

1 **4- VICTIM / WITNESSES**

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3 ***VICTIMS***

4 V-1 People of the State of California

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6 The People of the State of California suffered social and economic loss as a result
7 of evacuations, and the closure of several main thoroughfares including Interstate15 and
8 Interstate 215. There is potential for further economic loss and damage to property for
9 individuals living in and around the Martin Fire burn area due to potential land erosion
10 resulting from the loss of watershed burned in the fire.

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12 V-2 State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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14 The State of California expended tax payer dollars to suppress the fire.
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21 ***WITNESSES***

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23 W-1 HANSLER, Steve (Fire Captain)
24 Employer: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
25 Address: 3800 N Sierra Way, San Bernardino CA 92405
26 Phone (909) 881-6900
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28 W-1 HANSLER can testify 1) he was on the Martin Fire initial attack while
29 operating Engine-3580, and 2) he estimated the fire to be 15 to 20 acres in size with Santa
30 Ana winds blowing at a steady 25 miles per hour with higher gusts, and 3) the fire was
31 burning north of Meyers Road on Martin Ranch Road.
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34 W-2 WARD, Mike (Employee)
35 Employer: Southern California Edison
36 Address: 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, PO Box 900, Rosemead CA 91770
37 Office Phone (626) 302-1212
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39 W-2 WARD can testify 1) he was at the scene of the conductor found lying on the
40 ground in front of 1701 Martin Ranch Road at pole number 2137612E prior to my arrival,
41 and 2) I directed him to not do any work in the immediate area because I was going to
42 investigate the scene.
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1 W-3 VERKCAIK, Tom (Troubleman)
2 Employer: Southern California Edison
3 Address: 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, PO Box 900, Rosemead CA 91770
4 Office Phone (626) 302-1212
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6 W-3 VERKCAIK can testify 1) he made contact with me in front of 1701 Martin
7 Ranch Rd at pole number 2137612E, and I identified myself as a fire investigator who
8 was going to conduct the investigation, and 2) he reported to me he checked the
9 conductors north of our location, and there were no other conductors on the ground, and
10 3) he also identified the downed conductor as part of a 12-kV distribution line.
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13 W-4 DEROSIER, Marc (Fire Investigator)
14 Employer: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
15 Address: 3800 N Sierra Way, San Bernardino CA 92405
16 Business Phone: (909) 881-6921
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18 W-4 DEROSIER can testify he assisted me with the fire origin examination on
19 October 24, 2007.
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22 W-5 DAVIGNON, Sherri (Resident)
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24 San Bernardino CA 92407
25 Home Phone
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27 W-5 DAVINGTON can testify 1) she was at home when the fire started, and she
28 and her family were directed to evacuate by law enforcement personnel, and 2) the power
29 at her residence went out Sunday, October 21, 2007, and between that time and the time
30 of the fire, the electricity had come on and off intermittently, and 3) the electricity was
31 still out when she retired to bed the night before the fire started.
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34 W-6 KELLY, Mary Jo (Resident)
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36 San Bernardino CA 92407
37 Home Phone
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39 W-6 KELLY can testify 1) the electricity had gone off Sunday October 21, 2007,
40 and 2) between Sunday and Monday it had come on and gone off intermittently, and 3)
41 because of the power outage she left her home to stay elsewhere, and she was not at her
42 home when the fire started.
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1 W-7 SOARES, Monica (Resident)

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3 San Bernardino CA 92407

4 Home Phone

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6 W-7 SOARES can testify 1) on October 23, 2007, between 12:30 and 12:45 a.m.,
7 the electricity came on momentarily for less than one minute at her
8 Road residence while she was there, and 2) she returned to her primary residence next
9 door at [redacted] after the power had shut off again, and while pulling
10 into the driveway facing north she did not see any fire behind her residence, and 3) she
11 went into her primary residence and into her bedroom and looked out her north facing
12 window and could see the hillside towards the direction of 1701 Martin Ranch Road
13 behind her backyard was on fire with very high winds and embers hitting her house,
14 and 4) she dialed 9-1-1 to report the fire and then evacuated the area.
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17 W-8 EVANS, Marlene (Resident)

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19 San Bernardino CA 92407

20 Home Phone

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22 W-8 EVANS can testify she saw a small vehicle drive past her house on Martin
23 Ranch Road and then turn around at the area of the Red Gates beyond her driveway and
24 make a U-turn and leave the area, and 2) about 20 minutes later she could smell smoke
25 and went outside to look and saw fire burning in the area the vehicle had turned around.
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28 W- 9 PIMENTEL, Paul (Claims Representative)

29 Employer: Southern California Edison

30 Address: PO Box 900, 2244 Walnut Grove Ave. Rosemead CA 91770

31 Phone: (626) 302-5830 / PAX 25830

32 Cell Phone: (626) 695-4705
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34 W-9 PIMENTEL can testify 1) during a telephone conversation on October 30,
35 2007, he told me he had talked with W-3 VERKCAIK and received information the
36 R.A.R on the circuit had been open because there had been wind related damage on the
37 circuit earlier the day before the fire, and 2) after the crew had made the repairs and
38 cleared the area the circuit was re-energized at about 12:40 a.m., and 3) it was dark, and
39 the area at 1701 Martin Ranch Road had been checked earlier and there was no problem
40 at that pole, and 4) about 12:40 a.m. or so when they energized that circuit, a relay
41 detected a fault, opened, and the circuit was de-energized, and 5) he said "so, that is what
42 I have so far, so that's probably what the ignition of that particular fire was. We had a
43 conductor down, but we didn't know, and when we energized that section, with the
44 conductor on the ground, that's not a good thing to happen, and the winds were blowing
45 like mad."
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2 W-10 KELLEY, Laurie (Resident)
3 Address:
4 Home Phone
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7 W-10 KELLEY can testify 1) a person identifying himself to her as a Southern
8 California Edison Investigator told her the fire was caused by the power lines when they
9 fell to the ground, and he pointed out to her the general area where the fire started, and 2)
10 as routine maintenance she cut the branch from the stump next to the driveway before the
11 fire had occurred.

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