to run it thru via Catalina!!! Just another way around the truth that SCE has messed up and they want the consumer to pay for it. I dont need to go into details on what SCE has been responsible for because we all know what they are. What would that say about us as Americans to give in to this. It would be the ultimate dishonor to those who lost their lives and homes and everything they owned. SCE needs to re-address their infrastructure and take responsibility for their short comings. If they can't pay for their mistakes, then a new Electric Company needs to step up and make things better. I totally disagree with these shenanigans of theirs and encourage more people to step up and voice their opinions on this. Why are we always paying for big corporations to be bailed out. Start at the top. \$605,000 a year for one person's salary, really!!! Just like our government. Using the people to hide their wealth. If Americans all stopped working where would all you greedy people hide your corruption. We are your slaves. It has gotten to the point that it doesnt matter what we say, you will do it anyways. Why dont you try stepping up to the plate and fix your own mistakes without punishing the American people. SCE needs to cut the non truths and handle their problems on their own....

Mar 21, 2021 12:41 am

**Sandra Avalos**

**Downey, CA 90242**

I am against the rate increase. Time and time again, we are asked to pay more rate increases due to SCE's mismanagement of funds. I agree with Mr. Michael McFarland, when he stated that, "It was long ago determined that SCE mismanaged its infrastructure and essential repairs, lending to the many wildfires in recent years. The reason behind its mismanagement: GREED! According to proxy statements filed for 2019 as reported on Salary.com, Kevin M. Payne, Southern California Edison's CEO, received an enormous annual compensation of \$2,795,879! This was comprised of his meager \$605K salary, plus \$499,125 BONUS, plus \$834,908 in stock options, plus \$835,046 'awarded' as stock, and finally \$21,800 from "other types of compensation." Take a wild guess at who paid that exorbitant "compensation" -- you guessed it. WE DID!!! According to the Legislative Analyst's Office (lao.ca.gov), the cost for emergency fire suppression in 2019 was approximately \$2.5 BILLION! According to the Insurance Information Institute, (iii. org), there were 50,477 wildfires in 2019 (statewide). How much of those figures SCE is responsible for due to infrastructure maintenance negligence, dereliction of fiscal responsibilities, and just plain stupidity surely would be staggering if someone took the time to find out (gleaning public records). And those costs are only from structural fire suppression. That does not take into consideration the loss of lives, personal possessions, loss of businesses' income (leading to unemployment filings), and an entire laundry list of other costs." A 2% increase is a lot for those of us who are struggling to make ends meat and pay bill's. It is not our responsibility to pay even more for basic service. Hire an independent accounting firm to follow the money trail of SCE's mismanagement and I'm sure they can come up with the funds they need after the results. Maybe even fine SCE for trying to extort their customers for more money.

Mar 20, 2021 11:52 pm



**Dukey Lin**

**Westminster, CA 92683**

Need to look into cost cutting. Start from the top. Trim some fat. How about executive takes a 10% pay cut? SEC employees take a smaller pay cut. Thought times.

Google it. Executives probably make 10X the average SEC employees.

From Looking Glass.

Southern California Edison average salary is \$114,940, median salary is \$114,180 with a salary range from \$62,273 to \$198,153.

Talk about passing the bucks

Mar 20, 2021 11:43 pm

**Monique Flynn**

**La Verne, CA 91750**

Please remember we are all living under reduced circumstances which heavily affect our finances and lack of income. We cannot afford another unfair hike increase. Don't trample us any further.

Mar 20, 2021 11:35 pm

**Rickey Bertram**

**Hesperia, CA 92345**

Why is an electric company involved with the water system of Catalina? I have not heard of any improvements to keep the electricity going this summer when we are fighting more wildfires. We have lots of wealth in California but yet these burdens are placed on the people with the least to give. Large businesses and wealthy estates should be bearing the brunt of these costs as they benefit the most.

Mar 20, 2021 8:51 pm

**Linda Holder**

**Hesperia, CA 92345**

Why is Edison asking for a hike of rates for everyone when this just involves Catalina customers? Any other business has to suck it up and pay for improved infrastructure itself. Yes, the profits will drop for a bit. But we customers have been promised functioning utilities. So pay for this out of the company's profits, and don't piggyback rate increases for everyone on your request. BTW, check Edison's profits before approving any requests. Banks are only paying 0.1%; Edison's stockholders should not be getting obscene profits on our backs!

Mar 20, 2021 8:36 pm



**Allan Murphy**

**Simi Valley, CA 93063**

I would hope that before approving any rate increases for SCE to "improve/repair infrastructure", that SCE will provide a detailed plan at the meeting that details exactly what improvements/repairs will be made, what time frame during which the improvements will occur, and a detailed breakdown of the cost for said improvements. SCE must also provide detailed accountability to ensure that every project identified is completed in a timely manner and within the proposed budget.

I would also suggest to CPUC that they require SCE to guarantee that not one cent of the requested rate increase goes toward executive compensation and bonuses.

If SCE cannot or will not comply with the items addressed above, their request for a rate increase should be denied.

Mar 20, 2021 8:00 pm

**Michael Grant**

**Moorpark, CA 93021**

Why should the average customer pay more for a service that continually lets them down? Power outages for days in a row, unreliable service, expenses incurred due to lack of power. And we have no other options as to who will provide the service. No competition. Now SCE wants us to pay MORE? Why should we have to pay more for less each year for gross mismanagement? And during a pandemic nonetheless? I say enough for a enough.

Mar 20, 2021 7:39 pm

**Evelyn Diaz**

**Placentia, CA 92870**

Do not approve these increases. These rates are ridiculous and not good for the common people that are trying to get past this pandemic and economic crisis!!! Please deny these increases!!

Mar 20, 2021 7:12 pm

**IGlen leventhal Leventhal**

**Torrance, CA 90501**

As I stated before I don't agree with an increase in the price of electricity or water, due to the reason, that the Catalina Island conservancy is both a private conservancy and the increase due to the city of Avalon where the majority of people that work for the conservancy or use the island for a commercial purpose of a resort. To subsidize it by the entirety of Southern California on people that are residing there and none commercial properties, and in turn are not for-profit business. The majority of Avalon is basically a for-profit business, owned by wealthy property owners, and they should be charged in turn for the upgrading of equipment there, not the residence of Southern California.

Mar 20, 2021 7:10 pm



**Yesenia Quintero**

**Palmdale, CA 93543**

I am completely against this application. We are struggling to get back to normal and be able to pay our bills back on time. With our businesses only open 25% our employers have yet to give us back our regular hours and even then it is unfair to your loyal SCE customers to raise prices at times like this.

