

De-energizing

CPUC [Decision 12-04-024](#), issued April 26, 2012, gave SDG&E authority under Public Utilities Code sections 399.2a) and 451 to shut off power in emergency situations when necessary to protect public safety, including a situation where strong Santa Ana winds exceed the design basis for SDG&E's overhead power-line facilities and threaten to topple energized power lines onto tinder dry brush. Public Utilities Code Section 399.2 requires utilities to operate their distribution grid safely. Decision 12-04-024 references this code as providing authority for a utility to operate its system safely, which can include shut off in emergency conditions.

Southern California Edison de-energize its lines during high wind conditions that may result in wildfires as a proactive measure to prevent fires, per Public Utilities Code Section 399.2, which, as stated above, requires utilities to operate their distribution grid safely.