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INTRODUCTION

The CPUC's Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) oversees the safety of electric and communication facilities, natural gas infrastructure and propane facilities. SED is comprised of three branches of utility engineers, analysts and investigators that focus on ensuring the safety of utility infrastructure and reducing utility caused wildfires. SED advocates for public safety through performing safety audits, conducting incident investigations, and appearing in CPUC safety proceedings. SED has the authority to issue citations with penalties against utility operators who violate public utility safety codes and requirements.

Notes from SED Director Lee Palmer

SED highlights in January included a Commission presentation of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch (ESRB) Report on the August 2020 power plant outages and the Commission Hearing on Southern California Edison's 2020 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) performance.

At the January 14, 2021 CPUC voting meeting, ESRB Program Manager Nika Kjensli and I presented ESRB's Report on the General Order 167 audits/investigations that ESRB conducted at power plants after the two rotating outages on August 14 and 15, 2020. In response to the outages, SED's ESRB initiated an investigation into the forced outages that occurred from August 12 – 20 at electric generating facilities throughout the California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) control area.

ESRB sent a 25-question data request to all 130 Generation Asset Owners (GAOs) operating within the CAISO control area on August 20. ESRB requested data and information on plant performance from August 12-20, and to report forced outages greater than 50 MW and of a duration of two (2) hours or longer. ESRB staff followed up with short list of forced outages, conducted in-person inspections, issued tabletop investigation exercises or sent supplemental data and follow-up data requests to generators before finalizing its investigations.

ESRB's Report, published December 1, 2020, and updated January 13, 2021, found technical issues with the plants, as well as procedural issues in violation of GO 167. ESRB is currently pursuing corrective actions for three of the forced outage incidents that violated General Order 167. Discussion at the January 14 Commission meeting focused on the need for an enforcement tool to prevent possible outages this summer. SED is considering how to enforce GO 167 effectively.

Currently, ESRB recommends that the Commission request that generators submit to the web-based power plant outage reporting (PPOR) portal outages planned during the coming summer months (June- September) that meet the same criteria of two (2) hours or longer and a 50 MW outage or greater. ESRB also recommends that CAISO and the GAOs' scheduling coordinators work together to prevent longer catastrophic outages from occurring. ESRB is currently pursuing direct contact with CAISO outage management to facilitate ESRB's monitoring of outages.

On January 26, 2021, the California Public Utilities Commission held a hearing on SCE's Execution of its 2020 Public Safety Power Shut-Off (PSPS) Events. SCE initiated 16 PSPS events from May to December 2020. In her January 19 letter to SCE's President and CEO, President Batjer stated that SED, CAL FIRE, and Cal OES observed that SCE's PSPS execution had five flaws:

- lacked transparency in its PSPS decision-making process when considering de-energization;

- de-energized without any prior customer notification, or informing customers they were re-energized when they were not, and no notice of required defined time intervals for de-energization and the geographic area affected;
- provided late, lack of, or confusing notification to state and local agencies, public safety partners, and communications providers;
- failed to confirm notification of Medical Baseline and Access and Function Needs customers; and
- filed deficient PSPS post-event reports with the CPUC.

Prior to the 2020 fire season, SED, along with other CPUC divisions, conducted PSPS Preparedness Meetings with SCE in April/May 2020, and included SCE's plans and tools to notify Medical Baseline and critical care customers of PSPS events during the upcoming fire season.

SED is meeting with SCE bi-weekly on SCE's PSPS Action Plan Progress in preparation for the 2021 wildfire season. Next steps include an SCE Corrective Action Plan and a public Commission Hearing on March 1, 2021.

Finally, SED continues to perform its safety and enforcement duties in many other areas that go unnoticed. I would like to commend my staff for continuing their stellar work performance to meet the challenges of SED's critical safety mission.

GAS SAFETY AND RELIABILITY BRANCH (GSRB)

The Gas Safety and Reliability Branch (GSRB) ensures that intra-state natural gas and liquid petroleum gas (LPG) pipeline systems are designed, constructed, operated, and maintained according to safety standards set by the CPUC and the federal government. CPUC gas safety engineers are trained and qualified by the federal government. The CPUC enforces natural gas and LPG safety regulations; inspects construction, operation, and maintenance activities; and makes necessary amendments to regulations. Its mission is to protect and promote the safety of the public and utility employees that work on the gas pipeline systems.

