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Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits this semi-annual Safety and Operational Metrics Report in compliance with California Public Utilities Commission Decision (D.) 21-11-009. This is PG&E’s third such report and covers the period from January 1 to December 31, 2022. The report is provided as Attachment 1.

PG&E’s second report was submitted on September 30, 2022. To assist in the review of this third report, PG&E has identified material changes from the second report in blue font and, at the start of each chapter, PG&E has identified where those material changes are to be found.

PG&E has done this as a courtesy to parties. PG&E asks for the parties' understanding should there be any inadvertent mistakes in our good faith attempt at this formatting.

Separately, PG&E is concurrently filing and serving a "Notice of Availability of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 'Safety and Operational Metrics Report: Supporting Documentation'" due to the size of the electronic files associated with the material supporting the attached report.

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5 For this report, Pacific Gas and Electric Company is identifying material changes
6 from the September 30, 2022, report in blue font. The material updates to this
7 chapter can be found in Section D concerning performance against target.

8 **A. Introduction**

9 Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E or the Company) respectfully
10 submits this third semi-annual Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) Report.
11 This report is submitted in compliance with California Public Utilities Commission
12 (CPUC or Commission) Decision (D.) 21-11-009 concerning the Risk-Based
13 Decision-Making Framework proceeding (Risk OIR).

14 At PG&E, nothing is more important than the safety of our customers,
15 employees, contractors and communities. We strive to be the safest,
16 most-reliable gas and electric Company in the United States. This SOM report
17 demonstrates PG&E's commitment to overseeing safe operations and, where
18 needed, driving progress to reduce risk and improve performance. SOMs are
19 embedded in our internal processes to give Company leaders visibility into
20 performance to identify negative trends and take swift corrective actions to
21 prevent harm. These metrics are central to safety performance across the
22 Company.

23 PG&E has approached each SOM on a metric-by-metric basis. More
24 specifically, PG&E evaluated our historical and current year (through 2022)
25 performance and available benchmarking data, and established objectives that
26 align with our commitment to safety. For example, a metric where PG&E
27 already performs in the first quartile may not demand dramatic improvement but
28 could require consistent monitoring to ensure that performance remains at
29 acceptable levels. For metrics that include Major Event Days (MED), PG&E will
30 use the information to help ensure that our infrastructure is adaptable to an
31 environment rapidly changing due to climate change. For some metrics, the
32 Company has found opportunity to continue to drive safety performance through
33 ongoing or future programs that are described in each chapter of this report.

1 **B. Background and Requirements**

2 As part of the decision for PG&E’s Plan of Reorganization (D.20-05-053),
3 the Commission envisioned a set of metrics that provides a “holistic quantitative
4 and qualitative 'indicator light' method” to evaluate key metrics directly
5 associated with PG&E safe and operational performance.”

6 On November 9, 2021, through the Commission’s Risk OIR that began on
7 November 17, 2020, the Commission issued D.21-11-009 (the Risk OIR
8 decision) establishing 32 SOMs. Ordering Paragraph 5 of that decision requires
9 that:

10 PG&E shall report its Safety and Operational Metrics as follows. PG&E
11 shall, on a semi-annual basis, serve and file its SOMs report in Rulemaking
12 20-07-013, any successor Safety Model Assessment Proceeding, and its
13 most recent or current General Rate Case and Risk Assessment and
14 Mitigation Phase proceedings starting March 31, 2022, and continuing
15 annually at the end of September and March thereafter, with the March
16 reports covering the 12 months of the previous calendar year (i.e., January
17 through December) and the September reports providing data for January
18 through June of the current year. PG&E shall concurrently send a copy of its
19 semi-annual SOMs reports to the Director of the Commission’s Safety Policy
20 Division and to RASA_Email@cpuc.ca.gov. PG&E shall:

- 21 a) Report on each SOM, using data for the preceding 12 months and
22 providing all available historical data;¹
- 23 b) For each SOM, provide a proposed target for the year following the
24 reporting period for each metric and a 5-year target, with the proposed
25 target represented as specific values, ranges of values, a rolling
26 average, or another specified target value, except for our final adopted
27 SOM #s 1.3, 2.3, 3.1, 3.3, 3.5, and 3.6 for which PG&E may provide
28 directional targets;
- 29 c) For each SOM, provide a narrative description of the rationale for
30 selecting the target proposed and why a specific value, a range of
31 values, a rolling average or another type of target is selected;
- 32 d) For each SOM, provide a narrative description of progress towards the
33 proposed annual and 5-year targets;
- 34 e) For each SOM, provide a narrative description of any substantial
35 deviation from prior trends based on quantitative and qualitative
36 analysis, as applicable;
- 37 f) For each SOM, provide a brief description of current and future activities
38 to meet the proposed targets; and

1 These historic data files are provided through a Notice of Availability being filed concurrently with this report. An index of these files is provided as an attachment to the Notice of Availability.

- 1 g) Provide the Commission’s Safety and Policy Division with a copy of any
2 report filed more frequently than semi-annually with the Commission that
3 contains SOMs, at the same time the report is filed.²

4 This report outlines PG&E’s 2022 performance and is organized into
5 32 individual metric chapters as defined in Attachment A of D.21-11-009. Each
6 chapter provides discussion on performance and progress against 1- and 5-year
7 targets.

