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SUBJECT: Electric distribution audit of SCE's Ventura District

Ms. Villalobos:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Mily Vaidya of my staff conducted an electric distribution audit of Southern California Edison's (SCE) Ventura County from June 8-12, 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 October 9, 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, please contact Mily Vaidya at (213) 999-8528 or mily.vaidya@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Majed Ibrahim".

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Enclosures: Audit Findings

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AUDIT FINDINGS

I. Records Review

During the audit, my staff reviewed the following records:

- Overhead and Underground Detail Inspection Records
- Patrol Inspection Records
- SCE's Documented Inspection Program
- Repair Notifications
- Transformers, Switches and 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 May 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, SCE completed 1054 overhead detailed inspections past SCE's scheduled due date. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had pending 4 overhead detailed inspections past SCE's scheduled due date.

SCE's records indicated that from May 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, SCE completed 348 overhead patrol inspections past SCE's scheduled due date. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 19 pending patrol inspections past SCE's scheduled due date.

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 May 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, SCE completed 20 underground detailed inspections past SCE's scheduled due date. Additionally, SCE had pending 5 underground detailed inspections past SCE's scheduled due date.

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 May 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, SCE completed 889 overhead work orders past SCE's due date for corrective action. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 449 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 May 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, SCE completed 143 underground work orders past SCE's due date for corrective action. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 261 open underground work orders that were past SCE's scheduled due date for corrective action.

III. Field Inspection

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

No.	Structure ID	Type of Structure	Location	
1	526355H	Pole	-119.266	34.27168
2	4970395E	Pole	-119.265	34.27217
3	526353H	Pole	-119.265	34.27257
4	539094H	Pole	-119.265	34.27285
5	526352H	Pole	-119.265	34.27305
6	1748870E	Pole	-119.265	34.27305
7	1658159E	Pole	-119.266	34.27292
8	4936166E	Pole	-119.266	34.27231
9	4084727E	Pole	-119.266	34.27204
10	4936168E	Pole	-119.266	34.27189
11	361875E	Pole	-119.266	34.27116
12	506116H	Pole	-119.266	34.27093
13	2359393E	Pole	-119.266	34.27053
14	506118H	Pole	-119.266	34.27016
15	4970575E	Pole	-119.266	34.26974
16	506120H	Pole	-119.266	34.26935
17	2359387E	Pole	-119.266	34.26909
18	1477302	Pole	-119.266	34.26901
19	4990883E	Pole	-119.266	34.26868
20	4382825E	Pole	-119.267	34.26829
21	526356H	Pole	-119.267	34.26815
22	573415H	Pole	-119.267	34.26815
23	729820E	Pole	-119.267	34.26858
24	5035615E	Pole	-119.267	34.26898
25	4863270E	Pole	-119.266	34.2699
26	573411E	Pole	-119.266	34.27003
27	10002198H	Pole	-119.266	34.27029
28	4913287E	Pole	-119.266	34.27056
29	4712625E	Pole	-119.055	34.35232
30	174052E	Pole	-119.055	34.3524
31	174051E	Pole	-119.055	34.35285
32	799299E	Pole	-119.055	34.35333
33	174105E	Pole	-119.055	34.35345
34	4300208E	Pole	-119.056	34.35337
35	4204216E	Pole	-119.056	34.35356
36	4204217E	Pole	-119.056	34.35407
37	729292E	Pole	-119.056	34.35451
38	196066E	Pole	-119.056	34.35461
39	729293E	Pole	-119.056	34.35474
40	1561707E	Pole	-119.056	34.35478
41	1561706E	Pole	-119.056	34.35452
42	174108E	Pole	-119.055	34.35419

