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SUBJECT: Distribution Audit of Banning Electric Utility

Mr. Lyn:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), SM Arafat Kamal of my staff conducted an electric distribution audit of Banning Electric Utility from June 22, 2026 to June 26, 2026. The audit included a review of Banning Electric Utility's records and field inspections of Banning Electric Utility'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 October 26, 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 SM Arafat Kamal at (213) 902-0325 or SMArafat.Kamal@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 Detail Inspection Records
- Patrol Inspection Records
- Banning Electric Utility'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, 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 165, Table 1, require electric utilities to conduct detailed inspections of their overhead electric facilities at least once every 5 years.

Banning Electric Utility was unable to provide a detailed inspection program for its overhead electric facilities.

GO 165, Table 1, requires electric utilities to patrol its underground electric facilities at least once every year in urban areas and once every two years in rural areas.

Banning Electric Utility was unable to provide a patrol inspection program for its underground electric facilities.

GO 165, Rule III (C), Record Keeping, states in part:

> *The utility shall maintain records for (1) at least ten (10) years of patrol and detailed inspection activities, and (2) the life of the pole for intrusive inspection activities. Such records shall be made available to parties or pursuant to Commission rules upon 30 days notice. Commission staff shall be permitted to inspect such records consistent with Public Utilities Code Section 314 (a).*

Banning Electric Utility was unable to provide the CPUC with any patrol, detailed, or intrusive testing records for the ten years preceding the audit. [1]

GO95, Rule 18-A2a, Resolution of Safety Hazards and General Order 95 Nonconformances, states in part:

> *All companies must include a timeline for corrective actions to be taken following the identification of a Safety Hazard or nonconformances with General Order 95 on the company's facilities.*

Banning Electric Utility does not consistently document and track timeline for corrective action based on its priority system.

[1] EA2022-1077 & EA2023-1044: Banning Electric Utility was unable to provide the CPUC with any patrol, detailed, or intrusive testing records for the ten years preceding the audit.

III. Field Inspection

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

No.	Structure ID.	Type of Structure	Location	Longitude	Latitude
1	3856	Pole	Banning	-116.8562592	33.91805225
2	3855	Pole	Banning	-116.8567624	33.9180048
3	1506	Pole	Banning	-116.8574035	33.91801508
4	6747	Pole	Banning	-116.8573657	33.91813802
5	2868	Pole	Banning	-116.8573736	33.91814367
6	6746	Pole	Banning	-116.857435	33.91813198
7	4438101E	Pole	Banning	-116.8579462	33.91814136
8	913-L	Pole	Banning	-116.8581456	33.91802048
9	2837	Pole	Banning	-116.85874	33.91801852
10	4429448E	Pole	Banning	-116.8586988	33.91813594
11	4933	Pole	Banning	-116.8815531	33.91803649
12	4932	Pole	Banning	-116.8821931	33.91801704
13	6663	Pole	Banning	-116.8828864	33.91803525
14	6381	Pole	Banning	-116.8835688	33.91802963
15	3679	Pole	Banning	-116.8842202	33.9180174
16	6408	Pole	Banning	-116.9259518	33.92516443
17	6406	Pole	Banning	-116.9271193	33.92524164
18	6405	Pole	Banning	-116.9278498	33.92521469
19	6404	Pole	Banning	-116.9284995	33.9252266
20	6005	Pole	Banning	-116.9288527	33.92525583
21	104901	Pole	Banning	-116.9292053	33.92524124
22	6548	Pole	Banning	-116.9231432	33.91808184
23	6547	Pole	Banning	-116.9223564	33.91808488
24	6546	Pole	Banning	-116.9215028	33.91807362
25	6445	Pole	Banning	-116.9207072	33.91804498
26	6569	Pole	Banning	-116.8657316	33.94173392
27	2974	Pole	Banning	-116.8661685	33.94174843
28	2973	Pole	Banning	-116.8670552	33.94176136
29	2973	Pole	Banning	-116.8670552	33.94176136
30	2972	Pole	Banning	-116.8678933	33.94175387
31	2213	Pole	Banning	-116.8679918	33.94162404
32	78178S	Pole	Banning	-116.8681668	33.94160619
33	4712	Pole	Banning	-116.8833769	33.97055029
34	6158	Pole	Banning	-116.8833215	33.9705642
35	2280	Pole	Banning	-116.8832473	33.96968017
36	2260	Pole	Banning	-116.883254	33.96639437