Mar 20, 2021 6:56 pm

**Barbara Drucker**

**Joshua Tree, CA 92242**

To Whom It May Concern:

I do not support Application A.20-10-018, a substantial increase in cost for all SCE customers. Water bills would become way too expensive for most folks, as would the cost of electricity. Both utilities are essential to our survival and should be subsidized by the State or Federal government. This proposal is not acceptable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mar 20, 2021 5:34 pm

**Brian Ivey**

**Santa Clarita, CA 91350**

In a year where every person is being impacted by world wide pandemic, here we have a proposed increase to cover operating expenses. I might suggest SCE may be trying to recover costs from failed maintenance which caused fires in the area, but more importantly, when other companies are doing what they can to lower or flatten the coat of living, once again we have utility providers asking for an increase to get services everyone needs.

I'd be open to an increase if I actually believed all maintenance was already being done and didn't feel the crunch of a pandemic economic impact. Where it stands for me, is that at least 1 fire was caused by failure to maintain the infrastructure in place and now the proposed increase may be more to recover losses due to the failure to maintain the infrastructure properly instead of "an increase in operating expenses". That phrase is vague and not specific about those operating costs. If I had a vote, I would say no this year for those reasons, and I certainly will be on the call for the public to ensure these thoughts are represented well.

In fact, my business has had an increase in operating expenses, but my customers don't want to see an increase in pricing for the very reasons I mentioned previously. The biggest difference is that my customers can delay repairs, but SCE customers must have water and electricity everyday - there is no concept of delaying those needs.

Mar 20, 2021 5:18 pm



**Michael McFarland**

**Desert Hot Spings, CA 92240**

I wish I could say this comes as a surprise, but I cannot. For SCE to request a rate increase from ALL Southern California residents/customers -- approximately 23,860,793 -- to pay for approximately 4,100 residents' power and water bills is ludicrous! It was long ago determined that SCE mismanaged its infrastructure and essential repairs, lending to the many wildfires in recent years. The reason behind its mismanagement: GREED!

According to proxy statements filed for 2019 as reported on Salary.com, Kevin M. Payne, Southern California Edison's CEO, received an enormous annual compensation of \$2,795.879! This was comprised of his meager \$605K salary, plus \$499,125 BONUS, plus \$834,908 in stock options, plus \$835,046 'awarded' as stock, and finally \$21,800 from "other types of compensation." Take a wild guess at who paid that exorbitant "compensation" -- you guessed it. WE DID!!!

According to the Legislative Analyst's Office (lao.ca.gov), the cost for emergency fire suppression in 2019 was approximately \$2.5 BILLION! According to the Insurance Information Institute, (iii.org), there were 50,477 wildfires in 2019 (statewide). How much of those figures SCE is responsible for due to infrastructure maintenance negligence, dereliction of fiscal responsibilities, and just plain stupidity surely would be staggering if someone took the time to find out (gleaning public records). And those costs are only from structural fire suppression. That does not take into consideration the loss of lives, personal possessions, loss of businesses' income (leading to unemployment filings), and an entire laundry list of other costs.

In my humble opinion, while the proposed 0.2% increase seems meager and hardly worth complaining about, I feel Mr. Payne (or should that be PAIN) should have to "make do" with his paltry salary of \$605,000/year (assuming the buddy-buddy shareholders don't give him a raise).

**IT IS LONG PAST TIME FOR MONOPOLIES LIKE SCE TO EARN THE RATES THEY CHARGE US.**

I cannot urge CPUC strongly enough to deny this rate increase for over 23 MILLION residents to subsidize water and electricity power costs for just over 4 THOUSAND residents. The average price for property on Santa Catalina Island is \$1,547,500. I am more than certain if the residents can afford that, they can afford to pay a few more dollars for power and water!

Mar 20, 2021 4:52 pm



**Jackie Moran**

**Ventura, CA 93003**

Our water and electricity rates are based on tier rates assigned to a household (tiers should be per person not per house). Our home has 7 occupants vs my neighbor who has 2. Our utilities always reach the higher priced tiers even though per person we use less than our neighbors. This is a discriminatory pricing practice. The utility companies already benefit at my expense. No increase until each person rather than each house is allocated energy and water at the lower tier rate! Wealthy people in Luxury homes with two occupants have more allocation of tier one rates per person than households who are doubling up due to this pandemic! Something is very wrong!

Mar 20, 2021 4:24 pm

**Juan Molina**

**Rancho Cucamonga , CA 91701**

Please ask shareholders & CO'S to give up bonuses from #SCE & #PGE like Starbucks is doing by objecting executive pay increase. How can SCE justify to ask for us to accept rate increase when they are handing out bonuses & are allowed ridiculous expense account on our tax dollars?

Mar 20, 2021 3:39 pm

**Rene Moreno**

**Cherry Valley , CA 92223**

During this time of unsure pandemic we do not need a rate hike. Give the small people a chance to recoup our finances.

Mar 20, 2021 3:39 pm

**Raimund Hirschberg**

**Garden Grove, CA 92845**

The cost of using water on Catalina island should be borne by those people who choose to live there, run a business there or visit Catalina. Why should mainland SoCal residents pay for the cost of water services on the island without having any benefit from it? Visitors can pay for water use through taxes on lodging or on other services.

Mar 20, 2021 2:42 pm

**Jennifer Brown**

**Redondo Beach , CA 90278**

A rate increase is certainly not going to be a good thing, especially with everyone struggling financially due to the pandemic.

Mar 20, 2021 2:38 pm





**Patti Larsen**

**Seal Beach, CA 90740**

I'm fine if you need to raise the rates, do what you have to do. However, you need to STOP sending out threatening emails about how much "green" electricity I'm using. You're offering a service, I pay for it and do not need to be harassed. I live in Leisure World and do not have any neighbors living next to me, but I continue to get these emails from you about "YOU'RE OVER USING YOUR ELECTRICITY BASED ON WHAT YOUR NEIGHBORS USE". Please stop sending out these types of emails to your customers.

Mar 20, 2021 1:52 pm

**James Barnard**

**Rancho Mirage , CA 92270**

To think that SCE wants another rate increase is amazing. Currently interest rates are at historic lows, so SCE should borrow money to make improvements. Why should we pay higher electric bills when the SCE company is paying huge amounts of money to shareholders. Let the company pay for their own improvements. If SCE needs to increase my rates to improve I've their water profits. I think that SCE should stick to electricity. I live in the Desert and my water bills are already ridiculous as are my electric bills. Why should I pay for Catalina Island water issues! I promise you that an island has nowhere near the water issues we have. If SCE has issues with infrastructure, perhaps it is time to let free market competitors come in and take over. To make me pay a higher electric bill for some other community is unacceptable. I would like to change electric providers, but SCE has exclusive rights to my town.

Mar 20, 2021 1:46 pm

**J L**

**Menifee, CA 92585**

It is egregious to assume that Southern Californians account for 81% of visitation to Catalina. The "Summary Economic & Fiscal Impacts of 2016 Catalina Island Visitors" publication is outdated and published by a marketing agency with no definition of how the numbers were generated. Additionally, SCE does not make it easy to find the entire "2022 Catalina Water General Rate Case 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". Page 22, section 3 outlines a bogus assumption to pass on the rate fee hikes onto Southern Californians as part of the Rate Mitigation Sharing Mechanism.

