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Subject: Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. Response to Notice of Violation- NOV ESD_BVES_GCA_20240806_1158 (No Written Hearing Requested)

Dear Sheryl Bilbrey:

Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES) is providing a response to the Notice of Violation NOV ESD_BVES_GCA_20240806_1158. The enclosed response describes corrective actions taken to by BVES to remedy the findings identified in the above notice.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Jared Hennen at 909-255-2948 or Jared.Hennen@bvesinc.com.

Sincerely,

//s//
Jared Hennen
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BVES RESPONSE

Notice of Violation: NOV ESD_BVES_GCA_20240806_1158

Finding: BVES reported that work for clearing program (VM-09 WMP initiative number 8.2.3.3) in this area had been completed. BVES's Q1 QDR data indicated that the trees along the primary conductor span were trimmed in March 2024. At 0.2 span north from pole P_9919, near GPS coordinates 34.2423475941069, -116.837331151718, the inspector observed that an oak tree was growing directly under the conductors and had branches that were within the 72-inch (6 feet) clearance distance required by BVES's WMP. The inspector measured both the tree height and conductor height at the insulator on the pole with Nikon Forestry Pro II laser rangefinder. The oak tree measured 339.6 inches (28.3 feet) in height to the tallest branch, and the conductor height at the insulator measured 354 inches (29.5 feet). The difference between the highest branch and the conductor was no more than 14.4 inches (1.2 feet), which conflicted with the 72-inch (6 feet) maintenance requirement stated in BVES's WMP. The inspector's observation is documented in Violation 1 photographs, which are attachments to this report. Photo numbers Item1IG1Img1, Item1IA1Img1, Item1IA1Img2, Item1IA1Img3 depicts the tree branches that were within 72 inches of the conductors.

Energy Safety concludes that Violation 1 is "Moderate" because the vegetation encroaching into the minimum clearance requirements may contact the conductor before BVES next inspects and trims or removes the tree.

Response: BVES was made aware of the violation on August 28, 2024. Crews were dispatched to the location on Inyo Ave located at (Lat/Long: 34.2423475941069, -116.837331151718). Vegetation crews made corrective trims to approximately 9 feet from the conductors on August 29, 2024. See photos below.

After Trimming on August 29, 2024



Before photo

