

# WHY IS SCE ASKING ME FOR AN EASEMENT?

## RIGHT OF ENTRY OR EASEMENTS: WHAT TO KNOW

### OVERVIEW

As part of ongoing wildfire mitigation efforts, SCE is undergrounding overhead distribution lines in severe risk areas to continue to reduce the threat of wildfires, particularly in communities where the power lines have not been replaced with covered conductor.

In some cases, SCE needs access to private property and will work with property owners for permission, typically in the form of a Right of Entry or easement, to underground its electrical lines.

SCE works closely with property owners to explain the need, answer questions and maintain clarity throughout the process.

### HERE IS HOW IT WORKS

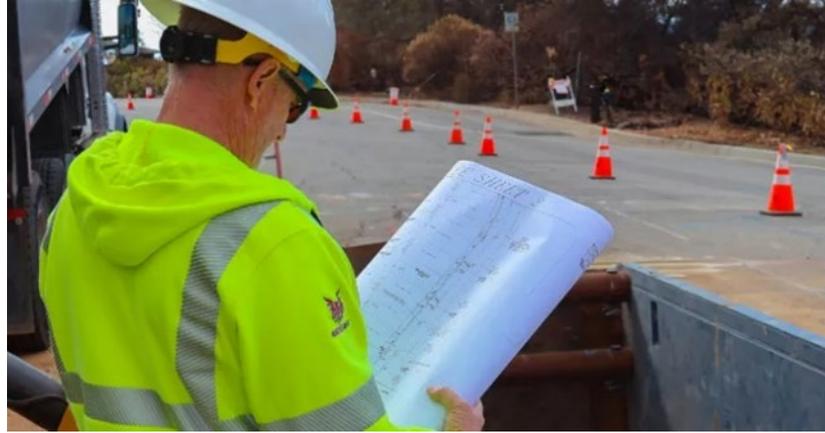
- **Design Phase:** SCE identifies where undergrounding is needed and whether private property would be impacted.
- **Customer Notification:** Impacted property owners are informed about the upcoming project.
- **Right of Entry (ROE) Agreement:** An SCE land agent contacts the customer to sign an ROE — or temporary agreement — so construction can begin.
- **Construction:** Equipment is installed underground.
- **Easement Negotiation:** The land agent returns to secure and finalize a permanent easement agreement — usually done in tandem with construction. Customers are compensated for both the ROE and the easement based on fair market value.

For many of the areas where easements are needed, existing agreements may already be in place for the overhead equipment, but new ones are necessary to relocate those lines underground.

While SCE planners try to avoid using easements when designing a project, some underground equipment can only be installed by routing it through private property. Moving forward requires cooperation with property owners to help the overall project proceed.

Learn more about SCE's targeted undergrounding at [sce.com/tug](https://www.sce.com/tug).

**For more information on SCE's wildfire mitigation efforts, visit [sce.com/wildfire](https://www.sce.com/wildfire).**



### FAQs

#### Q: What is an ROE or an easement?

**A:** A Right of Entry (ROE) grants temporary permission to an entity, such as SCE, to enter and access a property for specific purposes (e.g., inspections, surveys or construction preparation). An easement is a permanent property right that allows ongoing use of a portion of the property.

#### Q: By signing an easement agreement, does SCE own my property?

**A:** No. An easement allows crews to access the property for construction or maintenance on SCE equipment and for that equipment to remain.

#### Q: What kind of impacts will I see as a customer?

**A:** SCE will only enter the premises if equipment installation or maintenance is needed. Customers will be notified before crews arrive.

#### Q: How long does SCE need this easement?

**A:** Once an agreement is reached, the easement is permanent and will stay with the property even if it changes owners.

#### Q: Why can't SCE work around my home?

**A:** During the design phase, planners try to avoid the need for easements, but sometimes the only feasible path for underground equipment is through private property. If one customer declines, the entire neighborhood may not be able to have underground lines.