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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Mr. Berreth:

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 326 and Government Code section 15475.1, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) has conducted an inspection of work completed by PacifiCorp in accordance with its 2023 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and determined the existence of one or more violations. Energy Safety therefore issues PacifiCorp a Notice of Violation (NOV), identifying noncompliance with an approved WMP or any law, regulation, or guideline within the authority of the Office.¹

On May 1, 2024, Energy Safety conducted an inspection of PacifiCorp's WMP initiatives in the vicinity of the city of Weed, California. The inspection report is enclosed herewith. Energy Safety found the following violation:

Violation 1. Energy Safety observed that in implementing 2023 WMP initiative 8.1.2.3 - Distribution Pole Replacements and Reinforcements, PacifiCorp failed to replace distribution pole ID 06242005.0177461 at coordinates 41.4857664462249, -122.442510294584. Energy Safety considers this completeness violation to be in the Minor risk category.

Response Options

Energy Safety may prescribe a timeframe for resolution of a violation associated with the assigned risk category.² Within 30 days from the issuance date of this NOV, the electrical corporation must provide a response advising Energy Safety of corrective actions taken or planned to remedy the above identified violation(s) and prevent recurrence. Alternatively, the electrical corporation must advise Energy Safety that it

¹ Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 29302(b)(2)

² Energy Safety Compliance Guidelines, pp. 5-6

will not correct the violation, including the reasoning or justification for inaction and all supporting documentation.³

This response shall be filed in the Energy Safety e-Filing system under the 2023 NOV Docket⁴ and the associated file name(s) must begin with the NOV identification number provided above.

Pursuant to Government Code section 15475.4, if the electrical corporation intends to request a hearing “to take public comment or present additional information,” it must also do so within the 30-day timeframe. If a petition for hearing is not received by the deadline, then the determination and conditions set forth in this NOV become final.

Prior to its response or request for hearing, the electrical corporation may also request an informal conference with Energy Safety’s Compliance Assurance Division for the purpose of disputing any issues raised in this NOV no later than five (5) business days before the response deadline.⁵ Requests for informal conference with Energy Safety must be e-mailed to compliance@energysafety.ca.gov, with a copy sent to all Energy Safety Compliance Assurance Division staff identified in the NOV.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 8389(g), following receipt of the electrical corporation’s response to this NOV and resolution of any disputes, this matter may be referred to the California Public Utilities Commission for its consideration of potential enforcement action, as it deems appropriate.

Sincerely,

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³ Energy Safety Compliance Guidelines, pp. 6-7

⁴ <https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/EFiling/DocketInformation.aspx?docketnumber=2023%20NOV>

⁵ Energy Safety Compliance Guidelines, p. 6

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INSPECTION REPORT

Overview

Inspection Categories

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) conducts inspections to verify the work performed by an electrical corporation as reported in an approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) or subsequent filing, and to assess general conditions of electrical infrastructure that may adversely impact an electrical corporation’s wildfire risk.

A Notice of Violation (NOV) is issued for any instances of noncompliance discovered during an inspection related to an electrical corporation’s execution of its WMP initiatives.

Correction Timelines

Violations must be corrected in a timely manner. Energy Safety may prescribe a timeframe for resolution of a violation. If Energy Safety assigns a risk category to a violation, an electrical corporation must correct the violation as required per the timelines provided in Table 1.⁶

Table 1. Risk Category and Correction Timelines

Risk Category	Violation and defect correction timeline
Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immediate resolution
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 months (in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Tier 3)• 6 months (in HFTD Tier 2)• 6 months (if relevant to worker safety; not in HFTD Tier 3)
Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 months or resolution scheduled in WMP update

⁶ Energy Safety Compliance Guidelines, p. 5



Inspection Summary

Table 2 provides a summary of the selection of the WMP inspection location and initiative. Table 3 provides a summary of the violation(s) found during the inspection. Details regarding the inspection that identified the violation(s) are provided in the Inspections Details Section below.

Table 2: Inspection Location and Initiative Summary

Electrical Corporation:	PacifiCorp (PC)
Report Number:	PC_CAC17_20240501_1051
Inspector:	CAC17
WMP Year Inspected:	2023
Quarterly Data Report (QDR) Referenced:	Quarter 4 (Q4)
Inspection Selection:	Energy Safety viewed the contents of the Q4 QDR and performed an analysis that resulted in the selection of the WMP initiatives and locations referenced in this report.
Relevant WMP Initiative(s):	Distribution Pole Replacements and Reinforcements (2023 WMP initiative number 8.1.2.3)
Date of inspection:	May 1, 2024
City and/or County of Inspection:	Weed, Siskiyou County
Inspection Purpose:	Assess the accuracy of PacifiCorp’s QDR data, completeness of its work, compliance with WMP requirements, and compliance with its protocols.

