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March 25, 2013

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Bret Ball
Manager, Transmission Construction and Maintenance
San Diego Gas and Electric
5488 Overland Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: Audit of SDG&E's Electric Transmission Facilities in North San Diego County and Southern Orange County


Dear Mr. Ball:

On behalf of the Safety and Enforcement Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission, Ben Brinkman conducted an audit of SDG&E's electric transmission facilities in the North San Diego County and Southern Orange County areas from February 4 to February 8, 2013. The audit included a review of SDG&E's maintenance records and inspections of SDG&E's facilities.

During the audit, we identified violations of one or more General Orders. A copy of the audit summary itemizing the violations is enclosed. Please advise me no later than April 30, 2013, by electronic or hard copy, of all corrective measures taken by SDG&E to remedy and prevent such violations.

If you have any questions concerning this audit you can contact Ben Brinkman of my staff at (213) 576-7093 or benjamin.brinkman@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Raymond G. Fugere, P.E.
Program and Project Supervisor
Electric Safety and Reliability Branch
Safety and Enforcement Division

Enclosure: Audit Summary

CC: Ben Brinkman, Senior Utilities Engineer, CPUC

Audit Summary

Company: SDG&E
Area: Electric Transmission System, North San Diego County and Southern Orange County
Audit Type: Electric Transmission Audit
Date: February 4 – 8, 2013

Violations

1.	Structure ID / Location:	TL674, Structure Z12328
	Previous SDG&E Visit Details:	September 8, 2011
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	February 5, 2013
Explanation of Violation(s):		
<u>Foreign Attachment</u> GO 95, Rule 34, Additional Construction, states in part: <i>Nothing in these rules shall be construed as permitting the unauthorized attachment, to supply, street light or communication poles or structures, of antennas, signs, posters, banners, decorations, wires, lighting fixtures, guys, ropes and any other such equipment foreign to the purposes of overhead electric line construction.</i> <i>Nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring utilities to grant permission for such use of their overhead facilities; or permitting any use of joint poles or facilities for such permanent or temporary construction without the consent of all parties having any ownership whatever in the poles or structures to which attachments may be made; or granting authority for the use of any poles, structures or facilities without the owner's or owners' consent.</i> <i>All permanent attachments must be approved by the Commission (see Rule 15.1) and the owner(s) involved.</i> A customer attached an unauthorized solar floodlight to structure Z12328.		

2.	Structure ID / Location:	TL616, Structure 712333
	Previous SDG&E Visit Details:	April 19, 2012
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	February 6, 2013
	Explanation of Violation(s):	
	<p><u>Guy Guard</u> GO 95, Rule 56.9, Guy Marker (Guy Guard) ,states:</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Structure 712333 is missing a guard on the outer anchor guy.</p>	