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Business Connection

Please visit us at www.sce.com

Public Safety Power Shutoffs

- It is not a decision we take lightly. It is done to keep you and your community safe.
- We have been able to limit the number of customers impacted by PSPS by using sectionalizing devices to de-energize segments instead of entire circuits.
- It will have to remain available as a tool to mitigate wildfire risk during severe weather and high fire potential index events.

We urge customers to update their contact information and sign up for PSPS alerts at: **sce.com/outage**. To learn more about Public Safety Power Shutoffs, visit: **sce.com/safety/wildfire**

Suspension of Service Disconnections Has Been Extended Through September 30, 2021

While temporary COVID-19 emergency response measures have ended, our commitment to our customers will never change. We know the past year has been hard for many of our customers. Find out if your business is eligible for a 12-month repayment plan by logging in to your account at **sce.com/myaccount** or by speaking with your Account Manager. Don't have an Account Manager? Call us at **1-800-655-4555**.

Be Prepared for Outage Emergencies

If your home or business is located in an area designated as a Tier 2 or Tier 3 high fire risk zone, you may want to consider adding a power station or a portable generator to your emergency preparedness plans. These devices may provide backup power for your personal electronics such as a cell phone, computer, or other important household appliances such as refrigerators, lighting, garage door opener and medical devices which helps you to be more prepared for an outage or other emergency. Rebates are available for the purchase of qualifying products.

Watch our backup power educational videos, learn more about available solutions and apply for rebates in the SCE Marketplace at **sce.com/rebates**.

To learn more about the process and method the California Public Utilities Commission used to determine High Fire Threat District maps, visit **cpuc.ca.gov/firethreatmaps**.

Enroll to Live a Little Greener

SCE provides clean energy choices for homeowners, renters, and businesses looking for renewable energy options without upfront investments, on-site panel installations, building modifications or ongoing maintenance.

- The Green Rate provides the option to purchase green power to support 50% or 100% of your electricity use. To learn more and enroll, visit sce.com/greenrate
- The Community Renewables option leverages SCE approved locally operated solar farms to produce electricity. We will give you a bill credit on your monthly SCE energy statement based on your calendar month's kWh subscription in the project. To learn more and enroll, visit sce.com/commrenew.

Support for Customers Affected by a Major Disaster

If you or someone you know has been affected by a disaster for which a state of emergency has been declared, please visit **sce.com/disastersupport** for information about consumer protections, programs and services SCE has available.

BE AWARE - Fraud Warning and Bill Scams

Southern California Edison (SCE) is advising customers to be aware of caller ID spoofing, a practice in which a caller, using special phone equipment and technology, deliberately falsifies information on your caller ID display to mask the true origin of the call. "Spoofers" and other impostors claiming to be with SCE may demand immediate payment to avoid disconnection of service for allegedly past due electricity bills. The caller demands that the customer purchase a prepaid cash card for a specific amount of money, call the impostor back, and give that person the card number.

Customers suspecting a fraudulent call should ask for the caller's name, department and business phone number. Customers should terminate the call and report the incident immediately to local police and SCE at **1-800-655-4555**.

SCE customers should also note that:

• SCE will <u>never</u> call and demand immediate payment with the threat of service disconnection

• An SCE employee will never ask for money in person

• <u>Never</u> reveal personal information, including your credit card, ATM or calling card number (or PIN number) or SCE account number to anyone

• If someone calls and requests you leave your residence at a specific time for a utility-related cause, call the police. This could be a burglary attempt set up by the caller.

• Be suspicious of anyone who arrives at your house without an appointment asking to check an appliance, wiring or suggesting that there may be some other electrical problem inside your residence. In most cases, but not all, appointments are scheduled with our customers. There are times when our equipment may need to be checked and an appointment is not scheduled for these types of visits. SCE employees <u>always</u> have their SCE ID badge displayed on their person for customers to see and you can always contact our customer service department at **1-800-655-4555** to confirm the nature of the visit.

For more information about potential scams and tips to protect yourself, please visit **www.sce.com/scamalert**

Proposition 65 Warnings

WARNING: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, commonly referred to as Proposition 65, requires the governor to publish a list of chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. It also requires California businesses to warn the public of potential exposures to these chemicals that result from their operations.

Providing safe and reliable service to all of our customers is a top priority for Southern California Edison and we want you to be aware of these chemicals so that you can reduce exposure to chemicals associated with electricity generation and distribution. We handle all equipment and materials at our sites carefully for your good health as well as ours. However, if you are at or near our facilities and work sites, you can be exposed to the following chemicals on the state's Proposition 65 list. Reduce, limit, or avoid activities at and near the sources of exposure described below. For more information go to:

www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

1. **Diesel Generation**: Diesel Exhaust: SCE uses diesel-fueled emergency generators during emergencies and other times to help minimize the interruption of our customers' supply of electricity. The generators are used at some SCE facilities like substations and service centers, and at locations where repairs are made to the electrical system. SCE also uses diesel as the primary fuel for electricity generation on Catalina Island and in many service vehicles used throughout our service territory. Diesel engines produce exhaust as a by-product of the combustion of diesel fuel. Breathing diesel engine exhaust exposes you to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. You should avoid breathing diesel fumes whenever possible.

2. Wooden Utility Poles: SCE uses wooden poles that have been treated with chemical preservatives. These chemicals include pentachlorophenol, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer, and petroleum products such as diesel fuel, which contains chemicals including toluene and benzene that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. If you come into contact with a wooden utility pole or the dust, debris, soil surrounding the pole, or water runoff that may contain dust, debris, and soil previously in contact with the pole, you could be exposed to these chemicals. Avoid contact with wooden utility poles and the dust, debris, soil surrounding the poles, or water runoff that may contain dust, debris, soil surrounding the poles, or water runoff that may contain dust, debris, and soil previously in contact with the poles.

3. <u>Painted Structures:</u> SCE utilizes metal and wood structures and equipment that may have been coated with paints containing chemicals, such as lead-based paint, that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. When the paint on these on these structures deteriorates, flakes of paint can impact the soil adjacent to the structure. To avoid exposure, you should avoid contact with any paint flakes or soil near any structure with deteriorating paint.

Los usarios con acceso al Internet podran leer y descargar esta notificacion en espanol en el sitio Web de SCE:

Safe Portable Generator Hook-Up

Connecting a portable generator to your home or business electrical wiring is dangerous and can cause serious injuries or electrocution.

Do not hook up a generator directly to an electrical panel. The safe way is to plug the electrical equipment into a portable generator using a properly sized extension cord approved by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

If your needs require a generator to be wired directly to your home's electrical system, California state law mandates that you notify us. We also recommend that you enlist the service of a qualified electrician to perform the task.

For additional safety information visit: sce.com/generator

Be Ready When a CPP Event Is Called

If you are a customer with a Critical Peak Pricing (CPP) rate plan, you will receive four months of summer season bill credits in exchange for paying higher electricity prices during 12 to 15 annual CPP events. When called, CPP events are from 4 p.m. -9 p.m. on non-holiday weekdays, usually occurring on the hottest summer days. By reducing your electricity use during CPP events, you can minimize incurring higher prices.

Courtesy CPP event notifications are available via phone, text, email, or SCE DR Alerts mobile app.

To verify and update CPP event contact information, get tips and strategies to reduce your energy use during an event visit **sce.com/CPP**.

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