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Question 17: How many instances of outages due to vegetation contact or fall-in occurred over the last five years for circuits using covered conductor or “tree wire”? How many ignitions? What is the rate per deployed mile of vegetation-caused outages and vegetation-caused ignitions for covered conductor? How does this compare to bare conductor?

Response to Question 17:

SCE objects to the question as it is overly broad, unduly burdensome, and because it is beyond the scope of this proceeding. SCE’s 2019 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) is comprised of mitigation and activities SCE plans to undertake in 2019 to reduce wildfire risk and not historical data from the last five years. Notwithstanding these objections, SCE responds as follows.

Over the last 5 years, SCE infrastructure has had a de minimis level of covered conductor deployed. SCE deployment of covered conductor only started in earnest in 2018. Additionally, SCE does not track outages or ignitions based on type of conductor.

Regarding vegetation-associated ignitions, SCE records fire data in accordance with CPUC Decision 14-02-015, which established the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan for utilities. Pursuant to this decision, SCE Fire Incident Data records currently does not track ignitions based on the type of conductor.