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Subject: Electric distribution audit of SCE's Compton District

Mr. Stark:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Eric Ujiiye of my staff conducted an electric distribution audit of SCE's Compton District from September 29, 2025 to October 3, 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). Included with this letter is a copy of the audit findings that itemize the violations discovered during the audit. Please advise me no later than March 9, 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, you can contact Eric Ujiiye at (213) 620-2598 or eric.ujiiye@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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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 detailed inspections records.
- Completed and pending corrective action work orders.
- Pole loading calculations.
- Safety hazard notifications.
- Intrusive test records
- SCE's documented inspection program.

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 from August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2025, SCE completed or has pending 1,102 overhead detailed inspections that were past SCE's scheduled due date. Additionally, SCE completed or has pending 6 patrol 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 August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2025, SCE completed 152 underground detailed inspections 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 from August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2025, SCE completed 377 overhead work orders past SCE's scheduled due date for corrective action. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 602 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 from August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2025, SCE completed 138 underground work orders past SCE's scheduled due date for corrective action. Additionally, as of the date of the audit, SCE had 204 open underground work orders that were past SCE's scheduled due date for corrective action.

III. Field Inspections

My staff inspected the following facilities during the field inspection:

No.	Structure ID.	Type of Structure	Location
1	422394E	Pole	Lynwood
2	4751339E	Pole	Lynwood
3	4341235E	Pole	Lynwood
4	422397E	Pole	Lynwood
5	4851979E	Pole	Lynwood
6	422398E	Pole	Lynwood
7	531507E	Pole	Lynwood
8	785093E	Pole	Lynwood
9	4592612E	Pole	Lynwood
10	4744176E	Pole	Lynwood
11	1752299E	Pole	Compton
12	1752298E	Pole	Compton
13	2296406E	Pole	Compton
14	1752296E	Pole	Compton
15	1752295E	Pole	Compton
16	1925278E	Pole	Compton
17	2114881E	Pole	Compton
18	1866140E	Pole	Compton
19	1752291E	Pole	Compton
20	4834389E	Pole	Compton
21	1852660E	Pole	Compton
22	1455450E	Pole	Commerce
23	1465183E	Pole	Commerce
24	1591075E	Pole	Commerce
25	1455473E	Pole	Commerce
26	1591076E	Pole	Commerce
27	1465570E	Pole	Commerce
28	1465571E	Pole	Commerce
29	1952177E	Pole	Commerce
30	1676317E	Pole	Commerce
31	1591077E	Pole	Commerce
32	1591078E	Pole	Commerce
33	649248E	Pole	Commerce
34	861297E	Pole	Commerce
35	1923340E	Pole	Commerce
36	649249E	Pole	Commerce
37	1465551E	Pole	Commerce
38	294614E	Pole	Commerce
39	1950030E	Pole	Commerce
40	1950022E	Pole	Commerce
41	4623478E	Pole	Commerce
42	1933389E	Pole	Bell Gardens
43	2000150E	Pole	Bell Gardens
44	4547665E	Pole	Bell Gardens

45	4432597E	Pole	Bell Gardens
46	4432598E	Pole	Bell Gardens
47	1040575E	Pole	Bell Gardens
48	4795987E	Pole	Bell Gardens
49	1040574E	Pole	Bell Gardens
50	1040573E	Pole	Bell Gardens
51	1151971E	Pole	Huntington Park
52	1151972E	Pole	Huntington Park
53	1776732E	Pole	Huntington Park
54	2355821E	Pole	Huntington Park
55	1776725E	Pole	Huntington Park
56	4744328E	Pole	Huntington Park
57	1776728E	Pole	Huntington Park
58	4788743E	Pole	Huntington Park
59	4788742E	Pole	Huntington Park
60	1302427E	Pole	Huntington Park
61	V5345954	Vault	Compton
62	PME0565	Pad Mount Switch	Compton
63	P5345955	Pad Mount Transformer	Compton
64	P5345956	Pad Mount Transformer	Compton
65	V5046625	Vault	Compton
66	P5442210	Pad Mount Transformer	Compton
67	P5466171	Pad Mount Transformer	Compton
68	V5022449	Vault	Bellflower
69	P5052971	Pad Mount Transformer	Bellflower
70	P5308165	Pad Mount Transformer	Bellflower
71	P5647790	Pad Mount Transformer	Carson
72	P5647784	Pad Mount Transformer	Carson
73	PME0594- 5647785	Pad Mount Switch	Carson
74	P5647786	Pad Mount Transformer	Carson
75	1032224E	Pole	Montebello
76	567022E	Pole	Montebello
77	570856E	Pole	Montebello
78	4528207E	Pole	Montebello
79	570854E	Pole	Montebello
80	4754139E	Pole	Montebello
81	578069E	Pole	Montebello
82	4382935E	Pole	Montebello
83	4326446E	Pole	Montebello
84	567048E	Pole	Montebello
85	4986140E	Pole	Montebello
86	1773829E	Pole	Montebello
87	4827390E	Pole	Montebello
88	1614888E	Pole	Montebello
89	1614887E	Pole	Montebello
90	1614886E	Pole	Montebello
91	1614885E	Pole	Montebello
92	342128E	Pole	Montebello
93	615831E	Pole	East Los Angeles

94	4915214E	Pole	East Los Angeles
95	725951H	Pole	East Los Angeles
96	1952243E	Pole	East Los Angeles
97	4184086E	Pole	East Los Angeles
98	799330E	Pole	East Los Angeles
99	4338382E	Pole	East Los Angeles
100	799331E	Pole	East Los Angeles
101	4338381E	Pole	East Los Angeles
102	4591041E	Pole	East Los Angeles
103	780046E	Pole	East Los Angeles
104	780047E	Pole	Bell
105	780048E	Pole	Bell
106	780049E	Pole	Bell
107	4606694E	Pole	Bell
108	823120E	Pole	Bell
109	1352092E	Pole	Bell
110	1352092E	Pole	Bell
111	1419017E	Pole	Bell
112	940912E	Pole	Bell
113	1124083E	Pole	Bell

IV. Field Inspection Violations List

My staff observed the following violations during the field inspections portion of the audit.

