

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

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QUESTION 01

With regard to PG&E's undergrounding efforts in the HFTD for wildfire mitigation purposes:

- a) Describe PG&E's current policy regarding undergrounding of existing service connections when the main lines are moved underground.
- b) Describe PG&E's current policy regarding the installation of new service connections underground when new main lines are installed underground (e.g. in a fire rebuild project or in new construction).
- c) Please provide a list of situations in which PG&E would underground the main line, but install or leave the service connection aboveground.
- d) For each situation in part (c), please explain the factors that would contribute to PG&E's decision not to underground the service connections.

ANSWER 01

- a) Currently, existing service connections remain overhead when main lines are moved underground. However, as part of our efforts to advance our undergrounding program, we are looking at risk, cost, and customer considerations to determine circumstances where it may be appropriate to underground service connections when main lines are moved underground.

As indicated in response to Question 1b below, we underground service connections during fire rebuild projects.

- b) For both fire rebuild and new construction projects, once main lines have been installed underground, any new, or rebuilt, service connections will typically be undergrounded as well.
- c) As indicated in response to Question 1a, currently, existing service connections remain overhead when the main lines are moved underground. For additional information responsive to this request, please see our response to Question 4d of this Data Request (CalAdvocates_021). In addition, as indicated in our response to Question 1a, as part of our efforts to advance our undergrounding program, we are looking at risk, cost, and customer considerations to determine circumstances where it may be appropriate to underground service connections when main lines are moved underground

- d) As indicated in response to 1a above, currently, existing service connections remain overhead when main lines are moved underground. However, as part of our efforts to advance our undergrounding program, we are looking at risk, cost, and customer considerations to determine circumstances where it may be appropriate to underground service connections when main lines are moved underground. Additionally, as indicated in our response to Question 4d of this Data Request (CalAdvocates_021), the only exception to undergrounding service connections as part of the Butte County rebuild program is when PG&E cannot secure the necessary easements for an underground service from the customer/property owner, which has only occurred once to date.