8 **C. PG&E’s Approach to Safety and Operational Metrics Target Setting**

9 PG&E’s approach to SOMs was developed around four pillars for
10 developing targets that align with Commission’s objective for this report:

- 11 1) Targets should be set at levels indicating “insufficient progress” or “poor
12 performance” within the context of the Enhanced Oversight and
13 Enforcement Process;
- 14 2) Targets should be set at a reasonable and attainable level, including but not
15 limited to the following considerations:
- 16 a) Historical data and trends;
 - 17 b) Benchmarking;
 - 18 c) Applicable federal, state, or regulatory requirements;
 - 19 d) Resources;
- 20 3) Targets should be set at levels where performance can be sustained over
21 time; and
- 22 4) Targets should be set and evaluated in consideration of a holistic qualitative
23 and quantitative view including additional contextual information and factors.

24 With these criteria, PG&E sought to develop targets for each metric that
25 generally maintain performance for well-performing metrics or drive performance
26 improvement to satisfactory levels of safe and reliable service. As required by
27 the decision, within each metric chapter PG&E provides the rationale behind the
28 selection of the 1- and 5-year targets.

² Reports that meet this requirement are provided as Attachment B. PG&E understands this requirement to not include one-time event triggered reports (e.g., Electric Incident Reports). PG&E can provide such reports upon request. Note that PG&E provided quarterly reports as part of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan to the Commission through June 2021 but are now submitted to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety. These reports can be found online at [PG&E’s Wildfire Mitigation Plan webpage](#).

1 On their own, metrics can fail to tell a complete story and may not provide
2 crucial detail or context that is necessary for a proper evaluation of performance
3 or progress. Recognizing that, the Commission’s Risk OIR decision requires
4 PG&E to provide a narrative-driven report that gives the Commission further
5 insight on how PG&E’s safety and operational programs are progressing
6 towards targets or if performance is deviating from target and trend, and to state
7 current and future activities that will drive performance towards target or trend.

8 **D. Summary of Metric Performance Against Targets**

9 Below is a summary of each metric performance and targets. Some of the
10 metric targets have been revised in response to feedback from Commission
11 staff.

12 The details for each metric can be found in each of the metric report
13 chapters that follow.

**TABLE 1-1
SUMMARY OF 2022 METRIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS**

#	Metric	2022 Performance	2022 Target	2023 Target
Safety				
1.1	Rate of Serious Injury or Fatality (SIF) Actual (Employee)	Rate: 0.027	Rate: 0.080	Rate: 0.070
1.2	Rate of SIF Actual (Contractor)	Rate: 0.039	Rate: 0.100	Rate: 0.100
1.3	SIF Actual (Public)	Confirmed: 2 Pending: 4	Decrease	Decrease
Reliability				
2.1	System Average Interruption Duration (Unplanned)	3.56 hrs.	5.67 – 6.8 hrs.	3.45 – 5.34 hrs.
2.2	System Average Interruption Frequency (Unplanned)	1.47 hrs.	1.681 – 2.017 hrs.	1.426 – 2.205 hrs.
2.3	System Average Outages due to Vegetation and Equipment Damage in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas	134 outages	Maintain	Maintain
2.4	System Average Outages due to Vegetation and Equipment Damage in HFTD Areas (Non-MEDs)	1,679 CESO	Range: 1,523 – 1,980 CESO	Range: 1,523 – 1,980 CESO
Electric				
3.1	Wires Down MED in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	1.71 wire down events due to 0 MEDs from January-June.	Maintain	Maintain
3.2	Wires Down Non-MED in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	20.13 WD events/1,000 mi.	41.45	41.36
3.3	Wires Down MED in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	0 wire down events	Maintain	Maintain
3.4	Wires Down Non-MED in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	1.448	≤4.456	≤4.440
3.5	Wires Down Red Flag Warning Days in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	0 wire down events	Maintain	Maintain
3.6	Wires Down Red Flag Warning Days in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	0 wire down events	Maintain	Maintain

**TABLE 1-1
SUMMARY OF 2022 METRIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS
(CONTINUED)**

#	Metric	2022 Performance	2022 Target	2023 Target
Patrols and Inspections				
3.7	Missed Overhead Distribution Patrols in HFTD Areas	0.00%	0.0% – 0.05%	0.0% – 0.04%
3.8	Missed Overhead Distribution Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas	0.00%	0.0% – 0.05%	0.0% – 0.04%
3.9	Missed Overhead Transmission Patrols in HFTD Areas	0.00%	0.0% – 0.05%	0.0% – 0.04%
3.10	Missed Overhead Transmission Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas	0.00%	0.0% – 0.05%	0.0% – 0.04%
3.11	GO-95 Corrective Actions in HFTDs	76%	70.0%	69%
3.12	Electric Emergency Response Time	Average: 31 min Median: 30 min	Average: 44 min Median: 43 min	Average: 44 min Median: 43 min
Ignitions and Wildfire				
3.13	Number of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	84 ignitions	Range: 82 – 94	Range: 82 – 94
3.14	Percentage of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	3.34/1k circuit miles	Range: 3.24 – 3.72	Range: 3.24 – 3.72
3.15	Number of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	5 ignitions	Range: 0 – 10	Range: 0 – 10
3.16	Percentage of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	0.91/1k circuit miles	0 – 1.75	0 – 1.75
Gas				
4.1	Number of Gas Dig-Ins per 1000 USA tickets on Transmission and Distribution pipelines	1.53	≤2.56	≤2.21
4.2	Number of Overpressure Events	9	≤11	≤11
4.3	Time to Respond On-Site to Emergency Notification	Average: 19.9 Median: 18.23	Average: ≤21.6 Median: ≤19.8	Average: ≤21.5 Median: ≤19.8

