

November 15, 2021

Ms. Rachel Peterson
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 Alisal Fire in Santa Barbara County

Dear Ms. Peterson:

This letter is to inform you that Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has activated its Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) effective October 11, 2021, to restore service to customers and repair damage to its facilities from the recent Alisal Fire in Santa Barbara County 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." The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declared a disaster in Santa Barbara County on October 13, 2021, due to the Alisal Fire that burned thousands of acres, destroyed structures and caused the evacuation of thousands of residents. The Resolution specifically allows for a utility to use its CEMA for costs resulting from declared disasters in order to (1) restore service to customers, (2) repair, replace, or restore damaged facilities, and (3) comply with governmental agency orders in connection with events declared disasters by competent state or federal authorities. 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 this 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 ongoing.

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

Best regards,

/s/ Shinjini C. Menon
Shinjini C. Menon
Managing Director, State Regulatory Operations

Attachments

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