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**SUBJECT:** Audit of Southern California Edison's San Joaquin District

Mr. Stark:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Mily Vaidya of my staff conducted an electric distribution audit of Southern California Edison's (SCE) San Joaquin District from May 12, 2025 to May 16, 2025. The audit included a review of SCE's records and field inspections of SCE's facilities.

During the audit, my staff identified violations of one or more General Orders (GOs). A copy of the audit findings itemizing the violations is enclosed. Please advise me no later than April 17, 2026, by electronic or hard copy, of all corrective measures taken by SCE to remedy and prevent such violations.

Please note that ESRB will be posting the audit report and your response to our audit on the CPUC website. If there is any information in your response that you would like us to consider as confidential, we request that in addition to your confidential response, you also provide us with a public or redacted version of your response that can be posted publicly on our website.

If you have any questions concerning this audit, please contact Mily Vaidya at (213) 999-8528 or [mily.vaidya@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mily.vaidya@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Majed Ibrahim".

Majed Ibrahim, P.E.  
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Enclosures: Audit Findings

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## **AUDIT FINDINGS**

### **I. Records Review**

During the audit, my staff reviewed the following records:

- Overhead and Underground Detail Inspection Records
- Patrol Inspection Records
- SCE's Documented Inspection Program
- Repair Notifications
- Transformers, Switches and Intrusive Testing Records
- Third Party Notifications
- Pole Loading Calculation Records

## II. Records Review – Violations List

My staff observed the following violations during the records review portion of the audit:

### **GO 165, Section III-B, Distribution Facilities, Standards for Inspection,** states:

*Each utility subject to this General Order shall conduct inspections of its distribution facilities, as necessary, to ensure reliable, high-quality, and safe operation, but in no case may the period between inspections (measured in years) exceed the time specified in Table 1.*

### **GO 95, Rule 31.2, Inspection of Lines,** states in part:

*Lines shall be inspected frequently and thoroughly for the purpose of insuring that they are in good condition so as to conform with these rules.*

SCE's records indicated that from April 2024 to April 2025, SCE completed 15 patrol inspections past SCE's scheduled due date. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 83 pending patrol inspections that were past SCE's scheduled due date.

SCE's records indicated that from April 2024 to April 2025, SCE completed 442 detailed inspections past SCE's scheduled due date. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 151 pending detail inspections that were past SCE's scheduled due date.

### **GO 165, Section III-B, Distribution Facilities, Standards for Inspection,** states:

*Each utility subject to this General Order shall conduct inspections of its distribution facilities, as necessary, to ensure reliable, high-quality, and safe operation, but in no case may the period between inspections (measured in years) exceed the time specified in Table 1.*

### **GO 128, Rule 17.2, Inspection,** states:

*Systems shall be inspected by the operator frequently and thoroughly for the purpose of insuring that they are in good condition and in conformance with all applicable requirements these rules.*

SCE's records indicated that from April 2024 to April 2025, SCE completed 81 underground inspections past SCE's scheduled due date. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 6 pending underground inspections that were past SCE's scheduled due date.

**GO 95, Rule 18-B1, Maintenance Programs**, states in part:

*Companies shall undertake corrective actions within the time periods stated for each of the priority levels set forth below. Scheduling of corrective actions within the time periods below may be based on additional factors, including the following factors, as appropriate ...*

**GO 95, Rule 31.1, Design, Construction and Maintenance**, states in part:

*For all particulars not specified in these rules, design, construction, and maintenance should be done in accordance with accepted good practice for the given local conditions known at the time by those responsible for the design, construction, or maintenance of communication or supply lines and equipment.*

SCE's records indicated that from April 2024 to April 2025, SCE completed 639 overhead work orders past SCE's due date for corrective action. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 46 open overhead work orders that were past SCE's scheduled due date for corrective action.

**GO 128, Rule 17.1, Design, Construction and Maintenance**, states in part:

*Electrical supply and communication systems shall be designed, constructed, and maintained for their intended use, regard being given to the conditions under which they are to be operated, to enable the furnishing of safe, proper, and adequate service.*

SCE's records indicated that from April 2024 to April 2025, SCE completed 16 underground work orders past SCE's due date for corrective action. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 7 open underground work orders that were past SCE's scheduled due date for corrective action.