Natural Gas Citations

SED has the authority to issue citations with penalties for operator violations of public utility safety codes and requirements¹. The citation process allows the CPUC to act expediently in matters where violations of state and federal rules are clear and unambiguous. Citations may arise out of an ongoing investigation into related matters or when a violation is brought to the CPUC's attention directly. The table below shows the status of pending citations issued by SED. The citations can be found on the CPUC's website [here](#).

Citation Number	Utility	Amount	Violations per GO 112-F	Date Cited	Description	Status
G-20-08-001	Glenview Mobile Lodge	\$50,000	192.605(a), 192.605(b)(3), 192.616(j), 192.723(b)(2), 192.747(a), 192.805, 192.1015(a), 192.357(a), 192.479(a), & 192.353(a)	8/24/20	The MHP failed to remediate violations discovered during an inspection	Pending

Natural Gas Inspections (Year to Date)

	2020 Total	2021 Year-to-Date
Conducted	61	4
Final Report Completed	46	2

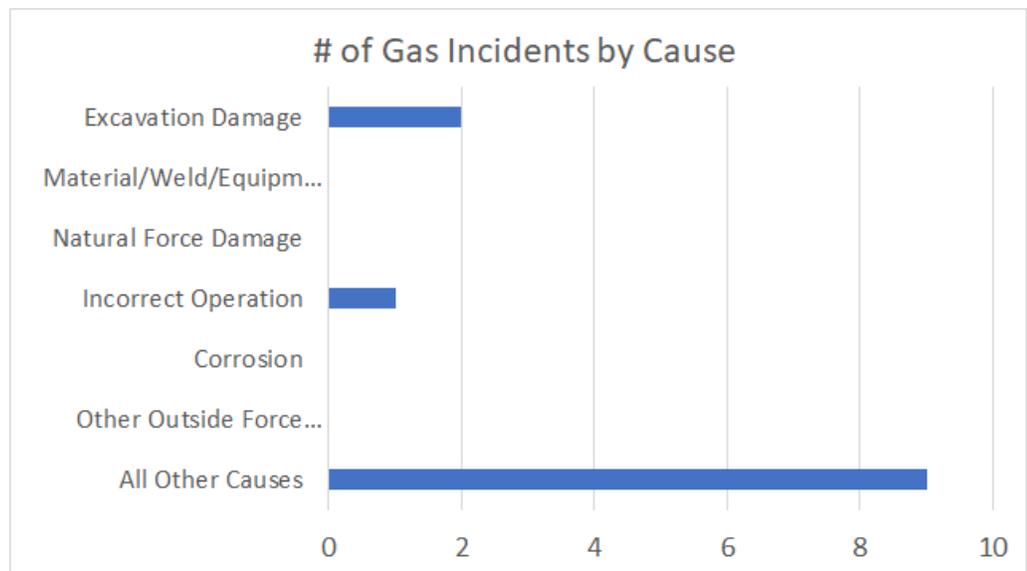
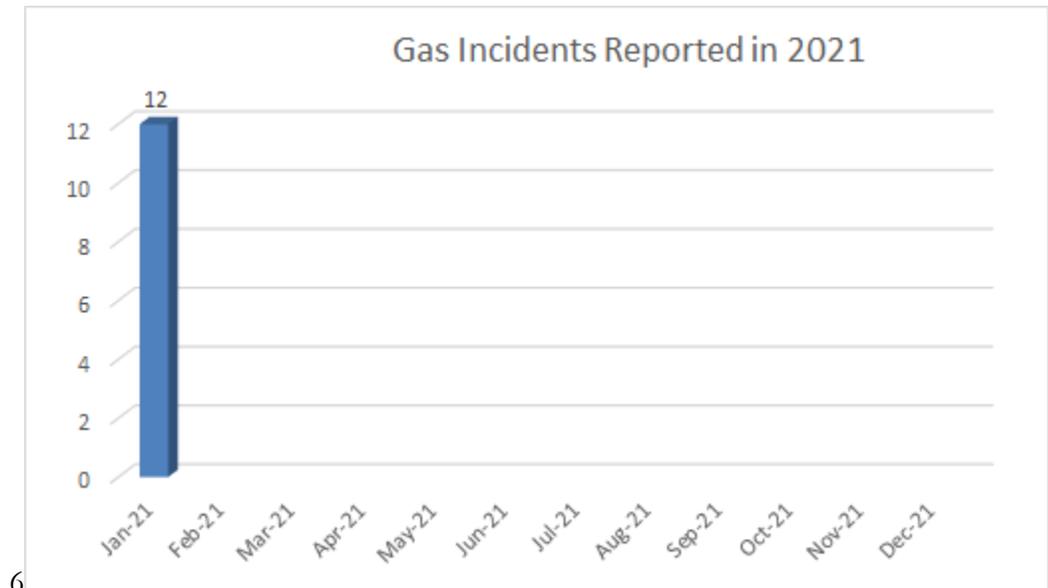
The purpose of GSRB's inspections is to confirm that operators continue to construct, operate, and maintain their pipeline facilities in a manner that ensures the safety of workers and the public, while providing adequate and reliable service. In addition to routine inspections, GSRB also conducts construction/site inspections as resources permit. Typically, each inspection consists of records review of an operator's past compliance

