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Subject: Electric Safety Incident Reported- Southern California Edison Company Incident No: 220720-15216

The Following information regarding this incident has been reported:

Reporting Date: 7/20/2022 11:25:10 AM

Incident Date: 2/10/2022 @ 4:10 a.m.

Reported By: Paul C. Pimentel, Principal Manager

Utility Name: Southern California Edison Company

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Incident Location: Near 1425 Emerald Bay Laguna Beach, Orange County

Reasons For Reporting:

- Fatalities? No (Utility: , Others:)
- Names of Fatalities:
- Injuries? (Utility: , Others:)
- Names of Injured:
- Damage? No (Utility: , Others:)
- Interruption? (Total Customers: , Total Hours:)
- Operator Judgement? Yes
- Media Coverage? Yes

Cause of Incident: Unknown (Other Cause:)

Agencies on Scene:

Facilities Affected:

- Utilities Facilities:
- Voltage (KV):
- Customer's Facilities:

DigIn Information:

- Excavator Name:
- Contact:
- Phone: (____) ____ - ____

Incident Recovery:

- On Scene Date & Time: @ 00:00 a.m.
- Service Restored: @ 00:00 a.m.

Summary: SCE reports the following event out of an abundance of caution as it remains unclear whether and how SCE's facilities are allegedly attributable to the cause of this incident. On Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 4:09 a.m., a wildfire, subsequently identified as the ?Emerald Fire,? was reported in an area near 1425 Emerald Bay, Laguna Beach. Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) personnel responded to suppress the fire and the forward progress of the fire was stopped that same day. The Emerald Fire consumed approximately 154 acres and there was no reported third-party damage. It burned through an area where SCE circuits traverse, which consisted of the Santiago-Crown-Morro 66 kV subtransmission circuit and the Artist 12 kV and Kewamee 12 kV distribution circuits. SCE has no record of interruptions or circuit activity associated with faults on these circuits occurring near in time to the reported fire alarm time. To help facilitate fire suppression efforts, SCE briefly deenergized sections of the distribution circuits. Furthermore, there was no wire down and no damage to SCE facilities in the subject area that required repair due to the fire. SCE was not asked to participate in the investigation and fire authorities did not ask SCE to inspect or retain any SCE equipment during the course of its investigation. On the date of the fire and over the next five months, SCE had no information that its facilities were alleged to be involved in the ignition of the fire. SCE learned from a municipal press release and media reports that the probable cause of the Emerald Fire was unidentified overhead powerlines. SCE had not been alerted whether the powerlines referenced in the municipal press release are alleged to be owned by SCE. However, SCE has since obtained a copy of the OCFA Incident Report which indicates that an unspecified short circuit arc ignited the fire, although it does not specifically reference SCE facilities involved in the ignition. Our investigation is ongoing.