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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ATTN: DESMOND LEW – WILDFIRE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT BRANCH
320 W FOURTH STREET SUITE 500
LOS ANGELES CA 90013

Re: Date of Incident: January 23, 2025
Location of Incident: Near 1900 South Lewis Road, Camarillo, California

Dear Desmond Lew:

In accordance with the reporting requirements set forth in Resolution ESRB-12, this letter supplements the notice Southern California Edison Company (SCE) provided to the Commission via the web-based emergency reporting system on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 1:31 p.m. regarding the above-referenced incident. SCE is required to submit this information pursuant to Commission instructions, resolutions and the Public Utilities Code, and submits this report under Public Utilities Code Section 315.

On Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 8:33 a.m. the Redstone 16 kV Circuit out of Estero Substation experienced a relay to lock-out, and a wildfire known as the Laguna Fire was reported at approximately 8:35 a.m. Our personnel responded to the area and discovered a tractor-trailer vehicle operated by GIC Transportation struck and damaged SCE Pole No. 4327948E while making a pick-up at the Camrosa Water District treatment facility. The subject pole was situated between the waste pond and the sludge pile at the site.

According to Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) fire investigators, the Laguna Fire area of origin was in proximity to Pole No. 1376515E that is located on the south side of Old Hueneme Road, just south of the 1900 block of Lewis Avenue, which is outside of the Camrosa Water District facility, along the access road to the facility.

Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) fire investigators observed damaged connectors on an overhead primary conductor (west phase) at Pole No. 1376515E, which is 9 spans away from the pole that was struck and damaged by the vehicle. A crew removed and replaced the damaged 1-bolt connectors from the west phase which SCE has retained. The connectors were examined during a joint field meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, with VCFD personnel. The VCFD investigators reported they spoke to a witness who was in view of the alleged ignition point and adjacent pole at the time of the incident.

Additionally, the pole that was struck and damaged, Pole No. 4327948E, was replaced. Additionally, Pole No. 984123E, which is situated one span east of Pole No. 1376515E, sustained fire damage and was also replaced. SCE has retained both poles.

Witnesses identified during the course of our investigation are noted below and we request that you maintain the confidentiality of the personal data.

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Absent additional evidence or information learned from Ventura County's investigation, SCE believes the fire ignition was attributed to a fault due to the vehicle striking and damaging Pole No. 4327948E which resulted in damage to the connectors at Pole No. 1376515E and the fire was initially observed in proximity to the base of this pole.

According to Cal Fire, the Laguna Fire burned approximately 83 acres and was fully contained on January 26, 2025. No structures were damaged or destroyed, and there were no reports of fatalities or injuries. The damage amount to the subject SCE facilities has not been tabulated.

Sincerely,



Blaine Deojay