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SUBJECT: Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety Issuance of Southern California Edison Company's Certificate

Mr. Backstrom:

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) hereby issues Southern California Edison Company (SCE) a Certificate pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 8389(e). SCE's December 2, 2025, request for a 2025 Certificate¹ meets all statutory requirements. This Certificate is valid for 12 months from issuance and has only the force and effect given to it by Public Utilities Code sections 451.1(c) and 8389.

Energy Safety must issue a Certificate if SCE provides documentation that it meets the requirements set forth in Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(1) through (e)(7). These requirements are detailed below, with an overview of Energy Safety's findings for SCE for each requirement.

Recent legislative changes from Senate Bill 254, signed into law and effective on September 19, 2025,² amended the Public Utilities Code sections for Certificates. This decision is based on the Public Utilities Code sections and uses those section numbers for Certificates that existed at the time Energy Safety's Safety Certification Guidelines Version 1.0 were published on April 25, 2025. Future Certificate decisions will be evaluated by Energy Safety under the newly amended Public Utilities Code sections.

¹ SCE's 2025 Certificate Request

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59795&shareable=true>, accessed January 8, 2026).

² Senate Bill 254, Energy (2025–2026), Chapter 119, stat. 2025

(https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB254, accessed January 8, 2026).

1. Approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(1) requires that “[t]he electrical corporation has an approved wildfire mitigation plan [WMP].” SCE submitted its 2026-2028 Base WMP on October 27, 2025.³ Energy Safety issued its Decision approving SCE’s 2026-2028 Base WMP on February 23, 2026.⁴ SCE has satisfied the requirement of Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(1).

2. Good Standing

Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(2) requires that “[t]he electrical corporation is in good standing, which can be satisfied by the electrical corporation having agreed to implement the findings of its most recent safety culture assessment [SCA] performed pursuant to Section 8386.2 and paragraph (4) of subdivision (d), if applicable.”

Energy Safety published its most recent SCA for SCE on December 19, 2025, and identified six recommendations, listed below:

1. *Provide Measurable Safety Culture Objectives*
2. *Improve Leadership Ownership of Safety*
3. *Improve Information Sharing and Feedback Mechanisms*
4. *Better Understand Safety Risks Associated with Performance Pressures and Distractions*
5. *Continued Progress on Addressing Public Interaction Risks*
6. *Improve Workforce Engagement*⁵

On January 22, 2026, SCE formally agreed to implement the findings and recommendations of Energy Safety’s 2024 SCA for SCE.⁶ SCE’s agreement to implement these findings satisfies the “good standing” requirement of Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(2) for its 2025 Certificate request because the Energy Safety 2024 SCA is the most recent and only SCA performed pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 8386.2 or paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Public Utilities Code section 8389.

³ SCE 2026-2028 Base WMP

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59549&shareable=true>, accessed January 8, 2026).

⁴ SCE 2026-2028 Base WMP Decision

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=60317&shareable=true>, accessed February 23, 2026).

⁵ 2024 Safety Culture Assessment for SCE

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59957&shareable=true>, accessed January 8, 2026).

⁶ SCE’s Acceptance of 2024 Safety Culture Assessment

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=60091&shareable=true>, accessed January 23, 2026).

3. Board of Directors Safety Committee

Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(3) requires that “[t]he electrical corporation has established a safety committee of its board of directors composed of members with relevant safety experience.”

SCE's Certificate request states that it has established a Safety and Operations Committee⁷ composed of members of its Board of Directors with relevant safety experience.⁸

SCE reports the Safety and Operations Committee membership as follows:

- Timothy O'Toole
- Jeanne Beliveau-Dunn
- Michael C. Camuñez
- Carey Smith
- Keith Trent

In Addendum 1 of its Certificate request, SCE provides a resume for each member of its Safety and Operations Committee, highlighting each member's relevant safety-related experience.⁹

SCE has satisfied the requirement of Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(3).

4. Executive Compensation

Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(4) requires that “[t]he electrical corporation has established an executive incentive compensation structure approved by [Energy Safety] and structured to promote safety as a priority and to ensure public safety and utility financial stability with performance metrics, including incentive compensation based on meeting performance metrics that are measurable and enforceable, for all executive officers, as defined in Section 451.5. This may include tying 100 percent of incentive compensation to safety performance and denying all incentive compensation in the event the electrical corporation causes a catastrophic wildfire that results in one or more fatalities.”

Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(6)(A)(i)(I) requires “[s]trict limits on guaranteed cash compensation, with the primary portion of the executive officers' compensation based on achievement of objective performance metrics.” Clause (i)(II), requires “[n]o guaranteed monetary incentives in the compensation structure.” Clause (ii) requires that the compensation structure “satisfies the compensation principles identified in paragraph (4),” noted above. Clause (iii) requires “[a] long-term structure that provides a significant portion of compensation, which may take the form of grants of the electrical corporation's stock, based on the electrical

⁷ SCE's 2025 Certificate Request, p. 6

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59795&shareable=true>, accessed January 8, 2026).

