

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**Wildfire Mitigation Plans**  
**Rulemaking 18-10-007**  
**Data Response**

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The following questions relate to PG&E's 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan – Revised, submitted June 3, 2021.

**QUESTION 01**

In the WSD's Revision Notice, submitted on May 4, 2021, under Critical Issue PGE-06, the WSD noted that PG&E had significantly reduced the estimated percentage of the vegetation management budget allocated to three initiatives: 7.3.5.6, 7.3.5.13, and 7.3.5.14.<sup>1</sup>

In PG&E's response to Critical Issue PGE-06, PG&E states that the apparent reduction in forecast expenditure "can be attributed to differences in the financial assumptions used to calculate the numbers."<sup>2</sup>

- a) Please list the "financial assumptions" PG&E is referring to in the above statement.
- b) Please explain how each "financial assumption" listed in response to part (a) was derived.

**ANSWER 01**

- a) 2020 WMP percentage allocation assumptions were based off, at the time, the proposed 2020 budget for each vegetation program (Routine Transmission, Routine Distribution, Enhanced, Tree Mortality, Right of Way Clearing) and direct input from subject matter experts on the discretely tracked programs.

2021 WMP percentage allocation assumptions were based off a combination of actual spend recorded through October in 2020 and, at the time, the proposed 2021 budget for each vegetation program (Routine Transmission, Routine Distribution, Enhanced, Tree Mortality).

- b) When a budget version is put together, analysis is performed by the investment planning, business finance, and line of business subject matter experts to inform the programmatic vegetation program forecasts. Within the process, these high-

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<sup>1</sup> Wildfire Safety Division's Revision Notice for Pacific Gas & Electric Company's 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Update (WSD Revision Notice), pp. 18-24, May 4, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> PG&E's 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan – Revised, p. 688, June 3, 2021.

level vegetation program forecasts are broken out into sub workstreams to provide additional detail into work activities that take place within the program. These details create the percentage allocation of each workstream in the total vegetation management program that is applied to each WSD-defined vegetation management initiative.

For the workstreams that are discreetly tracked, these forecasts are subtracted from the high-level vegetation management programmatic forecasts. Then the allocations identified from the above analysis are used to disaggregate the remaining amount of spend/forecasted dollars into the WSD- defined initiatives.

Other remarks: Please refer to PG&E's responses to Revision Notice Issues 5 and 6, in which PG&E highlights the assumptions used in the 2020 WMP filing and the 2021 WMP filing.