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SUBJECT: Electric Distribution Audit of Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.

Ms. Ravnik:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch (ESRB) of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), James Miller of my staff conducted an electric distribution audit of Bear Valley Electric Service's (BVES) service area from June 8, 2026, to June 12, 2026. The audit included a review of BVES's records and field inspections of BVES'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 August 31, 2026, by electronic or hard copy, of all corrective measures taken by BVES 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 James Miller at (213) 660-8898 or James.Miller@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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

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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 and documents:

- Patrol and Detailed Inspection Records
- Intrusive Testing Records
- Work Order Records
- Pole Loading Records
- Third-Party Notification Records

II. Field Inspections

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

No.	Facility ID No.	Facility Type	City	Coordinates
1	15851BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.23870 °N , 116.92289 °W
2	13024BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.23867 °N , 116.92271 °W
3	BV12050	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.23858 °N , 116.92243 °W
4	BV11953	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.23858 °N , 116.92211 °W
5	35767CIT	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.23917 °N , 116.92239 °W
6	35766	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.23967 °N , 116.92225 °W
7	35765	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24004 °N , 116.92210 °W
8	13827BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24047 °N , 116.92209 °W
9	13351BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24075 °N , 116.92235 °W
10	13358BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24122 °N , 116.92253 °W
11	BV10855	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24122 °N , 116.92253 °W
12	13368BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24126 °N , 116.92245 °W
13	10585BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24154 °N , 116.92220 °W
14	10586BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24149 °N , 116.92203 °W
15	13356BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24167 °N , 116.92171 °W
16	13369BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24167 °N , 116.92169 °W
17	15876BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.23946 °N , 116.93454 °W
18	16608BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24113 °N , 116.94298 °W
19	CTC1210335	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24147 °N , 116.94330 °W
20	14117BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24178 °N , 116.94365 °W
21	14103BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24207 °N , 116.94390 °W
22	9813BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24233 °N , 116.94391 °W
23	CTC1210334	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24254 °N , 116.94398 °W

24	1438	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24304 °N , 116.94425 °W
25	CTC62886	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24304 °N , 116.94425 °W
26	14151BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24304 °N , 116.94425 °W
27	CTC1210333	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24343 °N , 116.94435 °W
28	14116BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24399 °N , 116.94451 °W
29	20129	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24435 °N , 116.94454 °W
30	CIT35761	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24487 °N , 116.94427 °W
31	CTC62964	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24524 °N , 116.94440 °W
32	BV11350	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24553 °N , 116.94474 °W
33	CTC1211685	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24588 °N , 116.94493 °W
34	14120BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.24581 °N , 116.94497 °W
35	13792BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.24599 °N , 116.94549 °W
36	CTC1210416	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.24593 °N , 116.94564 °W
37	BV11757	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.24606 °N , 116.94568 °W
38	CTC1211684	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.24598 °N , 116.94594 °W
39	CTC1211685	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.24592 °N , 116.94646 °W
40	14956BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23172 °N , 116.78337 °W
41	14957BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23196 °N , 116.78269 °W
42	14958BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23203 °N , 116.78216 °W
43	14959BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23209 °N , 116.78168 °W
44	14960BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23218 °N , 116.78116 °W
45	14961BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23218 °N , 116.78069 °W
46	14962BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23159 °N , 116.78124 °W
47	CIT37092	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23126 °N , 116.78108 °W
48	CIT37091	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23097 °N , 116.78085 °W
49	CIT37090	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23072 °N , 116.78059 °W
50	CIT37089	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23054 °N , 116.78026 °W
51	14967BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23032 °N , 116.77985 °W
52	14968BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23012 °N , 116.77946 °W
53	14969BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.22995 °N , 116.77904 °W
54	CIT37085	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.22972 °N , 116.77873 °W
55	14971BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.22963 °N , 116.77831 °W
56	CIT37083	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.22979 °N , 116.77783 °W
57	BV11651	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.22967 °N , 116.77783 °W
58	13588BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.22984 °N , 116.77740 °W
59	CIT37081	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.22992 °N , 116.77693 °W
60	CIT37080	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.22996 °N , 116.77650 °W
61	13907BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23002 °N , 116.77607 °W

