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SUBJECT: Southern California Edison's (SCE) Notification of Completion of Substantial Vegetation Management in accordance with California Public Utilities Code Section 8386.3.(c)(5)(A): Detailed inspections and management practices for vegetation clearances around Transmission electrical lines, and equipment

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 (Energy Safety) that Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has completed a substantial portion of its vegetation management activity: Detailed inspections and management practices for vegetation clearances around Transmission electrical lines, and equipment. SCE's initial WMP target was 100,000 tree inspections. In its Q3 2022 Quarterly Notification Letter, and through discussions with staff earlier in 2022, SCE informed Energy Safety that it had updated its 2022 year-end target to 71,286 unique trees, reflecting a reduction in unique tree inventory due to several factors including, but not limited to, wildfire events driving down inventory levels in certain geographic locations, reclassification of Transmission tree inventory to Distribution tree inventory, and removal of young saplings.

As of the end of June 2022, SCE had performed 61,985 inspections of trees adjacent to transmission lines, relative to its revised target of 71,286 tree inspections. Although SCE informed Energy Safety of its progress toward that target through its monthly WMP initiative updates, it provides this letter for consistency with our other vegetation management activities.

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

Sincerely,
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