

February 5, 2025

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 Franklin Fire in Los Angeles 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 December 9, 2024, to restore service to customers, replace infrastructure, and repair damage to its facilities from the Franklin Fire in Los Angeles County, within SCE's 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." On December 10, 2024, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declared a disaster in Los Angeles County due to the Franklin Fire that burned approximately 4,000 acres, destroyed structures and critical infrastructure, and caused the evacuation 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 the Franklin 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 incurred 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/ Connor J. Flanigan

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