

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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June 30, 2009

**SEE ATTACHED DISTRIBUTION LIST****CPUC File No.: EA2009-09****SUBJECT:** Electric Audit of SDG&E's North Coast District

On behalf of the Utilities Safety and Reliability Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Derek Fong and I conducted an electric audit of SDG&E's North Coast District on May 11-14, 2009. The audit included a review of your records for the period of 2003 – 2009, and a field inspection of overhead and underground facilities.

During the audit, we found that SDG&E patrolling forms were lacking in completeness and consistency. The forms were missing patrol completion dates as required by General Order (GO) 165, Section IV, and were filed incorrectly. Also, we found that SDG&E did not document all GO 95 violations at the time of its inspections. Attached to this letter is a list of these violations.

Please advise me within 30 days of corrective measures taken by SDG&E regarding the above violations. If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 576-7099.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Yamamoto", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Enclosure: Distribution List  
Audit Violations

**Electric Audit Distribution List**  
**(North Coast, May 11-14, 2009)**

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## Audit Violations

List of GO 95 violations that were observed during the field portion of the electric audit of SDG&E's North Coast District and were not documented in the inspection records.

### **GO 95, Rule 51.6A(3), High Voltage Marking**

Rule 51.6A states:

*“Crossarms where present may be marked in lieu of marking the pole. Such signs shall be placed on the face and back of each crossarm supporting line conductors (see Rule 20.9-C), except that high voltage signs are not required on the inside faces of double arms.”*

- A high voltage sign was missing on pole numbered 13003 (137 S. Santa Fe Ave.).

### **GO 95, Rule 56.9, Guy Marker (Guy Guard)**

Rule 56.9 states:

*“A substantial marker of suitable material, including but not limited to metal or plastic, not less than 8 feet in length, shall be securely attached to all anchor guys. Where more than one guy is attached to an anchor rod, only the outermost guy is required to have a marker.”*

- A guy marker was damaged on pole numbered 13937.