43	174107E	Pole	-119.055	34.35379
44	799297E	Pole	-119.055	34.35354
45	120918E	Pole	-119.099	34.34077
46	1528763E	Pole	-119.098	34.34108
47	4093386E	Pole	-119.099	34.34068
48	1528761E	Pole	-119.1	34.34035
49	1528760E	Pole	-119.1	34.34
50	1528759E	Pole	-119.101	34.33976
51	749105E	Pole	-119.101	34.33932
52	1528758E	Pole	-119.102	34.33914
53	4513825E	Pole	-119.102	34.33883
54	1528757E	Pole	-119.103	34.33853
55	1528756E	Pole	-119.103	34.33828
56	1528755E	Pole	-119.104	34.33797
57	1130748E	Pole	-119.103	34.33786
58	1748988E	Pole	-119.151	34.28357
59	1748989E	Pole	-119.15	34.28381
60	1748990E	Pole	-119.15	34.28409
61	4863776E	Pole	-119.15	34.2843
62	4937002E	Pole	-119.15	34.28453
63	606110E	Pole	-119.15	34.2845
64	463598E	Pole	-119.15	34.28444
65	985361E	Pole	-119.149	34.28413
66	478361H	Pole	-119.149	34.28401
67	1718692E	Pole	-119.149	34.28383
68	419386E	Pole	-119.148	34.28358
69	1795554E	Pole	-119.148	34.28376
70	1795852E	Pole	-119.148	34.28404
71	537357E	Pole	-119.148	34.2843
72	4339924E	Pole	-119.148	34.28457
73	780206H	Pole	-119.147	34.28482
74	44578770E	Pole	-119.147	34.28521
75	780205H	Pole	-119.147	34.28534
76	537361E	Pole	-119.146	34.28569
77	4729283E	Pole	-119.147	34.2859
78	4622641E	Pole	-119.147	34.28598
79	329166E	Pole	-119.147	34.28565
80	4255543E	Pole	-119.148	34.28533
81	538125E	Pole	-119.148	34.28499
82	537354E	Pole	-119.148	34.28472
83	537353E	Pole	-119.149	34.28435
84	985631E	Pole	-119.149	34.28408
85	P5459203DF	Underground Switch	-119.239	34.1902
86	S5459399	Vault	-119.239	34.19053
87	P5459211DF	Underground Transformer	-119.24	34.1914
88	P5459206	Underground Transformer	-119.24	34.19143
89	P5459208	Underground Transformer	-119.243	34.19113

90	P5459212DF	Underground Transformer	-119.24	34.19245
91	P5459217	Underground Transformer	-119.24	34.19317
92	P5459214	Underground Transformer	-119.244	34.19224
93	V5545059	Vault	-119.222	34.1814
94	P5019381	Underground Transformer	-119.224	34.18129
95	B5605870	Burd	-119.224	34.18137
96	B5605869	Underground Switch	-119.225	34.18142
97	P5019384	Underground Transformer	-119.225	34.18131
98	P5019384	Underground Transformer	-119.225	34.1813
99	1437799E	Pole	-118.962	34.29068
100	1437800E	Pole	-118.962	34.29044
101	1437801E	Pole	-118.963	34.2905
102	1437802E	Pole	-118.963	34.2905
103	475264E	Pole	-118.935	34.28778
104	1401811E	Pole	-118.935	34.28764
105	2234148E	Pole	-118.935	34.28802
106	1401812E	Pole	-118.935	34.28802

IV. Field Inspection – Violations List

My staff observed the following violations during the field inspection portion of the audit:

GO 95, Rule 54.6-B, Ground Wires, states in part:

That portion of the ground wires attached on the face or back of wood crossarms or on the surface of wood poles and structures shall be covered by a suitable protective covering (see Rule 22.8).

The ground molding attached to each of the following pole numbers was damaged:

- 1748870E
- 1658159E
- 174051E
- 4300208E
- 729292E
- 1748990E
- 1795852E
- 329166E

GO 95, Rule 51.6A - 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. Such signs shall be of weather and corrosion–resisting material, solid or with letters cut out therefrom and clearly legible.

The high voltage sign on each of the following pole numbers was damaged or missing:

- 506116H: Missing high voltage sign
- 463598E: Damaged high voltage sign
- 1795554E: Damaged high Voltage sign
- 537357E: Damaged high voltage sign
- 780206H: Damaged high voltage sign
- 780205H: Damaged high voltage sign
- 329166E: Damaged high voltage sign
- 537354E: Damaged high voltage sign
- 537353E: Missing High Voltage sign
- 174051E: Damaged high voltage sign

GO 95, Rule 56.2, Overhead Guys, Anchor Guys and Span Wire 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.

The SCE down guy wire supporting Pole number 749105E was loose.