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Via Electronic Mail

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Docket #2024-IE

RE: Comments on BVES 2023 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Independent Evaluator Annual Report on Compliance

Dear Program Manager Patrick Doherty:

In accordance with the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety's ("Energy Safety") Opportunity for Public Comment on 2023 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Independent Evaluator Annual Report on Compliance of July 30, 2024, the letter is submitted commenting on the draft Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES) 2023 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Independent Evaluator Annual Report on Compliance prepared by Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. (BVNA).

On page 4 of the draft Executive Summary, the final sentence to the second paragraph reads, "Overall, it was observed in the previous year that reportable ignitions in the High Fire Threat Districts (HFTD) and High Fire Risk Areas (HFRA) within Bear Valley's service area was reduced." BVES did not have any reportable ignitions in the previous year (2022) or for that matter in the previous 20 years. Therefore, BVES recommends the sentence be changed to read as follows, "Overall, it was observed in the previous year that reportable ignitions in the High Fire Threat Districts (HFTD) and High Fire Risk Areas (HFRA) within Bear Valley's service area continue to be zero."

Sincerely,

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