

Southern California Edison
**WSD-001 – Resolution WSD-001 to Establish Procedures for the Wildfire Safety Division's
Review of 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Plans Pursuant to PUC Sections 8386 and 8386.3**

DATA REQUEST SET W S D - S C E - 0 0 3

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Question 011- SCE-43900-I-676:

- A. Item Index
- SCE-43900-I-676
- C. Relevant section of WMP (if applicable)
- 5.3.5
- D. Relevant question in Maturity Survey (if applicable)
- E. Relevant meeting or call (if applicable)
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On page 5-105 in section 5.3.5.20, SCE states that part of its clearance activities include “Maintaining 12, 20, or 30 feet clearances from SCE’s lines for trees that have previously been trimmed to these distances.” Explain all scenarios in which a tree would be trimmed to such distances, and how SCE has measured the effectiveness of keeping such distances.

- G. Format in which the data is to be provided
- Narrative

Response to Question 011- SCE-43900-I-676:

Pruning to 12’ clearance, where achievable, is a requirement of SCE’s Distribution Vegetation Management Plan (DVMP) as recommended by CPUC D.17-12-024 and General Order 95, Appendix E. SCE commenced implementing 12’ clearance, where achievable, in 2019 and during annual inspections/pruning will continue to prune to the 12’ clearance for vegetation that has already been trimmed to this clearance. Additionally, SCE will continue to pursue obtaining 12’ of clearance, where achievable, in areas where SCE has not obtained the clearance prior.

Pruning to 30’ clearance, where achievable, is a requirement of SCE’s Transmission Vegetation Management Plan (TVMP) as recommended by CPUC D.17-12-024 and General Order 95, Appendix E. SCE plans to commence implementing 30’ clearance, where achievable, in 2020 and during annual inspections/pruning will continue to prune to the 30’ clearance for vegetation that has already been trimmed to this clearance. Additionally, SCE will continue to pursue obtaining 30’ of clearance, where achievable, in areas where SCE has not obtained the clearance prior.

At this time, SCE does not operate at voltages between 72kV and 110kV, and therefore 20’ clearance is currently not applicable.

- It is SCE's goal to achieve these expanded clearances in all Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFRA unless for reasons such as customer refusals, PRC exemptions (Major Woody Stem), crew equipment constraints, etc. At this time, and because expanded clearances are in the early stages of implementation, SCE has not been able to measure their effectiveness. Over the longer term, as these new standards are deployed across our service territory in conjunction with SCE's Hazard Tree program, SCE expects to see a reduction in its Tree Caused Circuit Interruption (TCCI) data.