Mar 20, 2021 1:39 pm

**Dawn Driesbach**

**CA - Orange, CA 92868**

Freeze all rate increases, at least until all this COVID garbage is over. Our bills have already increased due to having to work from home & home schooling. If they need more money, have them tap into all the past 2 + years, present & future executive bonuses until at least the COVID issues are under control. Perform a full audit of SCE from top to bottom before approving any future rate increase. And, first pay for any claimed "cost recovery" fees out of the executive bonus fund.

Mar 20, 2021 1:36 pm





**D O'Hanlon**

**Moorpark, CA 93021**

The answer to whether or not rates should be increased is unequivocally NO!!!

SCE SHOULD BE MANDATED TO PAY FOR REPAIRS, UPGRADES AND UPDATE INFRASTRUCTURE BEFORE ANY MONIES ARE PAID TO SHAREHOLDERS!!!

I, for one, and getting tired of constantly receiving notices of proposed rates hikes almost monthly.

To add insult to injury, the State of California provided SCE with legal cover after all the wildfires caused by SCE's lack of repairing any/all items customers have already paid for several times over with the many, many rate increases the utility commissions have approved. It seems EVERY time SCE wants more money to pay their shareholders, all they have to do is file a request for increase and the people in charge just rubber-stamp an approval at the cost of the citizens/customers.

Maybe someone should place a ballot initiative stating these "public utilities, i.e., water, gas, electricity, waste services..." should be just that. PUBLIC UTILITIES. NO MORE LINING THE POCKETS OF ANY SHAREHOLDERS. Public Utilities should be public utilities.

Don't even get me started on SCE's plans for people who have installed solar and how any excess solar energy produced will affect yet another money raising scheme for, you guessed it, the shareholders!

Mar 20, 2021 1:34 pm

**Sally Larson**

**Hesperia, CA 92345**

I am against this increase. Our electricity continually increases while our income especially for seniors like my husband and I doesn't keep pace. We don't qualify for Care because we make more than the allowed income however we could still use the help. Many people have lost their jobs and are struggling to just get by. Find another way to pay for Catalina's electricity.

Mar 20, 2021 1:24 pm

**Susan Anderson**

**VENTURA, CA 93003**

I absolutely DO NOT AGREE with any price increases! They are already high. Catalina can pay for their own infrastructure.

Mar 20, 2021 1:12 pm

**Mario Manfredonia**

**Long Beach , CA 90808**

This isn't about only Catalina, it rolls down to all of us. I agree with J.R from Ventura, well stated, and true.

Mar 20, 2021 1:08 pm



**Dana Parker**

**San Bernardino, CA 92404**

I do not agree. You could reduce the discount from the CARE program. If there's improvements to a certain area those residents should be responsible. It shouldn't be other communities responsibilities to fund the project.

Mar 20, 2021 12:07 pm

**Nancy Smith**

**Redondo Beach, CA 90278**

1. Why would the entire system be held liable to cover rate increases in one area. This does not seem fair especially when the area in question has extremely high prices on real estate. They can pay their own rate increase. 2. We have all been affected in a negative way by this pandemic, the LAST thing anyone needs now is a rate increase!

Mar 20, 2021 11:57 am

**Esther Sapien**

**West Covina, CA 91790**

I strongly disagree. I live in San Gabriel Valley, rates high enough during Summer!! I even have solar panels to decrease SCE rates and barely making it with them!! Why should we (SGV) have to pay for Catalina Island?!! Whoever lives there can afford the higher cost if living, not us in LA County. Especially us Seniors!!!

Mar 20, 2021 11:19 am

**David Cortez**

**Aliso Viejo, CA 92656**

How can you justify this price gouging on a necessity? At the same time you grant dividends on stocks that could be utilized to subsidize costs and not have to enforce a 153% increase by 2026 per the given SCE example.

Mar 20, 2021 11:14 am

**Gene Kimmel**

**Long Beach, CA 90807**

I expect that a larger percentage of people residing on Catalina can better afford to pay for their own utilities than many of the population living on the mainland.

Mar 20, 2021 10:31 am

**Robert Phillips**

**Frazier Park, CA 93225**

NO !

Mar 20, 2021 10:23 am



**Todd Wesslen**

**Visalia, CA 93277**

This makes no sense whatsoever. If you want to live in Catalina or do business in Catalina then you alone should be responsible for paying your utilities. The cost of living in coastal areas or metro areas is high already. That is why people move to rural areas. Don't penalize rural areas. To assign responsibility to those who live in other regions seems criminal. Where is the transparency here? This is a horrible idea. Plan ahead. Budget infrastructure needs. Don't impose on other communities who have their own struggles.

Mar 20, 2021 9:33 am

**Leticia Aguayo**

**Signal Hill, CA 90755**

My bill is already high, due to my children being home school. We are already struggling with everything going up. Please don't raise our rates.

Mar 20, 2021 9:29 am

**Drew Canfielder**

**Claremont, CA 91711**

Freeze all rate increases. Require the return all executive bonuses taken in any year there was a rate increase. Perform a full audit of SCE from top to bottom before approving any future rate increase. Every time a new rate increase is requested, perform an audit, and first pay for any claimed "cost recovery" fees out of the executive bonus fund.

Mar 20, 2021 9:25 am

**Meisha Lampkin**

**Los angeles, CA 90059**

Catalina residence should pay for Catalina's improvements and should be able to sustain their own way of life or move back to the mainland. It is not equitable to raise the bills of others to benefit such a small community to afford them the benefit of living on an island.

Mar 20, 2021 9:09 am

**Maria R**

**Fullerton, CA 92833**

PLEASE DO NOT INCREASE PRICES OF WATER & ELECTRICITY. I AM A SENIOR & STILL HAVING TO WORK TO MAKE ENDS MEET ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

Mar 20, 2021 8:36 am



**L R**

**Fullerton, CA 92833**

We are already on CARE & even with this it makes it difficult to make it every month despite my husband & I work and having 2 little ones. Raising the prices makes it very complicated & nearly impossible for many families that are still struggling during this pandemic situation, many families lost loved ones & are having a rough time trying to help each other & trying to provide for our families. Be considerate & DO NOT INCREASE PRICES ON WATER & ELECTRICITY...

Mar 20, 2021 8:34 am

**Vince Alfajora**

**Cypress, CA 90630**

We are already a CARE recipient and it helps us make ends meet every month. Social Security benefits only gives enough to care for oneself, but with a family and a deaf wife really makes it difficult to make a above poverty lifestyle. Raising prices for Water, Electricity, and such like will even make things even harder. Come people, Have a Heart ... Things like these would increase crime and poverty.

Mar 20, 2021 8:17 am

**J R**

**VENTURA, CA 93001**

I do accounting and this is a NO BRAINER. They could have built into their past accounting measures the cost of future infrastructure and emergency funds. I am 100% positive they have very smart (expensive) CPA's working for this company. Instead they chose to pay the shareholders handsome dividends every year. Now they need money to pay for repairs and upgrades. Customers have already paid many times over for this. MAKE NO MISTAKE, WE KNOW THIS IS INTENTIONAL TO BANKRUPT THE CITIZENS. WE KNOW ABOUT "AGENDA 2030". WE WON'T GO DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT.

