

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Media Contact: Media Relations, (626) 302-2255****With High Winds in Forecast, Southern California Edison Reminds Customers to Never Touch a Downed Power Line**

ROSEMEAD, Calif., Nov. 30, 2011 — As forecasters predict high winds today through Friday in many areas of Southern California, Southern California Edison (SCE) is reminding its customers to never touch a downed power line.

If you see a downed line or dangling wire — even if it appears not to be live — don't touch or approach it and call 911 immediately.

The National Weather Service is forecasting strong winds in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange and Ventura counties through Friday, including in the mountains, passes and canyons.

Customer safety is a top priority for SCE. Here are important tips to keep in mind:

- Watch for traffic signals that may be out. Approach those intersections as four-way stops.
- Make sure you have a battery-operated radio and flashlights. Check the batteries to make sure they are fresh. Use flashlights for lighting during a power outage; do not use candles because they may pose a significant fire hazard.
- Do not use any equipment inside that is designed for outdoor heating or outdoor cooking. Such equipment can emit carbon monoxide and other toxic gases.
- If you use a generator, place it outdoors and plug individual appliances directly into the generator, using a heavy-duty extension cord. Connecting generators directly to household circuits creates “backfeed,” which is dangerous to repair crews.
- Leave the doors of your refrigerator and freezer closed to keep your food as fresh as possible. Place blocks of ice inside to help keep food cold. Check food carefully for signs of spoilage.
- Check on your neighbors to make sure everyone is safe.

A video and fact sheet about power line safety is available at: [www.sce.com/powerlines](http://www.sce.com/powerlines). The information also is available in Spanish at: [www.sce.com/cables](http://www.sce.com/cables).

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