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Wildfire NDDR – Wildfire NDDR

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Question 04:

- How do you define a wildfire rebuild area?
- What is your process for determining when to underground lines in these areas?

Response to Question 04:

- How do you define a wildfire rebuild area?

SCE Response: SCE does not define such a term. Please see below for SCE’s standard process for storm and fire restoration.

- What is your process for determining when to underground lines in these areas?

SCE Response: SCE’s standard process for storm or fire restoration is to rebuild “like-for-like” according to current SCE design standards. For example, what was previously bare overhead wire would be rebuilt with overhead covered conductor, as that is SCE’s new construction standard. In rarer cases where tree attachment circuits were being rebuilt, SCE would replace tree attachments with utility poles and overhead covered conductor.

The reason that SCE generally does not rebuild overhead lines as underground lines is because of the longer lead times to design, permit, and construct something entirely different from what was previously there. Generally, those facilities serve existing load which requires restoration of service as soon as possible.