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Via E-Mail

Alice Reynolds
President
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: October 3, 2025 Letter Regarding SCE's Public Safety Power Shutoff Program

Dear President Reynolds:

Thank you for your October 3, 2025 letter regarding Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Program. SCE appreciates the Commission's attention to the increasing risk of wildfires in California and continued efforts to mitigate the impacts of PSPS on customers. We acknowledge that our execution of PSPS events has not always met expectations, and we are dedicated to improving our processes and communications. SCE is committed to working with the Commission and other critical stakeholders in the upcoming bi-weekly meetings to discuss our PSPS program, including the concerns outlined in your letter.

In your letter, you noted that reducing the risk of utility-ignited wildfires during extreme fire weather conditions is critical to public safety. SCE agrees, and PSPS remains a critical and effective tool that helps to reduce that risk. The January windstorms were among the most severe in recent years, with extreme fire weather conditions and widespread infrastructure impacts. For example, after these windstorms, we identified at least 97 instances of damage (e.g., downed lines, vegetation contact) that could have resulted in ignition if the lines had remained energized, with likely more instances of vegetation contacting de-energized lines that went undetected. By implementing PSPS, we were able to reduce the risk of wildfire caused by utility equipment and help protect our communities. However, we recognize that the scope and duration of de-energizations, decision criteria, and adequacy of notification processes must be continually evaluated and improved.

We understand the hardships and disruption that PSPS places on our customers and communities, including medically vulnerable customers, businesses, schools, and critical facilities. SCE remains

committed to improving its PSPS program to help customers prepare for potential de-energizations and reduce the impacts on affected customers and communities. For example, since January, SCE has installed additional covered conductor and sectionalizing devices as part of our grid hardening measures, expanded our weather station network for increased situational awareness, improved our notification automation and increased the number of Community Resource Centers and expanded our Critical Care Battery Backup Program for better community support. We have also enhanced our customer communications relating to PSPS events, including outreach to newly impacted communities and hosting community meetings to gather feedback and provide information. We welcome feedback on these and other program enhancements with the joint agencies.

SCE recognizes that wildfire mitigation is an ongoing journey – one that demands continuous reflection, learning, and improvement. We are committed to continuous improvement in all aspects of our PSPS program, including criteria development, outage scope and duration, and customer notification processes. SCE looks forward to further discussion with the Commission, the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection on SCE's PSPS program.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Powell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly legible.

Steven D. Powell

President and Chief Executive Officer

cc:

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