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Subject: Audit of Southern California Edison's Yucca Valley District

Mr. Stark:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), James Miller of my staff conducted an electric distribution audit of Southern California Edison's (SCE) Twentynine Palms/Yucca Valley District from January 5-9, 2026. The audit included a review of SCE's records and field inspections of SCE's facilities.

During the audit, my staff identified violations of one or more General Orders (GOs). A copy of the audit findings itemizing the violations is enclosed. Please advise me no later than March 2 2026, by electronic or hard copy, of all corrective measures taken by SCE to remedy and prevent such violations.

Please note that ESRB will be posting the audit report and your response to our audit on the CPUC website. If there is any information in your response that you would like us to consider as confidential, we request that in addition to your confidential response, you also provide us with a public or redacted version of your response that can be posted publicly on our website.

If you have any questions concerning this audit, you can contact James Miller at (213) 660-8898 or James.Miller@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Audit Findings

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AUDIT FINDINGS

I. Records Review

My staff reviewed the following records during the audit:

- Patrol & Detailed Inspection records.
- Late Inspections
- Work Orders Created from Inspections
- Repair Work Orders
- Intrusive Testing Records
- Third Party Notifications
- Pole Loading Calculation Records

II. Records Review – Violations List

My staff observed the following violations during the records review portion of the audit:

GO 165, Section III-B, Distribution Facilities, Standards for Inspection, states:

Each utility subject to this General Order shall conduct inspections of its distribution facilities, as necessary, to ensure reliable, high-quality, and safe operation, but in no case may the period between inspections (measured in years) exceed the time specified in Table 1.

GO 95, Rule 31.2, Inspection of Lines, states in part:

Lines shall be inspected frequently and thoroughly for the purpose of ensuring that they are in good condition so as to conform with these rules. Lines temporarily out of service shall be inspected and maintained in such condition as not to create a hazard.

SCE's records indicated that from calendar year 2022 through calendar year 2025, SCE had 2025 overhead detailed inspections and 89 above ground patrol inspections which had either been completed after SCE's scheduled due date or were past due and had not yet been completed as of December 23, 2025.

GO 165, Section III-B, Distribution Facilities, Standards for Inspection, states:

Each utility subject to this General Order shall conduct inspections of its distribution facilities, as necessary, to ensure reliable, high-quality, and safe operation, but in no case may the period between inspections (measured in years) exceed the time specified in Table 1.

GO 128, Rule 17.2, Inspection, states:

Systems shall be inspected by the operator frequently and thoroughly for the purpose of insuring that they are in good condition and in conformance with all applicable requirements these rules.

SCE's records indicated that from calendar year 2022 through calendar year 2025, SCE had 36 underground detailed inspections which had either been completed after SCE's scheduled due date or which were past due and had not yet been completed as of December 23, 2025.

GO 95, Rule 18-B1, Maintenance Programs, states in part:

Companies shall undertake corrective actions within the time periods stated for each of the priority levels set forth below. Scheduling of corrective actions within the time periods below may be based on additional factors, including the following factors, as appropriate ...

GO 95, Rule 31.1, Design, Construction and Maintenance, states in part:

For all particulars not specified in these rules, design, construction, and maintenance should be done in accordance with accepted good practice for the given local conditions known at the time by those responsible for the design, construction, or maintenance of communication or supply lines and equipment.

SCE's records indicated that from December 2022 through November 2025, SCE completed 727 overhead work orders past SCE's due date for corrective action. Additionally, as of November 30, 2025, SCE had 165 open overhead work orders that were past SCE's scheduled due date for corrective action.

GO 128, Rule 17.1, Design, Construction and Maintenance, states in part:

Electrical supply and communication systems shall be designed, constructed, and maintained for their intended use, regard being given to the conditions under which they are to be operated, to enable the furnishing of safe, proper, and adequate service.

SCE's records indicated that from December 2022 through November 2025, SCE completed one underground work order past SCE's due date for corrective action. Additionally, as of November 30, 2025, SCE had three open underground work orders that were past SCE's scheduled due date for corrective action.

