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Michael Picker, President
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Submitted via email: public.advisory@cpuc.ca.gov

RE: Rulemaking for Electric Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plans

Dear President Picker:

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to "Rulemaking 18-10-007" that will implement requirements for electric power utilities to develop wildfire mitigation plans pursuant to Senate Bill 901.

Cities have long been at the forefront of wildfire and disaster preparedness and response. With the trends of increasing wildfire severity, strengthening safety, and other policies to protect against these disasters are critical. We request that power utilities coordinate with local agencies in their service territory when developing wildfire mitigation plans. New utility wildfire mitigation plans will have numerous direct effects on cities.

The City of Rancho Santa Margarita would like the opportunity to coordinate with utilities to ensure notice is provided to businesses, and residents that rely on electrical service. Specifically, we request that we continue to receive advance notice when electric utilities implement targeted blackouts in fire prone areas. This has occurred in the past during local high-wind events, and has allowed us to properly react.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cervantez

City Manager

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