¹ In December 2011, the CPUC created a citation process authorizing staff to impose fines for natural gas violations.

activities and field verifications. Results are documented in a final report and sent to the operators after the inspections. The expectation is to have a final report sent to the operator within 60 days of the inspection. All issues should be properly closed out and an Inspection Closure Letter is issued to the operator within 120 days from the day the inspection is completed. Although there are deviations expected from time-to-time for business reasons, late inspections should be the exception and not the norm.

Natural Gas Incident Reports and Investigations in January 2021

As of January 31, 2021, GSRB Staff received reports of 12 incidents. All reported incidents are then assigned to GSRB engineers to investigate and prepare a final report. The report indicates if there was any violation of GO 112F committed by the operators. Operators report incidents based on PHMSA guidelines.



This bar chart above shows the 12 incidents by cause as of January 31, 2021. The table below shows the 12 incidents by level and status.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	TOTAL
Open	2	9	1	0	12
Closed	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	9	1	0	12

The table below provides a summary description of the levels and provides the timeframes/guidelines for incident reports to be completed and closed from the date of assignment of an investigation.

Levels	Definition of Incident Levels	Guidelines
1	Did not result in injury, fatality, fire or explosion; may be due to an unrelated event outside of the Operator’s control.	60 days
2	Did not result in injury, fatality, fire or explosion; may or may not have caused a release of gas, have been reported due to Operator judgment.	120 days
3	Resulted in a release of gas but did not result in injury, fatality, fire or explosion.	150 days
4	Resulted in injury, fatality, fire or explosion caused by release of natural gas from the Operator’s facilities.	≥ 180 days

Natural Gas Utility Self-Identified Violation (SIV) Investigations

There was 1 (one) Self-Identified Violation reported to GSRB in January by SoCal Gas for an employee not following procedures for responding to an emergency leak in a timely manner.

Customer Safety Complaints

GSRB received and investigated six (6) new customer complaints in January.

Three (3) complaints were closed without further action while one (1) complaint was resolved. Of these, two (2) were unsubstantiated and two (2) involved operator accommodations. The remaining two (2) complaints are being investigated and listed as: a gas lateral relocation request, and a locate and mark performance complaint.

Inspection Notices / Notice of Probable Violation Letters (NOPV)

SED may issue an NOPV based on an investigation, customer complaint, or inspection for a violation of an applicable law or regulation. In January, GSRB issued 2 inspection notices and 3 NOPVs (with 3 probable violations).

- January 4 – PG&E Non-DOT incident violation letter – 1 probable violation found.
- January 13 – Southern California Gas Company’s Inland East Distribution Area inspection letter – 1 probable violation found.
- January 22 – Southwest Gas Company’s Operation and Maintenance Procedures and Emergency Response Programs inspection letter – 0 probable violations found.
- January 25 – City of Redding’s Operation & Maintenance Plan, Emergency Plan, and Comprehensive Standard Transmission inspection letter (recommended to PHMSA) – 0 probable violations found.

- January 28 – City of Long Beach Gas & Oil Department’s Operation & Maintenance Plan, Emergency Plan, Operator Qualification, and Public Awareness Programs inspection letter (recommended to PHMSA) – 1 probable violation found.

Natural Gas Safety and Reliability: Proceedings

Aliso Canyon (I.19-06-016) (Commissioner Rechtschaffen /ALJs Hecht / Poirier) (SED Advocacy):Key highlights in January 2021 include a January 6, 2021 SED filing of a Motion to Amend the Scoping Memo and Ruling, requesting the suspension of the requirement that SED meet monthly with SoCalGas to discuss the potential for a settlement agreement. SoCalGas filed a response opposing SED’s motion on January 12, 2021. On January 13, 2021, ALJs granted SED’s request to suspend the monthly meetings.