⁸ SCE's 2025 Certificate Request, p. 6

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59795&shareable=true>, accessed January 8, 2026).

⁹ SCE's 2025 Certificate Request Addendum 1

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59795&shareable=true>, accessed January 8, 2026).

corporation's long-term performance and value. This compensation shall be held or deferred for a period of at least three years." Clause (iv) requires "[m]inimization or elimination of indirect or ancillary compensation that is not aligned with shareholder and taxpayer interest in the electrical corporation."

SCE submitted a request for approval of its 2025 executive compensation structure on May 23, 2025.¹⁰ Energy Safety determined that SCE's executive compensation structure satisfied the requirements of Public Utilities Code sections 8389(e)(4) and (e)(6) and approved SCE's executive compensation structure on December 29, 2025.¹¹

SCE has satisfied the requirements of Public Utilities Code sections 8389(e)(4) and (e)(6).

5. Board-Level Safety Reporting

Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(5) requires that "[t]he electrical corporation has established board-of-director-level reporting to the [California Public Utilities Commission {CPUC}] and [Energy Safety] on safety issues."

To satisfy the requirements of Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(5), SCE's Certificate request cites the August 19, 2025, public meeting on utility safety practices, hosted jointly by Energy Safety and the CPUC. The purpose of this meeting was to provide information to the Director of Energy Safety, CPUC Commissioners, and the public about the electrical infrastructure safety efforts of SCE, including progress and challenges concerning wildfire mitigation, worker safety, and safety culture. During this meeting, a member of SCE's Board of Directors and three members of the executive staff gave a presentation and answered questions from Energy Safety and the CPUC. SCE was represented by Chair of the Safety and Operations Committee of the Board of Directors, Timothy O'Toole, along with Jill Anderson, SCE's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and David Heller, Vice President of Enterprise Risk Management & Insurance.

Pursuant to the Safety Certification Guidelines Version 1.0 requirement¹² that an electrical corporation provide any materials used or referenced in the public meeting in its Certificate request, SCE provided its presentation slides in Addendum 2 of its Certificate request.^{13,14}

SCE has satisfied the requirement of Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(5).

¹⁰ SCE's 2025 Executive Compensation Structure Submission

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=58553&shareable=true>, accessed January 8, 2026).

¹¹ Approval of SCE's 2025 Executive Compensation Structure

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=60007&shareable=true>, accessed January 8, 2026).

¹² Energy Safety's Certificate Guidelines Version 1.0, p. 3

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=58353&shareable=true>, accessed January 14, 2026).

¹³ See SCE's presentation beginning at 1:32:00 in the recording of the public meeting "Electric Utilities Safety Culture and Public Safety Power Shutoffs" (August 19, 2025)

(<https://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/workshop/20250819/>, accessed January 15, 2026).

¹⁴ SCE's 2025 Certificate Request Addendum 2

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59795&shareable=true>, accessed January 15, 2026).

6. Limits on Executive Compensation

Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(6) is addressed under "Executive Compensation" above.

7. WMP Implementation

Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(7) requires that "[t]he electrical corporation is implementing its approved [WMP]." This statute requires the electrical corporation to "file a notification of implementation of its [WMP] with [Energy Safety] and an information-only submittal with the [CPUC] on a quarterly basis." These quarterly notifications and information-only submittals must include information on "the implementation of both its approved [WMP] and recommendations of the most recent [SCAs] by the [CPUC] and [Energy Safety], and a statement of the recommendations of the board of directors safety committee meetings that occurred during the quarter." The statute also stipulates that these quarterly notifications and submittals must "summarize the implementation of the safety committee recommendations from the electrical corporation's previous notification and submission."

Energy Safety's Safety Certification Guidelines Version 1.0 further specify that:

"In its Safety Certification request, the electrical corporation must detail the progress it has made toward completing its WMP targets, explain any delayed or off-track efforts, include the recommendations from its latest Energy Safety and CPUC safety culture assessment(s), and show progress in the implementation of the findings of its most recent safety culture assessment(s)." Furthermore, to meet the requirements of section 8389(e)(7), electrical corporations must submit quarterly notifications.¹⁵

Subsequent to receiving its last Safety Certification,¹⁶ SCE submitted quarterly notifications to Energy Safety on the required subjects on February 1, 2025,¹⁷ May 1, 2025,¹⁸ August 1, 2025,¹⁹ and November 3, 2025.²⁰ Attachments to these notifications include quantitative metrics indicating SCE's progress on the wildfire mitigation initiatives described in its 2023-2025 Base WMP.