Mar 20, 2021 7:47 am

**Angie Abarca**

**Fontana, CA 92336**

This increase will make families struggle and experience hardship.

Mar 20, 2021 12:22 am

**Natalie ZABALA**

**San Bernardino, CA 92408**

First of all I'm a single house hold trying to make ends meet but by every raise i get on my bill that will never happen. Please that's the last thing us residents need is more of a raise on our bill's. STOP!!! THE RAISE!!! PLEASE!!!

Mar 19, 2021 11:23 pm



**D L**

**Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688**

NO on increased rates for taxpayers. YES on REDUCING SCEC SALARIES and PERKS to pay for increase.

Mar 19, 2021 10:01 pm

**Stella Johnson**

**Hemet, CA 92545**

In reference to Application A.20-10-018, every time I get an electric bill there is a pamphlet inside stating they are requesting a rate increase. A couple years ago I gathered up all the pamphlets I saved and sent an email to the PUC with all the reference numbers, dates, and intended uses telling them that this was unacceptable to request an increase every month. But they don't care. I had to go on the SCE level pay plan because my bill got so high. Also, the Catalina water customers don't need a water rate increase. My water bill goes up a dollar every month. That's ridiculous. I have rocks in the front and back, nothing to water, no pool or spa. I don't want to pay other water companies and I don't want to pay for Hemet landscaping. Someone has to put a stop to this. Every time a company wants more pension increases and pay raises, they raise the rates on utilities and increase taxes. Use the billions you've already taken from us. We don't have a Bill Gates income.

Mar 19, 2021 7:46 pm

**Craig Kawamura**

**Garden Grove , CA 92843**

PLEASE DO NOT RAISE RATES!

Mar 19, 2021 7:45 pm

**Hamid Moham**

**Moorpark, CA 93021**

We have no way to assess your increase in costs, as detailed. My personal experience from the water company has 2 unfavorable points. The repeating price hikes, as detailed in a different letter, systematically include a 9% ( nine percent )annual increase in salaries & bonuses. This is incredibly huge. In all my working years no-one (I mean nobody) in large & small establishments got more than 3% at any year. How come the water company claims to give away 9% per year ??!! The second incident was during a telephone call. I requested to speak to a supervisor who politely responded. My single question was pretty simple but she was watched by yet another super supervisor who guided the first one who was experienced in her own right & had been there for years. That's why the price hikes do not show every thing clearly. It seems to me there are too many overheads. In the words, there are too many chiefs, not enough Indians.

Mar 19, 2021 7:35 pm



**Karin Wilson**

**Santa Monica, CA 90403**

First, they change a tax that was ending and turn it into a forest fire tax, and now because they can't justify a new hike based on having to buy new energy at a higher cost - because all the businesses have been closed, citizens are out of work, dying or moving out of state, they come up with this ludacris story about needing millions to upgrade Catalina Island - which has had little to no tourism during the pandemic either, and burdening the devastated locals. This kind of behavior in a time of national crisis is despicable. Instead of granting their request, I suggest you have them investigated for defrauding the public, by their constant rate hikes and suspicious "estimates" in reading the meters with their new wifi system. They were indicted for fraud before, but pardoned by Gov. Schwarzenegger. I think this has emboldened them to take advantage of the public even more - please investigate.

Mar 19, 2021 6:08 pm

**Paul Luepnitz**

**Corona, CA 92883**

Every time SCE proposes a rate increase request, it should automatically trigger a top to bottom Audit. CPUC, Consumer advocate and Admin Law Judge need to do your jobs, to keep this monopoly in line. UC Berkeley School of business reports SCE, PG&E, and S.D. G&E rates are already much higher than other states. Please audit and reform them. No more rate increases: A2010018 If Catalina experiences a price hike, then who is next?

Mar 19, 2021 5:50 pm

**Yolanda Gaytan**

**Rialto, CA 92377**

I hope all the comments posted on this site reach the right ears. Please do not raise the rates on your service. I am a senior and lost my job because of my age. Covid has made it harder to find another job and I actually had to sell my house because I could not afford it anymore. I don't know anyone who can afford rate increases, families not working and single seniors, like me, that are no longer working. It's just not fair at this time!

Mar 19, 2021 5:42 pm

**Ann Palik**

**Torrance, CA 90504**

Please do not raise rates. Many thousands are still struggling to put food on the table. Please, SCE/PGE, do your part for the pandemic effort! Many who are working from home have had to use more power, during the times they would ordinarily have been at work!

Mar 19, 2021 4:59 pm



**Robert Boomsma**

**La Verne, CA 91750**

An increase of water and electrical rates is a terrible idea. Many have been out of work for the past year of 2020 with Covid issues. Retirees on fixed income are drowning under the pressure of other increases, like the cost of gasoline supposedly needed for road repair and then siphoned off to the general fund for other purposes. Any social security increases are quickly eaten away by all the other state and local taxes leaving a loss for essential necessities. Please think more clearly about those you're bleeding dry. We are not robots who can simply push a button to increase income.

Mar 19, 2021 4:38 pm

**Jessica Siderius**

**Lake Forest, CA 92630**

Please do not raise rates!

Mar 19, 2021 3:51 pm

**Lydia de PILlis-Lindheim**

**Long Beach, CA 90804**

Please do not raise rates! They have already been raised and we cannot afford additional hikes.

Mar 19, 2021 3:26 pm

**Maria Diaz**

**Fontana, CA 92335**

CPUC Administrative Law Judge will be ruling on this. I wonder if SCE is going back to the scam of "overscheduling" our power lines to increase our rates, hope this committee looks into this. Deregulation was supposed to bring residents lower costs, instead increased costs and gave power SCE & PGE, which PUC is supposed to oversee on behalf of residents but instead seems like public utilities commission is wined & dined by SCE & PGE, please do an audit on the expenses going on here. It is not fair to residents who have no choice but to use SCE & PGE in So. Cal.

Mar 19, 2021 3:02 pm

**Robert Cook**

**Lake Elsinore, CA 92530**

I do not agree that all customers should have rates increased for a specific project that does not affect them.... I do not live on Catalina, I do not care how they get their electric needs met... that is their issue.... When i lived in Florida the electric company was a "Co-op" owned by all customers to curtail this very thing...constant price increases of a utility, when we have no say is not acceptable.... Time to make SCE a CO-OP owned and responsible to us.....

Mar 19, 2021 2:36 pm



**Bobby Dan Stephen**

**Irvine, CA 92612**

you Should Not Increase That Much to This Already Been Surprised Edison Utilities Fee Charging to Fellow Americans.  
You Are Forcing Fellow Americans Seeking Another Way To Supply Their Household Electricities.  
Sincerely Yours,  
Bobby Dan Stephen.