Mobile Home Parks (MHP) Utility Conversion Program (D.20-04-004) (Commissioner Rechtschaffen /ALJ Hecht) (SED Advocacy): On April 24, 2020, the Commission issued Decision D.20-04-004 which established the Mobilehome Park Utility Conversion Program which authorizes IOUs to install new gas and electric utility systems in mobilehome parks to replace master-metered utility systems. The program goal is to convert 50% of all mobile home spaces by the end of 2030 according to a risk-based priority ranking system developed by GSRB. GSRB is currently accepting applications (also known as Forms of Intent) and capturing data from those forms which will be transferred to the final risk-rank prioritization model. SED is developing and testing the new risk-rank model currently and will have it finalized before the end of the MHP Utility Conversion Program application period.

PG&E Locate and Mark Practices OII (I.18-12-007) (Commissioner Rechtschaffen/ALJ Allen) (SED Advocacy): On February 20, 2020, the Commission issued Decision (D.20-02-036) which ordered several shareholder-funded gas and electric System Enhancement Initiatives. On August 21, SED selected a consultant for the Compliance and Ethics Corrective Action Program Audit. On October 15, 2020, SED selected a consultant for the Locate and Mark Compliance Audit and Locate and Mark Field Audit. On November 17, PG&E submitted its proposed methodologies for SED’s review and approval. On January 12, 2021, SED responded to PG&E’s proposed methodologies review request. On February 4, 2021, PG&E informed SED about a request from their 3rd Party consultant for item III.B.2 of the L&M OII to solicit input from another external party (Exponent) to further develop their sampling methodology. SED responded on February 4.

Line 1600 Pipeline Safety Enhancement Program (PSEP) Application (A. 15-09-013) (Commissioner Randolph/ALJ Stevens) (SED Advisory) As required in D.20-02-024, the Applicants (SoCalGas/SDG&E) made a compliance filing on August 12, 2020 on Line 1600 segment cost forecast information. Also, on December 3, 2020, the CPUC issued an order denying Rehearing and modified D. 20-02-024:

- “Because Design Alternative 1 is in effect as legally required, the cost of a different alternative is not relevant.” (p.46)
- A Finding of Fact, “In D.18-06-028, the Commission determined that Line 1600 is not in good condition due to the presence of hook cracks and other known safety risks such as corrosion or other integrity threats.” (p.50)
- “The Line 1600 test and replacement project is mandated by Public Utilities Code section 958 and Commission directive.” (p.56)
- “The Line 1600 test and replacement project is exempt from CEQA as a ministerial project under Public Resources Code section 21080, subdivision (b)(1).” (p.56)

This proceeding remains open for cost forecasting; SED and SDG&E/SCG have complied with the Ordering Paragraphs.

ELECTRIC SAFETY AND RELIABILITY BRANCH (ESRB)

The mission of ESRB is to enforce state statutes and regulations regarding the safety and reliability of electric facilities, communication facilities, and power plants that are within the jurisdiction of this Commission in California, to ensure that the facilities are operated and maintained in a safe and reliable manner to protect and promote the public health and safety, and to facilitate an environment inside and outside of the Commission that increases the safety and reliability of these facilities. January activities are below and include:

- Issued 1 Transmission audit report and 1 Power Plant audit report.
- Monitored 4 planned outages and 9 forced outages reported by natural gas and renewable energy power plants.

