

September 11, 2024

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 Greater Portuguese
Landslide Complex in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes**

Dear Ms. Peterson:

This letter is to inform you that Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has activated its Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) to restore service to customers, replace infrastructure, and repair damage to its facilities from the Greater Portuguese Landslide Complex in the city of Rancho Palos Verdes, within SCE's service territory. As stated in the proclamation, the land movement under the City of Rancho Palos Verdes has accelerated significantly following the 2023 and 2024 severe storm events for which SCE has already submitted CEMA activation letters.

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 September 3, 2024, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a disaster in the city of Rancho Palos Verdes due to the Greater Portuguese Landslide Complex that is now sliding at an average of 9 to 12 inches per week, has negatively impacted residences and business in the area, impacted a utility line that resulted in a spot brush fire, and required power shutoffs. 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 Greater Portuguese Landslide Complex 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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