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December 11, 2009

Melvin Stark
Manager, Maintenance & Inspection
Southern California Edison
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Rialto, CA 92376

SUBJECT: General Order 95 & 128 Audit of SCE's Ventura District

Dear Mr. Stark,

On behalf of the Utilities Safety and Reliability Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Mahmoud Intably, Ben Brinkman and I conducted an electric audit of SCE's Ventura District on March 24-26, 2009. The audit included a review of your records for the period of 2006 – 2009 and a field inspection in areas where SCE recently performed inspections of overhead and underground facilities.

During the audit, I identified violations of General Order 95 & 128. A copy of the inspection report itemizing the violations is enclosed. Please advise me no later than January 11, 2009, by electronic or hard copy, of all corrective measures taken by SCE regarding the violations and the date they were corrected.

If you have any questions, please contact me at at (213) 576-6850.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Fong".

Derek Fong
Utilities Engineer
Utilities Safety and Reliability Branch
Consumer Protection and Safety Division

Enclosure: Inspection Report

Inspection Report

List of GOs 95 and 128 violations that were observed during the field portion of the electric audit of SCE's Ventura District

GO 95, Rule 51.7 Pole Steps

Rule 51.7 states:

"The lowest step on any stepped pole, tower or structure shall be not less than 7 feet 6 inches from the ground line and above this point the spacing between steps on the same side of pole, tower, or structure shall not exceed 36 inches."

The following pole needs to be stepped:

- 1089450E

GO 95, Rule 35 Tree Trimming

Rule 35 states:

"Where overhead wires pass through trees, safety and reliability of service demand that tree trimming be done in order that the wires may clear branches and foliage by a reasonable distance... Communication and electric supply circuits, energized at 750 volts or less, including their service drops, should be kept clear of limbs and foliage..."

The following poles have street light conductors that are being abraded and/or strained by trees:

- 1088968E
- 1088967E

The following pole has primary conductors that have less than 18-inch clearance from adjacent palm trees:

- 985470E

GO 95, Rule 56.4D(2) From Guys or Span Wires

Rule 56.4D(2) states:

"Passing and Attached to Same Pole: The radial clearance between different guys, different span wires, or different guys and span wires, attached to the same pole shall not be less than 3 inches."

The following pole has a supply down guy touching a communications down guy:

- 985473E