

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2022  
Data Response**

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The following questions relate to your 2022 WMP Update submission.

**QUESTION 08**

On Pg. 514 of PG&E's 2022 WMP, PG&E states, "PG&E switched vendors for this work in 2021. Contracts took longer than expected and the new vendor had to complete an extensive pilot to establish a solid foundation based on high quality pole loading calculations."

- a) Please describe why PG&E switched vendors for this work in 2021.
- b) Please provide all supporting documents and claims that describes PG&E's reasoning related to its response to subsection a) above.
- c) Describe the nature of the "extensive pilot" the new vendor completed.
- d) What was the approximate cost of the "extensive pilot"?

**ANSWER 08**

- a. PG&E identified quality issues with the pole loading calculations submitted by the 2020 awarded vendor. As a result, PG&E chose to go through the Request for Information and Request for Proposal process, in efforts to select another vendor for 2021. PG&E was successful in this and has built a strong foundation and partnership with the new vendor that is focused on high quality pole loading calculations.
- b. PG&E does not have documentation responsive to subsection (a) other than pole loading calculations. Attachment WMP-Discovery2022\_DR\_CalAdvocates\_014-Q08Atch01 shows an example of one of the pole loading calculations performed by the awarded vendor, and Attachment WMP-Discovery2022\_DR\_CalAdvocates\_014-Q08Atch02 shows what the correct calculations look like.
- c. PG&E required the new vendor to complete a greater number of pole loading calculations through workshops and collaborative meetings before the new vendor was permitted to perform the work on its own. PG&E also performed quality verification reviews on the entire population of the pilot poles. As a result, this pilot took a substantial amount of time.
- d. PG&E did not incur additional costs associated with the pilot. The costs incurred were the standard contracted rates for the new vendor as well as the pole loading calculations project management company.