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Jill C. Anderson  
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer  
Southern California Edison  
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue  
Rosemead, CA 91770

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF POTENTIAL SERVICE SHUT OFF DUE TO LAND MOVEMENT**

Dear Ms. Anderson:

On behalf of the City Council and residents of Rancho Palos Verdes, I am writing this letter in my capacity as City Manager. On July 30, 2024, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes received your community update regarding the potential shut off of power in the landslide area if conditions warrant. The City understands that, over the past 18 months, land movement within the Greater Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex has been considerable. However, we are very concerned that the consequences of deenergizing neighborhoods within the landslide will result in deenergizing neighborhoods outside of the landslide and are not unduly impacted by the land movement.

It is my understanding that the affected circuit serves upwards of 525 properties in Seaview, Portuguese Bend Community, and Portuguese Bend Beach Club, as well as Sea Cliff Hills, a neighborhood that lies outside the landslide. My concern is that in the event of an electricity shut-off for safety reasons due to the land movement, Sea Cliff Hills will be impacted for an indefinite timeframe, potentially displacing thousands of residents whose public utilities remain intact for the most part. With this in mind, I strongly urge SCE to begin the process to split the circuit immediately so that the impact of any landslide related shut-off is minimized and does not expand into unaffected areas.

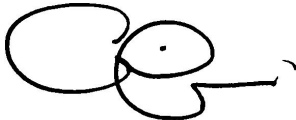
Additionally, SCE should know and take into account that a power shut-off in the landslide area will directly impact critical services such as important communication lines, as well as de-energize the City's and hazard abatement districts' much needed dewatering wells that are used to remove groundwater to decelerate land movement. Furthermore, the City has been diligently working to install hydraugers that will penetrate below the slip plane to alleviate artesian pressure, and needs power to pump water out. I emphasize that SCE's decision to shut

off power can have significant adverse effects on City efforts to slow the landslide, and I implore SCE to study the grid and to separate the circuit to minimize service disruption.

Finally, as SCE is well aware, there a number of vulnerable residents within SCE's service area. While SCE has a number of resources available to provide alternative sources of power, I urge you to directly reach out to the community to identify which households have such residents and begin working with them now to prepare for the eventuality of a deenergization event.

If you have any questions or want to speak with me directly, I can be reached at 310-544-5202 or via email at [aram@rpvca.gov](mailto:aram@rpvca.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ara Mihranian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ara Mihranian  
City Manager/Emergency Services Director

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- Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator, California
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- Celina Luna, Government Relations Manager, SCE