37	4411	Pole	Banning	-116.8832436	33.96548859
38	4410	Pole	Banning	-116.8832204	33.96479463
39	GT117193	Pole	Banning	-116.879745	33.95441959
40	4804	Pole	Banning	-116.8791674	33.95222273
41	4803	Pole	Banning	-116.8792916	33.95224078
42	4854	Pole	Banning	-116.8989256	33.97111973
43	4855	Pole	Banning	-116.8985077	33.97140289
44	4856	Pole	Banning	-116.8984497	33.97140975
45	4910	Pole	Banning	-116.8815372	33.93740991
46	4922	Pole	Banning	-116.8815441	33.93784289
47	2692	Pole	Banning	-116.8815328	33.937994
48	4923	Pole	Banning	-116.8816755	33.93798252
49	2691	Pole	Banning	-116.8815312	33.93846911
50	6854	Pole	Banning	-116.8815376	33.93901492
51	6069	Pole	Banning	-116.8816669	33.93901368
52	2689	Pole	Banning	-116.8815443	33.93936486
53	2588	Pole	Banning	-116.8815271	33.93954097
54	4224	Pole	Banning	-116.8777421	33.93081297
55	6716	Pole	Banning	-116.8777447	33.93075189
56	6605	Pole	Banning	-116.8778234	33.93050072
57	6717	Pole	Banning	-116.8776932	33.93023432
58	565 N San Gorgonio Avenue	Pole	Banning	-116.8775977	33.93011246
59	5013	Pole	Banning	-116.8776027	33.93001319
60	6718	Pole	Banning	-116.8773498	33.93006527
61	30314CWT	Pole	Banning	-116.8788001	33.93071675
62	6822	Pole	Banning	-116.8788546	33.93059448
63	6821	Pole	Banning	-116.8788498	33.93030661
64	6861	Pole	Banning	-116.8789134	33.93005937
65	4781	Pole	Banning	-116.878992	33.92986375
66	6820	Pole	Banning	-116.8788519	33.92987829
67	1075CWT	Pole	Banning	-116.8791257	33.93072594
68	1076CWT	Pole	Banning	-116.8794046	33.93072102
69	1077CWT	Pole	Banning	-116.8797335	33.93072048
70	1078CWT	Pole	Banning	-116.880236	33.93072899
71	1079CWT	Pole	Banning	-116.8808529	33.93072275
72	2609	Pole	Banning	-116.8807544	33.93085117
73	2806	Pole	Banning	-116.86966	33.92163613
74	2807	Pole	Banning	-116.868927	33.92164357
75	1899	Pole	Banning	-116.8691427	33.92129696

76	1668	Pole	Banning	-116.8691702	33.92095558
77	3217	Pole	Banning	-116.8691649	33.9206887
78	1666	Pole	Banning	-116.8691772	33.92045141
79	6226	Pole	Banning	-116.8691708	33.92009216
80	6378	Pole	Banning	-116.8933693	33.91794908
81	37279	Pole	Banning	-116.8933488	33.91771703
82	6199	Pole	Banning	-116.8982547	33.9179278
83	3657	Pole	Banning	-116.8986898	33.9179325
84	2882	Pole	Banning	-116.8987635	33.91793771
85	2888	Pole	Banning	-116.8986972	33.91801765
86	6612	Pole	Banning	-116.8763876	33.9218489
87	4683	Pole	Banning	-116.8761505	33.92184596
88	4555	Pole	Banning	-116.875851	33.92183867
89	4687	Pole	Banning	-116.8756335	33.92183754
90	6793	Pole	Banning	-116.8760983	33.92085167
91	6794	Pole	Banning	-116.8759996	33.9208838
92	6795	Pole	Banning	-116.8752858	33.92089198
93	6792	Pole	Banning	-116.8752929	33.92087786
94	4494	Pole	Banning	-116.8745565	33.92083564
95	6813	Pole	Banning	-116.874562	33.92089282
96	6812	Pole	Banning	-116.8745892	33.92111476
97	247525	Pole	Banning	-116.8742088	33.92097018
98	4493	Pole	Banning	-116.873803	33.92085925
99	6770	Pole	Banning	-116.8735055	33.92087153
100	6769	Pole	Banning	-116.87349	33.92119122
101	6501	Pole	Banning	-116.8735011	33.92140462
102	4053	Pole	Banning	-116.9021503	33.92737991
103	6352	Pole	Banning	-116.9025357	33.92738701
104	2297	Pole	Banning	-116.9030948	33.92743413
105	2606	Pole	Banning	-116.903615	33.92744605
106	264945	Pole	Banning	-116.9038793	33.92733515
107	18965	Pole	Banning	-116.9041479	33.92745616
108	18966	Pole	Banning	-116.9045812	33.92744967
109	18967	Pole	Banning	-116.9049859	33.92742594
110	3082	Pole	Banning	-116.9050004	33.92734247
111	6036	Pole	Banning	-116.902783	33.92897578
112	6037	Pole	Banning	-116.9027813	33.92908662
113	3730	Pole	Banning	-116.903077	33.9291201
114	6258	Pole	Banning	-116.9032	33.92892539
115	4194	Pole	Banning	-116.9031009	33.92881231
116	2569	Pole	Banning	-116.902827	33.9286828

