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Question F-01 d:

Wildland Fire

F-1 The project traverses populated landscapes with significant histories of catastrophic wildfire incidence. The PEA Section 4.8 "Environmental Setting" recognizes wildland fire as a hazard but the section does not document the actual fire history associated with the transmission corridor and substations included in the WOD-UP project. To support the required analysis for this project in the EIR/EIS:

- d. Describe SCE's protocol for identifying and managing fuel load risks.

Response to Question F-01 d:

SCE utilizes the Power Line Fire Prevention Field Guide (2008 Edition) for its protocol for identifying and managing fuel load risks. Section 1, Subsection 4. Utility Pole/Tower Vegetation Clearance, states the following:

The basic requirement for clearances around poles and towers is contained in Section 4292, of the California Public Resources Code (PRC). This section requires clearing of flammable fuels for a minimum 10-foot radius from the outer circumference of certain poles and towers (non-exempt or subject poles or towers). The minimum clearance requirements are based on the type of hardware affixed to the line at the pole or tower. The distances for clearance requirements must be measured horizontally, not along the surface of sloping ground.

For the specific procedures and requirements for compliance with Section 4292 of the Public Resources Code, see the Statutes and Regulations Section of this Guide.

The Statutes and Regulations Section of the Guide includes PRC Section 4292 which states the following:

Except as otherwise provided in Section 4296, any person that owns, controls, operates, or maintains any electrical transmission or distribution line upon any mountainous land, or forest-covered land, brush-covered land, or grass-covered land shall, during such times

and in such areas as are determined to be necessary by the director or the agency which has primary responsibility for fire protection of such areas, maintain around and adjacent to any pole or tower which supports a switch, fuse, transformer, lightning arrester, line junction, or dead end or corner pole, a firebreak which consists of a clearing of not less than 10 feet in each direction from the outer circumference of such pole or tower. This section does not, however, apply to any line which is used exclusively as telephone, telegraph, telephone or telegraph messenger call, fire or alarm line, or other line which is classed as a communication circuit by the Public Utilities Commission. The director or the agency which has primary fire protection responsibility for the protection of such areas may permit exceptions from the requirements of this section which are based upon the specific circumstances involved.

The Power Line Fire Prevention Field Guide can be accessed at
<http://cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/pub/fireplan/fpupload/fppguidepdf126.pdf>.