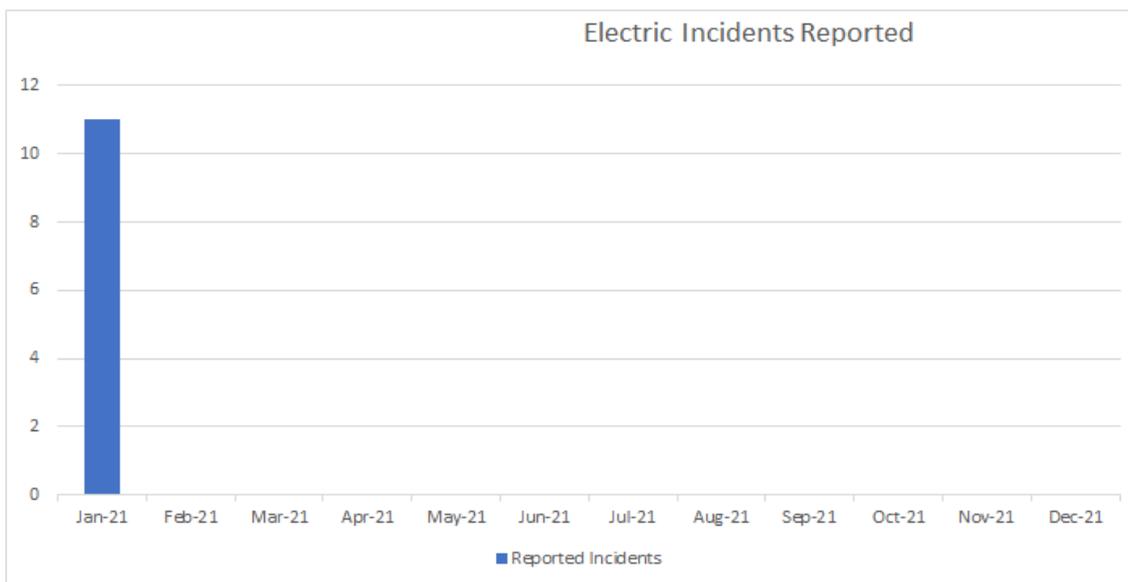
Electric Facilities Citations

SED has the authority to issue citations with penalties for electric utilities and Communication Infrastructure Providers (CIPs) for violating Commission GOs and PU Code rules. Citations may arise from violations discovered during incident investigations, audits, customer complaint investigations, whistleblower investigations, or other safety matters that are brought to the attention of SED. The table below shows the status of citations issued by SED in 2020. All of SED citations related to electric and communication facilities can be found on the Commission’s website at: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=1965>

Citation Number	Utility	Amount	Violations	Date Cited	Description	Status
D.16-09-055E.20-12-001	SCE	\$1,000,000	GO 128, Rules 17.1 and 17.7. PU Code, Section 451	12/4/2020	Failure to properly mark the location of SCE’s underground facilities which resulted in one injury	Paid In January 2021

Electric Incidents Reported through January 31, 2021

ESRB received 11 electric incident reports in January and closed 19 previously reported electric incidents.



Electric Facilities and Power Plant/Generation Incident Investigations

ESRB		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total ²
Total open incidents in 2021	Electric Facilities	9	11	64	65	149
	Generation	1	1	4	1	7
Total incidents reported in 2021	Electric Facilities	0	1	6	4	11
	Generation	0	0	1	0	1
Total incidents closed in 2021	Electric Facilities	0	3	6	10	19
	Generation	0	0	0	0	0
Total open 2021 incidents	Electric Facilities	0	1	6	4	11
	Generation	0	0	1	0	1
Incidents reported in January 2021	Electric Facilities	0	1	6	4	11
	Generation	0	0	1	0	1
Incidents closed in January 2021	Electric Facilities	0	3	6	10	19
	Generation	0	0	0	0	0

The above table shows information about ESRB incident investigations as of January 31, 2021. The level designation indicates increasing severity, with Level 4 as the most severe. See footnote 2 for definitions of each level. The guidelines to close incident reports are similar to those GRSB follows (see Guidelines table on p. 5).

Customer Safety Complaints

Investigated 17 electric and communication safety and reliability customer complaints.

Notice of Violation Letters

ESRB issued 6 Notice of Violation (NOV) letters in January. ESRB may issue an NOV in response to an investigation or customer complaint for a violation of an applicable law or regulation.

Electric Safety and Reliability: Proceedings

PSPS Order Instituting Investigation (I.19-11-013) (Commissioner Batjer/ALJ DeAngelis) (SED Advisory). This OII was initiated by the Commission on November 13, 2019 to determine whether California's investor-owned electric utilities prioritized safety and complied with the Commission's regulations and

² Level 1: A safety incident that does not meet Level 2, 3, or 4 criteria. Level 2: Incident involved a power interruption not due solely to outside forces (Level 2 for Generation: Incident that occurred during an Electric Alert, Warning or Emergency. Level 3: Incident involved damage estimated to exceed \$50,000 and caused, at least in part, by the utility or its facilities (Level 3 for Generation: Incident resulted in a significant outage that was due, at least in part, to plant equipment and/or operations). Level 4: Incident resulted in a fatality or injury requiring hospitalization and that was caused, at least in part, by the utility or its facilities or by equipment and/or operations (for Power Plants).

requirements with respect to their Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events in late 2019. This OII is a companion to R.18-12-005, the Commission's rulemaking to examine the practice of utility de-energization of powerlines during dangerous conditions. On November 16, 2020, parties filed reply comments regarding the Phase 2 Scoping Memo and Ruling. Pending.