Mar 19, 2021 2:33 pm

**S. R.**

**Castaic, CA 91384**

So if we go solar (because we are trying to help and it's been pushed on us to do so) this upsets Edison and therefore we have to pay a \$10 mininum charge. Now you want to increase fees by 152% for Catalina??!! Your website won't even work half the time!

Mar 19, 2021 2:11 pm

**Julie Gilmore**

**Menifee, CA 92584**

I understand SCE uses six diesel generators and 23 propane-powered microturbines to generate power on Catalina Island. These may have a CPUC/SQAMD waiver for clean air and are not sustainable long term. Literally throwing good money after bad. Are there no natual gas wells, Ocean Wind farms or alternate sources that exist or available to allow clean energy? The PUC should be working with the SQAMD on a long term strategy. At what point will the mainland stop being forced to subsidize air pollution? If there is a water shortage why is SCE allowed to pump its treated water into the Ocean??? If there is justification for rate increase due to water scarcity, why not require a membrane reprocessing plant so water can be reused for non drinkable supply/ landscaping?? There are so many things that seem to be missing or wrong with this proposal. Have these considerations been taken into place by the PUC/SQAMD??? And when did the PUC first allow Catalina Island to bill the main land for its electricity generation subsidy? For that rate payers can blame the PUC! We are now apparently stuck with subsidizing, but don't we all subsidize anyway? Running power lines out 20 or 30 miles to small communities that do not use enough power to pay for grid/distribution maintenance is subsidizing them. How would you like to be billed for distribution maintenace for every foot of power line? The USPS has worked on this cost sharing since its early days otherwise rural communities could not afford to send or receive mail so the argument of subsidizing has less weight than pollution and water recycling at this point.

Mar 19, 2021 12:36 pm





**Gladys Burke**

**Tustin, CA 92780**

RE: Southern California Edison's Request to Increase Water and Electricity Rates  
APPLICATION A.20-10-018

We are not in agreement with another rate increase. For the past several years, we have conserved water in our use. We should be rewarded not penalized. This is not the time to raise rates. The pandemic has hurt everyone financially, especially senior like us. We are on a fixed income with little to spare. You should take that into consideration. We vote NO on water rate hikes.

Thank you,  
The Burkes

Mar 19, 2021 12:36 pm

**Lucia Zhang**

**Eastvale, CA 92880**

I want to ask SCE a question, how can you think you need to increase the electricity rate again, and again? I was shocked while I saw my daily usage during 11/10-12/10/202, in comparison with the bill during 10/11/2020 - 11/10/2020 because the daily usage was 29.35 kw/day in 11/10-12/10, but the usage was only 15.19 kw/day during 10/11-11/10, which caused me to pay \$150 more than the previous bill. It was ridiculous! The weather was about the same, however, the bill increased by 80%. I believe that I am not the only customer who suffered and are suffering the SCE's ALLREADY-HIGH bills.

In my city, another electricity company, Western ?? generates electricity to homes, and SCE only delivers/transport electricity to customers, however, since the Western? Company doesn't have electricity net, the company has to use SCE's net to transmit power, which incurred two bills shown on SCE's electricity bill. While SCE's rate is \$0.16 /kw, the Western's only \$0.067/kw. So, every time I can see on the bill, SCE's charge is always as double even triple as the Western's charge.

In a brief, SCE has made and is making incredible interests from its customers, due to its technology monopoly, does it still have reasons to continuously to raise the rate, while most people are suffering from the pandemic? Don't be too greedy!

Mar 19, 2021 12:28 pm

**MARIA MOLINA**

**FONTANA, CA 92336**

Give UP Bonuses!! Pedro J. Pizarro & other share holders & CEO's should give back their bonuses to pay for this. If Pedro were to be terminated or change of power he would get paid \$2.9mil lump sum cash in addition to Healthcare coverage 553k, about Equity Severance \$7.7mil. Amazing how CEO/CFO are also shareholders who are in the programs of KCIP & STIP. SCE cannot prove that the spending allowed under KCIP benefits residents only benefits shareholders. Sum up the salaries alone of these share holders, excluding expense account, sure salaries & bonuses would pay this off. Or better yet, if we want to improve our homes, can we ask SCE to pay for it?

Mar 19, 2021 12:20 pm



**Lisette de Pillis**

**Claremont, CA 91711**

Southern California Edison is once again going before the Public Utilities Commission to request yet another rate increase, this time affecting both electricity and water costs. The percent increases proposed are much larger than the percent salary changes over the past decade of most middle-class working people, including people like me, teachers. In addition to frozen or decreased wages for those of us who still have jobs, most of us also have family members who have been out of work for an extended period of time. Many in our community are under serious economic stress. The rate hikes, if approved, are going to be an economic burden over which we have zero control, especially for those of us who have already taken all possible measures to reduce usage of both water and electricity to the bare minimum sustainable. In contrast to the economic struggle of middle class workers like me, consider the salary and overall compensation package trends of the executives at Southern California Edison who are asking for the rate hike: Take a look at Kevin Payne, CEO, for example, whose compensation package has skyrocketed from just over \$700,000 in 2014 to over \$2.7 million in 2019! In light of the incredible increasing wealth being poured into the laps of Southern California Edison executives, these rate increases and the significant burden that they will put on most SCE customers, are not only absurd but unethical. No new rate increase should be approved.

Mar 19, 2021 12:16 pm

**Daniel Allen**

**visalua, CA 93292**

I'm so sick and tired of paying more for less. We still have rolling black outs 20 years after they first started happening, yet the price of electricity goes up seemingly every other month. If they weren't a monopoly they would be out of business. Let the shareholders pay for the shortages the company is expecting for once!

Mar 19, 2021 12:07 pm



**Jason Plazola**

**Pico Rivera, CA 90660**

To be fair, as I do myself for company's customer base, and as it relates to disclosure from public/publicly traded utility companies, I would assume profitability numbers will be in front of His or Her Honor along with these numbers? That should include subsidy, rebates and other tax pools drawn from.

In these times, most companies, if not all merchants and on-down to individuals, we've all had to take hits on profit. Said contributions from tariffs to pandemics and wildly other manufactured money grabs are closing smaller outlets for common folks while outlets widen for municipalities, corporate, unions and leadership. If profits support absorption, SCE is expected to share in the burdens we face today. It doesn't take a degree in accounting to see this viable, numbers don't lie, right?

Back to disclosure. However this turns out, veiling the numbers assessed will lead to public outcry. You see that already below.

Lastly, consideration to what could be perceived as a whiff of a bailout or flat out greed in the group above which could be classed as "the elites", what or whom at the hands of these mechanisms of escalation while the dollar devalues knows there is indeed an end point in the circle of economics. In that end, much regret, nobody wins the game.

Simple message: do what's necessary, do your part, do it with honesty and do it for the nation with a future outlook already in question.

