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Ms. Sias,

California Public Utilities Code Section 8386.3(c)(5)(A) requires electrical corporations to notify Energy Safety after completing a substantial portion of the vegetation management requirements in their approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and requires Energy Safety to audit compliance with these requirements. Energy Safety refers to this audit as the "Substantial Vegetation Management" (SVM) audit.

Upon assessment of Horizon West Transmission's (HWT) 2020 WMP, Energy Safety acknowledges that Horizon West Transmission did not have a formal vegetation management program in 2020. Given the limited scope of Horizon West Transmission's infrastructure and wildfire risk exposure due to vegetation contact, Energy Safety approved Horizon West Transmission's 2020 WMP without requiring such a program. Accordingly, Energy Safety did not conduct an SVM audit pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 8386.3(c)(5)(A) for Horizon West Transmission.

No further action is required on Horizon West Transmission's part.

Sincerely,

**Koko Tomassian** 

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