

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

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Question 011:

The following questions relate to the use of live field observers (LFO) immediately prior to and during a PSPS event.

Does SCE instruct its field observers to make recommendations beyond verifying the ability of a circuit to withstand incoming weather? If so, what types of other recommendations do field observers make?

Response to Question 011:

SCE’s live field observers make recommendations on operations like switching and rolling load from one circuit to another. Their local SME knowledge can sometimes provide valuable insight beyond SCE’s circuit switching playbooks and can lead to opportunities to reduce customers and circuits impacted.

Ultimately, if a live field observer sees an imminent threat, they also have the authority to contact the switching center directly and request immediate de-energization.