Table 3: WMP Inspection Violation(s)

Violation #	Structure ID	Lat/Long	HFTD	Initiative Number	Violation Type	Severity	Violation Description
Violation 1	06242005.0177461	41.4857664462249, -122.442510294584	Tier 2	8.1.2.3 - Distribution Pole Replacements and Reinforcements	Completeness	Minor	Failure to replace pole

Inspection Details

Violation 1:

Relevant Requirement:

PC's WMP states the following regarding initiative number 8.1.2.3 - Distribution Pole Replacements and Reinforcements:

1. "Pacific Power plans to mitigate the risk associated with wood poles by replacing them with more fire resilient materials."⁷

Version 3.1 of Energy Safety's Data Guidelines states the following with respect to data submitted by an electrical corporation when reporting on its 2023 WMP initiatives:

1. "Electrical corporations must ensure location accuracy in their [geographic information system] data submissions..."⁸

Finding:

On pole ID 06242005.0177461 at 22602 Slough Rd, Weed, CA, 96094, USA, 41.4857664462249, -122.442510294584, the inspector observed that the subject pole was a wood pole, manufactured in the year 2006. The inspector's observation is documented in Violation 1 photographs, which are attachments to this report. Photo numbers Item13GImg1, Item13GImg2, Item13IA1Img3, and Item13IA1Img4 depict that the pole was not replaced.

Energy Safety concludes that Violation 1 is Minor because of these facts:

1. PacifiCorp's WMP Distribution Pole Replacement initiative (8.1.2.3) work was identified as complete at this location.
2. The subject pole was not recently replaced.

⁷ PacifiCorp, "2023-2025 Wildfire Mitigation," Feb. 22, 2024. p. 142. [Online]. Available:

<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=56336&shareable=true>

⁸ Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, "Data Guidelines, Version 3.1," Feb. 17, 2023, p. 10 [Online]. Available:



<https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=53475&shareable=true>

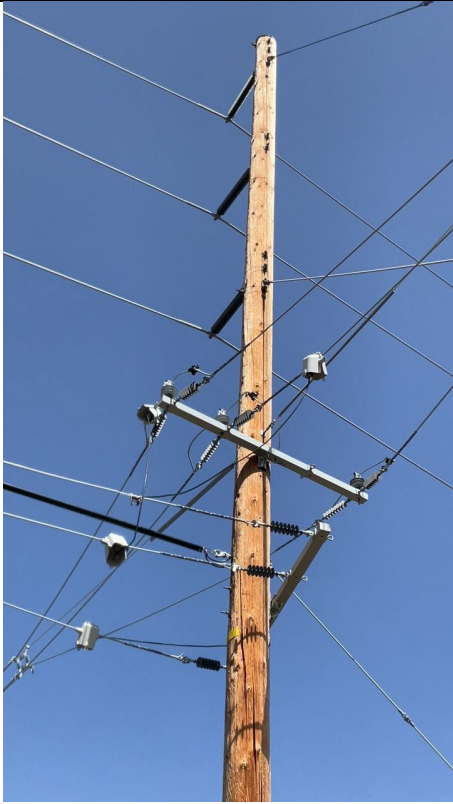
Exhibits

Exhibit A: Photo Log

Structure ID: 06242005.0177461

Violation 1

 <p>A close-up photograph of a wooden utility pole. At the top, a blue metal number '41' is mounted. Below it is a small circular metal tag. A large yellow identification tag is affixed to the wood. The tag features the 'PACIFICORP' logo and a table with columns for 'Applicant', 'Built', 'Year', and 'Year'. The identification number '06242005' and '177461' is printed in large black digits on a yellow background. A small 'Pacelocal Identification' label is also visible on the tag.</p>	 <p>A photograph showing a wooden utility pole in its entirety, standing in a rural landscape. The pole is supported by cross-arms and carries several power lines. The background consists of a clear blue sky, green trees, and a grassy hillside.</p>
<p>Item13GImg1: Pole ID.</p>	<p>Item13GImg2: Overall pole.</p>



Item13IA1img3: View of pole top.



Item13IA1img4: View of pole brand showing a manufacture date of September 2006.