

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2023
Data Response

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The following questions relate to your 2023-2025 WMP submission and also the following documents:

- PG&E's 2022 WMP, Section 7.1.E, Attachment 1 (Attch_Q3.pdf),
- PG&E's presentation during the 2021 EPIC Symposium (Attch_Q6_EPIC_Presentation.pdf),
- PG&E's Electric Preliminary Statement Part FY (Tariff Sheet No. 52259-E), and
- PG&E's Test Year 2023 GRC, Application 21-06-021, Exhibit PG&E-04 and Exhibit PG&E-17.

TOPIC: RAPID EARTH FAULT CURRENT LIMITER (REFCL)

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Referring to Exhibit PG&E-04, February 25, 2022, version, PG&E states the following regarding REFCL:

Based on our initial testing and the successful implementation in Australia, PG&E has developed a short-term strategy to install REFCLs in HFTD areas. PG&E forecasts deploying REFCLs at an additional two substations each year, but these plans could change pending pilot results and integration with other enhanced automation and wildfire mitigation efforts described in this chapter.

- a) As mentioned above, PG&E "forecasts deploying REFCLs at an additional two substations each year, but these plans could change ..." Have these plans changed?
- b) If your answer to part (a) is yes, please describe PG&E's current plans regarding the future deployment of REFCLs.
- c) Please identify the additional substations where PG&E plans on deploying REFCLs in:
 - i. 2023,
 - iii. ii.2024,
 - iv. iii. 2025, and

v. iv. 2026

ANSWER 004

- a) Yes, our plans have changed over the past year from what was expressed in the quote cited above from our WMP.
- b) PG&E is not planning any REFCL deployments until after complete evaluation of the demonstration project and successful integration of the technology into normal operations. PG&E is evaluating its portfolio of wildfire risk mitigations.
- c) As described in response to subpart (b), no additional substations are planned for REFCL deployment at this time.