¹⁵ Energy Safety's Certificate Guidelines Version 1.0, p. 3

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=58353&shareable=true>, accessed January 14, 2026).

¹⁶ SCE's 2024 Certificate Issuance Letter

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=57487&shareable=true>, accessed January 14, 2026).

¹⁷ SCE's Quarterly Notification Letter from February 1, 2025

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=57906&shareable=true>, accessed January 14, 2026).

¹⁸ SCE's Quarterly Notification Letter from May 1, 2025

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=58384&shareable=true>, accessed January 14, 2026).

¹⁹ SCE's Quarterly Notification Letter from August 1, 2025

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59115&shareable=true>, accessed January 14, 2026).

²⁰ SCE's Quarterly Notification Letter from November 3, 2025

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59572&shareable=true>, accessed January 14, 2026).

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(7) and Energy Safety's Safety Certification Guidelines Version 1.0, SCE submitted quarterly notifications to the CPUC as information-only submittals on February 1, 2025, May 1, 2025, August 1, 2025, and November 3, 2025.²¹

WMP Implementation Progress:

SCE reported that as of the end of the third quarter of 2025, it had met its commitments for 17 of the 36 mitigation initiatives in its 2023-2025 Base WMP.

In SCE's December 2, 2025, Certificate request, SCE reported on all 36 initiatives, stating that 30 were complete or on track. SCE noted activity status is current as of the date of the Q3 Quarterly Notification Letter submitted on November 3, 2025. SCE reported that six of its mitigation initiatives were not on track for timely completion: Covered Conductor, Long Span Initiative, Early Fault Detection, Tree Attachment Remediation, Inspection & Maintenance Tools InspectForce, and REFCL (Grounding Conversion).²² SCE provided details on its internal get-well plan for the mitigation initiatives that are at risk of being off track. SCE stated that it will not meet its year-end targets for four of its at-risk mitigation initiatives: Early Fault Detection, Tree Attachment Remediation, Inspection & Maintenance Tools InspectForce, and REFCL (Grounding Conversion).²³

Energy Safety will continue to monitor and assess the implementation of the remaining initiatives as part of Energy Safety's performance assessment activities.²⁴

SCE has met the requirement of Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(7) to provide information on the implementation of its approved WMP.

SCA Recommendation Implementation Progress:

Energy Safety published its most recent SCA for SCE on December 19, 2025, and identified six recommendations, as noted above.²⁵ SCE submitted its recent agreement to implement the findings of Energy Safety's 2024 SCA Report for SCE on January 22, 2026.²⁶

As the 2024 SCA for SCE was published after SCE's 2025 Certificate request was submitted, SCE reported on actions taken to address recommendations from its 2023 SCA in its 2025 Certificate

²¹ Per SCE's February 1, 2025, May 1, 2025, August 1, 2025, and November 3, 2025, Quarterly Notifications.

²² SCE's Quarterly Notification Letter from November 3, 2025

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59572&shareable=true>, accessed January 14, 2026).

²³ SCE's Quarterly Notification Letter from November 3, 2025

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59572&shareable=true>, accessed January 14, 2026).

²⁴ Energy Safety's Performance Guidelines

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59899&shareable=true>, accessed January 15, 2026).

²⁵ 2024 Safety Culture Assessment for SCE

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59957&shareable=true>, accessed January 15, 2026).

²⁶ SCE's Acceptance of 2024 Safety Culture Assessment

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=60091&shareable=true>, accessed January 23, 2026).

request,²⁷ which was the most recent assessment completed at the time of its Certificate request.²⁸

SCE has met the requirement of Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(7) by providing information on the implementation of its 2023 SCA recommendations.

Board Safety Committee Recommendations and Implementation Summary:

SCE included descriptions of its Safety and Operations Committee's recommended actions in its quarterly notifications.

According to the descriptions provided in its quarterly notifications, SCE's management has implemented all the Safety and Operations Committee's recommendations.²⁹

SCE has met the requirement of Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(7) to provide statements of the recommendations of the Safety and Operations Committee meetings and summaries of the implementation status of those recommendations.

Conclusion

SCE's request for a Certificate satisfies the statutory requirements in Public Utilities Code section 8389(e). Energy Safety expects SCE to uphold the values stated in its submissions and to continue to advance safety as a top priority. This letter constitutes Energy Safety's issuance of SCE's 2025 Certificate. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 8389(f)(1), this Certificate is valid for 12 months from the date of this letter.

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²⁷ SCE's 2025 Certificate Request, p. 3

(<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=59795&shareable=true>, accessed January 15, 2026).

²⁸ Per SCE's February 1, 2025, May 1, 2025, August 1, 2025, and November 3, 2025, Quarterly Notifications.

²⁹ Per SCE's February 1, 2025, May 1, 2025, August 1, 2025, and November 3, 2025, Quarterly Notifications.