

MOTION

On February 6, 2025 Southern California Edison (SCE) submitted a supplemental notice to the California Public Utilities Commission regarding the Hurst Fire that ignited on January 7, 2025 near Saddle Ridge Road in Sylmar, California.

As stated, on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 10:10 p.m., under conditions of an extreme Santa Ana windstorm, a wildland fire named the Hurst Fire was reported in the Sylmar area. The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) is investigating the fire and has suggested SCE's equipment caused the Hurst Fire. The Hurst Fire burned approximately 799 acres and was fully contained on January 16, 2025 requiring multiple first responders and significant public resources while deeply impacting the Council District 7 community with dangerous conditions including poor air quality and widespread power outages.

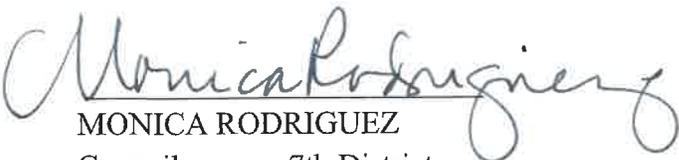
LAFD reported that the fire appeared to have originated in an area north of Saddle Ridge Road. SCE has a transmission tower in that area (Tower 6). Tower 6 supports the Gould-Sylmar 220kV and Eagle Rock-Sylmar 220kV circuits. At Tower 6 on the Eagle Rock-Sylmar 220kV circuit, hardware supporting the insulator string for the top phase bundles conductors separated and caused the top phase to fall on the middle phase resulting in both failing to the ground at the base of Tower 6. This resulted in a relay operation and a lock-out on the Eagle Rock-Sylmar 220kV circuit at 10:11 p.m. on January 7, 2025.

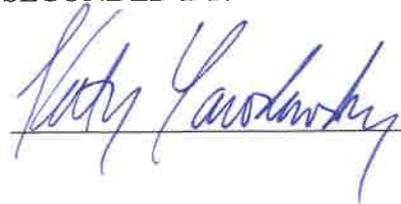
The repairs consisted of replacing all three insulator strings and hardware, including the damaged one, on the Eagle Rock-Sylmar 220kV circuit at Tower 6, replacing all three insulator strings and hardware on the adjacent Tower 1, three bundled conductor phases from dead end Tower 5 to dead end Tower 2, approximately 18,000 feet of 1590 MCM ACSR, telecom facilities and a section of skyline attached on the tower line. SCE is retaining this material as incident-related evidence. The cause of the Hurst Fire remains under investigation and SCE has stated it will continue to cooperate with fire investigators.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the Office of the City Attorney, with support from the Chief Legislative Analyst, to report on potential legal action(s) that the City of Los Angeles may pursue against Southern California Edison related to the cause of the Hurst Fire.

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