III. Field Inspections

My staff inspected the following structures during the field inspection portion of the audit:

No.	Facility Identification	Facility Type	Location
1	4043540E	Utility Pole	Oleander Dr., Yucca Valley
2	2301710E	Utility Pole	Oleander Dr., Yucca Valley
3	1544578E	Utility Pole	Oleander Dr., Yucca Valley
4	1544579E	Utility Pole	Oleander Dr., Yucca Valley
5	240424S	Utility Pole	Oleander Dr., Yucca Valley
6	2294934E	Utility Pole	Indio Ave., Yucca Valley
7	4311103E	Utility Pole	Indio Ave., Yucca Valley
8	240425S	Utility Pole	Oleander Dr., Yucca Valley
9	4749006E	Utility Pole	Oleander Dr., Yucca Valley
10	4878850E	Utility Pole	Linda Lee Dr., Yucca Valley
11	240317S	Utility Pole	Linda Lee Dr., Yucca Valley
12	4855516E	Utility Pole	Linda Lee Dr., Yucca Valley
13	2295076E	Utility Pole	Linda Lee Dr., Yucca Valley
14	341904	Utility Pole	Grand Ave., Yucca Valley
15	4758572S	Utility Pole	Joshua Ln., Yucca Valley
16	1555799E	Utility Pole	Joshua Ln., Yucca Valley
17	1555798E	Utility Pole	Joshua Ln., Yucca Valley
18	1544588E	Utility Pole	Joshua Ln., Yucca Valley
19	1544587E	Utility Pole	Joshua Ln., Yucca Valley
20	4867479E	Utility Pole	Joshua Ln., Yucca Valley
21	4034998E	Utility Pole	Joshua Ln., Yucca Valley
22	4940331E	Utility Pole	Joshua Ln., Yucca Valley
23	4884374E	Utility Pole	Joshua Ln., Yucca Valley
24	4946959E	Utility Pole	Joshua Ln., Yucca Valley
25	4922036E	Utility Pole	Joshua Ln., Yucca Valley
26	1320726E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
27	1320727E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
28	1389102E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
29	1389103E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
30	1389104E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
31	1320728E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
32	1320729E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
33	1320730E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
34	1320738E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
35	1320739E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
36	1320740E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless

37	1320741E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
38	1320742E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
39	1320743E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
40	1388957E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
41	1320731E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
42	1388958E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
43	2369693E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
44	1320732E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
45	1320733E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
46	1329370E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
47	1329371E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
48	1329372E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
49	1329373E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
50	4036676E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
51	4766672E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
52	4749388E	Utility Pole	National Trails Hwy., Chambless
53	340950S	Utility Pole	Route 66, Amboy
54	340949S	Utility Pole	Route 66, Amboy
55	340948S	Utility Pole	Route 66, Amboy
56	340941S	Utility Pole	Route 66, Amboy
57	340940S	Utility Pole	Route 66, Amboy
58	340939S	Utility Pole	Route 66, Amboy
59	340924S	Utility Pole	Route 66, Amboy
60	340925S	Utility Pole	Route 66, Amboy
61	340926S	Utility Pole	Route 66, Amboy
62	340927S	Utility Pole	Route 66, Amboy
63	340953S	Utility Pole	Route 66, Amboy
64	42223S	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms
65	242222	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms
66	240222S	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms
67	242225	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms
68	2200866	Utility Pole	Lupine Ave., Twentynine Palms
69	46664004E	Utility Pole	Lupine Ave., Twentynine Palms
70	2200864E	Utility Pole	Lupine Ave., Twentynine Palms
71	1606318E	Utility Pole	Lupine Ave., Twentynine Palms
72	4661417E	Utility Pole	Lupine Ave., Twentynine Palms
73	421211S	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms
74	2031846E	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms
75	241212S	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms
76	241213S	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms
77	241233S	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms

