

City of Duarte  
Public Services Commission  
February 10, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER  
The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
Vice Chair Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. ROLL CALL  
Present: Riley, Rodriguez, Teleke, Tovar  
Absent: Dalessandro  
Staff: Rocha
4. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA  
None
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Vice Chair Rodriguez made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Riley seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous vote.
6. ITEMS OF BUSINESS  
Mr. Salvador Ramirez, Local Public Affairs with Southern California Edison gave a presentation on Edison's reliability improvements, wildfire mitigation plan, and grid resiliency.

Mr. Ramirez explained the process of hardening the grid which includes the removal of wooden poles and the installation of hardened, fire-resistant poles, crossarms and insulators in high-risk fire areas. The process also includes the installation of covered conductors, and fast-acting fuses and advanced lightening arrestors. Taking these steps, as well as vegetation management, assists in preventing wildfires and ensuring the grid stays operational in the event of emergencies. Mr. Ramirez explained that as the State nears fire season, making these improvements becomes even more important, which is why Edison appreciates residents' patience and understanding during planned electricity outages, such as the work taking place in the Honeywell Circuit that began in October 2020 and is anticipated to last a year to complete.

Commissioner Riley asked if other cities are also experiencing planned outages for these purposes. Mr. Ramirez remarked that these infrastructure upgrades are occurring statewide but, given that Duarte is a

foothill city next to the mountains with a great deal of vegetation, it was a high priority city to complete this work.

Commissioner Tovar asked how far in advance residents are supposed to be notified by Southern California Edison about the work. Mr. Ramirez answered that residents should be notified about the work at least one week, if not two weeks in advance. If a resident is not notified in advance, they should contact Southern California Edison's customer call center to file a complaint, so it can be investigated and addressed.

Mr. Ramirez also explained the process in the event of a major power shutoff due to extreme weather, including working with local governments and emergency personnel, and how Edison's most recent general rate case approved by the California Public Utilities Commission included increased rates to support the statewide infrastructure updates.

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Riley confirmed with City staff that the Public Services Commission will be meeting again regularly.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Riley moved to adjourn and Commissioner Tovar seconded to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.