PG&E Locate and Mark Practices OII (I.18-12-007) (Commissioner Rechtschaffen/ALJ Allen) (SED Advocacy): D.20-02-036 approved several shareholder-funded gas and electric System Enhancement Initiatives but with a longer compliance audit period of four years and a \$110 million total penalty. In November 2020, ESRB staff reviewed PG&E's One Call Concepts Timely Ticket Review Methodology and PG&E's Field Review Methodology and provided comments to GSRB for consideration. Pending.

Rulemaking to Evaluate the Mobilehome Park Pilot Program and to Adopt Programmatic Modifications (R.18-04-018) (Commissioner Rechtschaffen /ALJ Hecht) (SED Advisory): ESRB's role in this proceeding is to address the conversion of electric master metered MHPs to direct service by an electric utility. The Commission issued D. 20-04-004 on April 24, 2020, adopting most of the language in the proposed decision. SED, Energy Division, and Housing and Community Development will convene workshops within six months from the effective date to discuss mobile home electrification topics. On September 15, 2020, the Commission held a workshop on the Building Decarbonization Proceeding Phase II Staff Proposal and the Mobilehome Electrification Topics and Tenant Protections. Also, in September 2020, all the parties responded to PG&E's August 2020 submittal of a supplemental advice letter (AL) regarding tariff revisions. The AL reflects changes to the program from a pilot to a full-scale, ten-year program per D. 20-04-004. Pending.

SCE Appeal of Twentynine Palms Citation (K.18-03-008) (ALJ Kim) (SED Advocacy): ESRB investigated an incident that occurred on August 1, 2015 in Twentynine Palms. On February 12, 2018, SED issued a \$300,000 citation to SCE for violations related to the incident. SCE appealed the citation on March 14, 2018. On October 3, 2018, SED issued an \$8,000,000 amended citation that replaced the \$300,000 citation. The amended citation was the result of new violations. Hearings were held in December 2018, February 2019, and March 2019. Briefs and reply briefs were filed in April 2019. Pending.

Creation of a Shared Database or Statewide Census of Utility Poles and Conduit (I.17-06-027); Communications Provider Access to Poles (R.17-06-028) (Commissioner Batjer/ALJ Mason) (SED Advocacy): In 2017, the Commission opened a proceeding to address the feasibility of establishing a data management platform for pole owners and tenants to access pole data, attachment and conduit data. This investigation is being conducted in three tracks. In the current phase of the proceeding, parties addressed requirements for pole attachments via comments and are awaiting a proposed decision. On December 15, 2020, the Assigned Commissioner's office issued a second amended scoping memo and ruling that outlined next steps in the consolidated Pole OII/OIR proceeding. Pending.

Physical Security of the Electric System and Disaster and Emergency Preparedness (R.15-06-009) (Commissioner Rechtschaffen/ALJ Kelly) (SED Advocacy): On May 22, 2015, the Commission issued an OIR regarding policies and regulation of physical security for electric supply facilities and to establish standards for disaster and emergency preparedness plans. This rulemaking was conducted in two phases. Phase I addressed physical security for electric supply systems and was resolved by D.19-01-018. Phase II addresses disaster and emergency preparedness plans for electrical corporations and regulated water companies. On July 1, 2020, the Safety Policy Division (SPD) submitted a letter dated June 26, 2020 from the Deputy Executive Director of SED and SPD enacting the Interim Trial Procedures (ITP) to allow Commission staff to receive major utility compliance deliverables. On July 10, 2020, the six IOUs submitted their Preliminary Assessments under the ITP process to SPD and subsequently presented their briefings regarding their Preliminary

Assessment submissions to SPD and SED staff. Three IOUs submitted supplemental filings and met with SED and SPD to discuss their filings. On November 19, 2020, the Commission issued D.20-11-048 which extends the statutory deadline for Phase II to May 30, 2021. Pending.

