

Southern California Edison
SCE EE Business Plan A.17-01-013

DATA REQUEST SET A.17-01-013-CEE-SCE-001

To: CEE
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Question 029:

The SCE 2018-2025 Energy Efficiency Business Plan states that it is abandoning the proposed cost-benefit analysis phase of the “Skill Standards for IOU Research Programs” study on the grounds that it was “deemed no longer viable or appropriate.”

- (a) Have other phases of the “Skill Standards for IOU Research Programs” study been continued or completed, or was the entire study abandoned?
- (b) If other phases of the “Skill Standards for IOU Research Programs” study have been completed or are continuing, please describe those other phases and when those phases were (or will be) completed.
- (c) When and how was this study (or this phase of the study) “deemed no longer viable or appropriate”? Who made this determination?
- (d) Please provide any reports, memos, data, correspondence or other documents related to the determination that this study (or this phase of the study) is no longer viable or appropriate.
- (e) Please provide all reports, memos, data, findings, presentations, correspondence or other documents that have resulted from the “Skill Standards for IOU Research Programs” study.

Response to Question 029:

(a) The Energy Division’s draft research plan for the “PY2013-14 California Statewide Workforce Education and Training Program Skill Standards for IOU Resource Program Study” included multiple phases of work. The first phase, “Workforce Conditions Data Collection,” is completed and available at www.energydataweb.com/cpuc/search.aspx. The second phase, “Contractor Training Market Characterization,” is also completed and available on the public site. As noted in the “EM&V Plan Update- Workforce Education and Training Chapter” (available at www.energydataweb.com/cpuc/search.aspx), the CPUC modified the original plan as initially proposed to pursue a different study. Specifically, on page 9, the EM&V Plan Update states, “Note that the CPUC has reprioritized the research objectives in the 2013-2015 Workforce Market and Impact Evaluation Study. Phase Three of that study has been re-scoped to explore gaps in the marketplace in light of developing a Responsible Contractor Policy, per SB350 guidance, instead of pursuing a study that captures the cost and benefit data specified in Decisions 12-05-015 and 12-08-0444. This study area was of stronger interest to the CPUC and IOUs due to methodology issues involved in attempting to quantify the costs and benefits of a specific training requirement or skill and the emergence of SB350.” The budget and resources for the originally scoped Phases Three and Four were updated to reflect the current Phase Three

of the project called “Responsible Contractor Policy for EE Programs: Market Intelligence Study”

(b) Please see SCE’s response to Question 29(a). The draft research plan for Phase Three, “Responsible Contractor for EE Programs: Market Intelligence Study,” is available on the CPUC's public documents site www.energydataweb.com/cpuc/search.aspx. This study is in progress and expected to be completed in August, 2017.

(c) Please see SCE’s response to Question 29(a). Energy Division reconsidered the initially planned Phases Three and Four of the study as part of the more detailed research planning process. The rescoping process took place during the second and third quarters of 2016. The consultant made the determination with input from the EM&V PCG.

(d) SCE objects to this request pursuant to Rule 10.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on the grounds that the burden, expense and intrusiveness of this request clearly outweighs the likelihood that the information sought will lead to discovery of admissible evidence. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objection, SCE responds as follows: Please see SCE’s responses to Questions 29 (a-d). Documentation, research plans and reports are available on the CPUC public documents site.

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