**TABLE 1-1
SUMMARY OF 2022 METRIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS
(CONTINUED)**

#	Metric	2022 Performance	2022 Target	2023 Target
4.4	Gas Shut-In Times, Mains	82.1	≤85.4	≤84.9
4.5	Gas Shut-In Times, Services	36.8	≤40.4	≤40.2
4.6	Uncontrolled Release of Gas on Transmission Pipelines	2,222	≤3,545	≤3,510
4.7	Time to Resolve Hazardous Conditions	165	≤183.5	≤183
Clean Energy				
5.1	Clean Energy Goals Compliance Metric	585.2	≥574	≥1,165
Quality of Service				
6.1	Quality of Service Metric	7 sec	15 sec	15 sec

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5 **(EMPLOYEE)**

6 The material updates to this chapter since the September 30, 2022, report can
7 be found in Section B.1 concerning historical data; B.3 concerning metric
8 performance; C.1 and C.2 concerning metric targets; Section D concerning
9 performance against target, and Section E concerning current and planned work.
10 Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

11 **A. (1.1) Overview**

12 **1. Metric Definition**

13 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 1.1 – Rate of Serious Injury and
14 Fatality (SIF) Actual (Employee) is defined as:

15 *Rate of SIF Actual (Employee) is calculated using the formula: Number*
16 *of SIF-Actual cases among employees x 200,000/employee hours worked,*
17 *where SIF Actual is counted using the methodology developed by the*
18 *Edison Electric Institute’s (EEI) Occupational Safety and Health Committee*
19 *(OS&HC).*

20 **2. Introduction of Metric**

21 Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E or the Company) safety
22 stand is, “Everyone and Everything Is Always Safe.” This includes our
23 employee and contractor workforce, as well as the public. We remain
24 committed to building an organization where every work activity is designed
25 to facilitate safe working conditions and every member of our workforce is
26 encouraged to speak up if they see an unsafe or risky condition with the
27 confidence that their concerns and ideas will be heard and addressed. As
28 part of this stand, PG&E is committed to employee safety.

29 As defined by Decision (D.) 21-11-009, the SIF Actual (Employee) SOM
30 calculation is new in application to PG&E’s existing injury and SIF dataset.
31 The data were analyzed and reported under this definition beginning with
32 the first report submitted last March.

33 The EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria are updated annually based on
34 additional learnings from injury classification to provide further clarification or

1 criteria for the following year. PG&E is using the 2022 criteria (latest
2 available), which can be found on the EEI website.¹ The 2022 EEI OS&HC
3 criteria define serious injuries as follows:

- 4 1) Fatalities;
- 5 2) Amputations (involving bone);
- 6 3) Concussions and/or cerebral hemorrhages;
- 7 4) Injury or trauma to internal organs;
- 8 5) Bone fractures (certain types);
- 9 6) Complete tendon, ligament and cartilage tears of the major joints
10 (e.g., shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle);
- 11 7) Herniated disks (neck or back);
- 12 8) Lacerations resulting in severed tendons and/or a deep wound requiring
13 internal stitches;
- 14 9) Second- (10 percent body surface) or third-degree burns;
- 15 10) Eye injuries resulting in eye damage or loss of vision;
- 16 11) Injections of foreign materials (e.g., hydraulic fluid);
- 17 12) Severe heat exhaustion and all heat stroke cases;
- 18 13) Dislocation of a major joint (shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle);
19 and
20 a) Count only cases that required the manipulation or repositioning of
21 the joint back into place under the direction of a treating doctor.
- 22 14) "Other Injuries" category should only be selected for reporting injuries
23 not identified in the existing categories.

24 PG&E's SIF Program was deployed at the end of 2016 to establish a
25 cause evaluation process for coworker serious safety incidents. This
26 program was established to create consistency and guidance in classifying
27 and evaluating serious safety incidents for all employees and contractors.
28 The goal of PG&E's SIF Program is to reduce the number and severity of
29 safety incidents that result in a SIF. The program objective is to learn from
30 prior safety incidents by performing cause evaluations on each SIF Actual

¹ The criteria can be found on the EEI website:
https://app.esafetyline.net/eeisafetysurvey/Downloads/h_sif.pdf.

1 (SIF-A) and SIF Potential (SIF-P) incident, implementing corrective actions,
2 and sharing key findings across the enterprise.

3 From 2017 to 2020, PG&E classified SIF-A incidents based on the job
4 task and whether a life altering or life-threatening injury, or fatality occurred.
5 In August of 2020, PG&E adopted Edison Electric International’s Safety
6 Classification Learning (SCL)² model to classify its SIF incidents. The EEI
7 SCL model classifies incidents into categories: High-Energy SIF (HSIF),³
8 Low-Energy SIF (LSIF),⁴ Potential SIF (PSIF),⁵ Capacity,⁶ Exposure,⁷
9 Success,⁸ and Low Severity.⁹ The HSIF terminology is fairly new to the
10 industry; however, it is equivalent to a SIF-A with regard to how serious life
11 threatening or life-altering injuries, or fatalities are determined. Adopting the
12 EEI SCL model has improved the SIF Program by bringing a consistent and
13 objective approach to reviewing and classifying SIF incidents across the
14 Company and industry. The SCL model allows the Company to focus its
15 safety and risk mitigation efforts on the most serious outcomes and highest
16 risk work where a high energy incident occurred. The EEI SCL model is
17 also used for the Employee SIF-A Safety Performance Metric (SPM) and is
18 aligned with other California utilities.