Mar 19, 2021 11:57 am

**Katie MacMahon**

**Orange, CA 92869**

So Cal Edison is not only a for-profit entity with stockholders, it's a monopoly. We don't have much, if any, choice about where we get our utilities, and our rates are raised regularly while the stockholders get regular dividends. I think it's time for the shareholders to bite the bullet instead of the ratepayers. Edison is on the hook for causing wildfires because it didn't maintain its equipment, so now we the ratepayers are expected to pay for their neglect. UNFAIR! Let the shareholders absorb some of the cost of the lawsuits and necessary upgrades for a change! They at least have a choice as to whether or not they buy Edison stock. We don't have the luxury of choosing another company to get our power & water from. I'm tired of being squeezed by a for-profit monopoly that is more interested in serving its shareholders than in doing right by its customers.

Mar 19, 2021 11:56 am



**Michele Amaral**

**Tulare, CA 93274**

I live in the Central Valley. I understand that the massive fires caused damages. As a business you have casually increased our costs, as pointed out by another here. I also had pulled my previous years bills when wondering if suddenly this year I had used more energy to heat my house. What I discovered was that SCE had restructured the tier values and increased costs from last year. Considering many people are already experiencing hardships because of the impact of COVID, I was very upset.

I also, have not visited Catalina Island in several years and do not feel the need to share in the costs for living on an exclusive island. Increased costs locally will mostly burden the tourist industry that has also suffered huge losses due to lockdown orders.

I am strongly against any of these extra increases proposed.

Mar 19, 2021 11:56 am

**Clara Macias**

**Corona, CA 92881**

No more increases! During a time when so many people are struggling to make ends meet and survive, thousands have lost jobs or have seen a reduction in income, the last thing anyone needs is another hike in their electricity rates. Please do not allow this to go through. Enough is enough. SCE is trying to milk us for everything they can. They need to figure out another way to reduce their costs just like every other business in America has had to do throughout this Pandemic.

Mar 19, 2021 11:53 am

**Ron Lewis**

**Menifee, CA 92584**

Raising rates Again ? Oh my God, no wonder so many people are leaving California. How can a family afford to live here in California any more. Come on SCE you need to help the people and find ways you can reduce your expenses without making us pay for everything along with giving you huge profits. I oppose this increase.

Mar 19, 2021 11:47 am

**Jimi Santini**

**Fontana, CA 92336**

I do not live in Catalina, have not visited in years, and have no interest with going back anytime soon. I should not have to see my rates increase for service being provided to Catalina. If a rate increase is required, then it should only apply to those that benefit from the additional service.

Mar 19, 2021 11:37 am



**William Shih**

**Whittier, CA 90245**

I concur with the December 2020 protest submitted by The Utility Reform Network regarding allocation of costs from providing water to Catalina Island to general electricity consumers. Costs, if actually ruled to be recoverable, should be borne by the users of that service.

Mar 19, 2021 11:29 am

**Bradley Buker**

**Diamond Bar, CA 91765**

Raising rates again? Does your greed know no bounds? Seriously, no, we can't afford your nonsense!

Mar 19, 2021 11:01 am

**Daniel Treto**

**Fontana, CA 92336**

I have never been to Catalina Island and don't much care to go there really. I live in the Inland Empire, I couldn't even see the island from here if I wanted to. Why would I be required to pay this? I feel like no matter what anybody says, we will end up paying this fee. The rich people who can afford to go to Catalina on a regular basis won't even thank us for paying this ludicrous fee.

Mar 19, 2021 11:01 am

**ALEX (LEE) SHAKAS**

**HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648**

Do your job. Your goal should be to keep rates as low as possible for the communities you serve. Tiered pricing, in reverse-the way you use it, is unfair. Large families (5) are penalized for their use of electricity. Also, stop giving in on rate increases.

Mar 19, 2021 10:56 am

**Geoffrey Carthew**

**Monrovia, CA 91016**

this explanation is very poorly written (and I fear deliberately so). It does not make it clear what increases are being applied to the general customer base for increased expenses on Catalina. I suspect that the the lack of specific clarity is intended to conceal the real message - and I know that someone will say the words are there. But not clearly. You should not have to perform repeated readings to work out the real impact.

Additionally, SCE should be made to experience financial hardship like most other industries are feeling due the current financial conditions. They should not be protected by their expectation of regulatorily guaranteed profits. That is an obligation of the CPUC.

Mar 19, 2021 10:48 am



**Brett Barker**

**Culver City, CA 90230**

I checked my statement from 2011. My total costs for electricity were \$0.14 per kwh. Now, 10 years later, I'm being charged double, at \$0.28 per kwh. That's an average compounded rate of 7%/year. How is this justified? SCE always has an excuse. A few years ago they were complaining that too many people were putting solar on their roofs, and SCE wasn't selling as much electricity, so they needed to add (or increase?) the connection charge. Then I read that they want an increase because people are using more power to charge their Teslas. No matter what happens, they always have an excuse to rip off customers. And this nonsense about southern California customers paying absolutely ridiculous, exorbitant fees so Catalina can have water (if that's what this is all about, pardon my ignorance) sounds criminal - as if the rest of it wasn't already. Deny, deny, deny.

Mar 19, 2021 10:40 am

**Jerrod Consoli**

**Brea, CA 92821**

Utterly insane to pass expenses to people who are not part of Catalina. If your neighbors plumbing needs to be fixed you don't get part of the bill. You and your lobbyists as well as the politicians should be locked up.

Mar 19, 2021 10:18 am

**Ernie Vuong**

**Monterey Park, CA 91754**

Please deny this rate increase. Why would increase in Catalina Water Utility affect us in Southern California at all. It doesn't make sense and wrong.

Mar 19, 2021 10:16 am

**Philip Thomas**

**Phelan, CA 92371**

This is not everyone's problem. The general ratepayers should not be paying for ANYTHING on Catalina island. I have not been there for well over 30 years and do not want to be paying for anything there. DENY THIS RATE REQUEST. THE RESIDENTS OF CATALINA NEED TO PAY FOR THEIR PROBLEMS!

Mar 19, 2021 9:23 am

**IGlen Ieventhal Leventhal**

**Torrance, CA 90501**

Catalina Island is a private conservancy and yet you want the public to pay for improvements to a private conservancy. How is that right?

Mar 19, 2021 9:13 am



**Diane Pipkin**

**Ridgecrest, CA 93555**

Please deny this rate increase. I already pay too much for my electricity. I don't even live close to Catalina so why would I have to pay for them. California is getting worse and worse. That is why people are moving from here. I may be next.

Mar 19, 2021 9:05 am

**Don Bertucci**

**Upland, CA 91786**

It is ridiculous that my household would be charged for water related infrastructure on Catalina Island. Providing water for Catalina should have nothing to do with my electric bill.

Mar 19, 2021 9:05 am

**Nancy Connell**

**Simi Valley, CA 93065**

I have solar panels and still continue to pay a large amount to SCE. The increases in utilities over the past few years have gotten out of hand and is forcing us to consider moving out of California. To consider raising our rates to help recover costs for Catalina is absurd!

