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TO: Residents/Businesses in Silver Strand Community

FROM: Rudy Gonzales, Region Manager
Southern California Edison

RE: Silver Strand Rule 20A Project

On October 22, 2002, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Ventura adopted a resolution establishing Underground Utility District No. 13 for the Silver Strand area. The undergrounding project was split into three phases. The first phase, on Victoria Ave. from Curlew Way to Melrose Dr., was recently completed and SCE's poles and wires have been removed. Plans for phase 2 and 3 of the project are near completion. In order to move forward with completion of the phase 2 and 3 plans and begin construction, it is necessary to obtain easements from a number of residents. Although most of SCE's facilities will be placed in public right-of-way, easements are needed where SCE's facilities are to be placed on private property. As of today, we have had only moderate success in obtaining these easements. Without them, the project can not move forward.

The County of Ventura, SCE, and the other affected utilities will soon be holding a community meeting in an attempt to address the concerns of those residents who have not granted easements to the utilities. Once these easements are secured, we can complete the plans and move forward with construction of phases 2 and 3. I would like to clarify that not all wires and poles in the community will be removed. The majority of poles and wires to be removed will be along Roosevelt Blvd. and Island View Dr. When the County of Ventura passed the resolution establishing the Silver Strand underground district, it pursued the possibility of undergrounding rear property lines as part of the project. Unfortunately, the CPUC does not allow Rule 20A funds to be used for undergrounding electric lines along the rear property line.

We appreciate your patience and hope to be able to move forward with construction in the near future. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (805) 497-5616.