19 The rate of SIF-A (Employee) SOM definition is based on the EEI
20 OS&HC serious injury criteria,¹⁰ which is different than the EEI SCL Model.

2 EEI, SCL Model available here: <https://www.safetyfunction.com/scl-model>.

3 *Id.* at p. 17, HSIF is defined as: “Incident with a release of high energy in the absence of a direct control where a serious injury is sustained.”

4 *Id.* at p. 17, LSIF is defined as: “Incident with a release of low energy in the absence of a direct control where a serious injury is sustained.”

5 *Id.* at p. 17, PSIF is defined as: “Incident with a release of high energy in the absence of a direct control where a serious injury is not sustained.”

6 *Id.* at p. 17, Capacity is defined as: “Incident with a release of high energy in the presence of a direct control where a serious injury is not sustained.”

7 *Id.* at p. 17, Exposure is defined as: “Condition where high energy is present in the absence of a direct control.”

8 *Id.* at p. 17, Success is defined as: “Condition where a high energy incident does not occur because of the presence of a direct control.”

9 *Id.* at p. 17, Low Severity is defined as: “Incident with a release of low energy where no serious injury is sustained.”

10 [EEI Occupational Safety and Health Committee’s Serious Injury Criteria](#).

1 It is suggested by EEI to use the OS&HC criteria in conjunction with the EEI
2 SCL model. Therefore, using only the OS&HC serious injury criteria creates
3 a different result in SIF-A classification from the expectation of using the EEI
4 SCL model that includes high energy incidents.

5 **B. (1.1) Metric Performance**

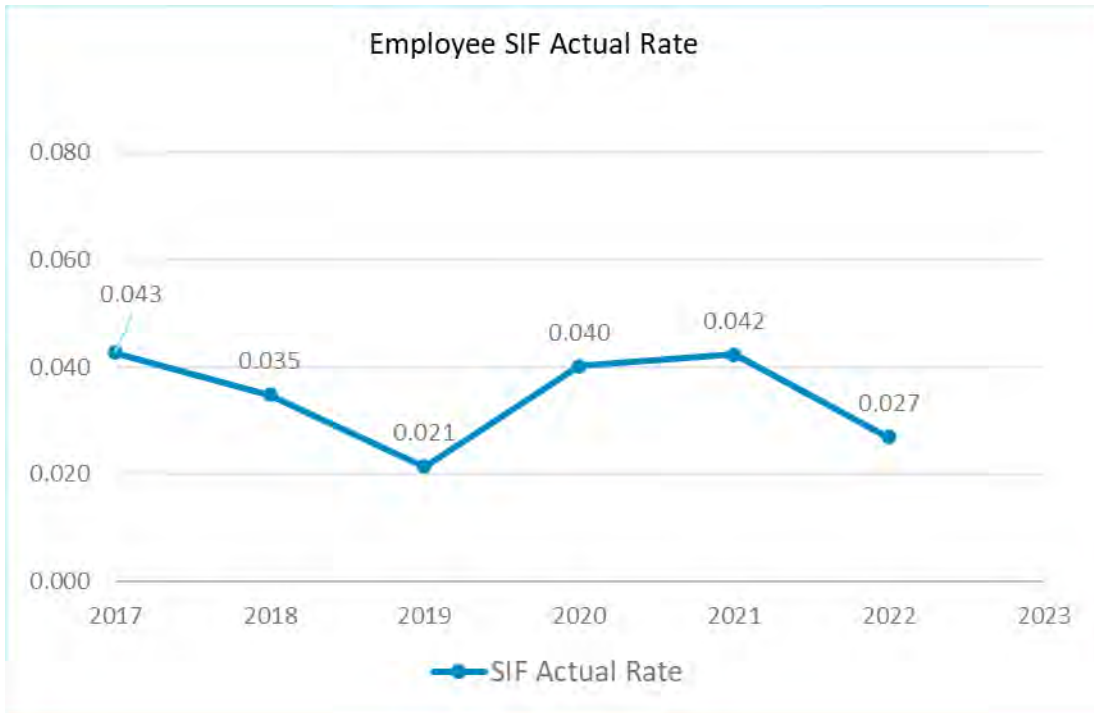
6 **1. Historical Data (2017 – 2022)**

7 PG&E is including six years of historical data representing
8 2017 – 2022¹¹. The dataset includes injury type, incident date, location,
9 and EEI OS&HC injury classification. See the corresponding metric data file
10 (21-11-009.PGE_SOM_1-1_Employee_SIF_A_2023_04-03-23) for
11 Employee SIF-A SOM for a list of incidents. The last six years of data are
12 consistent with the start of the PG&E SIF Program.

13 Figure 1.1-1 illustrates the rate of employee injuries by year from 2017
14 through 2022. From 2017 through 2022 there are a total of 51 injuries that
15 met the EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria. 51 percent of the injuries met
16 the criteria of bone fracture, including of the hands and feet. Five of the
17 incidents were fatalities, one involved a violent act of a third party,
18 three involved operations of motor vehicles, and one involved a pipeline
19 drying (pigging) line of fire incident.