### III. Field Inspection

My staff inspected the following structures during the field inspection portion of the audit:

No.	Structure ID.	Type of Structure	Location
1	4679281E	Pole	Strathmore
2	2147118E	Pole	Strathmore
3	2331414E	Pole	Strathmore
4	4679280E	Pole	Strathmore
5	4210405E	Pole	Strathmore
6	389021E	Pole	Strathmore
7	389020E	Pole	Strathmore
8	2330954E	Pole	Strathmore
9	1981029E	Pole	Strathmore
10	1118207E	Pole	Strathmore
11	1118208E	Pole	Strathmore
12	GT20979I	Pole	Strathmore
13	1732564E	Pole	Strathmore
14	364086E	Pole	Strathmore
15	281162E	Pole	Strathmore
16	281161E	Pole	Strathmore
17	4802766E	Pole	Strathmore
18	885681E	Pole	Strathmore
19	1351551E	Pole	Strathmore
20	2020169E	Pole	Strathmore
21	2020164E	Pole	Strathmore
22	1274520E	Pole	Strathmore
23	1274475E	Pole	Strathmore
24	1294407E	Pole	Strathmore
25	4318622E	Pole	Strathmore
26	4282448E	Pole	Strathmore
27	4232449E	Pole	Strathmore
28	4266640E	Pole	Strathmore
29	4266641E	Pole	Strathmore
30	2406E	Pole	Strathmore
31	1274678E	Pole	Strathmore
32	1294404E	Pole	Strathmore
33	4646418E	Pole	Strathmore
34	1980686E	Pole	Strathmore
35	1980687E	Pole	Strathmore
36	703095E	Pole	Strathmore
37	2191201E	Pole	Strathmore
38	673286E	Pole	Strathmore
39	2366274E	Pole	Strathmore
40	4339308E	Pole	Strathmore
41	1368022E	Pole	Strathmore
42	756021E	Pole	Strathmore

43	364110E	Pole	Strathmore
44	4779782E	Pole	Strathmore
45	23311818	Pole	Strathmore
46	4336503E	Pole	Strathmore
47	1134617E	Pole	Strathmore
48	4600793E	Pole	Strathmore
49	2353181E	Pole	Strathmore
50	281259E	Pole	Strathmore
51	2185999E	Pole	Strathmore
52	1957711E	Pole	Strathmore
53	1250088E	Pole	Strathmore
54	4037706E	Pole	Visalia
55	2032292E	Pole	Visalia
56	435963E	Pole	Visalia
57	753475E	Pole	Visalia
58	843400E	Pole	Visalia
59	4013299E	Pole	Visalia
60	4023087E	Pole	Visalia
61	2032294E	Pole	Visalia
62	2840T	Pole	Visalia
63	4911542E	Pole	Visalia
64	12779T	Pole	Visalia
65	939750E	Pole	Visalia
66	2303T	Pole	Visalia
67	12882T	Pole	Visalia
68	2032192E	Pole	Visalia
69	2045395E	Pole	Visalia
70	4621723E	Pole	Visalia
71	1806909E	Pole	Visalia
72	4635799E	Pole	Visalia
73	4635800E	Pole	Visalia
74	5700111	Vault	Delano
75	GS 6383	Vault	Delano
76	P5759524	Padmount	Delano
77	5700110	Vault	Delano
78	V5740395	Vault	Delano
79	P5630574 DF	Padmount	Delano
80	P5183414 DF	Padmount	Delano
81	P5524754 DF	Padmount	Delano
82	B501219	Burd	Delano
83	P5426265	Padmount	Delano
84	5334676	Burd	Delano
85	5334677	Burd	Delano

#### **IV. Field Inspection – Violations List**

I observed the following violations during the field inspection portion of the audit:

**GO 95, Rule 31.1 - Design, Construction, and Maintenance**, states in part:

*Electrical supply and communication systems shall be designed, constructed, and maintained for their intended use, regard being given to the conditions under which they are to be operated, to enable the furnishing of safe, proper, and adequate service.*

The following SCE facilities required maintenance:

- Pole No. 364110E: a pole step was not properly secured.
- Pole No. 281162E: there was an abandoned buddy pole.

**GO 95, Rule 51.6A - Marking and Guarding, High Voltage Marking of Poles**, states in part:

*Poles which support line conductors of more than 750 volts shall be marked with high voltage signs. This marking shall consist of a single sign showing the words “HIGH VOLTAGE”, or pair of signs showing the words “HIGH” and “VOLTAGE”, not more than six (6) inches in height with letters not less than 3 inches in height. Such signs shall be of weather and corrosion-resisting material, solid or with letters cut out therefrom and clearly legible.*

The high voltage sign on each of the following pole numbers was damaged:

- 4679280E
- 4679281E
- 1118207E
- 1732564E
- 281162E
- 4802766E
- 1274520E
- 4232449E
- 4339308E

**GO 95, Rule 54.6B - Ground Wires**, states in part:

*That portion of the ground wires attached on the face or back of wood crossarms or on the surface of wood poles and structures shall be covered by a suitable protective covering (see Rule 22.8).*

The ground molding attached to each of the following pole numbers was damaged:

- 2147118E
- 2331414E
- 2330954E
- 4232449E
- 756021E

**GO 95, Rule 56.2 - Overhead Guys, Anchor Guys and Span Wire Use**, states in part:

*Guys shall be attached to structures, as nearly as practicable, at the center of load. They shall be maintained taut and of such strength as to meet the safety factors of Rule 44.*

The SCE down guy wire supporting each of the following pole numbers was loose:

- 1351551E
- 1274475E
- 1134617E