

## Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (“BVES”)

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### DATA REQUEST

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**Subject(s):**

- Q01. Changes to Fast Trip Settings
- Q02. US Forest Service Permit Follow-Up

## REQUEST

### Q01. Regarding Changes to Fast Trip Settings:

In its updated WMP, Bear Valley removed the seasonal operational posture related to non-winter period, staff-developed fast trip settings for protective devices (Redlined 2023-2025 Base WMP, p. 399). In Section 8.1.8, Bear Valley also updated its WMP to indicate that it always operates its devices with fast trip settings (Redline WMP, p. 178).

- a. Did Bear Valley change the implementation of fast trip between the 2023-2025 Base WMP and its 2025 Update?

**Response:**

No, Bear Valley did not change the implementation of fast trip between the 2023-2025 Base WMP and its 2025 Update. For clarification, Bear Valley does not use Fast Trip Settings. Bear Valley only uses Fast Curve Trip Settings (they are different). Subparagraph 3 on page 399 of the Redlined 2023-2025 Base WMP was poorly worded, so it was deleted in the update. The seasonal change to device settings is only conducted with regard to reclosing not device trip settings. In the winter automatic reclosing is permitted (devices are placed in “Automatic” mode) and in the higher fire threat periods reclosing is not permitted (devices are set to “Manual” mode).

- i. If yes:

- (1) Describe the reasoning behind the change to fast-trip settings.

**Response:**

Not Applicable

- (2) Provide specific details on the setting changes being made (i.e., what settings were used before and what settings are currently used, including timelines for when settings are activated).

**Response:**

Not Applicable

- (3) Explain how Bear Valley has evaluated any related reliability and safety impacts as a result of any changes.

**Response:**

Not Applicable

- ii. If no, explain the changes made to fast-trip settings in the 2025 WMP Update.

**Response:**

No protective device trip setting changes were made. The update changes (redline changes) were simply made to explain why BVES uses Fast Curve Settings. The policy to utilize Fast Curve Settings has been in place since 1994. Note that BVES does not use Fast Trip Settings; it uses Fast Curve Settings. Fast Trip Settings, which are used by some of the other CA IOUs, refer to 6 millisecond tripping at a fixed current setting developed by the utility. Fast Curve Settings are a traditional time-current curve device setting furnished by the manufacturer of the device.

- b. Describe how Bear Valley has coordinated with SCE regarding syncing fast-trip settings, including dates for when key decisions or changes were made to Bear Valley's practices and procedures as a result.

**Response:**

The last formal record of contact with SCE with respect to device settings occurred on December 4, 2019. BVES periodically (every 1-2 years or as necessary) has operational discussions with SCE to confirm any changes to their system and settings – this meeting is normally conducted at the Account Manager Level. Specific dates of these conversations are not available. Field Operations staff have periodic calls with SCE on an as-needed basis and generally monthly. Any device setting changes would be brought up at these meetings. BVES's Engineering Group is planning on setting another meeting with SCE regarding coordination before the end of 2024.

**Q02. Regarding US Forest Service Permit Follow-Up:**

- a. BVES submitted a copy of "MTD903A\_BVESConstuctionPermit2023-28-FD" in response to Data Request OEIS-P-WMP\_2024-BVES-001, Q02 on April 19, 2024. This copy is unsigned by the US Forest Service District Ranger. Please resubmit a copy of the permit relating to the Radford Line with all parties' signatures. If a copy is not available, please provide an explanation as to why.

**Response:**

Please refer to "MTD903A\_BVESConstructionPermit 2023-28-FD signed" which is a signed copy of the permit from the US Forest Service for the Radford Line Project.

**END OF REQUEST**