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CPUC Information Alert: CPUC Issues Final Staff Report in the Investigation of Southern California Edison's Outages of Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 2011

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has issued a final staff report regarding prolonged power outages in the service area of Southern California Edison (SCE) following the Nov. 30th and Dec. 1, 2011, windstorms, which knocked down utility facilities and uprooted trees.

The CPUC's Consumer Protection and Safety Division (CPSD) (now renamed Safety and Enforcement Division) investigated the cause of the failed poles, SCE's restoration effort, and SCE's communication with the general public and governmental agencies during the incident.

The report is available in the Recent News box at www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/safety/Electric/index.htm.

As outlined in the report, CPSD determined that SCE and Communication Infrastructure Providers, who jointly own poles in SCE's service territory, violated safety factor requirements. CPSD found that SCE's restoration time was inadequate, the information in SCE's emergency procedures was not up to date, 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.

The report will be used to guide the CPUC's Safety and Enforcement Division in its work with SCE to resolve the problems identified and implement the recommendations. If the Safety and Enforcement Division is unable to obtain satisfactory compliance from SCE, the Safety and Enforcement Division intends to request that the CPUC open an Order Instituting Investigation

to consider formal enforcement action and potential financial penalties.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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