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Subject: Electric distribution audit of SCE's Kernville District

Mr. Stark:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Jose Lastra of my staff conducted an electric distribution audit of Southern California Edison's (SCE) Kernville District from February 2-6, 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). Included with this letter is a copy of the audit findings that itemize the violations discovered during the audit. Please advise me no later than May 20, 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 Jose Lastra (213) 507-1438 or jose.lastra@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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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 detailed inspection records
- Patrol records
- Completed and pending corrective action work orders
- Pole load calculations
- Intrusive test records
- Safety hazard notifications
- SCE's documented inspection program.
- Vegetation 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 insuring that they are in good condition so as to conform with these rules.*

SCE's records indicated that from January 2024 to January 2025, SCE completed 88 patrol inspections past SCE's scheduled due date. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 2 pending patrol inspections that were past SCE's scheduled due date.

SCE's records indicated that from January 2024 to January 2025, SCE completed 12 detailed inspections past SCE's scheduled due date. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 4 pending detailed inspections that were 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 of these rules.*

SCE's records indicated that from January 2024 to January 2025, SCE completed 23 underground 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 January 2024 to January 2025, SCE completed 980 overhead work orders past SCE's due date for corrective action. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 92 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 January 2024 to January 2025, SCE completed 6 underground work orders past SCE's due date for corrective action. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 2 open underground work orders that were past SCE's scheduled due date for corrective action.

III. Field Inspections

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

No.	Structure ID.	Type of Structure	Location	Coordinates
1	2093560E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60833562, -118.48408107
2	2093559E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60776415, -118.48442969
3	4678496E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60786074, -118.48466585
4	4678451E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.6080567, -118.48511124
5	4038034E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60744845, -118.48462189
6	641750E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60707142, -118.48486389
7	4669320E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60668246, -118.4851332
8	4957071E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60629674, -118.48535747
9	4316802E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60689805, -118.48604524
10	4236836E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60697713, -118.48619789
11	4379282E	Wood Pole	Wofford Heights	35.71095241, -118.46047163
12	4180817E	Wood Pole	Wofford Heights	35.71092635, -118.46033327
13	4180819E	Wood Pole	Wofford Heights	35.71057598, -118.46009167
14	4606617E	Composite Pole	Wofford Heights	35.71045339, -118.45994264
15	4606618E	Wood Pole	Wofford Heights	35.70995034, -118.45964254
16	1400980E	Wood Pole	Wofford Heights	35.70972537, -118.45929258
17	4606619E	Composite Pole	Wofford Heights	35.70953412, -118.4588454
18	1400959E	Wood Pole	Wofford Heights	35.70939321, -118.45834493
19	1400958E	Wood Pole	Wofford Heights	35.70926199, -118.45777285
20	1368900E	Wood Pole	Wofford Heights	35.70932899, -118.45765987
21	1400957E	Composite Pole	Wofford Heights	35.70915912, -118.45748849
22	2197714E	Wood Pole	Wofford Heights	35.70911525, -118.45725445
23	CTC1170487	Wood Pole	Wofford Heights	35.70922056, -118.45721416
24	2197713E	Wood Pole	Wofford Heights	35.70902076, -118.45693656
25	2072104E	Wood Pole	Wofford Heights	35.70885621, -118.4561636
26	818183E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75473749, -118.42405178
27	818184E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75471955, -118.42405837
28	818185E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75466474, -118.42412169
29	4389228E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75461068, -118.42414427
30	1761332E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75432107, -118.42451092
31	4389227E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75412437, -118.42462893
32	818187E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75393328, -118.42477774
33	995336E	Composite Pole	Kernville	35.75382221, -118.42480009
34	1790007E	Composite pole	Kernville	35.75357718, -118.42452605
35	4293183E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75341776, -118.42469196
36	1828383E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75833607, -118.41964319
37	4875699E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75841605, -118.41970945
38	27035CIT	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75839477, -118.41945893
39	4614818E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75816663, -118.42008128
40	895749E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75799118, -118.41995161
41	4875152E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.7578094, -118.41975884
42	895748E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75762297, -118.41968218