Other ESRB Activities

2019 Wildfires: In October 2019, California experienced devastating wildfires. In Northern California, the Kincade Fire burned more than 76,800 acres. The fire destroyed and damaged about 260 structures and caused injuries to two firefighters. In Southern California, the Saddle Ridge Fire, the Easy Fire, and the Maria Fire, burned more than 17,000 acres. The fires destroyed and damaged many structures and caused one fatality and 8 injuries to firefighters. SED is currently working closely with CAL FIRE and other agencies to investigate PG&E, SCE, and the communications companies' compliance with the Commission's safety rules.

2020 Wildfires: In 2020, California again experienced devastating wildfires. In Southern California, the Bobcat Fire, which started in September 2020 burned approximately 116,000 acres, damaged 47 structures, destroyed 170 structures, and resulted in 6 injuries. The Silverado Fire which started in October 2020 near Santiago Canyon Road and Silverado Canyon Road in the unincorporated area of Orange County, burned approximately 14,000 acres and injured two firefighters. ESRB and WSEB are working closely with CAL FIRE, the United States Forest Service (USFS) and other agencies to investigate SCE, and communications companies' compliance with the Commission's safety rules.

In Northern California, the Slater Fire started on September 9, 2020 in Butte County near the town of Happy Camp. The fire killed two people and injured three. It burned approximately 156,000 acres and damaged 197 residences and 243 structures. The Zogg Fire, which began on September 27, 2020 in Igo, Shasta County, resulted in four fatalities, one injury, 27 damaged structures and 204 destroyed structures.

Compliance with D.20-12-019 regarding PG&E's 2017 and 2018 Wildfires: On May 8, 2020, a Decision (D.20-05-019) was issued approving a settlement agreement, with modifications, between SED, PG&E, Coalition of California Utility Employees (CUE), and the Office of Safety Advocates (OSA). On December 4, 2020, a Final Decision (D.20-12-015) was issued modifying D.20-05-019 and denying rehearing of D.20-10-019. In summary, the decision imposes penalties totaling \$2.137 billion consisting of \$1.823 billion in disallowances for wildfire-related expenditures, \$114 million in shareholder-funded System Enhancement Initiatives, and a \$200 million fine payable to the General Fund (the fine to be suspended). ESRB is monitoring PG&E's work to ensure compliance with the settlement agreement and D.20-12-015.

Compliance with D.17-09-024 regarding Long Beach Incident: D.17-09-024 adopted a Settlement Agreement between SCE and SED. Under the settlement, SCE paid a \$4 million penalty and will spend \$11 million on various system enhancement projects in Long Beach intended to reduce the chance of public injury, reduce the risk of future system failures, and improve the utility's operational awareness and network maintenance. ESRB is monitoring SCE's work to ensure compliance with the settlement agreement.

Transmission Maintenance Coordination Committee (TMCC): TMCC is an advisory committee to help the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) develop, review, and revise Transmission Maintenance Standards. TMCC holds quarterly meetings to discuss recent improvements in construction and maintenance processes and techniques, and industry best practices. ESRB is a member of TMCC and attends meetings. On January 21, 2021, ESRB staff attended a teleconference for the CAISO Transmission Maintenance Coordination Committee meeting, RC West Outage Coordination, construction and commercial operation of the Henry Allen—Eldorado 500 kV transmission line.

Wildfire Safety and Enforcement Branch (WSEB)

SED's WSEB is dedicated to the enforcement of public utility wildfire safety and Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) violations. WSEB is the lead investigator for utility incidents relating to wildfire, PSPS events and other aspects related to wildfire events. The staff conducts audits, incident investigations, and provides input into policy development. January 2021 activities for WSEB include:

- Observed and monitored three (3) separate Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events by all three major Investor-Owned Utilities within California. SED continued to coordinate with not only the regulated utilities, but also with state and local partners such as CAL FIRE and Cal OES. Overall, 119,440 customers were de-energized.
 - PG&E conducted one (1) PSPS event that impacted 5,099 customers including 274 medical baseline customers in 9 counties.
 - SCE conducted one (1) PSPS event that impacted 114,341 customers including 2,159 medical baseline customers in 7 counties.
 - SDG&E conducted one (1) PSPS event that impacted zero (0) customers.
 - WSEB participated in several CPUC proceedings including the 2019 PSPS OII, 2019 PSPS OSC, the PSPS OIR, and the SCE Petition to Modify the High Fire Threat Districts Map.
- In conjunction with ESRB, WSEB continued nine (9) investigations into utility-related wildfires.

