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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ATTN: MIHAIL CUCU - WILDFIRE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT BRANCH
500 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94102-3298

Re: Date of Incident: January 7, 2025
 Location of Incident: Near Saddle Ridge Road, Sylmar, California

Dear Mr. Cucu:

In accordance with the reporting requirements set forth in Resolution ESRB-12, this letter supplements the notice Southern California Edison Company (SCE) provided to the Commission via the web-based emergency reporting system on January 10, 2025, at 5:26 p.m. regarding the above-referenced incident. SCE is required to submit this information pursuant to Commission instructions, resolutions and the Public Utilities Code, and submits this report under Public Utilities Code Section 315.

On Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 10:10 p.m., under conditions of an extreme Santa Ana windstorm, a wildland fire named the Hurst Fire was reported in the Sylmar area. The Los Angeles Fire Department (“LAFD”) is investigating the fire and has suggested SCE’s equipment caused the Hurst Fire. The Hurst Fire burned approximately 799 acres and was fully contained on January 16, 2025.

LAFD reported that the fire appeared to have originated in an area north of Saddle Ridge Road. SCE has a transmission tower in that area (Tower 6). Tower 6 supports the Gould-Sylmar 220kV and Eagle Rock-Sylmar 220kV circuits. At Tower 6 on the Eagle Rock-Sylmar 220kV circuit, hardware supporting the insulator string for the top phase bundled conductors separated and caused the top phase to fall on the middle phase resulting in both falling to the ground at the base of Tower 6. This resulted in a relay operation and a lock-out on the Eagle Rock-Sylmar 220kV circuit at 10:11 p.m. on January 7, 2025.

The repairs consisted of replacing all three insulator strings and hardware, including the damaged one, on the Eagle Rock-Sylmar 220kV circuit at Tower 6, replacing all three insulator strings and hardware on the adjacent Tower 1, three (3) bundled conductor phases from dead end Tower 5 to dead end Tower 2, approximately 18,000 feet of 1590 MCM ACSR, telecom facilities and a section of skyline attached on the tower line. SCE is retaining this material as incident-related evidence.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, and SCE will continue to cooperate with fire investigators. Absent additional evidence, SCE believes its equipment may be associated with the ignition of the Hurst Fire.

The Hurst Fire burned approximately 799 acres and was fully contained on January 16, 2025. No structures were destroyed and 2 homes sustained damage in the fire. There were no reports of fatalities or injuries. The damage to SCE facilities has not yet been tabulated.

Sincerely,



Paul Pimentel