¹¹ Historical data through 2021 was provided in PG&E's first Safety and Operational Metrics report provided on April 1, 2022.

**FIGURE 1.1-1
RATE OF SIF ACTUAL (EMPLOYEE)
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE**



1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 Injury data are collected by the Nurse Care Line (NCL). The NCL is an
3 enhanced injury reporting process for improving the employee experience
4 when reporting major and minor work-related injuries. The NCL allows
5 employees to speak up, without fear, when faced with a work-related health
6 challenge, strengthening the message that employee health is essential.
7 Employees receive medical advice, self-care information and clinic referrals.
8 For this review, injury data was pulled from PG&E’s Safety and
9 Environmental Management System (SEMS) database, which houses all
10 employee injury data.

11 As mentioned above, the SIF-A (Employee) SOM as defined in
12 D.21-11-009 is new in application to PG&E’s existing injury and SIF dataset,
13 and 2022 was the first year in which the data were analyzed and reported
14 under this definition. To evaluate the SIF-A (Employee) metric, PG&E
15 reviewed all employee injury data from 2017 through 2022 to determine if
16 any met one of the 14 EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria as summarized
17 above. To establish historical performance for the first SOMs report

1 submittal, PG&E reviewed approximately 18,000-line items of injury data. A
2 substantial portion of those were not OSHA-recordable (i.e., first aid), which
3 do not meet the definition and were removed from the population. The
4 remaining population that met the OSHA definition (i.e., work-related injury)
5 was reviewed against the EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria for this report.

6 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

7 For 2022, bone fractures continue to be the leading cause of injuries at
8 57 percent (4 of 7). These included bone fractures of the ankle, leg, and
9 chest. On April 29, 2022, an incident involving a gas pipeline drying activity
10 (pigging) conducted as part of a strength testing project resulted in a fatality
11 and a serious injury.

12 **C. (1.1) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

13 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

14 PG&E has made changes to the rate of SIF-A (Employee) targets since
15 the initial SOMs report filing last March. Based on historical performance,
16 the 2023 target for rate of SIF-A (Employee) is to remain below a rate of
17 0.070, which represents the second to third quartile threshold (see
18 Figure 1.1-2 below). The target for 2024 through 2027 is to remain below a
19 rate of 0.060, which is 0.010 below the second to third quartile threshold
20 (Figure 1.1-2). As previously discussed, this metric calculation is new to
21 PG&E and we are continuing to monitor the metric's trend and the
22 appropriateness of the targets.

23 **2. Target Methodology**

24 To establish the 1-year and 5-year target thresholds, PG&E considered
25 the following factors:

- 26 • Historical Data and Trends: PG&E pulled OSHA recorded injuries from
27 2017 to 2021 to review each injury against the EEI OS&HC serious
28 injury criteria. This injury dataset was used because it aligns with the
29 beginning of the PG&E SIF Program (est. in 2017). Over that historical
30 data period, performance showed a consistent trend at or around
31 0.040 injury rate, with a dip in 2019 and trend back up in 2020 and 2021;
- 32 • Benchmarking: In July 2022, PG&E met with EEI leadership and
33 confirmed that OS&HC serious injury criteria benchmarking is available

1 for the metric going back to 2017. PG&E used the prior years'
2 benchmarking data from EEI and compared it to PG&E's performance
3 going back to 2017. Between 2017 and 2020, PG&E hovered between
4 the top of 1st quartile and low 2nd quartile. In 2021, PG&E ended the
5 year in 2nd quartile, 1/100th of a point above the 1st quartile
6 performance. PG&E's performance for 2022 is in the 1st quartile.

- 7 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 8 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes. The main focus
9 for driving down injuries is noted below in planned/future work related to
10 Days Away, Restricted and Transferred (DART) reduction;
- 11 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators: While the performance at or below
12 the target threshold is sustainable, the more appropriate metric is to
13 focus on injuries resulting from a high energy incident, which is
14 consistent with both industry SIF-A monitoring and the SPM; and
- 15 • Other Qualitative Considerations: This target threshold approach was
16 established to account for all job-related tasks with the potential to
17 cause injury as defined by the EEI OS&HC criteria.

18 **3. 2023 and 2027 Target**

19 The initial 2022 and 2026 target thresholds were to maintain at a rate of
20 less than 0.080. This target threshold rate for SIF-A (Employee)—using the
21 EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria—allowed for no more than an increase
22 of 0.038, as compared to highest rate from 2017 to 2021. The targets for
23 2023 (1-year) and 2027 (5-year) use this same methodology. Rates are
24 subject to change depending on number of employee hours worked in a
25 given year. The target thresholds were set at the highest serious injury
26 occurrence in one year that would be concerning if the rate was surpassed.
27 Since this metric calculation is new to PG&E and 2022 was the first year to
28 report it, the threshold considered the five years of historical data with an
29 allowance for understanding this calculation and its consequences. The
30 initial threshold allowed for almost double the rate over 2021 and allowed
31 PG&E to refine the new metric further.

32 As discussed in C.1. above, PG&E has modified it's 2023-2027 target
33 thresholds to be in line with now known available benchmark data from EEI.

