

EXHIBIT A
Item 9 of FCC Form 442

The Southern California Edison Company seeks permission to operate a land based Standard-A Ship Earth Station at Rosemead, California, in order to establish a Corporate Emergency Operations Center with 24 hour capability. The objective of this center is to aid in the restoration of electrical power to our customers after such disasters as earthquakes, fires, floods and wind storms. This SES station will be used by corporate officers and high level managers to communicate via voice and data with the applicant's other SES stations located in Alhambra (Inmarsat LAN(FIX) Alh/SCEE) and Stanton (Inmarsat LAN (FIX) Barre/SCEA) California as well as to other utilities such as Pacific Gas and Electric Company in San Francisco, California. Communication with other organizations that could aid in the restoration of electrical power will be possible through the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) at a point beyond the influence of the disaster.

The events of the recent disasters such as the 1987 Whittier and 1989 San Francisco earthquakes demonstrate that the PSTN becomes unusable for up to one day after the event. This happens at a time when it is needed the most. Although the primary means of communicating with neighboring utilities is via privately owned terrestrial microwave systems, these systems are subject to the same disruptive forces that affect the PSTN. A high frequency radio link using the latest state of the art equipment was established in 1985 between the applicant's Energy Control Center and the Energy Control Center of Pacific Gas and Electric Company in San Francisco, California. Although voice communication was acceptable most of the time, it did not provide the required 24 hour reliability and has been removed from service.

After examination of the various types of communication media for this Corporate Emergency Operations Center, only the land based SES terminal is acceptable.