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CPUC Information Alert: CPUC Issues Preliminary Staff Report on Edison's Outages of November/December 2011

The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Consumer Protection and Safety Division (CPSD) today issued a Preliminary Report in its investigation into the cause of failed poles, restoration efforts, and communication with the general public and governmental agencies during a recent windstorm in Southern California Edison's (SCE) service area.

CPSD preliminarily has determined that SCE and Communication Infrastructure Providers, who jointly own poles in SCE's service territory, violated General Order (GO) 95 safety factor requirements. At least 20 poles and 17 guy wires did not meet the safety factor requirements codified in GO 95, Rule 44.1. CPSD also found that SCE violated GO 95, Rules 17 and 19, for failing to adequately investigate the outages and pole failures and for failing to preserve the evidence.

CPSD found that SCE's restoration time was not adequate. In addition, information in SCE's emergency procedures were not updated and SCE personnel did not follow the training schedule outlined in its Local Public Affairs Plan. SCE also did not ask for mutual assistance from other utilities. Such assistance would have reduced restoration time.

CPSD continues to receive additional information from SCE, so this report should be considered preliminary because information is still being gathered and analyzed.

The report is available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/enforcement in the Recent News box.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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