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**To: SPD**

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**Question 01 Follow up:**

Please review, correct and complete all fields listed in the attached excel file (20240604 SCE Balancing and Memo Accounts for Wildfire Mitigations.xlsx).

a. Please use the date of the response to this data request to change the file name following format the “yyyymmdd SCE Balancing and Memo Accounts for Wildfire Mitigations.xlsx”.

b. Please add the date the table was completed in Cell A2

c. Please correct any of the names of the wildfire mitigation programs (Column A) implemented by SCE. If a wildfire mitigation program is missing from Column A, please add that to the table. If a wildfire mitigation program in Column A is duplicative or not deployed by SCE please remove that from the table.

i. If this wildfire mitigation program is part of SCE’s wildfire mitigation plan, in Column Z, please record the appropriate Utility Initiative Tracking ID for that mitigation.

d. Please add any missing balancing or memorandum accounts (Column B) for the wildfire mitigation program (Column A).

e. Please complete Columns G-Y according to the following methods:

i. Column G-H: This should include the GRC authorized revenue requirement dollar amount for the wildfire mitigation (Column A) that has already entered rates as of June 1st 2024 through the Commission authorized Balancing or Memorandum Account (Column B). CapEx should be recorded in Column G and OpEx should be recorded in Column H.

ii. Column I-J: This should include the GRC authorized revenue requirement dollar amount for the wildfire mitigation (Column A) that as of June 1st 2024 has yet to enter rates but is expected to do so through the Commission authorized Balancing or Memorandum Account (Column B). CapEx should be recorded in Column I and OpEx should be recorded in Column J.

iii. Column K-L: This should include any recorded costs for the wildfire mitigation (Column A) that go beyond the GRC authorized revenue requirement and has already entered rates as of June 1st 2024 through the Commission authorized Balancing or Memorandum Account (Column B). CapEx should be recorded in Column K and OpEx should be recorded in Column L.

iv. Column M-N: This should include any recorded costs for the wildfire mitigation (Column A) that go beyond the GRC authorized revenue requirement and has yet to enter rates as of June 1st 2024 but is expected to do so through the Commission authorized Balancing or Memorandum Account (Column B). CapEx should be recorded in Column M and OpEx should be recorded in Column N.

v. Column O-P: This should include any recorded costs that have not otherwise been recovered in revenue requirements approved in the GRC or any other proceeding for the wildfire mitigation (Column A) that has already entered rates as of June 1st 2024 through the Commission authorized Balancing or Memorandum Account (Column B). CapEx should be recorded in Column O and

OpEx should be recorded in Column P.

vi. Column Q-R: This should include any recorded costs that have not otherwise been recovered in revenue requirements approved in the GRC or any other proceeding for the wildfire mitigation (Column A) that has yet to enter rates as of June 1st 2024 but is expected to do so through the Commission authorized Balancing or Memorandum Account (Column B). CapEx should be recorded in Column Q and OpEx should be recorded in Column R.

vii. Column S-T: This should include any forecasted revenue requirements that have been submitted to an open GRC proceeding for the wildfire mitigation (Column A) and would be expected to enter rates through the Commission authorized Balancing or Memorandum Account (Column B). CapEx should be recorded in Column S and OpEx should be recorded in Column T.

viii. Column U-V: This should include any forecasted revenue requirements that have been submitted to an open Non-GRC proceeding for the wildfire mitigation (Column A) and would be expected to enter rates through the Commission authorized Balancing or Memorandum Account (Column B). CapEx should be recorded in Column U and OpEx should be recorded in Column V.

ix. Column W: Total for Columns G-V for the balancing or memorandum account (Column B)

x. Column X: Please provide the total of any Third-Party or Other funding sources for the wildfire mitigation (Column A).

xi. Column Y: Total of all Account Totals (Column W) plus the Third-Party or Other Funding Sources (Column X) for the wildfire mitigation (Column A).

xii. Columns G-V should include any authorized revenue, recorded costs or pending revenue requests from when the balancing or memorandum account (Column B) was established or when the pending revenue request application was filed up to the present (i.e. approximately 2017-June 1st, 2024).

xiii. Please report Columns G-V and Column X in 2024 dollars.

### **Response to Question 01 Follow up:**

On July 9, 2024 SCE met with SPD to go over the original data response SCE provided on July 8, 2024. During the meeting, SPD provided further guidance on consolidating SCE's original response to fit in the template that SPD provided as well as label each wildfire mitigation project with SCE's wildfire mitigation initiative categorization.

SCE followed SPD's guidance and added up the data from the previous data response to the relevant columns of the DR template (e.g. the values shown in the recorded costs column are a total of whether the costs are either (1) already/included in rates or (2) have not been included in rates yet).

As stated in the previous data request response, SCE's WRMBA was established to record the difference between authorized capital expenditures and actual capital expenditures incurred up to 110 percent of the authorized Track 1 capital expenditures and any amounts that exceed the 110 percent should seek recovery via a Tier 2 advice letter. Similarly, SCE established its Vegetation Management Balancing Account (VMBA) with a similar mechanism. However, the VMBA was established to record the difference between authorized Operations and Maintenance (O&M) expenses adopted<sup>1</sup> and actual recorded O&M expenses. Pursuant to D.21-08-036, the level of O&M expenses to be recovered in the VMBA on an annual basis is capped at 115 percent (i.e. 15 percent above authorized levels), and any amounts in excess of 115 percent of authorized VMBA revenue requirement are subject to additional reasonableness review prior to recovery from customers. Based on the mechanics of the VMBA, the attached supplemental response reflects the

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<sup>1</sup> Vegetation Management Activities were adopted in Decision (D.) 21-08-036 and D.23-11-096.

amounts authorized and yet to enter into rates and SCE has provided a new “Description” tab that provides SPD the amounts that are found in each bucket.