1 Thus, the target thresholds for 2023-2027 have been modified to stay below
2 the second and third quartile thresholds.

3 **D. (1.1) Performance Against Target**

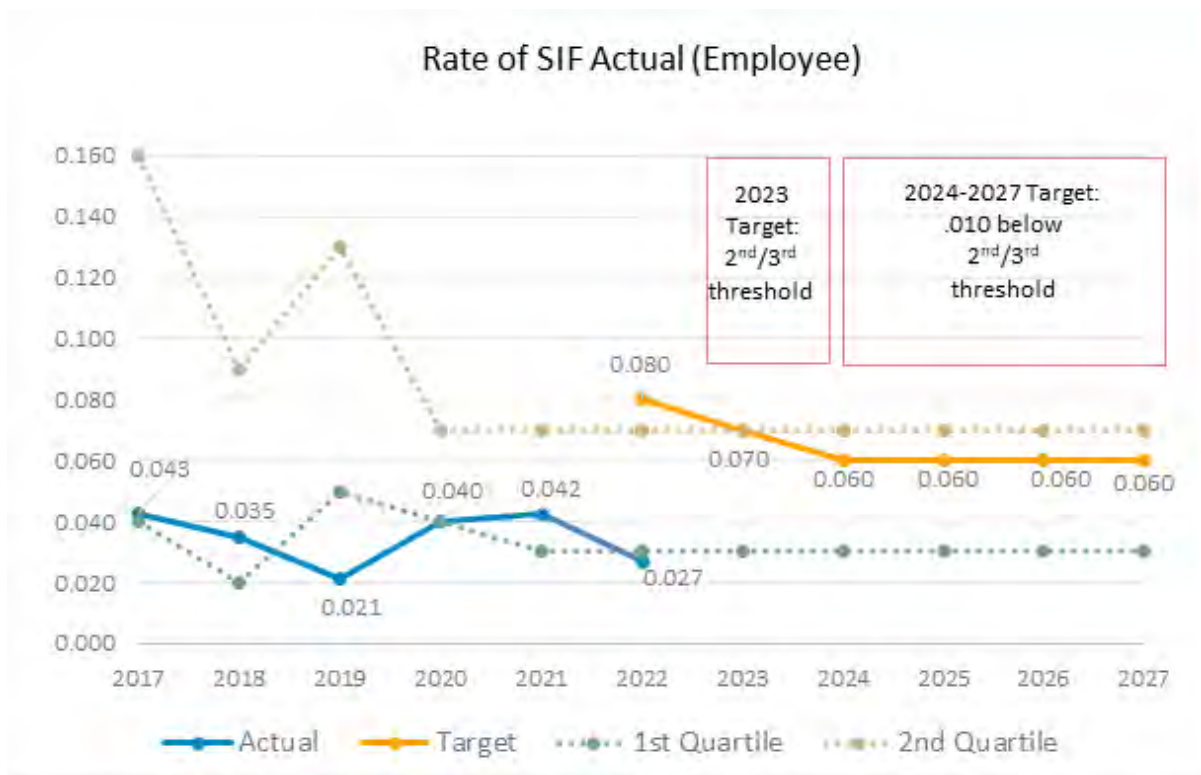
4 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

5 As demonstrated in Figure 1.1-2 below, PG&E saw a decrease in the
6 Employee SIF Actual rate from 0.046 in 2021 to 0.027 by the end of 2022;
7 putting PG&E within the first quartile.

8 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

9 As discussed in Section E below, and in consideration of the metric's
10 trend, PG&E is continuing to deploy a number of programs to maintain or
11 improve the long-term performance of this metric and to meet the
12 Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 1.1-2
RATE OF SIF ACTUAL (EMPLOYEE)
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS**



1 **E. (1.1) Current and Planned Work Activities**

- 2 • PG&E One Plan: PG&E’s safety strategy has evolved from the One PG&E
3 Occupational Health and Safety Plan to the 2025 Workforce Safety Strategy
4 which includes implementation of the PG&E Safety Excellence Management
5 System (PSEMS) (formerly the Enterprise Safety Management System).
- 6 • PG&E Safety Excellence Management System (PSEMS): PSEMS is the
7 systematic management of our processes, assets, and occupational health
8 and safety programs to prevent injury and illness, effectively and safely
9 control and govern our assets, and manage the integrity of operating
10 systems and processes. PSEMS is grounded in Organizational Culture and
11 Safety Mindset and drives performance in Asset Management, Occupational
12 Health & Safety and Process Safety. PSEMS is also part of the
13 Performance Playbook along with Breakthrough Thinking and the Lean
14 Operating Model.
- 15 • PG&E’s Enterprise Health and Safety organization supports this metric
16 through focusing on:
- 17 – Safety Leadership Development and Safety Culture;
 - 18 – Preventing workforce illness and injuries;
 - 19 – Governance, oversight, analytics, and reporting functions, including field
20 safety support to drive strategy, programs, and continuous
21 improvement;
 - 22 – SIF prevention and life safety
 - 23 – Safe operation of motor vehicles including regulatory compliance and
24 governance;
 - 25 – Workforce health programs;
 - 26 – Field observations and inspection;
 - 27 – Assessing safety program impact; and
 - 28 – Incident investigations and human factor analyses.
- 29 • Regional Safety Directors: The regional field safety organization is led by
30 five Regional Safety Directors who work with the functional areas to advise
31 on and support health and safety program implementation and sustainability
32 including:
- 33 – A 100-day Keys to Life refresher campaign across PG&E including
34 safety talk tools about one of the Keys to Life listed below each week:

- 1 1) Conduct pre-job safety briefings prior to performing work activities.
- 2 2) Follow safe driving principles and equipment operating procedures.
- 3 3) Use personal protective equipment (PPE) for the task being
- 4 performed.
- 5 4) Follow electrical safety testing and grounding rules.
- 6 5) Follow clearance and energy lockout/tagout rules.
- 7 6) Follow confined space rules.
- 8 7) Follow suspended load rules.
- 9 8) Follow safety at heights rules.
- 10 9) Follow excavation procedures.
- 11 10) Follow hazardous work environment procedures.

