

**BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.
DATA REQUEST**

Public Advocates Office Data Request

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DATA REQUEST

In BVES' 2022 Annual Reliability Report on p. 10, BVES reports an almost three-fold increase in SAIFI from 2021 to 2022, despite November 2021 having a one-in-50 year storm.²

Question 1

- a) Please explain why BVES' SAIFI increased from 2021 to 2022 so significantly.

RESPONSE:

BVES did not have a large storm in November 2021. The large storm mentioned above occurred in November of 2022. In 2022, BVES also had additional large outages caused by car-hit-pole, animal contact, and lighting. These additional outages and the large storms are the main drivers for why the SAIFI for 2022 was high.

- b) Has BVES calculated the SAIFI for 2023 yet?

RESPONSE:

Yes.

- c) If the answer to part (b) is yes, provide the 2023 figure (for both major event days included/excluded) and describe how it compares to 2021 and 2022.

RESPONSE:

SAIFI MED Excluded: 1.88, SAIFI MED Included: 3.31

Both 2023 SAIFI numbers were much lower than in 2022. Additionally, 2023 SAIFI MED included was lower than 2021 and MED excluded was slightly higher than 2021.

Question 2

- a) If BVES has final reports from its 2022 and 2023 vegetation management QA/QC, please provide the final reports from 2022 and 2023.

RESPONSE:

BVES conducts an annual program audit of the entire vegetation management program. See attached documents "Vegetation Management Program Annual Audit 2023" and "Vegetation Management Program Annual Audit 2022." Additionally, along with the annual audits, BVES also conducts a quarterly vegetation management update/audit. See attached documents "2022 Quarterly Updates" and "2023 Quarterly Updates."

- b) If not, please provide the list of all QA/QC documents from 2022 and 2023 that BVES has.

RESPONSE:

Not applicable.

- c) Please provide the excel spreadsheet of vegetation management QA/QC inspections from 2022 and 2023, mentioned on p. 171 of its 2023-2025 WMP (redlined document for 2024 update).

RESPONSE:

See attached excel sheets “2022 Vegetation QA.QC” and “2023 Vegetation QA.QC” for internal quality checks. These checks are conducted by BVES employees of work performed by the vegetation contractor. Additionally, see excel sheet “2023 Forester QA.QC.” This record is created by the third-party certified forester that QCs 100% of the contracted vegetation management crew’s work.

Question 3

Please provide BVES vegetation management plan as mentioned on p. 224 of its 2023-2025 WMP (redlined document for 2024 update).

RESPONSE:

See attached document “BVES INC Vegetation Management and Vegetation Managements QC Programs, Policy, and Procedures Rev1.”

END OF REQUEST

² <https://abc7.com/is-big-bear-open-snow-lake-highway-18/5725913/>