

November 15, 2018

Ms. Alice Stebbins Executive Director California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Activation of SCE's CEMA as the result of the Hill and Woolsey Fires in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties

Dear Ms. Stebbins:

This letter is to inform you that Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has activated its Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) effective November 8, 2018, to restore service to customers and repair damage to its facilities from the recent Hill Fire and Woolsey Fires in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties within its service territory.

Resolution No. E-3238 (Resolution), issued on July 24, 1991, and Public Utilities Code Section 454.9, which codified the CEMA process, set forth the criteria for utilities to use the CEMA, providing, among other things that its "use will be restricted to events declared disasters by competent state or federal authorities." Acting Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties on November 9, 2018 "due to the effects of the Hill and Woolsey fires, which have destroyed homes, threatened critical infrastructure and caused the evacuation of residents." The Resolution specifically allows for a utility to use CEMAs to comply with government agency orders resulting from declared disasters. SCE's Commission-approved CEMA tariff states: "If a Catastrophic Event occurs SCE shall, if possible, inform the Executive Director by letter within 30 days after the Catastrophic Event, if SCE has started booking costs into the CEMA." This letter provides notice to the Commission of SCE's intent to seek recovery of costs related to the 2018 Hill and Woolsey Fires through the CEMA.

At this time, SCE has not yet developed a complete assessment of our system or a detailed estimate of the costs to restore service to our customers and to repair our facilities. SCE's damage assessment is on-going.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me or Sue DiBernardo of my staff at 626-302-4353.

Best regards.

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