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**BY ENERGY SAFETY E-FILEING**

**SUBJECT:** Southern California Edison Company's Response to Notice of Violation  
NOV\_CAD\_SCE\_SIS\_20250812\_1407

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\_SIS\_20250812\_1407 received on September 11, 2025. based on the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety's (Energy Safety) field inspections conducted in SCE's service area on August 12, 2025. SCE appreciates Energy Safety's 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.

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 the facts below and further explain its position in subsequent procedural stages and/or proceedings.<sup>1</sup> Although Energy Safety may refer certain issues to the California Public Utilities Commission for an enforcement action, the finding in this Notice does not support such referral.<sup>2</sup>

### **Finding: Completeness**

<b>Notice</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Structures</b>
NOV_CAD_SCE_SIS_20250812_1407	1	4725562E

### **Summary of Findings:**

Energy Safety's Notice states that in implementing 2025 WMP initiative 8.1.3.1 - Distribution High Fire Risk-Informed (HFRI) Inspections and Remediations (IN-1.1), SCE failed to complete the remediation of avian protection on Pole ID 4725562E, Grid Hardening ID 413336220-4725562E at coordinates 33.830759, -117.373521.

Energy Safety considers this completeness violation to be in the **Minor risk category**.<sup>3</sup>

### **Response:**

SCE confirms that the bird nests in the wildlife covers on structure ID 4725562E were removed on March 12, 2025. During a subsequent inspection in response to this Notice,

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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.

SCE's Field Operations team identified that the previously removed nests had been rebuilt. This location is a highly active avian area where there is a likelihood of recurring nest activity. On September 23, 2025, SCE personnel removed the bird nests on structure 4725562E once again. Please find below photo evidence of the most recent nest removal.

