

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Data Response**

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QUESTION 18

SB 247 (2019) modified the Public Utilities Code to read:

“8386.6. (b) All qualified line clearance tree trimmers shall be paid no less than the prevailing wage rate for a first period apprentice electrical utility lineman as determined by the Director of Industrial Relations.”

- a. Did SB 247 impact PG&E’s VM-related labor costs?
- b. If so, were these costs included as part of the 2020 WMP and 2021 WMP?
- c. What is the change in VM-related labor cost from 2019 to 2020 as result of SB 247?

ANSWER 18

- a. Yes, SB-247 impacted PG&E’s VM-related labor costs.
- b. Yes, these costs were included as part of the 2020 WMP and 2021 WMP.
- c. PG&E understands this question to be referring to VM labor costs associated with external labor and contracts. With that understanding, the average vendor rates for tree trimming and related work increased approximately 49% from 2019-2020 as a result of SB-247.