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Question 08.a-b:

In its reply to Question 1.a.vi of Energy Safety data request OEIS-P-WMP_2025-SCE-010, SCE states that “CC is now the overhead standard for SCE”.

a. Is it SCE’s position that if the 440 circuit miles strive target for undergrounding in the 2026-2028 Base WMP is achieved, that SCE will no longer need to continue its undergrounding program in the 2029-2031 Base WMP? Explain.

b. If the answer to Question 8a. is that SCE will continue undergrounding beyond the 440 circuit miles strive target, provide a list of the Isolatable Circuit Segment names that SCE has determined would still be in need of undergrounding.

Response to Question 08.a-b:

SCE clarifies that the statement is meant to convey that covered conductor is the overhead standard for SCE *when and where it is appropriate to install overhead infrastructure* as opposed to circumstances when and where it is appropriate to install underground infrastructure. For example, undergrounding has been SCE’s default construction standard for most new-build infrastructure installation for several decades. Undergrounding is also appropriate for wildfire ignition risk reduction in certain circumstances for the reasons explained at length in SCE’s 2026-2028 WMP.

- a. No, that is not SCE’s position. Changes in areas due to developments such as risk modeling updates or changes in HFRA boundaries could change grid hardening approaches. Additionally, in the Risk OIR, parties are still examining key issues such as risk tolerance. This list is not meant to be exhaustive.
- b. See response to subpart a. SCE has not finalized the scoping of any undergrounding or any other mitigation for its 2029 – 2031 WMP.