

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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June 3, 2015

EA2015-004

Daryl Dye
Electrical Superintendent - City of Gridley
444 Fairview Drive,
Gridley, CA 95948

SUBJECT: City of Gridley Electric Audit

Dear Mr. Dye:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch (ESRB) of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Jamie Lau of my staff conducted an electric audit of City of Gridley on May 12 and 13, 2015. The audit included a review of City of Gridley's records and field inspections of electric 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 July 6, 2015, by electronic or hard copy, of all corrective measures taken by City of Gridley to remedy and prevent such violations.

If you have any questions concerning this audit, please contact Jamie Lau at (415) 703-2233 or jamie.lau@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fadi Daye".

Fadi Daye, P.E.
Program and Project Supervisor
Electric Safety and Reliability Branch
Safety and Enforcement Division
California Public Utilities Commission

Enclosure: Audit Findings

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Audit Findings

Company: City of Gridley
 Electric Audit
 Date: May 12 and 13, 2015

A.	Location:	City of Gridley
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	5/12/2015 & 5/13/2015
	Explanation of Violation(s):	
	<u>Past-Due Detailed Inspections</u>	
	<p>GO 165, Section III-B, Standard of Inspection, requires each utility to perform detailed inspection in a cycle not exceeding 5 years for overhead facilities. The City of Gridley performed a detailed inspection for its overhead facilities in September 2008 and subsequently in February 2014. The detailed inspection cycle between year 2008 and 2014 exceeds 5 years.</p>	

B.	Location:	City of Gridley
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	5/12/2015 & 5/13/2015
	Explanation of Violation(s):	
	<u>Lack of Annual Reporting to CPUC</u>	
	<p>GO 165, Section III-D, Reporting, states in part:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>By July 1st each utility subject to this General Order shall submit an annual report for the previous year under penalty of perjury.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>The report shall list four categorical types of inspections: Patrols, Overhead Detailed, Underground Detailed and Wood Pole Intrusive. The report shall denote the total units of work by inspection type for the reporting period and the number of outstanding (not completed) inspections within the same reporting period for each of the four categories.</i></p> <p>The City of Gridley did not submit an annual report to the Commission for years 2012, 2013, and 2014.</p>	

C.	Location:	City of Gridley
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	5/12/2015 & 5/13/2015
	Explanation of Violation(s):	
	<p><u>Past-Due Pole Replacements</u></p> <p>GO 165, Section III-C, – Record Keeping, states in part:</p> <p><i>For all inspections records shall specify the circuit, area, facility or equipment inspected, the inspector, the date of the inspection, and any problems (or items requiring corrective action) identified during each inspection, as well as the scheduled date of corrective action.</i></p> <p>GO 95, Rule 31.1, Design, Construction and Maintenance, states in part:</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>The City of Gridley had 9 pole replacement jobs past their scheduled date of corrective action. These poles were tested unsatisfactory during an intrusive pole testing done in year 2010; they were scheduled to be replaced within 3 years from the date of inspection. The poles were replaced past their scheduled due dates.</p> <p>The completed past-due pole replacements were on the following poles: Pole ID #2340, 2310, 2700, 2640, 1850, 830, 2710, 2530, 8550.</p>	