- 12 – Safety Culture Improvements;
- 13 – Hazards Identification with the goal of reducing risk exposures;
- 14 – Workforce observations and inspections;
- 15 – Incident investigations and corrective actions analysis and follow-up;
- 16 – Safety tailboards and training; and
- 17 – Emergency preparation and response.

- 18 • Injury Management: The SIF-A (Employee) SOM definition includes injuries
19 that can occur during any work activity (including low or no energy tasks
20 such as lifting, walking, managing tools like knives), which is broader than
21 the high energy incidents that a mature SIF Program focuses on. Therefore,
22 a significant driver for improvement is within our occupational health
23 organization where our OSHA and DART cases are managed. DART cases
24 are employee OSHA-recordable injuries that involve Days Away from work
25 and/or days on Restricted duty or a job Transfer because the employee is
26 no longer able to perform his or her regular job. Since 2019, there has been
27 a 67 percent decrease in the employee DART rate (number of DART cases
28 per 100 fulltime employees divided by number of hours worked). The efforts
29 supporting this reduction include the expansion of PG&E’s ergonomic
30 programs and increased Industrial Athlete Specialists for job site
31 evaluations. A primary goal of the efforts is reduced injury severity through
32 injury prevention and early intervention care for employees. In alignment
33 with this, we have strengthened the identification of the highest risk work
34 groups and tasks for field and vehicle ergonomic injuries. We identify

1 high-risk computer users through predictive modeling and provide targeted
2 interventions. Additional efforts also include enhanced injury management
3 containment for injuries at risk for escalation to DART and providing our
4 people leaders with additional injury management training.

- 5 • Safety Leadership Development: PG&E is continuing to improve Safety
6 Leadership Development and supervisor coaching by continuing to update
7 an impactful, practical training course for front line leaders. The Safety
8 Leadership development program provides training for crew leaders
9 (i.e., those individuals who lead teams of front-line employees doing field
10 operations and maintenance work) so they have the necessary safety skills
11 to create trust, set expectations, remove barriers to safety and identify and
12 mitigate at risk behaviors.
- 13 • Safety Observations: Safety Observations Program plays a critical role in
14 helping to reduce employee and contractor injuries and fatalities by
15 increasing awareness of hazards and exposures in the field, reinforcing
16 positive work practices, and driving PG&E's Speak-Up culture. The
17 Program includes the use of the SafetyNet observation analysis and
18 reporting tool, and the Safety Observations dashboard to communicate
19 safety successes and improvement opportunities to leadership. [In 2022,](#)
20 [approximately 150,000 safety observations were conducted across PG&E](#)
21 [with at-risk findings communicated to the respective functional areas.](#)
- 22 • Transportation Safety: PG&E Transportation Safety programs are designed
23 to protect our employees and the public by establishing requirements and
24 processes to help mitigate risks that can lead to motor vehicle incidents,
25 improve safety performance, and increase awareness of all PG&E
26 employees related to the operation of our motor vehicles. This
27 comprehensive program was established to reduce the number of motor
28 vehicle incidents that have the potential for serious injury, including fatal
29 injury, to PG&E's employees, staff augmentation employees operating
30 vehicles on Company business, and the public. Driver performance data is
31 used to identify specific risk drivers for targeted intervention, including driver
32 training, driver action plans and implementing vehicle safety technology. In
33 addition, PG&E's Transportation Safety Department also ensures
34 compliance with both the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) and

1 California state regulations. Additional Motor Vehicle Safety Incident risk
2 reduction programs including cell phone blocking and in-cab camera
3 technologies were discussed in the PG&E 2020 Risk Assessment and
4 Mitigation Phase (RAMP) Report.¹² The cell blocking program is currently
5 in use with approximately 1000 active users and has effectively suppressed
6 over 100K texts and calls. The distraction and fatigue in-cab camera
7 technology was piloted through March of 2023. A decision on its use has
8 not been finalized.

¹² PG&E 2020 RAMP Report, Chapter 18, Risk Mitigation Plan: Motor Vehicle Safety Incident.

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3 **SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:**
4 **RATE OF SIF ACTUAL**
5 **(CONTRACTOR)**

6 The material updates to this chapter since the September 30, 2022, report can
7 be found in Section B.1 and B.3 concerning historical data; Section C.1 and C.2
8 concerning metric targets; Section D concerning performance against target, and
9 Section E for current and planned work. Material changes from the prior report are
10 identified in blue font.