43	1828397	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75509684, -118.42564468
44	2261215E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75525499, -118.42591419
45	1170300E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75554778, -118.42586191
46	4730064E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75583709, -118.42564956
47	818178E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75630801, -118.42534323
48	934731E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75616028, -118.42502073
49	818179E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75597691, -118.42469582
50	818180E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75580131, -118.42439731
51	818181E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75544522, -118.4240761
52	1828396E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75536207, -118.42449812
53	4730063E	Wood Pole	Kernville	35.75552644, -118.42494743
54	5127308	BURD	Onyx	35.69159956, -118.22426862
55	5180063	BURD	Weldon	35.6414912, -118.33883837
56	X5180143	Splicebox	Weldon	35.63601744, -118.33492356
57	5180142	Padmount Transformer	Weldon	35.63597813, -118.33494736
58	5717629	Padmount Transformer	Weldon	35.62968213, -118.37348362
59	P5180128	Padmount Transformer	Wofford Heights	35.70403463, -118.45440384
60	P5309065	Padmount Switch	Wofford Heights	35.70517865, -118.45475794
61	Handhole by PDMT 5309065	Access Hole	Wofford Heights	35.70517361, -118.4547918
62	P5309060	Padmount Transformer	Wofford Heights	35.70483413, -118.45698084
63	P5309061	Padmount Transformer	Wofford Heights	35.7048465, -118.45699349
64	P5708372	Padmount Transformer	Lake Isabella	35.63252331, -118.47092406
65	4038311E	Wood Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.61648516, -118.41159468
66	4038310E	Wood Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.61648605, -118.41107671
67	1400960E	Wood Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.61646869, -118.4101931
68	4631345E	Wood Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.61663815, -118.41018391
69	4515801E	Composite Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.61828757, -118.40986695
70	4669313E	Wood Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.61834921, -118.40997281
71	4615292E	Wood Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.618031, -118.41004712
72	4781546E	Composite Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.61742739, -118.4099286
73	4604483E	Wood Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.61744156, -118.41012665
74	4669314E	Wood Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.61712103, -118.41012674
75	1400961E	Wood Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.61650899, -118.40906806
76	1893048E	Wood Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.6164945, -118.40858811
77	1400962E	Composite Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.61652434, -118.40797611
78	1893049E	Wood Pole	Squirrel Mountain Valley	35.61637396, -118.40855843
79	1316929E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.64633334, -118.4349162
80	1316930E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.64639404, -118.43416121
81	1637755E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.64861573, -118.43406693
82	4730093E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.64819766, -118.43414249
83	1316949E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.64772134, -118.43413185
84	1316948E	Composite Pole	Lake Isabella	35.64728446, -118.4341345
85	2253967E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.64689559, -118.43414729
86	4573400E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60304011, -118.49244462
87	1999882E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60292853, -118.49211574
88	1584318E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60302425, -118.49176678
89	1584317E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60302623, -118.49112958
90	2253740E	Wood Pole	Lake Isabella	35.60289752, -118.4913318

IV. Field Inspection Violations List

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

GO 95, Rule 18-A3, Resolution of Potential Violations of General Order 95 and Safety Hazards, states:

> *(3) If a company, while performing inspections of its facilities, discovers a Safety Hazard(s) on or near a communications facility or electric facility involving another company, the inspecting company shall notify the other entity of such safety hazard(s) no later than 10 business days after the discovery.*

SCE did not notify the responsible third-party of the following safety hazards:

- Pole 1761332E: (1) there were multiple 3rd party communications service drops touching the roof of a nearby home; (2) there were multiple 3rd party communications service drops that were less than 9 feet above ground over a residential driveway.
- Pole 1170300E: there was a 3rd party communications service drop hanging 3-4 ft above ground near the base of the pole.
- X5180143: there was an exposed 3rd party communications underground cable adjacent to the SCE splice box, protruding 1-2 feet above ground level.

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.*

SCE's facilities on each of the following poles required maintenance:

- Pole 1400957E: the pole had damaged pole steps above the public level.
- Pole 2055614E: (1) the "eye" of the down guy anchor supporting the pole was buried; (2) the down guy anchor supporting the pole was corroded.
- Pole 1761332E: there were significant voids along the length of the pole.
- Pole 4669313E: the pole exhibited multiple woodpecker holes
- Pole 1316949E: the down guy anchor supporting the pole was bent at an unintended angle and damaged.

GO 95, Rule 38: Minimum Clearances of Wires from Other Wires, Table 2, Column C, Case 4 requires the minimum clearance between supply "supply conductors, service drops, and trolley feeders, 0 – 750 volts" from "communication conductors (including open wire, cables, and service drops" not supported on the same pole to be 48 inches.

An SCE service drop supported on Pole 1893049E had less than 48 inches of clearance (radial or vertical) from a third-party communications conductor not supported on the same pole.

GO 95, Rule 54.8-D1: Service Drops, 0-750 volts, Clearance from Other Poles, From Nonclimbable Street Lighting or Traffic Signal Poles or Standards, states in part:

> *Supply service drops of 0 - 750 volts passing (unattached) nonclimbable street lighting and traffic signal poles or standards including mastarms, brackets and lighting fixtures, shall clear a radial distance of 12 inches as specified in Table 1, Case 10, Column B, except when the drops are mechanically protected from abrasion by materials specified in Rule 22.8.*

An SCE service drop supported on Pole 1170300E was touching a streetlight mastarm without mechanical protection.

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*.

The guy wires supporting the following poles were loose:

- Pole 818185E: The down guy wire was loose.
- Pole 2253740E: The span guy wire was loose.