62	BV11441	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.23005 °N , 116.77541 °W
63	13586BV	Utility Pole	Lake Williams	34.22983 °N , 116.77482 °W
64	8332BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24381 °N , 116.78978 °W
65	14470BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24420 °N , 116.78977 °W
66	14469BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24455 °N , 116.78976 °W
67	8640BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24482 °N , 116.78976 °W
68	14468BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24517 °N , 116.79053 °W
69	14467BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24510 °N , 116.79053 °W
70	14466BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24453 °N , 116.79052 °W
71	14465BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24417 °N , 116.79052 °W
72	14464BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24374 °N , 116.79053 °W
73	14463BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24350 °N , 116.79055 °W
74	7723BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24349 °N , 116.79055 °W
75	7218BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24411 °N , 116.79123 °W
76	12878BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24444 °N , 116.79129 °W
77	12880BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24476 °N , 116.79120 °W
78	14461BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24511 °N , 116.79122 °W
79	14650BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24510 °N , 116.79186 °W
80	14460BV	Utility Pole	Erwin	34.24467 °N , 116.79185 °W
81	16095BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26587 °N , 116.84785 °W
82	16094BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26629 °N , 116.84786 °W
83	16093BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26667 °N , 116.84784 °W
84	16092BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26759 °N , 116.84786 °W
85	16091BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26750 °N , 116.84789 °W
86	16090BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26802 °N , 116.84786 °W
87	16089BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26881 °N , 116.84785 °W
88	BV11335	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26881 °N , 116.84785 °W
89	16088BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26925 °N , 116.84782 °W
90	16087BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26968 °N , 116.84784 °W
91	16097BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26944 °N , 116.84825 °W
92	16098BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26921 °N , 116.84869 °W
93	4842BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26870 °N , 116.84869 °W
94	CIT35832	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26835 °N , 116.84866 °W
95	No ID Tag	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26787 °N , 116.84872 °W
96	BV11331	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26744 °N , 116.84867 °W
97	4497BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26744 °N , 116.84867 °W
98	35829CIT	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26692 °N , 116.84868 °W
99	1108B	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26692 °N , 116.84868 °W

100	No ID Tag	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26623 °N , 116.84865 °W
101	5700BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26584 °N , 116.84871 °W
102	15255BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26571 °N , 116.84879 °W
103	4928B	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26544 °N , 116.84875 °W
104	16609B	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26544 °N , 116.84913 °W
105	BV11164	Utility Pole	Big Bear City	34.26545 °N , 116.84956 °W
106	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Meadowbrook	34.24046 °N , 116.81084 °W
107	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Meadowbrook	34.24048 °N , 116.81274 °W
108	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Meadowbrook	34.24047 °N , 116.81527 °W
109	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Meadowbrook	34.24195 °N , 116.81527 °W
110	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Meadowbrook	34.24491 °N , 116.81519 °W
111	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Castle Glen	34.25503 °N , 116.86703 °W
112	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Castle Glen	34.25367 °N , 116.86795 °W
113	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Castle Glen	34.25371 °N , 116.86786 °W
114	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Castle Glen	34.25365 °N , 116.86796 °W
115	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Castle Glen	34.25365 °N , 116.86796 °W
116	206	Padmounted Switch	Big Bear Lake	34.25219 °N , 116.86776 °W
117	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Big Bear Lake	34.25101 °N , 116.86757 °W
118	J007	Junction Box	Big Bear Lake	34.24377 °N , 116.90918 °W
119	J008	Junction Box	Big Bear Lake	34.24377 °N , 116.90918 °W
120	126-112-208	Padmounted Transformer	Big Bear Lake	34.24418 °N , 116.90942 °W
121	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Big Bear City	34.25208 °N , 116.81822 °W
122	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Big Bear City	34.25083 °N , 116.81912 °W
123	No ID Tag	Padmounted Transformer	Big Bear City	34.25089 °N , 116.82061 °W
124	15312BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24230 °N , 116.89055 °W
125	6292BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24190 °N , 116.89056 °W
126	6293BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24168 °N , 116.89006 °W
127	6294BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.26925 °N , 116.84782 °W
128	6295BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24112 °N , 116.89056 °W
129	6296BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24072 °N , 116.89061 °W
130	16658BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.24035 °N , 116.89057 °W
131	6298BV	Utility Pole	Big Bear Lake	34.23991 °N , 116.89055 °W

III. Field Inspections – Violations List

My staff observed the following violations during the field inspection:

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 fire wrapping was loose on Pole No. 1438 and Pole No. CTC1211685.

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.

The high voltage signs on the following poles were damaged and/or missing:

- 14466BV
- 6294BV
- 6295BV
- 6296BV
- 16658BV
- 6298BV

GO 95, Rule 56.2 Overhead Guys, Anchor Guys and Span Wires, 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 .

A down guy wire attached to Pole No. 13856BV was loose.

General Order 95, Rule 38 - Minimum Clearances of Wires from Other Wires, Table 2, Column C, Case 19 requires the minimum radial clearance between guys and span wires passing communication conductors supported on the same poles to be three inches.

BVES down guy wires were in contact with third-party communications conductors near Pole No. 13356BV and Pole No. 13369BV.

GO 95, Rule 56.9, Guy Marker (Guy Guard), states:

A substantial marker of suitable material, including but not limited to metal or plastic, not less than 8 feet in length, shall be securely attached to all anchor guys. Where more than one guy is attached to an anchor rod, only the outermost guy is required to have a marker.

Guy markers for down guy wires on the following poles were damaged, missing, or less than 8 feet in length:

- BV11350
- CIT37092
- CIT37083
- 8640BV
- 4497BV
- 6293BV
- 6294BV

GO 95, Rule 91.3-C, Stepping, states in part:

Where installed, the lowest step shall not be less than 8 feet from the ground line, or any easily climbable foreign structure from which one could reach or step.

The lowest step on each of the following poles was located at a height of less than 8 feet:

- 35766
- 4928B
- 6296BV
- 6298BV