

May 20, 2022

Fadi Daye, P.E.  
Program and Project Supervisor  
California Public Utilities Commission  
Electric Safety and Reliability Branch  
Safety and Enforcement Division  
320 West 4<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 500  
Los Angeles, California 90013

CPUCID: E20191030-05  
Regarding: Notice of Violation  
Location: 200 Block of West Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley

Dear Mr. Daye:

On behalf of the Southern California Edison Company (SCE), please accept this letter as acknowledgement and response to your letter dated April 11, 2022, regarding the above-referenced notice of violation.

Your letter states that on October 30, 2019, the Easy Fire ignited as a result of contact between a suspension insulator attached to an energized 66 kV conductor and SCE's steel power pole. Your letter further states that the suspension insulator attached to a crossarm on the subject pole swung onto the steel pole, during wind conditions normal to the area, resulting in an arc which may have ignited the fire. Your letter alleges that SCE is in violation of GO 95, Rule 31.1 for failing to install and maintain its 66 kV conductors and insulators adequately and safely to prevent them from contacting the steel pole or from coming too close to the steel pole when swinging and creating an arc.

Without admitting that SCE violated GO 95, Rule 31.1, SCE responds as follows. During the investigation, Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) requested to retain SCE material from the subject structure. While the subject structure was not compromised as a result of the fire, VCFD investigators requested SCE remove the subject pole. As such, SCE was required to replace the subject pole, as well as other components associated with the subject structure. On November 7, 2019 SCE replaced the subject structure and modified the insulator arrangements from a suspension type to dead-end type insulators. This modification will help better ensure that the clearance between pole and insulators is maintained and may better prevent arcing.

Sincerely,



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