

**February 23, 2026**

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**SUBJECT:** Southern California Edison Company's Response to Notice of Non-Performance (NON\_PAD\_SCE\_YLO\_20251119\_1355)

Dear Mr. Doherty:

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) appreciates the opportunity to provide this response to the finding identified in the Notice of Non-Performance – **NON\_PAD\_SCE\_YLO\_20251119\_1355** which SCE received on **January 23, 2026 (Notice)**, based on the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety's (Energy Safety) field inspections conducted in SCE's service area on **November 19, 2025 , 2025**. SCE appreciates Energy Safety's efforts to identify, communicate and work together to resolve potential wildfire risks. The enclosed response describes corrective actions taken or planned by SCE to remedy the finding identified in the Notice and to prevent recurrence.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Liz Leano at 626-302-3662 or [Elizabeth.Leano@sce.com](mailto:Elizabeth.Leano@sce.com).

Sincerely,

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## SCE Response

### Finding:

Notice	#	Structures
NON_PAD_SCE_YLO_20251119_1355	1	4804671E

### Summary of Findings:

Energy Safety’s Notice states that in implementing 2025 WMP initiative 8.1.3.1 - Distribution High Fire Risk-Informed (HFRI) Inspections and Remediations (IN-1.1), SCE failed to complete the remediation of missing connector covers on Pole ID 4804671E, Grid Hardening ID 414065037-4804671E at coordinates 33.9706958300596, -116.954069974971.

Energy Safety states that it “considers this non-performance to be in the **Minor risk category**.”<sup>1</sup>

### Response:

SCE confirms that the wildlife cover on structure ID 4804671E was remediated on April 11, 2025. During an inspection on February 19, 2026, in response to this Notice, SCE’s Field Operations team verified that the wildlife cover is in compliance with SCE’s construction standards as it is properly secured and continues to protect the exposed connector. Please find photo evidence below from SCE’s February 19, 2026, inspection, documenting the wildlife cover in its secured condition.

Although the Notice describes the wildlife cover as “opened”, the gap in the cover depicted in the photo below is part of the wildlife cover design to allow ventilation and drainage, and its installation is consistent with SCE’s Distribution Overhead Construction Standards (DOH). Section 535 of SCE’s DOH (sheet 17 of 35) states that: “(s)ome wildlife covers have small gaps or seams as part of the covering design. Installation of the cover should be considered in order to allow moisture to drain through

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<sup>1</sup> Notice, p. 1.

said gaps or openings.” A screenshot of the relevant section of the DOH is pasted below.



**4.0 Wildlife Protection Materials**

Wildlife protection material is for incidental wildlife contact only. They are not rated for personal protection and should be treated as bare wires.

Bushing covers shall only cover top skirt of the bushing.

Some wildfire covers have small gaps or seams as part of the covering design. Installation of the cover should be considered in order to allow moisture to drain through said gaps or openings.

Additionally, orientation of the gap/seam should be pointed away from other energized or grounded parts in the immediate vicinity (typically 18 inches).

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Approved by: <i>BSL</i>	Wildlife-Safe Power Line Construction	<b>DC 535</b>
Effective Date: 10-25-2024	What's Changed?	Sheet 17 of 35 <b>DOH</b>