PSPS Activations, De-energizations & Post Event Reports - January 2021

WSEB	PG&E	SCE	SDG&E	Bear Valley	Pacific Corp	Liberty
Total PSPS Activations	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total PSPS w/ De-energization	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total PSPS Post Event Reports Reviewed	2	6	1	0	0	0

Summary of PSPS Events in January 2021

Utility	Dates	Total Customers Impacted	Medical Baseline Customers	Number of Counties Impacted	Number of Tribes Impacted
PGE	Jan. 19	5,099	274	9	0
SCE	Jan. 12-21	114,341	2,159	7	0
SDGE	Jan. 14-16	0	0	0	0

PSPS Related Proceedings

Rulemaking to Examine Electric Utility De-Energization of Power Lines in Dangerous Conditions (R.18-12-005) (President Batjer/ALJ Poirier /ALJ Stevens) (SED Advisory): This OIR was opened to further examine policies and guidelines adopted in ESRB-8 regarding communication, notification, mitigation and other logistic and implementation issues of a PSPS event. Currently, there are two tracks in this OIR:

1. Continued examination of utility de-energization/PSPS practices and guidelines.
2. An Order to Show Cause (OSC) on why PG&E should not be sanctioned for violations of P.U. Code 451, D.19-05-042 (Phase I) and ESRB-8 concerning three PSPS events in October 2019. Opening Briefs were due October 30, 2020 and Reply Briefs were filed on November 17, 2020.

PSPS Order Instituting Investigation (I.19-11-013) (Commissioner Batjer/ALJ DeAngelis) (SED Advisory). This Investigation was initiated to determine whether the IOUs that experienced PSPS events in late 2019 prioritized safety and complied with the Commission’s regulations and requirements in ESRB-8 and D.19-05-042 (Phase 1 PSPS Guidelines).

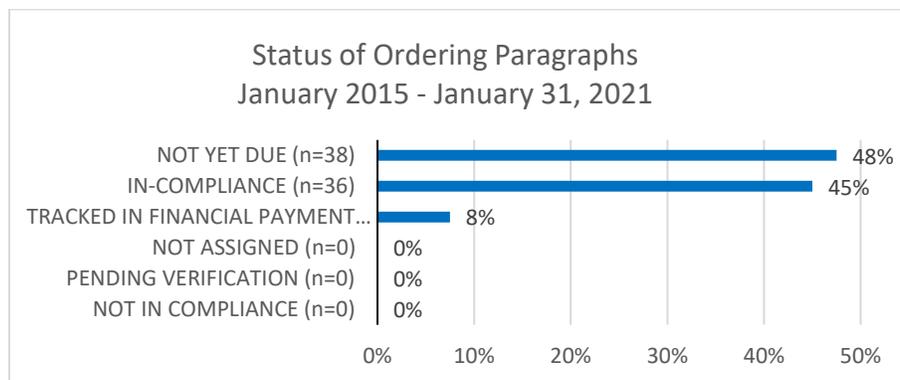
Monitoring the Whistleblower Website

The Commission regulates privately owned utilities. It serves the public interest by protecting consumers and ensuring that utility services and infrastructure are safe, reliable, and available at reasonable rates. It is charged with ensuring that these regulated service providers comply with the regulations. Whistleblower complaints can result in investigations that may involve safety and other issues. For January 2021, no whistleblower complaints were submitted online to SED.

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDERING PARAGRAPHS (COPS)

The Compliance with Ordering Paragraphs (COPS) database is designed to assist CPUC staff in tracking compliance with Ordering Paragraphs (OPs) of regulated entities with Commission decisions. Each month various agency staff use COPS to identify and enter into the database relevant OPs, verify and document compliance, and produce reports summarizing compliance with OPs.

Between January 1, 2015 and January 31, 2020, SED had 80 total entries in the COPS system with 36 (46%) reaching compliance, 38 (48%) not yet due for compliance, and 0 (0%) out of compliance. All 80 (100%) SED OPs are assigned to staff. The chart below shows statistics from January 2015 through January 2021³.



³ The category of “tracked in financial payment tracker” (FPT) is used to monitor compliance with financial payments to the Commission. The FPT category is verified and deemed “in compliance” and is listed as “in compliance” on this chart.