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NOTICE OF NON-PERFORMANCE

Mr. Marconi:

Pursuant to Government Code section 15472, et seq, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) has conducted an inspection of work completed by Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES) in accordance with its 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and determined the existence of non-performance requiring correction. Energy Safety therefore issues BVES a Notice of Non-Performance (NON), identifying non-performance with its approved WMP.

On August 25, 2026, Energy Safety conducted an inspection of Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.'s WMP initiatives in the vicinity of the city of Big Bear City, California. The inspection report is enclosed herewith. Energy Safety found the following deficiencies:

Deficiency 1. Energy Safety observed that in implementing 2025 WMP initiative 8.1.2.1 – Covered Conductor Installation, BVES failed to complete work on covered conductor installation on Structure ID 15158BV, Grid Hardening ID CC_2025_226 at coordinates 34.2605257641544, -116.864247163568. Energy Safety considers this non-performance to be in the Minor risk category. BVES must complete a corrective action for this deficiency by 12 months of this notice.

Within 30 days from the issuance date of this NON, the electrical corporation 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 Docket,[1] and the associated file name(s) must begin with the NON identification number.

Prior to its response, the electrical corporation 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

[1] https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/EFiling/DocketInformation.aspx?docketnumber=2025%20NON

deadline.[2] Requests for informal conference with Energy Safety must be e-mailed to AssetPerformance@energysafety.ca.gov, with a copy sent to all Energy Safety staff identified in the NON.

Sincerely,

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[2] Energy Safety Performance Guidelines, p. 4

INSPECTION REPORT

Overview

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) conducts inspections to verify the work performed by an electrical corporation pursuant to an approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) or subsequent filing, and to assess general conditions of electrical infrastructure that may adversely affect an electrical corporation's wildfire risk.

A Notice of Non-Performance (NON) is issued for any deficiencies discovered during an inspection related to an electrical corporation's performance of its WMP.

Deficiencies must be corrected in a timely manner. Energy Safety may prescribe a timeframe for resolution of a deficiency.[3] If Energy Safety assigns a risk category to a deficiency, an electrical corporation must correct the deficiency as required per the timelines provided in Table 1.[4]

Table 1. Risk Category and Correction Timelines

Risk Category	Deficiency correction timeline
Severe	• Immediate resolution
Moderate	• 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	• 12 months or resolution scheduled in WMP update

[3] Gov. Code section 15475.2(a)(2)
[4] Energy Safety Performance Guidelines, p. 4

Inspection Summary

Table 2 provides a summary of the selection of the WMP inspection location and initiative. Table 3 provides a summary of the deficiency or deficiencies found during the inspection. Details regarding the inspection that identified the deficiency or deficiencies are provided in the Inspections Details section below.

Table 2. Inspection Location and Initiative Summary

Electrical Corporation:	Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.
Report Number:	PAD_BVES_SIS_20260825_1502
Inspector:	Samuel Isaiah
WMP Year Inspected:	2025
Quarterly Data Report (QDR) Referenced:	Quarter 2 (Q2)
Inspection Selection:	Energy Safety viewed the contents of the Q2 QDR and performed an analysis that resulted in the selection of the WMP initiatives and locations referenced in this report.
Relevant WMP Initiative(s):	8.1.2.1 – Covered Conductor Installation
Date of Inspection:	August 25, 2026
City and/or County of Inspection:	Big Bear City, San Bernardino County
Inspection Purpose:	Assess the accuracy of Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.'s QDR data, completeness of its work, and performance of WMP requirements.

Table 3. WMP Inspection Deficiency

Deficiency #	Structure ID	Grid Hardening ID	Lat/Long	HFTD	Initiative Number	Severity	Deficiency Description
Deficiency 1	15158BV	CC_2025_226	34.2605257641544, -116.864247163568	Tier 2	8.1.2.1 – Covered Conductor Installation	Minor	Failure to complete work on covered conductor installation

Inspection Details

Relevant Requirement:
BVES's WMP states the following regarding initiative number 8.1.2.1 – Covered Conductor Installation:

1. "Covered conductors are any conductors (wires) covered by layers of insulation. Vendors designed these wires to withstand incidental contact with vegetation or other debris… Covered wire is an accepted practice to eliminate tree and vegetation and debris contact to reduce wildfire ignitions."[5]

Findings:
In the 2025 Q2 Quarterly Data Report Submission, Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. reported that work on Covered Conductor Installation was completed at Structure ID 15158BV, Grid Hardening ID CC_2025_226 at Mile 52.8 State Rte 18 N, Big Bear City, CA, 92314, USA, coordinates 34.2605257641544, -116.864247163568. At this location, the inspector observed that jumper connection cover was dislocated and bare conductor was exposed under the dead-end insulator cover. The inspector's observation is documented in Deficiency 1 photographs, which are attachments to this report. Photo numbers Asset Image 1, Asset Image 2, Asset Image 3, depict exposed bare conductor.

Energy Safety concludes that there is a deficiency because of these facts:

1. BVES reported that covered conductor installation work was complete on the subject structure.
2. The jumper connection cover under the dead-end insulator cover was dislocated and the bare conductor was exposed.

[5] Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc., "Bear Valley Electric Service 2023-2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan" July 22, 2024, p. 133 & 134. [Online]. Available: https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/EFiling/GetFile.aspx?filePath=D%3a%5cFileThat%5cFileServer%5cPublic%5cPublicDocuments%5c2023-2025-WMPs%2fTN14455_20240722T230420_20240722_BVES_2025_WMP_R2.pdf

Exhibits

Exhibit A: Photo Log

Structure ID: 15158BV

Deficiency 1

	
General Image 1: Overall Structure	**General Image 2**: Structure ID
	
Asset Image 1: Jumper cover under Dead-end insulator cover dislocated. Connection exposed.	**Asset Image 2**: Jumper cover under Dead-end insulator cover dislocated. Connection exposed.



Asset Image 3: Jumper cover under Dead-end insulator cover dislocated. Connection exposed.