

September 15, 2020

Ms. Rachel Peterson
Acting 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 Creek Fire in Fresno and Madera Counties, and the El Dorado Fire in San Bernardino County

Dear Ms. Peterson:

This letter is to inform you that Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has activated its Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) effective September 4, 2020, to restore service to customers and repair damage to its facilities from the recent Creek Fire in Fresno and Madera Counties and the El Dorado Fire in San Bernardino County 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." Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, and San Bernardino Counties on September 6, 2020, due to the fires that "have burned tens of thousands of acres destroyed homes and caused the evacuation of thousands of residents." The Resolution specifically allows for a utility to use its CEMA in connection with costs of complying 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 these 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 ongoing.

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

Best regards,

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