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SUBJECT: Substation Audit of Banning Electric Utility

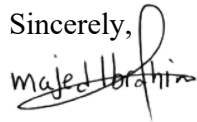
Mr. Lyn:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), SM Arafat Kamal of my staff conducted a substation 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 substation 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 Banning Electric Utility 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 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:

- Banning Electric Utility Substation Inspection Procedures
- Banning Electric Utility Substation Procedures
- Summary of Banning Electric Utility Substation Operators Training Records
- Summary of Banning Electric Utility Substation Inspections
- Pending and Completed Work Orders
- Summary of results of Infrared Testing
- Summary of results from Substation Oil Sample Tests

II. Field Inspections

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

No.	Substation Name	Address / Location
1	San Gorgonio Substation	176 E. Lincoln St.
2	Airport Substation	1973 E. Westward Ave.
3	Ivy Substation	1582 W. Westward Ave.
4	Stagecoach Substation	1474 Hargrave St.
5	22 nd St Substation	251 S. 22nd St.
6	Midway Substation	4470 W. Ramsey St.
7	Sunset Substation	2340 N Mountain Ave

III. Field Inspection - Violations List

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

GO 174, Rule 12, General, states in part:

Substations shall be designed, constructed, and maintained for their intended use, regard being given to the conditions under which they are to be operated, to promote the safety of workers and the public and enable adequacy of service.

Design, construction, and maintenance should be performed in accordance with accepted good practices for the given local conditions known at the time by those responsible.

Facilities at the following substations were not maintained for their intended use:

San Gorgonio Substation

- The chemical hazard warning signage was missing at the entrance of the room where batteries are stored.

Airport Substation

- The BANK 1 transformer was leaking oil.
- All the “HIGH VOLTAGE” signs on the switch gear were damaged.
- All the cooling fans on the BANK 1 transformer were not performing.

Ivy Substation

- The chemical hazard warning signage was missing at the entrance of the room where batteries are stored.

Stagecoach Substation

- The chemical hazard warning signage was missing at the entrance of the room where batteries are stored.

22nd St Substation

- The chemical hazard warning signage was missing at the entrance of the room where batteries are stored.
- All the “HIGH VOLTAGE” and “DANGER” signs on the switch gear were damaged.

Midway Substation

- The chemical hazard warning signage was missing at the entrance of the room where batteries are stored.

Sunset Substation

- The chemical hazard warning signage was missing at the entrance of the room where batteries are stored.