

March 26, 2021

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ATTN: CALVIN CHOI
320 W FOURTH STREET SUITE 500
LOS ANGELES CA 90013

Re: Date of Incident: February 28, 2021
Location of Incident: Near 3602 Winter Canyon Road, Malibu, California

Mr. Choi:

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 Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 11:34 am., 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 Sunday, February 28, 2021, at approximately 4:16 a.m., the Serra 16 kV Circuit relayed and tested to a lock out beyond RAR 0853. At approximately 4:24 a.m., the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) was notified of two vegetation fires, which were approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from one another, and together they would later become known as the Knolls Fire. One fire was reported at a property located at 3469 Cross Creek Road, Malibu, while the second fire was reported in the vicinity of 3602 Winter Canyon Road, Malibu. Both fires were extinguished later that morning. While the LACFD was the lead agency managing the fire suppression activities and the investigation into the cause of the fire, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LACSD) later assumed the role of the lead investigating agency.

While the investigation remains ongoing, our information indicates a large sycamore tree located at 3515 Cross Creek Road, fractured at the trunk and fell onto SCE electrical facilities that were supported by Pole No. 1269420E and Pole No. 386284E. This caused 3 spans of overhead primary conductor to separate and ignite an approximate $\frac{1}{4}$ acre vegetation fire. Additionally, preliminary information suggests this may have also caused a connector located on Pole No. 4744777E to arc and ignite the second vegetation fire which burned approximately 5 acres.

The SCE facilities involved with the incident were part of the Serra 16 kV Circuit out of Crater Substation. While the total amount of SCE damage has not been tabulated, three spans of overhead primary conductor sustained damage and were spliced back together, approximately four poles were damaged, and some primary connectors that were part of the Serra 16 kV Circuit on Pole No. 4744777E, were replaced. Additionally, one structure located at 3515 Cross Creek Road, may have sustained damage from the subject tree.

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No injuries have been reported to SCE in connection with this event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Hayashi", is written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Scott Hayashi