78	241214S	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms
79	241214S	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms
80	241219S	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms
81	241220S	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms
82	241221S	Utility Pole	Samarakand Dr., Twentynine Palms
83	241231S	Utility Pole	Barnes Dr., Twentynine Palms
84	241797S	Utility Pole	Barnes Dr., Twentynine Palms
85	1801240E	Utility Pole	Barnes Dr., Twentynine Palms
86	1801241E	Utility Pole	Barnes Dr., Twentynine Palms
87	1801452E	Utility Pole	Barnes Dr., Twentynine Palms
88	2201349E	Utility Pole	Barnes Dr., Twentynine Palms
89	2201348E	Utility Pole	Barnes Dr., Twentynine Palms
90	1688935E	Utility Pole	Brown Rd., Twentynine Palms
91	2337139E	Utility Pole	Brown Rd., Twentynine Palms
92	2337140E	Utility Pole	Brown Rd., Twentynine Palms
93	1688934E	Utility Pole	Brown Rd., Twentynine Palms
94	2107611E	Utility Pole	Brown Rd., Twentynine Palms
95	1688933E	Utility Pole	Brown Rd., Twentynine Palms
96	1688932E	Utility Pole	Brown Rd., Twentynine Palms
97	1688936E	Utility Pole	Brown Rd., Twentynine Palms
98	1688937E	Utility Pole	Mustang Rd., Twentynine Palms
99	1688938E	Utility Pole	Mustang Rd., Twentynine Palms
100	1688939E	Utility Pole	Mustang Rd., Twentynine Palms
101	2107648E	Utility Pole	Mustang Rd., Twentynine Palms
102	2107646E	Utility Pole	Mustang Rd., Twentynine Palms
103	2107647E	Utility Pole	Mustang Rd., Twentynine Palms
104	78920	Utility Pole	Indian Trail, Twentynine Palms
105	2232631E	Utility Pole	Indian Trail, Twentynine Palms
106	2232194E	Utility Pole	Indian Trail, Twentynine Palms
107	2232193E	Utility Pole	Indian Trail, Twentynine Palms
108	2232632E	Utility Pole	Indian Trail, Twentynine Palms
109	1694575E	Utility Pole	Indian Trail, Twentynine Palms
110	2073236E	Utility Pole	Indian Trail, Twentynine Palms
111	1689122E	Utility Pole	Normglo Rd., Twentynine Palms
112	4034152E	Utility Pole	Sunland Dr., Yucca Valley
113	4034154E	Utility Pole	Sunland Dr., Yucca Valley
114	4034151E	Utility Pole	Sunland Dr., Yucca Valley
115	243359S	Utility Pole	Sunland Dr., Yucca Valley
116	243360S	Utility Pole	Sunland Dr., Yucca Valley
117	4037649E	Utility Pole	Sunland Dr., Yucca Valley
118	4639306E	Utility Pole	Sunland Dr., Yucca Valley

119	342472S	Utility Pole	Buena Vista Dr., Yucca Valley
120	4036856E	Utility Pole	Buena Vista Dr., Yucca Valley
121	2351544E	Utility Pole	Buena Vista Dr., Yucca Valley
122	4036893E	Utility Pole	Buena Vista Dr., Yucca Valley
123	4018253E	Utility Pole	Sioux Trail, Yucca Valley
124	4018255E	Utility Pole	Sioux Trail, Yucca Valley
125	43780S	Utility Pole	Sioux Trail, Yucca Valley
126	4848094E	Utility Pole	Sioux Trail, Yucca Valley
127	2351542E	Utility Pole	Sioux Trail, Yucca Valley
128	4749526E	Utility Pole	Sioux Trail, Yucca Valley
129	4964969E	Utility Pole	Sioux Trail, Yucca Valley
130	4769169E	Utility Pole	Sioux Trail, Yucca Valley
131	4018252E	Utility Pole	Sioux Trail, Yucca Valley
132	2350156E	Utility Pole	Sioux Trail, Yucca Valley
133	P5591104	Padmounted Transformer	Corbin Rd., Twentynine Palms
134	P5591102	Padmounted Transformer	Verenda Ave., Twentynine Palms
135	P5591101	Padmounted Transformer	Verenda Ave., Twentynine Palms
136	P5591100	Padmounted Switch	Verenda Ave., Twentynine Palms
137	P5591107	Padmounted Switch	Friendly Ln., Twentynine Palms
138	P5591108	Padmounted Transformer	Friendly Ln., Twentynine Palms
139	P5591105	Padmounted Transformer	Split Rock Ave., Twentynine Palms
140	P5190932	Padmounted Transformer	Crestline Dr., Joshua Tree
141	P5584321	Padmounted Transformer	Crestline Dr., Joshua Tree
142	P5190933	Padmounted Transformer	Crestline Dr., Joshua Tree
143	P5584322	Padmounted Transformer	Crestline Dr., Joshua Tree
144	P5190934	Padmounted Transformer	Crestline Dr., Joshua Tree
145	P5584331	Splice Box	Crestline Dr., Joshua Tree
146	P5190935	Padmounted Transformer	Crestline Dr., Joshua Tree
147	P5543035	Padmounted Transformer	29 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley
148	P5439543	Padmounted Transformer	30 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley
149	P5439544	Padmounted Transformer	31 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley
150	P5433039	Padmounted Transformer	32 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley
151	P5433021	Padmounted Transformer	33 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley
152	PMS5433036	Padmounted Transformer	34 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley
153	P5433035	Padmounted Transformer	35 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley

