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NOTICE OF NON-PERFORMANCE

Mr. Brandon Tolentino:

Pursuant to Government Code section 15472, et seq, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) conducted inspections of work completed by Southern California Edison Company (SCE) in accordance with its 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). During the inspections, Energy Safety determined the existence of non-performance requiring correction. Energy Safety therefore issues SCE a Notice of Non-Performance (NON).

On March 26, 2026, Energy Safety conducted an inspection of SCE's WMP initiatives in the vicinity of the city of Agoura Hills, California in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Tier 3 and State Responsibility Area (SRA). The inspection report is enclosed herewith. Energy Safety found the following deficiency:

Deficiency 1. Energy Safety observed that SCE failed to implement its 2025 WMP initiative 8.2.3.3.1 Expanded Clearing (VM-7), which requires compliance with Public Resource Code section 4293, by not maintaining a four-foot clearance distance around the primary conductors near pole ID 4848157E, at coordinates 34.150924, -118.746338 and Vegetation Management ID 1WLRn0000019PD7OAM-2025_4. Energy Safety considers this non-performance to be in the Moderate risk category. SCE must complete a corrective action for this non-performance by two months from the date of this notice.¹

Within 30 days from the issuance date of this NON, SCE must provide a response advising Energy Safety of corrective actions taken or planned to remedy the identified deficiency.

This response shall be filed in the Energy Safety e-Filing system under the 2025 NON Docket² and the associated file name(s) must begin with the NON identification number.

Prior to its response, SCE may request an informal conference with Energy Safety for the purpose of disputing any issues raised in this NON no later than 10 business days before the response deadline.³ Requests for

¹ Gov. Code section 15475.2(a)(2)

² <https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/EFiling/DocketInformation.aspx?docketnumber=2025%20NON>

³ Energy Safety Performance Guidelines, p. 4

informal conference with Energy Safety must be e-mailed to environmentalscience@energysafety.ca.gov, with a copy sent to me and Elizabeth McAlpine, Elizabeth.McAlpine@energysafety.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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INSPECTION REPORT

Overview

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) conducts field inspections to verify the work performed by an electrical corporation as reported in an approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP), and to assess general conditions of electrical infrastructure that may adversely impact an electrical corporation’s wildfire risk. A Notice of Non-Performance (NON) is issued for any instances of non-performance identified during an inspection of its WMP initiatives.

Energy Safety has designated this finding of a deficiency as a “Moderate” risk. SCE must correct the deficiency pursuant to the timeline provided in Table 1.⁴

Table 1. Risk Category and Correction Timelines

Risk Category	Deficiency correction timeline
Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immediate resolution
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 months (in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Tier 3)• 6 months (in HFTD Tier 2)• 6 months (if relevant to worker safety; not in HFTD Tiers 2 or 3)
Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 months

⁴ Energy Safety Performance Guidelines, p. 4



Inspection Summary

Energy Safety found a “Moderate” deficiency near pole 4848157E in HFTD Tier 3. SCE failed to maintain vegetation at least four feet from the primary conductors.⁵

The inspection location and WMP initiative summary are included in Table 2.

Table 2: Inspection Location and Initiative Summary

Electrical Corporation:	SCE
Report Number:	NON_ESD_SCE_GCA_20260326_0845
Inspector:	Gary Candelas
WMP Year Inspected:	2025
Quarterly Data Report (QDR) Referenced:	Quarter 4 (Q4) 2025
Inspection Selection:	Energy Safety inspected the locations based on SCE’s Q4 QDR.
Relevant WMP Initiative(s):	8.2.3.3.1 Expanded Clearing
Date of inspection:	March 26, 2026
City and/or County of Inspection:	Agoura Hills, California

⁵ SCE “2023-2025 Base WMP”, published November 14, 2024. p. 412-413
(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=57620&shareable=true> accessed March 30, 2026).

Inspection Findings

Deficiency 1

Relevant Requirement:

SCE's WMP states the following regarding initiative number 8.2.3.3.1 Expanded Clearing: "At a minimum, SCE's Routine Line Clearing work within [High Fire Risk Area] HFRA maintains at least the required four feet clearance for Distribution lines and the required 10 feet clearance for Transmission lines for a full annual inspection cycle."⁶

Findings:

Energy Safety considers this deficiency as "Moderate" because SCE failed to maintain the required minimum clearance distance between vegetation and its conductors, consistent with the requirement of Public Resources Code section 4293. A palm tree was growing within four feet of the conductors, and the continued encroachment presents a wildfire risk.

On March 26, 2026, Energy Safety conducted an inspection of SCE's WMP initiatives in the vicinity of Agoura Hills, California. During the inspection, Energy Safety identified a Mexican palm tree growing within the four-foot minimum clearance distance near pole ID 4848157E and near coordinates 34.150924, -118.746338 along Foothill Drive. The Mexican palm tree is located within SCE's defined HFRA, in HFTD Tier 3, and SRA. SCE's Q4 2025 data reports that SCE trimmed the palm, VMP ID 1WLRn0000019PD7OAM-2025_4, on November 11, 2025. The inspector measured the distance between the primary conductors and the closest fronds of the Mexican palm using a Nikon Forestry Pro II laser range finder. The measured distance was two feet, which is less than required four-foot clearance. The Mexican palm tree is approximately 26 feet tall, growing under the conductors, and is located at approximately 0.2 span north of the pole ID4848157E. The inspector's observations are documented in Exhibit A photographs, which are attached to this report. Photo 1 depicts pole ID 4848157E. Photo 2 shows the Mexican palm tree in relation to the pole. Photos 3 and 4 depict the Mexican palm tree encroaching within the four-foot minimum clearance distance.

⁶ SCE "2023-2025 Base WMP," published November 14, 2024. p. 412-413
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Exhibits

Exhibit A: Photo Log

Structure ID: 4848157E

Deficiency 1



	
<p>Photo 1: Photo of pole ID4848157E</p>	<p>Photo 2: Overview photo showing the pole and the Mexican palm tree. Palm is under the conductor in the grow-in zone.</p>



Photo 3: Photo of the Mexican palm tree growing under the conductors and within the four-foot minimum clearance distance. Photo taken south of the tree looking north.



Photo 4: Additional photo of the Mexican palm tree encroaching within the four-foot minimum clearance distance from the primary conductor. Photo taken south of the tree looking west.