Mar 19, 2021 8:50 am

**Gary Burke**

**Ridgecrest, CA 93555**

Please deny this rate increase.. I do not live on Catalina. I do not plan to ever visit Catalina. I should not have to pay for things that are happening somewhere that I have nothing to do with... Raise the rates of people on Catalina. Tax people who visit and live full time on Catalina. It is unfair to raise the rates for the rest of Southern California!!

Mar 19, 2021 8:49 am

**Cheri Fitzgerald**

**Port Hueneme, CA 93041**

Please deny this rate increase! Our rates have been steadily increasing with increased service disruptions. Many low income families have been and still are struggling due to COVID and this rate increase could be a great hardship for them. I love Catalina, but people who are not living or visiting there should not be paying for this problem.

Mar 19, 2021 8:28 am

**Tanya Acuna**

**San Bernardino, CA 92410**

Why raise our rates if we don't live in Catalina. Raise their rates only it's not fair to us.

Mar 19, 2021 8:28 am



**Robert Blanck**

**Yucaipa, CA 92399**

I do not live on Catalina. I do not visit Catalina. I should not have to pay for things that are happening in Catalina. Raise the rates of people on Catalina. Tax people who visit Catalina. But do not raise the rates for the rest of Southern California.

Mar 19, 2021 7:55 am

**Valerie Monroe**

**BEAUMONT, CA 92223**

Please deny this request! As a residential customer, our electric and water utilities have always been high, particularly our electric. Regardless of the financial hardships to due COVID, I am absolutely against any increase to our utilities particularly if it is linked to paying costs for other communities. SCE has a monopoly on energy in this region, and and I believe that they have more than enough resources to figure this out without burdening their customers. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mar 19, 2021 7:17 am

**Desha Woods**

**Port hueneme , CA 93041**

I must admit my electricity bill isn't too bad but my water is already too high and should not go up another penny. Many people are struggling financially right now applying a rate increase on top of everything else that's happened in the past year would just be a knife in the gut. I oppose this hideous idea.

Mar 18, 2021 10:40 pm

**Patrick Perry**

**Oak Park, CA 91377**

Please deny this request. Most of us are already paying higher utility bills do to work from home situation, and I see no reason now or in the future we should be paying costs for other communities. It is their issue to figure out versus us paying for something we receive no benefit. Thank you!

Mar 18, 2021 9:41 pm

**Andrew Foreman**

**GOLETA, CA 93117**

Please deny this rate increase. It is inequitable to have us pay for Catalina's water. When will the PUC get out of bed with the industry it should be regulating. I ask the PUC to deny the request and have SCE come back with a fair proposal. Our basic service is not stable enough to support this. Focus on the goal PUC.

Vote No. Also publish the percentage of comments positive vs negative - then defend your position to side with SCE (you always do).

Mar 18, 2021 7:12 pm





**Raymond Weems**

**Costa Mesa, CA 92627**

Just curious. I've received a number of these opportunities for public comments when SCE wants to raise my rates. Can you please cite for me any instances in the past 25 years where SCE asked for public comments when they proposed to raise rates but didn't because the public comments convinced them not to? If you can't then it seems to me these opportunities for public comments are just window dressing for something SCE has already made up its mind to do anyway.

Mar 18, 2021 7:05 pm

**Judith Sander**

**Newbury Park, CA 91320**

I am one who has qualified for the Low Income CARE discount program for utilities. This year I do not due to the RMD law that puts me over the CARE income cap by \$200 I am a senior in my 80s, living on a fixed income. Seniors cannot afford increased utilities rates year after year on fixed income. The CARE programs income levels set for qualification are not adjusted to inflation at all and if they were, I would still qualify for this program. There are many reasons why rate increases should be denied for SCE and all other utilities as well!!! One is that the RMD for aged 72+ is a ridiculous law that hurts seniors and middle class and is solely for fattening government funds at our expense.

Mar 18, 2021 7:05 pm

**Stacy Andrews**

**Lakewood, CA 90805**

Didn't SCE just get in trouble from some fires in the last year? How much did that cost them? This sounds like a case of "oops! SCE messed up again" and the powers that be do not want to take any little cut in their already over paid salaries. So just take more money from those that can least afford it so the big wigs can make more and more money themselves. What ever the needs are of Catalina shouldn't have anything to do with people who can't even afford to live on Catalina. That is their choice LET THEM PAY FOR ANY INCREASES THEY HAVE FOR WHAT EVER REASON. I'm so sick of be sucked dry for every little penny that someone in California in Decides to take.

Mar 18, 2021 6:45 pm

**Kathy Farren**

**JURUPA VALLEY, CA 92509**

I am not happy that you want to raise my electric rates yet again. With this bill I will be hurt by having to pay more, now my area of glen avon is going to have our power turned off they say to upgrade the power lines, well this will be the 5th time in to months they turned off our power last time we were out 4days no power and I complained and they sent me coupons for ice. I lost over 200.00 dollars worth of food and I get coupons for ice. Do not pas s it rate hike we can't afford it. I say no dont do it.

Mar 18, 2021 6:24 pm



**R Simon**

**Upland, CA 91786**

A huge proposed increase in water rates. We are asked to observe strict mitigation measures to reduce our water usage, and what happens when we do? Why, another rate increase. Why should we reduce our water usage when it just results in increased rates? The utilities should be guaranteed a rate of return, not a fixed amount of profit.

Mar 18, 2021 6:21 pm

**Janice Wilks**

**Ventura, CA 93004**

The rates here in Ventura are crazy high. I have only been here since August 2020 so I am being impacted by the increase due to something I wasn't even a part of....the fires. I came from Santa Monica so I know high costs. However, this one exceeds SM by a mile.

Mar 16, 2021 9:14 am

**Scott Fournet**

**Seal Beach, CA 90740**

Please deny this rate increase! This is the second time in a year I received a notice for potential rate increase. This is appalling. My wife lost her job due to the government response to the epidemic. I am working from home. Our electricity use has naturally increased, as has the use of our neighbors in the same situation. It is morally repugnant that SCE is taking advantage of this situation.

Mar 15, 2021 9:22 pm

**Joseph Torres**

**South Pasadena, CA 91030**

I request that the CPUC deny this rate increase. There are costs to doing business and that is SCE's responsibility. The public is not a piggy bank they can run to whenever they want to keep their shareholders happy. Their rates are too high already. They also need to invest in the infrastructure in the communities they serve instead of paying fat dividends. It seems like I have to make comments every month because SCE has their hand out for more cash. Ridiculous!

Mar 13, 2021 3:33 pm

**Anne Gardner**

**Santa Ana, CA 92705**

Our household requests that the CPUC deny this rate increase. This is one of about 4 or 5 applications we've received recently. We already pay too much and we are getting our service interrupted repeatedly now -- so paying more for worse service. Something doesn't add up here.

