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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**CPUC FINES EDISON \$2 MILLION FOR  
HUNTINGTON BEACH INCIDENT**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29, 2017 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today fined Southern California Edison (SCE) \$2.010 million for a September 30, 2013, incident at its Huntington Beach underground vault. The incident resulted in the death of an employee of SCE's subcontractor, who had inadvertently removed an energized dead-break elbow while he was preparing the underground cables for testing.

The CPUC's Safety and Enforcement Division investigated the incident and alleged that SCE delegated its safety responsibilities to its contractor in violation of CPUC decisions and California law, and that SCE failed to ensure that its contractor and subcontractor performed their work safely. Today's fine approves a settlement agreement between the Safety and Enforcement Division and SCE.

Said Commissioner Liane M. Randolph, the Commissioner assigned to the proceeding, "SCE took steps to create a series of enhancements to its safety practices and procedures prior to the CPUC opening the penalty consideration case that was concluded today. This is the type of action that all of our utilities should take immediately following any kind of incident. By waiting for a formal CPUC proceeding to be opened or even a CPUC decision regarding an incident, more lives and property are put at risk. Though the CPUC may require additional measures, I hope that we continue to see our utilities being proactive and reforming practices and procedures on their own accord."

The proposal voted on is available at

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M191/K529/191529952.PDF>.



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