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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to
Implement Electric Utility Wildfire
Mitigation Plans Pursuant to
Senate Bill 901 (2018).

Rulemaking 18-10-007

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S SECOND RULING
SEEKING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ON WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLANS**

The following respondents shall, within 3 business days of issuance of this ruling, file and serve the following additional information regarding their Wildfire Mitigation Plans (WMP).

1. For all Investor Owned Utility filers:

1. What factors does the filer intend to measure and/or track in order to establish a causal effect between a specific mitigation measure and an anticipated/intended outcome (*e.g.*, reduced frequency of ignition or spread of wildfire)? Identify factors regardless of whether the filer refers to them as a metric, an indicator, or any other term.
2. Identify all databases or other compilations of data the filer maintains that contain Geographical Information System (GIS) information or other data related to the filer's past, current or proposed wildfire mitigation work, with database names and descriptions.
3. Discuss the communication methods by which customers will be informed that they have specific emergency customer protection entitlements under Rulemaking 18-03-011.

2. For Southern California Edison Company (SCE):

4. Describe when and how SCE will assess the fire risk of areas in its Plan that do not conform to Tier 2 and 3 of the Commission-approved fire maps? Should such assessment occur prior to implementation of Plan elements in those areas? Explain your response.

3. For Liberty Utilities/CalPeco Electric (Liberty):

5. Is Liberty considering situational awareness enhancements like remote monitoring via camera, which a small utility similar to Liberty, Bear Valley Electric System (BVES) proposes in its WMP? Explain your response.
6. Has Liberty CalPeco considered the use of GIS Based Applications to help improve its situational awareness?¹ Explain your response.
7. Grid automation may enhance operational efficiency, safety, and wildfire prevention tactics by allowing remote monitoring and fault detection in real-time. BVES stated in the coming years, it plans to continue to implement grid automation into its system.² Does grid automation offer any potential benefits to Liberty for wildfire mitigation? Explain your response.
8. Please describe in greater detail Liberty's wildfire mitigation efforts planned for the next five years or longer, in greater detail than that provided in Table 2-1.³ Please include any additional strategies and programs not included in this table, as well as any strategies and programs with short timeframes that Liberty intends to repeat on an annual or semi-annual basis. For its future planning purposes, please describe what, if any, exploration efforts it will conduct to find and use new technologies and strategies to mitigate wildfire risks.

¹ *Id.* at 32.

² *Id.*

³ Liberty WMP, February 6, 2019, at 4.

4. For Pacific Power, a division of PacifiCorp (PacifiCorp):

9. For each proposed metric (Table 32 in Section VI.B), explain which specific mitigation measures included in the WMP will affect that respective metric and indicator.
10. What other factors does PacifiCorp intend to measure and/or track in order to establish a causal effect between a specific mitigation measure and an anticipated/intended outcome (*e.g.*, reduced frequency of outages).
11. For each Proactive De-Energization Zone designated in PacifiCorp's WMP, confirm whether and how such activity will affect critical first responders and health and community infrastructure. For each such impact, identify or describe how PacifiCorp proposes to mitigate the impact.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated March 5, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ SARAH R. THOMAS

Sarah R. Thomas
Administrative Law Judge