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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 2026 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 September 9, 2026, Energy Safety conducted an inspection of SCE's WMP initiatives in the vicinity of the city of Bishop, California in the 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 2026 WMP Compliance Structure Brushing 9.4.1.1 initiative, which requires compliance with Public Resource Code (PRC) 4292, by not maintaining the required radial firebreak distance of ten feet around the base of pole ID 1735724E at coordinates 37.36115887496976, -118.44448605736704. Energy Safety considers this non-performance to be in the Moderate risk category. SCE must complete a corrective action for this non-performance by six 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 2026 NON Docket[2] and the associated file name(s) must begin with the NON identification number.

[1] Gov. Code section 15475.2(a)(2)
[2] https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/EFiling/DocketInformation.aspx?docketnumber=2026%20NON

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

Sincerely,



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[3] Energy Safety Performance Guidelines, p. 4

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	• 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

[4] Energy Safety Performance Guidelines, p. 4

Inspection Summary

Energy Safety found a "Moderate" deficiency at pole ID 1735724E in SRA. SCE failed to maintain a ten-foot radial firebreak around pole ID 1735724E as required by PRC 4292.[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_RGA_20260916_1150
Inspector:	Ricardo Garcia
WMP Year Inspected:	2026
Quarterly Data Report (QDR) Referenced:	Quarter 2 (Q2) 2026
Inspection Selection:	Energy Safety inspected the locations based on SCE's Q2 QDR.
Relevant WMP Initiative(s):	Compliance Structure Brushing 9.4.1.1
Date of inspection:	September 16, 2026
City and/or County of Inspection:	Bishop, California

[5] Southern California Edison Company, 2026-2028 Base Wildfire Mitigation Plan, Published January 22, 2026, p. 349-350 (https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=60095&shareable=true, accessed September 24, 2026).

Inspection Findings

Deficiency 1

Relevant Requirement:

SCE's WMP initiative Compliance Structure Brushing 9.4.1.1 states "SCE removes vegetation around all Distribution poles and Transmission structures subject to PRC 4292 in State Responsibility Areas (SRA). The structure brushing program maintains clearance from the ground up to eight feet."[6]

Findings:

Energy Safety considers this deficiency as "Moderate" because SCE failed to maintain a ten-foot radial firebreak around pole ID 1735724E, consistent with the requirements of Public Resources Code section 4292. The vegetation growing within the ten-foot radial distance from the base of pole ID 1735724E presents an ongoing wildfire risk.

On September 16, 2026, Energy Safety conducted an inspection of SCE's WMP initiatives in the vicinity of Bishop, California. During the inspection, Energy Safety observed vegetation growing within the ten-foot radial distance from the base pole ID 1735724E near coordinates 37.36115887496976, -118.44448605736704 along West Line Street. The pole is located within the SRA and is equipped with non-exempt fuses as well as non-exempt surge arresters. Therefore, it falls under the requirement of PRC 4292, which mandates the removal of vegetation within 10 feet of such poles. The inspector's observations are documented in Exhibit A photographs which are attached to this report. Photo 1 depicts pole ID 1735724E. Photos 2 and 3 depict vegetation growing within the ten-foot radial distance from the base of pole ID 1735724E. Photos 4 and 5 depict the non-exempt fuse and surge arrester respectively.

[6] Southern California Edison Company, 2026-2028 Base Wildfire Mitigation Plan, Published January 22, 2026, p. 349-350 (https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=60095&shareable=true, accessed September 24, 2026).

Exhibits

Exhibit A: Photo Log

Structure ID: 1735724E

Deficiency 1

	
Photo 1: Photo of pole ID 1735724E.	Photo 2: Photo of vegetation growing within the ten-foot radial distance from the base of pole ID 1735724E.



Photo 3: Photo of vegetation growing within the ten-foot radial distance from the base of pole ID 1735724E with ten-foot measuring tape in view.



Photo 4: Photo of non-exempt fuse equipped on pole ID 1735724E.

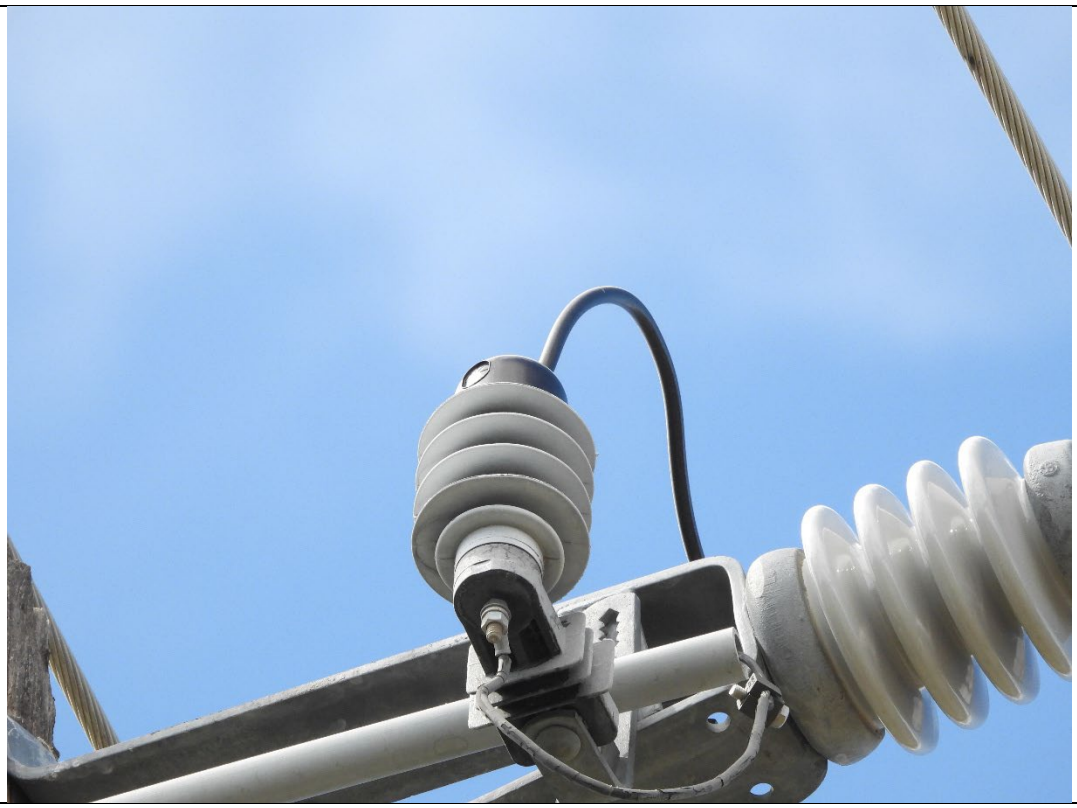


Photo 5: Photo of non-exempt surge arrester equipped on pole ID 1735724E.