IV. Field Inspection Violations List

GO 95, Rule 56.2 Overhead Guys, Anchor Guys and Span Wires, Use, states in part:

Guys shall be attached to structures, as nearly as practicable, at the center of load. They shall be maintained taut and of such strength as to meet the safety factors of Rule 44 .

Two SCE down guy wires attached to Pole No. 340927S were not taut.

GO 95, Rule 31.1, Design Construction and Maintenance, states in part:

Electrical supply and communication systems shall be designed, constructed, and maintained for their intended use, regard being given to the conditions under which they are to be operated, to enable the furnishing of safe, proper, and adequate service.

A guy guard attached to an SCE down guy wire on Pole No. 1329373E was damaged.

GO 95, Rule 51.6, Marking and Guarding, High Voltage Marking of Poles, states in part:

Poles which support line conductors of more than 750 volts shall be marked with high voltage signs. This marking shall consist of a single sign showing the words "HIGH VOLTAGE", or pair of signs showing the words "HIGH" and "VOLTAGE", not more than six (6) inches in height with letters not less than 3 inches in height. A pair of signs may be stacked to a height of no more than 12 inches. Such signs shall be of weather and corrosion-resisting material, solid or with letters cut out therefrom and clearly legible.

"High Voltage" signs on each of the following poles were either missing or damaged:

- 1555799E
- 1320727E
- 1320731E
- 340949S
- 340940S
- 340939S
- 340924S
- 242222
- 2200866
- 421211S
- 2031846E
- 241212S
- 241214S
- 241219S
- 1801240E
- 221349E
- 2107648E
- 2107646E
- 2232632E

GO 95, Rule 34, Foreign Attachments, states in part:

Nothing in these rules shall be construed as permitting the unauthorized attachment, to supply, street light or communication poles or structures, of antennas, signs, posters, banners, decorations, wires, lighting fixtures, guys, ropes and any other such equipment foreign to the purposes of overhead electric line construction.

Unauthorized foreign attachments were observed on the following poles:

- Pole No. 2201349E supported an unauthorized address sign.
- Pole No. 2350156E supported an unauthorized surveillance camera.

GO 95, Rule 31.6, Abandoned Lines, states in part:

Lines or portions of lines permanently abandoned shall be removed by their owners so that such lines shall not become a public nuisance or a hazard to life or property. For the purposes of this rule, lines that are permanently abandoned shall be defined as those lines that are determined by their owner to have no foreseeable future use.

Pole No. 340926S supported an abandoned secondary crossarm and a section of abandoned secondary conductor.

Pole No. 340927S supported a section of abandoned secondary conductor.

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For all particulars not specified in these rules, design, construction, and maintenance should be done in accordance with accepted good practice for the given local conditions known at the time by those responsible for the design, construction, or maintenance of [the] communication or supply lines and equipment.

Vegetation had encroached upon the working space in front of Structure No. P5433021.