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SUBJECT: ASSET INSPECTIONS

The following questions related to PG&E's 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Update.

QUESTION 08

P. 585 of PG&E's 2021 WMP states, regarding detailed distribution inspections, "Moreover, the scope of inspections has expanded to identify potential equipment issues that could cause a wildfire ignition."

- a. Explain how the scope of inspections has expanded. Does this refer to geographical scope, the types of equipment to be inspected, or something else?
- b. Identify the "potential equipment issues" that are now in scope of detailed distribution inspections but previously were not.

ANSWER 08

- a. The 2019 Wildfire Safety Inspection Program (WSIP) in HFTD areas expanded the scope of detailed inspections through multiple changes including converting the manual paper inspection process to a digital platform and introducing a questionnaire at the specific asset level to help evaluate the condition of the asset and identify corrective actions. Specific assets include anchors and guys, overhead conductor, equipment, hardware, framing and structure. These changes are considered "enhanced" inspections. In 2020, the enhanced inspection was introduced to non-HFTD areas.
- b. Unlike the previous detailed inspection program, the enhanced inspection questionnaire includes a section where other asset data is collected. Some examples of data collection include the following:
 - 1. Non-exempt equipment per California Power Line Fire Prevention Field Guide (2020 edition).
 - 2. Splice counts on the overhead conductors at the primary voltage level.
 - 3. Confirming a support structure or stub at the inspection location.
 - 4. Confirming a self-protected (SP) transformer is present at the inspection location.