

Southern California Edison

WSD-011 – Resolution implementing the requirements of Public Utilities Code Sections 8389(d)(1), (2) and (4) related to catastrophic wildfire caused by electrical corporations subject to the Commission’s regulatory authority

DATA REQUEST SET CalAdvocates - SCE - 2021WMP - 07

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Question 003:

In your response to CalAdvocates-SCE-2021WMP-02, Question 1, you stated that SCE does not have a climbing inspection program and that climbing of transmission towers may occur to perform maintenance or in response to an emergent condition.

- a) Has SCE performed climbing inspections on transmission structures over the last 5 years for reasons other than maintenance or dealing with emergent conditions?
- b) If the response to 3(a) above is “yes”, how many corrective tags were generated as a result of those inspections?
- c) If the response to 3(a) above is “yes”, explain why SCE discontinued climbing inspections on transmission structures for these other reasons besides maintenance or dealing with emergent conditions.
- d) If the response to 3(a) above is “no”, has SCE considered conducting such climbing inspections and if so, explain why SCE chose not to conduct such climbing inspections of transmission structures.

Response to Question 003:

a) No, SCE does not have, and has not had in the last 5 years, a climbing inspection program. There are times when personnel performing an inspection may choose to climb a structure to get a better view of a suspected issue, but this is done on an ad-hoc basis and is not formally documented as a climbing inspection.

b) N/A

c) N/A

d) In 2019, as SCE was developing its enhanced high fire overhead inspection program, a number of methods were considered, including programmatic climbing inspections. SCE decided against pursuing this type of program as it was deemed less efficient, and no more effective, than its current method of pairing ground-based visual inspections with aerial inspections. Climbing inspections would require significantly more time at a structure and more personnel present to ensure appropriate safety protocols are in place.