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NOTICE OF NON-PERFORMANCE

Mr. Marconi:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 15472, et seq, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) has conducted an inspection of work completed by Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES) in accordance with its 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and determined the existence of a non-performance requiring correction. Energy Safety therefore issues BVES a Notice of Non-Performance (NON), identifying non-performance with its approved WMP.

On August 20, 2025, Energy Safety conducted an inspection of BVES's WMP initiatives in the vicinity of the City of Big Bear Lake, California. The inspection report is enclosed herewith. Energy Safety found the following deficiency:

Deficiency 1. Energy Safety observed that in implementing 2024 WMP initiative 8.1.2.3 - Evacuation Route Hardening Pilot & Program, BVES failed to install fire-resistant wrap on Pole ID 13045BV, Grid Hardening ID FW_50 at coordinates 34.249795094722636, -116.8838249883977. Energy Safety considers this non-performance to be in the Minor risk category. BVES must complete a corrective action for this deficiency by 12 months from date of this notice.

Within 30 days from the issuance date of this NON, the electrical corporation must provide a response advising Energy Safety of corrective actions taken or planned to remedy the above identified deficiency.

This response shall be filed in the Energy Safety e-Filing system under the 2024 NON Docket¹ and the associated file name(s) must begin with the NON identification number.

Prior to its response, the electrical corporation may request an informal conference with Energy Safety for the purpose of disputing any issues raised in this NON no later than five (5) business days before the response

¹ <https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/EFiling/DocketInformation.aspx?docketnumber=2024%20NON>

deadline.² Requests for informal conference with Energy Safety must be e-mailed to compliance@energysafety.ca.gov, with a copy sent to all Energy Safety staff identified in the NON.

Sincerely,

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² Energy Safety Compliance Guidelines, p. 4



INSPECTION REPORT

Overview

Inspection Categories

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) conducts inspections to verify the work performed by an electrical corporation as reported in an approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) or subsequent filing, and to assess general conditions of electrical infrastructure that may adversely impact an electrical corporation's wildfire risk.

A Notice of Non-Performance (NON) is issued for any deficiencies discovered during an inspection related to an electrical corporation's execution of its WMP initiatives.

Correction Timelines

Deficiencies must be corrected in a timely manner. Energy Safety may prescribe a timeframe for resolution of a deficiency. If Energy Safety assigns a risk category to a deficiency, an electrical corporation must correct the deficiency as required per the timelines provided in Table 1.³

Table 1. Risk Category and Correction Timelines

Risk Category	Deficiency correction timeline
Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immediate resolution
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 months (in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Tier 3)• 6 months (in HFTD Tier 2)• 6 months (if relevant to worker safety; not in HFTD Tiers 2 or 3)
Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 months or resolution scheduled in WMP update

³ Energy Safety Compliance Guidelines, p. 3



Inspection Summary

Table 2 provides a summary of the selection of the WMP inspection location and initiative. Table 3 provides a summary of the deficiency or deficiencies found during the inspection. Details regarding the inspection that identified the deficiency or deficiencies are provided in the Inspections Details Section below.

Table 2: Inspection Location and Initiative Summary

Electrical Corporation:	Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.
Report Number:	CAD_BVES_KSF_20250820_1100
Inspector:	Keyshawn Ford
WMP Year Inspected:	2024
Quarterly Data Report (QDR) Referenced:	Quarter 3 (Q3)
Inspection Selection:	Energy Safety viewed the contents of the Q3 QDR and performed an analysis that resulted in the selection of the WMP initiatives and locations referenced in this report.
Relevant WMP Initiative(s):	8.1.2.3 - Evacuation Route Hardening Pilot & Program
Date of inspection:	August 20, 2025
City and/or County of Inspection:	Big Bear Lake, San Bernardino County
Inspection Purpose:	Assess the accuracy of BVES's QDR data, completeness of its work, compliance with WMP requirements, and compliance with its protocols.

Table 3: WMP Inspection Deficiencies(s)

Deficiency #	Structure ID	Grid Hardening ID	Lat/Long	HFTD	Initiative Number	Severity	Deficiency Description
Deficiency 1	13045BV	FW_50	34.249802777 7272, - 116.88383055 559	Tier 2	8.1.2.3 - Evacuation Route Hardening Pilot & Program	Minor	Failure to complete the installation of fire-resistant wrap on pole

Inspection Details

Relevant Requirement:

BVES's WMP states the following regarding initiative number 8.1.2.3 - Evacuation Route Hardening Pilot & Program:

1. "The evacuation hardening pilot project performed in 2020 and completed in 2021 was designed to determine availability, cost effectiveness, and ability to install technology such as fire-resistant pole wrap, steel poles, concrete poles, ductile iron poles, and fire-resistant fiberglass poles. These proposed measures are intended to increase resiliency to demonstrate the ability to keep evaluation routes safe from failed BVES electrical assets during a wildfire. BVES is now focusing on secondary evacuation routes that lead to the primary routes by installing the wire wrap mesh on approximately 500 poles per year." ⁴

Finding:

Deficiency 1

On Pole ID 13045BV, Grid Hardening ID FW_50, at Mile 51.1 State Rte 18 S, Big Bear Lake, CA, 92315, USA, 34.2498027777272, -116.88383055559, the inspector observed that while a new wooden pole was installed, it was not fire wrapped. The inspector's observation is documented in Deficiency 1 photographs, which are attached to this report. Photo numbers G1mg1, G1mg2, IA11mg1 and IA11mg2 depict incomplete installation of fire-resistant pole wrap.

Energy Safety concludes that there is a deficiency because of these facts:

1. A new wooden pole was installed at the inspection location.
2. The new wooden pole did not have fire-resistant pole wrap installed.

⁴ Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc., "2023-25 Wildfire Mitigation Plan," November 16, 2023, p. 130. [Online]. Available: <https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=55979&shareable=true>

Exhibits

Exhibit A: Photo Log

Structure ID: 13045BV

Deficiency 1

 A photograph showing a tall, grey metal utility pole with multiple cross-arms and insulators. The pole is situated in a grassy area next to a paved road. In the background, there are other utility poles and a building with a grey roof under a clear blue sky.	 A close-up photograph of a blue metal tag attached to a wooden utility pole. The tag displays the structure ID '13045BV' in yellow characters on a black background. The tag is secured with four screws.
<p>GImg1: Overall Structure</p>	<p>GImg2: Structure ID</p>



IA1Img1: View of new pole with no fire-resistant wrapping



IA1Img2: View of new pole with no fire-resistant wrapping