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Question 04:

Five of the ignitions on covered conductor lines “SPD_SCE_WMP2026_002_1a.xlsx.” are attributed to Contact from Object – Animal. In these five cases, explain if animal mitigations were installed at the ignition location and if so, why the animal mitigations failed. If animal mitigations were not installed, explain why the animal mitigations were not installed.

Response to Question 04:

All affected locations had animal guards installed, either hardware coverings or secondary taping. Animal guards help to mitigate animal contacts but can be circumvented by animals. Specifically, two of the five events were related to bird nests built on top of overhead electrical equipment where the nests used materials like tree branches, twigs, and even metal wires, which were able to intrude into the bushings despite the presence of animal guards.

SCE regularly performs inspection in high fire risk areas to proactively address bird nesting on overhead equipment and animal guards that are no longer installed correctly.