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December 31, 2013

Lorraine Kocen
State Government Affairs
Verizon California Inc.
2535 W. Hillcrest Drive
Newbury Park, CA 91320

CPUCID: CA2013-012

SUBJECT: CIP Audit of Verizon Wireless

Dear Ms. Kocen:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch of the California Public Utilities Commission, Derek Fong of my staff conducted an audit of Verizon Wireless from November 18, 2013 to November 22, 2013. The audit included a review of Verizon Wireless' records and field inspections of Verizon Wireless' facilities.

During the audit, we identified violations of General Orders (GO) 95. A copy of the audit summary itemizing the violations is enclosed. Please advise me no later than February 14, 2014, by electronic or hard copy, of all corrective measures taken by Verizon Wireless to remedy and prevent such violations.

If you have any questions, you can contact Derek Fong at (213) 576-6850 or derek.fong@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Raymond Fugere".

Raymond Fugere, P.E.
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Enclosure: Audit Summary

Cc: Elizaveta Malashenko, Deputy Director, Safety and Enforcement Division
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AUDIT SUMMARY

1.	Location:	Pole No. 4796846E (old Pole No. 1090463E)
	Previous Verizon Wireless Visit Details:	8/9/2013
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	11/19/2013
Explanation of Violation(s):		
<u>Insufficient Clearance between Verizon Wireless Cable and Communications Cable</u>		
<p>GO 95, Rule 38: Minimum Clearances of Wires from Other Wires, States in part:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The minimum vertical, horizontal or radial clearances of wires from other wires shall not be less than the values given in Table 2 ...</i></p> <p>A Verizon Wireless cable had less than a 1 foot vertical clearance at mid-span from a communications cable. This violation was not noted or addressed when Verizon Wireless last inspected the pole.</p>		
2.	Location:	Pole No. 792818E
	Previous Verizon Wireless Visit Details:	8/3/2013
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	11/19/2013
Explanation of Violation(s):		
<u>Insufficient Clearance between Verizon Wireless Cable and Communications Cable</u>		
<p>GO 95, Rule 38: Minimum Clearances of Wires from Other Wires, States in part:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The minimum vertical, horizontal or radial clearances of wires from other wires shall not be less than the values given in Table 2 ...</i></p> <p>A Verizon Wireless cable had less than a 1 foot vertical clearance at mid-span from a communications cable. This violation was not noted or addressed when Verizon Wireless last inspected the pole.</p>		

3.	Location:	Pole No. 792819E
	Previous Verizon Wireless Visit Details:	8/3/2013
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	11/19/2013
Explanation of Violation(s):		
<u>Insufficient Clearance between Verizon Wireless Cable and Communications Cable</u>		
<p>GO 95, Rule 38: Minimum Clearances of Wires from Other Wires, States in part:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The minimum vertical, horizontal or radial clearances of wires from other wires shall not be less than the values given in Table 2 ...</i></p> <p>A Verizon Wireless cable had less than a 1 foot vertical clearance at mid-span from a communications cable. This violation was not noted or addressed when Verizon Wireless last inspected the pole.</p>		

4.	Location:	Pole No. 792821E
	Previous Verizon Wireless Visit Details:	8/3/2013
	Date of CPUC Inspection:	11/19/2013
Explanation of Violation(s):		
<u>Pole Damage</u>		
<p>GO 95, Rule 18-B: Notification of Safety Hazards, States in part:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>If a company, while performing inspections of its facilities, discovers a safety hazard(s) on or near a communications facility or electric facility involving another company, the inspecting company shall notify the other company and/or facility owner of such safety hazard(s) no later than 10 business days after the discovery.</i></p> <p>An SCE pole had a large hole. This violation was not noted or addressed when Verizon Wireless last inspected the pole. Furthermore, Verizon Wireless did not notify SCE of the identified safety hazard.</p>		