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**SUBJECT:** Southern California Edison Company's Response to Notice of Violation  
- NOV\_CAD\_SCE\_CAC12\_20250129\_1057

Dear Mr. Doherty:

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) appreciates the opportunity to provide this response to the finding identified in the Notice of Violation – NOV\_CAD\_SCE\_CAC12\_20250129\_1057 received on May 13, 2025 (Notice), based on Energy Safety field inspections conducted in SCE's service area on January 29, 2025. SCE appreciates the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety's (Energy Safety) efforts to identify, communicate and work together to resolve potential wildfire risks. The enclosed response describes corrective actions taken or planned by SCE to remedy the finding identified in the above notice and to prevent recurrence.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Liz Leano at 626-302-3662 or [Elizabeth.Leano@sce.com](mailto:Elizabeth.Leano@sce.com).

Sincerely,

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## **SCE Response**

While SCE is not requesting a written hearing for the finding addressed in this response, SCE reserves the right to identify these facts and further explain its position in subsequent procedural stages and/or proceedings.<sup>1</sup> Although Energy Safety has the right to refer certain issues to the CPUC for an enforcement action, the finding in this Notice does not support such referral.<sup>2</sup>

### **Finding: Completeness**

Notice	Violation	Structures
NOV_CAD_SCE_CAC12_20250129_1057	1	2093333E

### **Summary of Findings:**

Energy Safety's Notice states that in implementing 2024 WMP initiative 8.1.3.1 - Distribution Detailed Inspections and Remediations (IN-1.1), SCE failed to complete the remediation of exposed bare wire under a wildlife cover on Pole ID 2093333E, Grid Hardening ID 413816875-2093333E, at coordinates 35.122380, -118.524731.

Energy Safety considers this data accuracy violation "to be in the Minor risk category."<sup>3</sup>

### **Response:**

SCE confirms that the exposed bare wire on structure 2093333E was remediated on September 4, 2024, as part of a wildlife cover installation. During an inspection on June 5, 2025, SCE's Field Operations team found that the wildlife cover had shifted, likely due to environmental exposure or other external factors, leading to a recurrence of the condition.

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<sup>1</sup> Government Code Section 15475.4 anticipates a "hearing" process, which traditionally implies an in-person hearing affording parties the right to present evidence and examine witnesses.

<sup>2</sup> In the Notice, Energy Safety states that pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 8389(g), following receipt of SCE's response to this Notice and resolution of any disputes, this matter may be referred to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for its consideration of a potential enforcement action, as the CPUC deems appropriate. Notice, p. 2. The Notice discussed herein does not meet the requirement for Energy Safety referral for enforcement action to the CPUC based on the statutory requirements that Energy Safety referral be based on substantial compliance with WMPs. Energy Safety cites Public Utilities Code Section 8389(g) in support of a potential enforcement action. However, Section 8389(g) only provides for a possible enforcement action where "an electrical corporation is not in compliance with its approved wildfire mitigation plan." Public Utilities Code Section 8386.1 further specifies that penalties shall be assessed for failure to substantially comply with a WMP.

<sup>3</sup> Notice, p. 1.

As of June 5, 2025, the wildlife cover has been resecured, and the exposed bare wire is no longer present. Attached is photographic documentation confirming the most recent remediation.

