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Subject: Notice Regarding Planned Refinements to Energy Safety’s Safety Culture Assessment Process for the 2026-2027 Assessment Cycle

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (“Energy Safety”) hereby provides notice of planned changes to its Safety Culture Assessment (“SCA”) process for the 2026-2027 SCA cycle.

Pursuant to SB 254,¹ starting in 2026, Energy Safety’s SCA process is moving from an annual to a biennial cadence. With the additional time that a biennial process provides, Energy Safety plans to expand and refine its SCA process. For the next cycle, Energy Safety’s SCA will now consist of the following elements:

1. For all electrical corporations (“ECs”), a refined and expanded version of Energy Safety’s focused SCA process, consisting of many of the same elements as Energy Safety’s 2024 SCA process including: a Workforce Survey; Objectives, Lessons Learned, and Progress on Previous Cycles’ Recommendations; and Interviews, Focus Groups, Observational Visits, and Supporting Documentation.
2. For Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) (collectively the “large electrical corporations”) only, an assessment of each large electrical corporation’s near-miss reporting system, hazard reporting system, and corrective action program.

To implement these SCA process enhancements, Energy Safety will be issuing new guidelines for the next SCA cycle.

¹ Stats 2025 ch. 119 Section 7, Effective September 19, 2025, amending California Public Utilities Code Section 8386.2.



Energy Safety plans to proceed according to the following tentative schedule:

Event	Tentative Date²
Preliminary meetings with each large electrical corporation to discuss Energy Safety’s proposed SCA approach	Week of June 22, 2026
Public Workshop	Late July/Early August 2026
Draft guidelines, comment period, and final guidelines	September/October 2026
SCA pre-planning	Q4 2026
SCA administration begins	Q1 2027

This schedule, as well as the form, timing, and number of the events and documents listed therein, may change based on additional information and feedback received from stakeholders.

Sincerely,

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² Tentative dates and timeframes are subject to change at Energy Safety’s discretion