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Caroline Thomas Jacobs, Director
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SUBJECT: Southern California Edison's Notification of Completion of Substantial Vegetation Management in accordance with California Public Utilities Code Section 8386.3.(c)(5)(A): VM-1 Hazard Tree Management Program, VM-2 Expanded Pole Brushing, and VM-4 Dead and Dying Tree Assessment Initiative

Dear Director Thomas Jacobs,

In accordance with California Public Utilities Code Section 8386.3(c)(5)(A), SCE is providing notification to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety that Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has completed a substantial portion of three of its 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan vegetation management initiatives (VM-1, VM-2, and VM-4).

Initiative VM-1 is the Hazard Tree Management Program, which pertains to assessing and potentially removing live trees that represent a significant fall-in or blow-in risk. The 2021 goal for this program, as reflected in SCE's 2021 WMP Update Change Order Report, is 130,000 assessments. As of November 30, 2021, SCE has completed a substantial portion of this goal and assessed 125,000 potential hazard trees. Initiative VM-2 is the Expanded Pole Brushing program, which focuses on removing vegetation immediately at the base of poles located in HFRA. As of December 29, 2021, SCE has completed a substantial portion of this goal by performing 160,000 of its goal of 200,000 pole brushes in 2021. Initiative VM-4 is the Dead and Dying Tree Assessment Initiative, formerly the Drought Relief Initiative, which focuses on removing trees that are dead, dying, or diseased and represent a significant fall-in or blow-in risk. The 2021 goal was to inspect 1,205 circuits, and as of November 30, 2021, SCE has completed a substantial portion of this goal and assessed 1,168 circuits.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact me at gary.chen@sce.com.

Sincerely,

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