

Southern California Edison

WSD-011 – Resolution implementing the requirements of Public Utilities Code Sections 8389(d)(1), (2) and (4) related to catastrophic wildfire caused by electrical corporations subject to the Commission’s regulatory authority

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Question 012:

The following questions relate to the use of live field observers (LFO) immediately prior to and during a PSPS event.

Have SCE’s field observers ever recommended, immediately prior to a potential PSPS, that a circuit that is potentially within the scope of a PSPS not be de-energized? If so, what is the number of instances in which SCE Incident Commanders followed that recommendation?

Response to Question 012:

Yes, SCE regularly solicits de-energization input from live field observers. SCE does not track instances when an observer recommends against de-energization, which is not an uncommon occurrence.

SCE’s Incident Management Team follows these recommendations when they believe it is safe to do so, but may also proceed with de-energization if that is appropriate in their professional judgment. For example, a live field observer may be observing conditions safe enough to warrant continued operation in that particular location of the circuit, but other areas of the circuit may be experiencing higher or more damaging winds.