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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In The Matter of the Application of  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON  
COMPANY (U338E) for Authority to Lease  
Certain Fiber Optic Cables to CELLCO  
PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON  
WIRELESS under the Master Dark Fiber  
Lease Agreement Pursuant to Public  
Utilities Code Section 851.

Application 17-02-001  
(Filed February 3, 2017)

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S SCOPING MEMO AND RULING**

**Summary**

This scoping memo and ruling sets forth the category, scope, and schedule of the proceeding pursuant to Rule 7.3 of the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure. This matter is submitted.

**1. Procedural Background**

By this application, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) seeks authority pursuant to Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) Section 851 to lease to Verizon Wireless certain optical fibers along existing routes and additional routes that are being constructed in Southern California pursuant to the "Master Dark Fiber Lease Agreement between Southern California Edison Company and Cellco Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless" dated November 17, 2016.

No protests or responses to the application were filed.

A telephonic prehearing conference was held on April 17, 2017; no persons appeared other than the applicant.

Upon consideration of the application and discussion at the prehearing conference, the issues and schedule of the proceeding are determined to be as set forth in this scoping memo.

**2. Scope of Issues to be Determined**

The issues to be determined are:

1. Is the proposed lease adverse to the public interest?
2. Does the proposed lease require environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act?

**3. Need for Evidentiary Hearing**

There are no contested issues of material fact requiring evidentiary hearing.

**4. Schedule**

This matter is submitted. The proposed decision shall be filed no later than 90 days from today for public review and comment pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 311(d) except that, if it grants the uncontested requested relief, public review and comment shall be waived pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(2).

**5. Category of Proceeding/*Ex Parte* Requirements**

The category of the proceeding is ratesetting, as preliminarily determined by the Commission in Resolution ALJ 176-3393. *Ex parte* communications are restricted and subject to reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 8.1 et seq.