GO 95, Rule 18-A3, Resolution of Potential Violations of General Order 95 and Safety Hazards, states:

> *(3) If a company, while performing inspections of its facilities, discovers a Safety Hazard(s) on or near a communications facility or electric facility involving another company, the inspecting company shall notify the other entity of such safety hazard(s) no later than 10 business days after the discovery.*

SCE did not document and report the following safety hazards to the third party responsible:

- Pole 422394E: A Crown Castle conductor span, located along a residential fence and public sidewalk, had a ground clearance of approximately 8 feet.
- Pole 422394E: A third-party down guy anchor was abandoned.
- Pole 1752298E: A third-party down guy anchor and strand vise were not attached to a down guy wire.
- Pole 1852660E: A third-party riser was detached and parted away from the surface of the pole at the public level.

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.*

SCE facilities attached to each of the following poles required maintenance:

- Pole 4851979E: A down guy wire supporting the supply level of the pole was damaged, slack, and dangling along the surface of the pole.
- Pole 1591078E: The attachment eye of a down guy anchor supporting the pole was encased in concrete.
- Pole 1950022E: The traffic visibility strips installed on the pole were damaged.
- Pole 4547665E: The attachment eye of a down guy anchor was buried in the ground.
- Pole 4432598E: The traffic visibility strips installed on the pole were damaged.
- Pole 1040575E: A 4-inch riser conduit was damaged; additionally, several conduit straps near the base of the pole were detached.
- Pole 4754139E: The traffic visibility strips installed on the pole were damaged.
- Pole 1614888E: A 15-foot section of the previous pole (often referred to as a “buddy pole”) was left hanging 15 feet above the ground on the new pole.
- Pole 615831E: An insulator supported on a crossarm was “squatting”, i.e., touching, the crossarm.
- Pole 785951H: The traffic visibility strips installed on the pole were damaged.

- Pole 780047E: The traffic visibility strips installed on the pole were damaged.

GO 95, Rule 31.6, Abandoned Lines, states:

> *Lines or portions of lines permanently abandoned shall be removed by their owners so that such lines shall not become a public nuisance or a hazard to life or property. For the purposes of this rule, lines that are permanently abandoned shall be defined as those lines that are determined by their owner to have no foreseeable future use.*

The following SCE facilities were abandoned:

- Pole 1040575E: A ground rod located 4 inches from the surface of the pole and protruding 4 inches from the ground was abandoned.
- Pole 4338382E: A down guy anchor was abandoned.

GO 95, Rule 51.6-A, 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. A pair of signs may be stacked to a height of no more than 12 inches. Such signs shall be of weather and corrosion–resisting material, solid or with letters cut out therefrom and clearly legible.*

Each of the following poles had "HIGH VOLTAGE" signs that were damaged or missing:

- Pole 2296406E: The "HIGH VOLTAGE" signage was missing.
- Pole 1752295E: The "HIGH VOLTAGE" signage was missing.
- Pole 1925278E: The "HIGH VOLTAGE" signage was missing.
- Pole 1752291E: The "HIGH VOLTAGE" signage was damaged.
- Pole 2000150E: The "HIGH VOLTAGE" signage was missing.
- Pole 1040574E: The "HIGH VOLTAGE" signage was missing.
- Pole 1040573E: The "HIGH VOLTAGE" signage was missing.
- Pole 4338382E: The "HIGH VOLTAGE" signage was damaged.
- Pole 4338381E: The "HIGH VOLTAGE" signage was damaged.

GO 95, Rule 54.6-B, 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).*

Ground molding supported on the following poles were damaged:

- Pole 1752298E: A 1-foot section of ground molding near the base of the pole was damaged, exposing the ground wire.
- Pole 1040573E: The ground moulding was damaged and separating from the surface of the pole at approximately 8 feet above the ground, exposing the ground wire.
- Pole 780047E: The ground molding was damaged 4 feet above the ground.

General Order 95, Rule 54.8, Service Drops, 0 – 750 Volts, Table 10: Minimum Allowable Clearance of Service Drops of 0-750 Volts from Buildings requires the minimum clearance between "Insulated Conductors (Rule 20.9-G) 0-750 Volts" and "All portions of building including metallic or non-metallic cornice, decorative appendage, eaves, roof or parapet wall of the building served" to be 0.5 inches.

An SCE service drop supported on the following poles had less than 0.5 inches of clearance above the roof of the building being served:

- Pole 780049E: The SCE service drop attached to and servicing 6517 Otis Ave in the City of Bell was touching the roof of home.
- Pole 823120E: The SCE service drop supported on the pole was touching the roof of the home it was servicing.

GO 95, Rule 56.2, 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 .*

On Pole 567048E, the down guy wire supporting the secondary supply level was slack.

GO 95, Rule 56.4-C (4), From Conductors, states in part:

> *The radial clearances between guys and conductors supported by or attached to the same poles or crossarms shall not be less than as specified in Table 2, Case 19.*

On Pole 567048E, the down guy wire supporting the supply secondary level was touching and deflecting a communications conductor span supported on the same pole.