

August 13, 2018

Ms. Alice Stebbins  
Executive Director  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102

**Re: Activation of SCE's CEMA as the result of the Holy Fire in Orange and Riverside Counties**

Dear Ms. Stebbins:

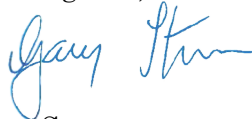
This letter is to inform you that Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has activated its Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) effective August 6, 2018, to restore service to customers and repair damage to its facilities from the recent Holy Fire in Orange and Riverside Counties within its service territory.

Resolution No. E-3238 (Resolution), issued on July 24, 1991, and Public Utilities Code Section 454.9, which codified the CEMA process, set forth the criteria for utilities to use the CEMA, providing, among other things that its "use will be restricted to events declared disasters by competent state or federal authorities." Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency in Orange and Riverside Counties on August 9, 2018 "due to the effects of the Holy Fire, which has threatened critical infrastructure, thousands of homes and other structures and has caused the evacuation of residents." The Resolution specifically allows for a utility to use CEMAs to comply with government agency orders resulting from declared disasters. SCE's Commission-approved CEMA tariff states: "If a Catastrophic Event occurs SCE shall, if possible, inform the Executive Director by letter within 30 days after the Catastrophic Event, if SCE has started booking costs into the CEMA." This letter provides notice to the Commission of SCE's intent to seek recovery of costs related to the 2018 Holy Fire through the CEMA.

At this time, SCE has not yet developed a complete assessment of our system or a detailed estimate of the costs to restore service to our customers and to repair our facilities. SCE's damage assessment is on-going.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me or Sue DiBernardo of my staff at 626-302-4353.

Best regards,



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