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VIA EMAIL ONLY

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ATTN: SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
320 W. FOURTH STREET SUITE 500
LOS ANGELES CA 90013

Re: Walnut Fire
Date of Incident: October 25, 2019
Location of Incident: Rush Street and Whittier Narrows Golf Course, Rosemead

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the reporting requirements set forth in Resolution E-4184, this letter supplements the notice Southern California Edison Company (SCE) provided to the Commission via the web-based reporting system on Friday, October 25, 2019 at 1:48 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 the report under Public Utilities Code Section 315.

On Friday, October 25, 2019 the Brookline 16 kV and Change 16 kV circuits out of Rush Substation relayed and reclosed at 11:58 a.m. Shortly thereafter, the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) received a report of a brush fire known as the Walnut Fire in the area of Rush Street and Whittier Narrows Golf Course in Rosemead. SCE field personnel were dispatched to the reported fire area and initiated a patrol.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the LACFD. A burnt bird was found at the base of Pole No. 1603798E, along with damage to a pothead. The pothead was part of the Change 16 kV circuit. Fire damage was also observed on a pothead cross-arm on Pole No. 1962746E, which was also part of the Change 16 kV circuit. Preliminary information suggests that the bird contacted SCE facilities at Pole No. 1603798E, which resulted in a fault and caused a spark at the pothead of Pole No. 1962746E, near where the fire is reported to have ignited.

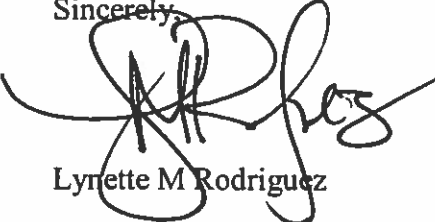
The SCE facilities involved in this incident included Pole No. 1603798E, which supported three phases of the Mesa-Anita-Eaton 66 kV circuit as well as the Change 16 kV and Brookline 16 kV circuits, and Pole No. 1962746E, which had damage to a pothead cross-arm as noted above.

Repairs to SCE facilities consisted of replacing one pothead on Pole No. 1603798E and replacing the pothead cross-arm at Pole No. 1962746E. A third pole, Pole No. 1033695E, was damaged by the fire and required replacement. This burnt pole supported a 15 kVA transformer which was also replaced. Additionally, SCE communication facilities sustained damage and required replacement of a riser and cable.

While not requiring any repairs, SCE notes the Mesa-Anita-Easton 66 kV circuit relayed and reclosed at 12:25 p.m. which may have been attributed to smoke and/or fire-fighting activities.

The Walnut Fire ultimately burned approximately three acres, with no reports of injuries or structure damage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynette M Rodriguez', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Lynette M Rodriguez