117	6038	Pole	Banning	-116.9028779	33.92878292
118	122148	Pad mounted transformer	Banning	-116.888622	33.93652524
119	SV100328	Vault	Banning	-116.888667	33.93677228
120	3784	Pad mounted transformer	Banning	-116.8897448	33.93768639
121	3783	Pad mounted transformer	Banning	-116.8897098	33.93824904
122	SV100333	Vault	Banning	-116.890107	33.93862653
123	3782	Pad-mounted transformer	Banning	-116.8905703	33.93861811
124	3797	Pad-mounted transformer	Banning	-116.8912003	33.93832504
125	3780	Pad-mounted transformer	Banning	-116.8907956	33.93751237
126	3779	Pad-mounted transformer	Banning	-116.8898318	33.93692777
127	122076	Pad-mounted Switch	Banning	-116.9429972	33.93679785
128	122077	Pad-mounted Switch	Banning	-116.943097	33.93686118
129	3325	Pad-mounted transformer	Banning	-116.9307755	33.93281362
130	122126	Pad-mounted transformer	Banning	-116.9307574	33.93293422
131	3578	Pad-mounted transformer	Banning	-116.9323171	33.93987544
132	3579	Pad-mounted transformer	Banning	-116.9332475	33.94032699
133	3580	Pad-mounted transformer	Banning	-116.9339577	33.94053248
134	3581	Pad-mounted transformer	Banning	-116.9349864	33.94008915
135	3582	Pad-mounted transformer	Banning	-116.934208	33.93981832
136	3718	Pad-mounted transformer	Banning	-116.933388	33.93951678
137	3586	Pad-mounted transformer	Banning	-116.9330706	33.93813418

IV. Field Inspection – Violations List

My staff observed the following violations during the field inspection portion of the audit:

GO 95, Rule 51.6-A, Marking and Guarding, High Voltage Marking, 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 poles was either missing and/or damaged missing:

- Pole No. 3679
- Pole No. 2973
- Pole No. 6822
- Pole No. 2806
- Pole No. 1077CWT
- Pole No. 1078CWT
- Pole No. 2609
- Pole No. 2807
- Pole No. 3217
- Pole No. 2297
- Pole No. 18965
- Pole No. 18967
- Pole No. 6036
- Pole No. 6381
- Pole No. 4712
- Pole No. 6069
- Pole No. 6569
- Pole No. 6547

GO 95, Rule 56.2, Overhead Guys, Anchor Guys and Span Wire, 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 Banning Electric Utility down guy wire supporting each of the following poles was loose and not taut:

- Pole No. 6408
- Pole No. 6547
- Pole No. 6569
- Pole No. 6793
- Pole No. 6794
- Pole No. 6501
- Pole No. 2606
- Pole No. 6352
- Pole No. 6548

GO 95, Rule 54.6-B, Vertical and Lateral Conductors, 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 moulding attached to each of the following poles was damaged:

- Pole No. 3855
- Pole No. 6663
- Pole No. 6381
- Pole No. 4712
- Pole No. 4855
- Pole No. 2689
- Pole No. 2888
- Pole No. 781785
- Pole No. 4854
- Pole No. 6069
- Pole No. 6378
- Pole No. 3217

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

> *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.*

The guy guard for anchor guy attached to each of the following poles was missing:

- Pole No. 4933
- Pole No. 6548
- Pole No. 6158
- Pole No. 4224
- Pole No. 4493
- Pole No. 6547

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.*

Banning Electric Utility's facilities on the following poles required maintenance:

- Pole No. 1506 – pole step was damaged.
- Pole No. 2689 – visibility strip was damaged.
- Pole No. 3217 – ground wire was damaged.
- Pole N0. 6717 – buddy pole.

The down guy anchor supporting each of the following poles was buried:

- Pole No. 2972
- Pole No. 6854
- Pole No. 6547
- Pole No. 6569