

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

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**SUBJECT: PG&E WMP GAP ANALYSIS GIVEN KINCADE FIRE TESTIMONY AND
SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

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Testimony Date: February 9, 2022 (See Attachment B: Pre-Trial Transcript)

BACKGROUND TESTIMONY/EVIDENCE:

Pg. 272 (lines 3-5)

“Q. So those would all get changed every two years? A. It is my recollection is that's what I put in for, yeah.”

QUESTION 34

- a. Has PG&E standardized to 2 year lifecycle for changing insulators?
- b. Has PG&E set standards in their WMP for insulator inspections to determine replacement given the risk of wildfire ignitions?

ANSWER 34

Insulators are inspected as part of PG&E's routine inspection program and are identified for repair or replacement based on the criteria laid out in PG&E's Electric Transmission Preventive Maintenance (“ETPM”) Manual and associated job aids. This guidance focuses on the degree of wear on the insulators, rather than simply on how long they have been in use. See, e.g., “WMP-Discovery2022_DR_WilliamBAbrams_002-Q28Atch01.pdf” (listing priority codes for the repair or replacement of insulators based on the degree to which they exhibit wear, rust, corrosion, or other issues). Although PG&E's inspection program is designed, in part, to promote safety and reduce wildfire risk, specific details regarding PG&E's inspection guidance are not typically included in

the WMP, which instead focuses on programmatic functions and activities to be carried out during the coming year to reduce wildfire risk.