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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 29, 2026, Energy Safety conducted an inspection of SCE's WMP initiatives in the vicinity of Topanga, 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 2026 WMP Clearance 9.2.1.3 initiative, which requires compliance with Public Resource Code 4293, by not maintaining a four-foot clearance distance around the primary covered conductors near pole ID 4551280E and coordinates 34.11751598145005, -118.58053358080308. A pepper tree was intermittently contacting the covered conductor and appeared to have burn marks. Energy Safety considers this non-performance to be in the Severe risk category.

Energy Safety provided the initial finding and supporting information regarding this deficiency to SCE on September 29, 2026. Energy Safety remained on site to confirm the remediation and determined that SCE adequately completed the work. As a result, Energy Safety considers the NON closed and no further action is required by SCE.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed inspection report, please contact me or Ricardo Garcia at Ricardo.Garcia@energysafety.ca.gov.

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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 "Severe" risk. SCE has since remediated the deficiency. This NON is considered closed, and no further action is needed of SCE.

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

Inspection Summary

Energy Safety found a "Severe" deficiency near pole ID 4551280E in HFTD Tier 3 and the SRA. SCE failed to maintain vegetation at least four feet away from the primary conductors as required by PRC 4293 and SCE's WMP commitments,[1] and the vegetation was contacting the conductors. SCE remediated the deficiency on the day of the inspection. This NON is considered closed, and no further action is needed of SCE.

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_20260929_1037
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):	Clearance 9.2.1.3
Date of inspection:	September 29, 2026
City and/or County of Inspection:	Topanga, California

[1] Southern California Edison Company, 2026-2028 Base Wildfire Mitigation Plan, Published January 22, 2026, p. 338 (https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=60095&shareable=true, accessed October 2, 2026).

Inspection Findings

Deficiency 1

Relevant Requirement:

SCE's WMP initiative Clearance 9.2.1.3 states "SCE uses the [Grid Resiliency Clearance Distance] GRCD to determine clearances from distribution lines which are based on standards set forth in [General Order] GO 95 Rule 35 (Case 13 and Case 14), GO 95 Rule 37, PRC 4293..."[2] Public Resource Code 4293 requires that SCE maintain a four-foot minimum clearance distance in all directions between all vegetation and all conductors for power lines between 2,400 volts and 72,000 volts.[3]

Additionally, SCE states that "At a minimum, SCE's Inspections for Vegetation Clearances from Distribution Lines maintains at least the required four feet clearance for distribution lines within [High Fire Risk Area] HFRA."[4]

Findings:

Energy Safety considers this deficiency as "Severe" because SCE failed to maintain the required minimum clearance distance between vegetation and its covered conductors, consistent with the requirements of Public Resources Code section 4293 and SCE's WMP commitments. A pepper tree was intermittently contacting the covered conductor. The continued encroachment and contact presented a wildfire risk.

On September 29, 2026, Energy Safety conducted an inspection of SCE's WMP initiatives in the vicinity of Topanga, California. During the inspection, Energy Safety observed a pepper tree growing within the four-foot minimum clearance distance and intermittently contacting the covered conductor near pole ID 4551280E and coordinates 34.11751598145005, -118.58053358080308 along Sylvania Lane. The pepper tree is located within the SRA and HFTD Tier 3 which encompasses the HFRA. The pepper tree has a diameter at breast height of 17 inches, was 35 feet tall, and is located approximately 30 feet south of the pole ID 4551280E. According to SCE's QDR submissions, the pepper tree was last trimmed on September 17, 2025.

The relevant PRC 4293 requirements and SCE's WMP do not make a distinction between covered and bare conductors and vegetation clearance distances. The covered conductor may still pose an ignition risk if vegetation comes in contact. According to the asset ArcGIS layer provided by SCE, the operating voltage of the primary conductors is 16,000 volts. The inspector's observations are documented in Exhibit A photographs which are attached to this report. Photo 1 depicts pole ID 4551280E. Photos 2, 3, and 4 depict the pepper tree

[2] Southern California Edison Company, 2026-2028 Base Wildfire Mitigation Plan, Published January 22, 2026, p. 338 (https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=60095&shareable=true, accessed October 2, 2026).
[3] https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=4293.&lawCode=PRC, accessed October 2, 2026.
[4] Southern California Edison Company, 2026-2028 Base Wildfire Mitigation Plan, Published January 22, 2026, p. 338 (https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=60095&shareable=true, accessed October 2, 2026).

encroaching within the four-foot minimum clearance distance and contacting the primary conductor. Photos 5 and 6 depict the SCE contracted tree crew trimming the pepper tree and the pepper tree after remediation was complete.

Energy Safety remained on site to confirm the remediation and determined that SCE adequately completed the work. As a result, Energy Safety considers the NON closed and no further action from SCE is required in response to this NON.

Exhibits

Exhibit A: Photo Log

Structure ID: 4551280E

Deficiency 1

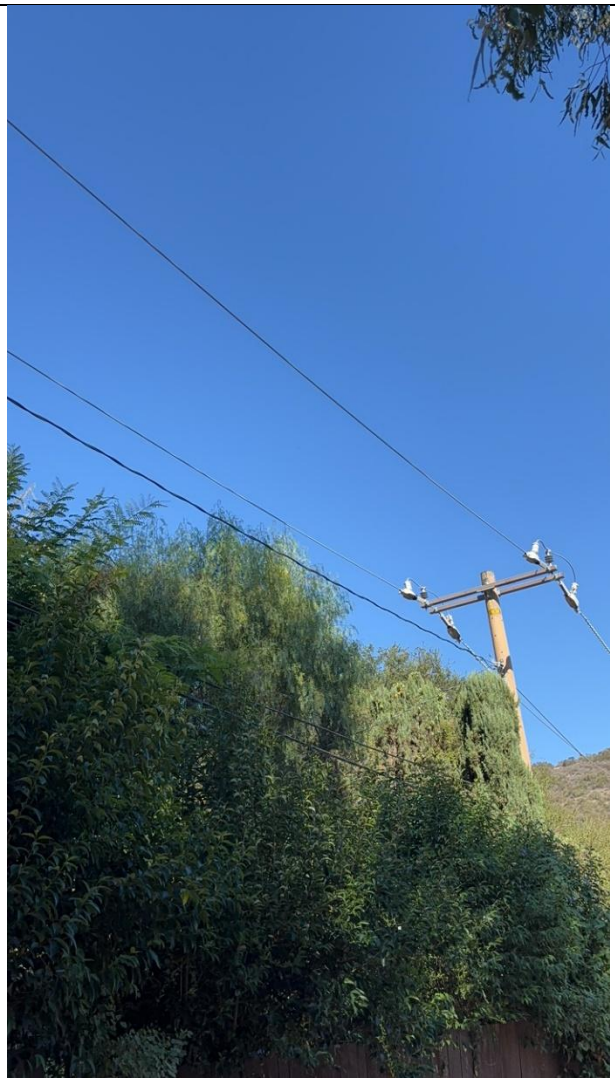
	
Photo 1: Photo of pole ID 4551280E.	Photo 2: Photo of the pepper tree within the four-foot minimum clearance distance contacting the primary conductor.



Photo 3: Close-up photo of the same pepper tree within the four-foot minimum clearance distance contacting the primary conductor.



Photo 4: Additional close-up photo of the same pepper tree within the four-foot minimum clearance distance.



Photo 5: Photo of Southern California Edison contracted tree crew trimming the pepper tree.



Photo 6: Photo of the pepper tree after remediation, no longer encroaching within the four-foot minimum clearance distance or contacting the primary conductor.