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

Re: Date of Incident: July 31, 2020  
Location of Incident: Near Box Canyon Road/Wells Lane, Canoga Park

Dear Mr. Le:

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, July 31, 2020 at 1:55 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 July 31, 2020, at 12:02 p.m., SCE received notification of a wire down condition and a brush fire which was eventually identified as the Shirley Fire. SCE personnel responded to the area and in an effort to facilitate fire suppression activities, de-energized the transformer on Pole No. 4495298E resulting in an interruption of service to 2 customers. The Shirley Fire burned a reported 25 acres of vegetation before it was extinguished by the Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) and other agencies. We have no indication that any structures were damaged or destroyed by the Shirley Fire.

Once our personnel were permitted access to SCE facilities in the subject area, our first responder observed an overhead 1/0 triplex secondary conductor had parted mid-span in the location identified as the area of origin and may have been involved in the ignition of the fire. The subject conductor was situated between Pole Nos. 4495298E and 423307E and appeared it had been compromised due to rodent damage. The subject conductor may have also been affected by the prevailing weather conditions and customer usage at the time. Repairs to the involved SCE facilities consisted of replacing the subject span of overhead 1/0 triplex secondary conductor.

It is our understanding the VCFD was the lead agency in suppressing and investigating the cause of the fire. An investigator from the VCFD advised SCE personnel that a Mylar balloon had been located near the area of origin and was retained as part of their investigation. However, we have not yet received the final investigation report from the VCFD.

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SCE is unaware of any other property damage or injuries attributed to this incident.

Sincerely,

*Jose Moran*

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