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**SUBJECT:** Substation Audit of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Metro District

Mr. Hirashima:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch (ESRB) of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Joceline Pereira and Calvin Choi of my staff conducted a substation audit of LADWP's Metro Area of Responsibility from August 29 through September 2, 2022. The audit included a review of LADWP's records and field inspections of LADWP's facilities.

During the audit, my staff identified violations of one or more General Orders (GOs). A copy of the audit findings itemizing the violations is enclosed. Please advise me no later than November 7, 2022, by electronic or hard copy, of all corrective measures taken by LADWP to remedy and prevent the recurrence of such violations in the future.

If you have any questions concerning this audit, please contact Joceline Pereira at (213) 266-4730 or [Calvin.Choi@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Calvin.Choi@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fadi Daye".

Fadi Daye, P.E.  
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Enclosures: CPUC Audit Findings

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Calvin Choi, Utilities Engineer, ESRB, CPUC

## AUDIT FINDINGS

### I. Records Review

During the audit, my staff reviewed the following records and documents:

- LADWP Map of the Metro AOR
- Listing of addresses of all substations in LADWP Metro AOR
- LADWP Maintenance Manual on Substation Inspections
- LADWP Substation Testing Policies and Procedures
- LADWP Metro Substation Inspector – GO174 Training Records Documentation
- LADWP Metro Substation Inspection Records from July 2017 to June 2022
- Inspection Checklists and One-Line Diagrams for three selected substations
- Pending and Completed Workorders for the year 2021.

## II. Field Inspections

My staff inspected the following substations during the field inspections:

<b>Substation</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>DS016</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS034</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS009</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS005</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS023</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS019</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS013</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS012</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS007</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS011</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS030</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS042</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS026</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS015</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS054</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS025</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS093</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS114</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS144</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS036</b>	Los Angeles
<b>DS002</b>	Los Angeles

### III. Field Inspections – Violations List

My staff observed the following violations during the field inspection:

**GO 174, Rule 12, General**, states in part:

*Substations shall be designed, constructed, and maintained for their intended use, regard being given to the conditions under which they are to be operated, to promote the safety of workers and the public and enable adequacy of service.*

*Design, construction, and maintenance should be performed in accordance with accepted good practices for the given local conditions known at the time by those responsible.*

Facilities at the following substations were not maintained for their intended use:

#### **Substation DS025**

- The high voltage sign on the outside perimeter of the fence was vandalized and illegible.

#### **Substation DS036**

- The high voltage sign on the outside perimeter of the fence was vandalized and illegible.