Mar 12, 2021 4:05 pm



**Patricia Rehders**

**GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843**

At this point I would be surprised if I did not receive a request for a rate increase in my monthly statement.

Please read my comments last month on the A2012010 rate increase, the same applies, my irritation only increases each month.

SCE and State of California should be ashamed.

Mar 07, 2021 3:08 pm

**Marie And Richard Van Vooren**

**Long Beach, CA 90806**

I agree that every bill has something about rate increases. It is time to stop raising our rates. How about charging everyone the same instead of giving preferences for certain groups. We have worked all our lives without getting handouts and now retired. It is time for SCE to reduce its executives and use the money to reduce our rates.

Mar 06, 2021 11:53 am

**Paul Luepnitz**

**Corona, CA 92883**

Both the OC Register and UC Berkeley School of Business, have covered stories and determined that SCE rates already exceed the national average. They include costs and administrative fees unrelated? If they can get away with this rate increase in Catalina, then they can get away with it in other parts of the state. Every month we can expect to see a rate increase request from SCE. How can they continue to justify this? Solution: they need to be audited, audited, and then audit them some more. Please oppose A. 20-10-018

Mar 03, 2021 3:58 pm

**Nadine Abi Jaoudeh**

**Orange, CA 92867**

I feel i am automatically writing this every month. Their rates are out of control. There are two different rates for Tier 1. They need to be investigated for dishonest business practices. Definitely no more increases.

Feb 28, 2021 5:30 pm

**Paul Petrella**

**TEMECULA, CA 92592**

Just say "No more rate increases", or say "SCE, take it out of hide". Have SCE reduce the salaries of their executives and senior managers to cover all of their requested rate increases.

Jan 31, 2021 12:10 pm



**Geraldine Knatz**

**Avalon , CA 90704**

I have been on the waiting list for a water allotment from So. Cal Edison to finish the lower story of my home in Avalon for years. At first I was told water would be allocated to my home improment when the reservoir filled- it filled- then I was told after the well tests. Now, when I ask I get a "I don't know answer." I see other construction going on but the water allotment process is not transparent. There does not seem to be any process and it is like Edison is moving the goal posts- coming up with one reason then another to not allow home improvements. I believe that increased water rates should be tied to resolving the water allotment process. I own a townhouse built in 1976- one of 3 townhouses on one lot. My bottom story has a dirt floor and I have city permits to finish it but can not without a water allotment from Edison. Frankly for a structure built in 1976, one would think the water allotment would be grandfathered. I am not opposing the increase per se but respectfully request that the increase approval be tied to releasing water for those of us who have been waiting for years to finish projects.

Jan 29, 2021 4:54 pm

**C Andersen**

**Laguna Hills, CA 92653**

We urge you to OPPOSE the rate increase in Application A.20-10-018!

Dec 31, 2020 4:06 pm

**David Nunez**

**Pico Rivera, CA 90660**

We pay the highest rates in the nation overall and along with my high bill, even though I did not go over tier one in their pricing scheme, I get not one but TWO requests for never ending rate increase requests! They have squandered all the money that they collect for huge and uncontrolled salaries. (I know someone who works for them and his salary is outrageous) This must end with no more rate increases until SCE comes in line with the rest of the nation in their charge for electricity. It's time for them to use restraint in the pay and benefits that they give themselves while the rest of the state is suffering under a pandemic and loss of jobs.

Dec 19, 2020 12:05 pm



**raquel brac**

**redlands, CA 92374**

Almost every month I can expect another rate increase request. The above referenced Application request, is not warranted, in my opinion, of being considered, until ridiculous overcompensation of CEO pay and other top administrators is lowered considerably. These exorbitant salaries,\* I am certain directly influence our high electricity rates. As a result of all the increases, my electricity bill, even when there is no or maybe one or two times use throughout the month of air conditioning, for example, as in the month of November, the bill doesn't go lower than \$25 or so. Moreover, this will continue to go up, as the bill that used to be in the \$10s is now in the \$20s. Furthermore, no utility should be paying over a \$100,000/year salary to a CEO and considerably lower for other administrators. Let's get real - million dollar salaries at the top or close to that, are not warranted, unless these people are geniuses or can walk on water. Again, I say learn from the lessons of PG&E about overrated, overpaid, incompetent administration at the very top while consumers pay through the nose. Is this the direction Southern CA Edison is going? I object to any increases until CEO and administrator pay gets real. \*<https://www1.salary.com/SOUTHERN-CALIFORNIA-EDISON-CO-Executive-Salaries.html>

Dec 14, 2020 8:51 pm

**Robert Croughwell**

**Simi Valley, CA 93065**

This request for a rate increase is ridiculous. My January 2020 electric bill was \$88.43 for 452 kWh. My current November 2020 bill for 455 kWh is \$101.31! Do the math...this is already a 13.8% increase.

Really? And now you want even more?

Dec 13, 2020 12:49 pm

**Nancy Schwartz**

**Simi Valley, CA 93065**

SCE needs to postpone any rate increases during this pandemic and while the economy is stressed and unemployment is high. People cannot pay their rent, so increased utilities is out of reach. Furthermore until SCE can build or repair their equipment to withstand winds in this region as they're supposed to under California Public Utilities Commission standards no rate increase is acceptable. The mayor of Simi Valley said "They're not maintaining their equipment to a level that is safe. This is severely impacting Simi Valley and it is the wrong solution for the problem. Get your equipment fixed or replaced! Once you have safe equipment and no longer need to continually turn off power, then come back for a rate increase. At this point you don't deserve one.

Dec 10, 2020 10:36 pm



**Rose De Azevedo**

**Tulare, CA 93274**

It's incredible to me that SCE continues to pursue rate increases during these times when many people cannot pay for service. Today I received THREE notices of proposed rate increases that appear to overlap over the next four years. SCE's higher echelon receive millions in compensation so that asking for rate increases in light of current environmental (pandemic) and economic instability is egregious to the extreme. Please reconsider approval of these applications for rate increase and deny them. Thank you.

Dec 05, 2020 3:57 pm

**Patrick Luepnitz**

**Corona, CA 92883**

SCE doesn't waste any time. Included in my monthly billing statement, were TWO requests for rate increases. A.20-10-018 & A.20-10-012. Please CPUC, we can't afford these constant rate increases being proposed. We want transparency and audits. I'm on fixed income, and our economy is hurting. We want the CPUC & SCE to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. No more rate increases.

Dec 04, 2020 12:34 pm

**Saundra Morelos**

**Whittier, CA 90601**

Costs should be covered by the territory in which they are incurred. Catalina Island should pay their fair portion, as well as those who choose to live in wildfire territories. Any operational, maintenance, or capital expenditures are already covered by revenues generated, when budget analysis and implementation is properly done. Raising future rates for past expenses seems to show mismanagement of funds! Every business has a reserve of revenue, and when revenue doesn't equal expense, that's what the reserve is for! Working more efficiently and effectively with what SCE already has would be our request, not more rate increases! Please oppose the rate increases!

Dec 04, 2020 11:33 am