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Docket # 2024 NOV

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RE: San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Response to Notice of Violation – NOV\_CAD\_SDGE\_SIS\_20250325\_1507

Dear Program Manager Doherty:

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) provides this response to the finding identified in the Notice of Violation "NOV\_CAD\_SDGE\_SIS\_20250325\_1507" (Notice of Violation or NOV) issued by the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety's (Energy Safety) on June 10, 2025 regarding Energy Safety's inspection of work completed by SDG&E in accordance with its 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). Specifically, the NOV describes that on March 25, 2025, Energy Safety conducted an inspection of SDG&E's WMP initiatives in the vicinity of the city of Jamul, California and found the following violations:

Violation 1. Energy Safety observed that in implementing 2024 WMP initiative 8.1.4.6 – Lightning Arrester Removal and Replacement (WMP.550), SDG&E failed to complete the installation of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) approved lightning arresters on Pole ID P475306, Grid Hardening ID 530000354321-P475306, at coordinates 32.7217848003391, -116.858010419376. Energy Safety considers this completeness violation to be in the Minor risk category.

Violation 2. Energy Safety observed that in implementing 2024 WMP initiative 8.1.2.10.1 – Avian Protection Program (WMP.972), SDG&E failed to complete the avian protection installation on Pole ID P475306, Grid Hardening ID 530000354321-P475306, at coordinates 32.7217848003391, -116.858010419376. Energy Safety considers this completeness violation to be in the Minor risk category.

SDG&E is not requesting a written hearing for the findings addressed in this response; however, SDG&E reserves the right to raise these points in subsequent procedural stages and/or proceedings as necessary. Further, although Energy Safety has the right to refer certain notices to

the California Public Utilities Commission for enforcement action, the findings in this notice do not merit referral, as there is inadequate support for a finding that SDG&E has failed to substantially comply with its approved WMP.<sup>1</sup>

### I. SDG&E RESPONSE

## A. Violation 1 – Failure to Install CAL FIRE Approved Lightning Arresters

SDG&E resolved this violation by installing a lightning arrestor on P475306 on June 25, 2025. Please refer to the two photos below.

### B. Violation 2 – Failure to Complete Avian Protection Installation

SDG&E resolved this violation by installing avian line protection and cutout covers on P475306 on June 25, 2025. Please refer to the photos below.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Pub. Util. Code §8386.1.

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Figure 2

# II. CONCLUSION

SDG&E appreciates Energy Safety's continued efforts to identify, communicate, and work together to promote wildfire safety throughout California.

Respectfully submitted,

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