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Regulations to be Adopted as Permanent Regulations

Title 14. Natural Resources
Division 17. Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety
Chapter 2. Investigation and Compliance
Article 1. Reporting, Investigation, Violations

§ 29300. Notifications

- (a) A regulated entity must notify the Office within one business day after the regulated entity knows, or has reason to know, with respect to a fire requiring a response from a fire suppression agency, when:
- (1) A fault, outage, or other anomaly has occurred on infrastructure that it owns or operates within six hours of the start of the fire; and
 - (2) The infrastructure with the fault, outage, or anomaly is within one mile of either the origin of the fire or perimeter of the fire at the time of the notification, whichever is known and closest.
- (b) A regulated entity must notify the Office within four hours after the regulated entity knows, or has reason to know, that either: (1) infrastructure owned or operated by the regulated entity might have caused a fire requiring a response from a fire suppression agency, or (2) a government entity is investigating whether infrastructure owned or operated by the regulated entity caused a fire.
- (c) For purpose of this section, “anomaly” is defined to mean an unplanned condition outside of normal operating parameters of a power grid that does not result in a fault or an outage.
- (d) For purpose of this section, “start of the fire” is defined to mean when a regulated entity knows, or has reason to know, of the fire.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 15473 and 15475, Government Code. Reference: Section 15473 and 15475, Government Code.

§ 29302. Investigations and Notices

(a) The Office may investigate the following:

- (1) Whether an approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan was followed;**
- (2) Whether failure to follow the Wildfire Mitigation Plan contributed to an ignition;**
- (3) Whether the regulated entity is noncompliant with its duties and responsibilities or has otherwise committed violations of any laws, regulations, or guidelines within the authority of the Office; and**
- (4) Other related investigations within the authority of the Office, as requested by the Director.**

(b) Based on the findings of any investigation, the Office may issue any of the following:

- (1) Notice of defect, identifying a deficiency, error, or condition increasing the risk of ignition posed by electrical lines and equipment requiring correction; or**
- (2) Notice of violation, identifying non-compliance with an approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan or any law, regulation, or guideline within the authority of the Office.**

Note: Authority cited: Sections 15473, 15475 and 15475.4, Government Code.
Reference: Sections 15475, 15475.1, 15475.2 and 15475.4, Government Code; and Section 8389, Public Utilities Code.