11 **A. (1.2) Overview**

12 **1. Metric Definition**

13 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 1.2 – Rate of Serious Injury and/or
14 Fatality (SIF) Actual (Contractor) is defined as:

15 *Rate of SIF Actual (Contractor) is calculated using the formula: Number*
16 *of SIF-Actual cases among contractors x 200,000/contractor hours worked,*
17 *where SIF-Actual is counted using the methodology developed by the*
18 *Edison Electrical Institute’s (EEI) Occupational Safety and Health*
19 *Committee (OS&HC).*

20 **2. Introduction of Metric**

21 Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E or the Company) safety
22 stand is “Everyone and Everything is Always Safe.” Nothing is more
23 important than our goal of continued risk reduction to keep our customers,
24 and the communities we serve as well as our workforce (employees and
25 contractors) safe. PG&E employees and contractors must understand that
26 their actions reflect this priority. Our safety culture begins with each of us
27 individually and extends to our coworkers and our communities. As part of
28 this stand, PG&E is committed to contractor safety.

29 As defined in Decision (D.) 21-11-009, the SIF Actual (Contractor) SOM
30 calculation is new in application to PG&E’s existing injury and SIF dataset.
31 The data were analyzed and reported under this definition beginning with
32 the first report submitted last March.

33 The EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria are updated annually based on
34 additional learnings from injury classification to provide further clarification or

1 criteria for the following year. PG&E is using the 2022 criteria (latest
2 available), which can be found on the EEI website.¹ The 2022 OS&HC
3 criteria define serious injuries as follows:

- 4 1) Fatalities;
- 5 2) Amputations (involving bone);
- 6 3) Concussions and/or cerebral hemorrhages;
- 7 4) Injury or trauma to internal organs;
- 8 5) Bone fractures (certain types);
- 9 6) Complete tendon, ligament and cartilage tears of the major joints
10 (e.g., shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle);
- 11 7) Herniated disks (neck or back);
- 12 8) Lacerations resulting in severed tendons and/or a deep wound requiring
13 internal stitches;
- 14 9) 2nd (10 percent body surface) or 3rd degree burns;
- 15 10) Eye injuries resulting in eye damage or loss of vision;
- 16 11) Injections of foreign materials (e.g., hydraulic fluid);
- 17 12) Severe heat exhaustion and all heat stroke cases;
- 18 13) Dislocation of a major joint (shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle):
19 a) Count only cases that required the manipulation or repositioning of
20 the joint back into place under the direction of a treating doctor;
- 21 14) "Other Injuries" category should only be selected for reporting injuries
22 not identified in the existing categories.

23 PG&E's SIF Program was deployed at the end of 2016 to establish a
24 cause evaluation process for coworker serious safety incidents. When it
25 was deployed only contractor incidents that resulted in a SIF Actual (fatality
26 or serious injury that was defined as life threatening or life altering) were
27 investigated by PG&E and entered into the Corrective Action Program
28 (CAP). The contractor was responsible for investigating all other incidents
29 and reporting back to PG&E, but those incidents were not entered into CAP.

30 From 2017 to 2020, PG&E classified SIF Actual (SIF-A) incidents based
31 on the job task and whether a life altering or life-threatening injury, or fatality

¹ The criteria can be found on the EEI website: [EEI Occupational Safety and Health Committee's Serious Injury Criteria](#).

1 occurred. In August of 2020, PG&E adopted EEI Safety Classification
2 Learning (SCL)² model to classify its SIF incidents. The EEI SCL model
3 classifies incidents into categories: High-Energy SIF (HSIF),³ Low-Energy
4 SIF (LSIF),⁴ Potential SIF (PSIF),⁵ Capacity,⁶ Exposure,⁷ Success⁸ and
5 Low Severity.⁹ The HSIF terminology is fairly new to the industry; however,
6 it is equivalent to a SIF-A with regard to how serious life threatening or
7 life-altering injuries, or fatalities are determined. Adopting the EEI SCL
8 model has improved the SIF Program by bringing a consistent and objective
9 approach to reviewing and classifying SIF incidents across the Company
10 and industry. The SCL model allows the Company to focus its safety and
11 risk mitigation efforts on the most serious outcomes and highest risk work
12 where a high energy incident occurred. In addition, in June of 2020 PG&E
13 modified the SIF Program to include internal classification and investigation
14 of contractor SIF Potential (SIF-P) incidents.¹⁰ This expanded requirement
15 led to an increase in contractor injury data.

16 The rate of SIF-A (Contractor) SOM definition is based on the EEI
17 OS&HC serious injury criteria¹¹ which is different than the EEI SCL Model.
18 It is suggested by EEI to use the OS&HC criteria in conjunction with the EEI

2 EEI, SCL Model available here: <https://www.safetyfunction.com/scl-model>.

3 *Id.* at p. 17, HSIF is defined as: “Incident with a release of high energy in the absence of a direct control where a serious injury is sustained.”

4 *Id.* at p. 17, LSIF is defined as: “Incident with a release of low energy in the absence of a direct control where a serious injury is sustained.”

5 *Id.* at p. 17, PSIF is defined as: “Incident with a release of high energy in the absence of a direct control where a serious injury is not sustained.”

6 *Id.* at p. 17, Capacity is defined as: “Incident with a release of high energy in the presence of a direct control where a serious injury is not sustained.”

7 *Id.* at p. 17, Exposure is defined as: “Condition where high energy is present in the absence of a direct control.”

8 *Id.* at p. 17, Success is defined as: “Condition where a high energy incident does not occur because of the presence of a direct control.”

9 *Id.* at p. 17, Low Severity is defined as: “Incident with a release of low energy where no serious injury is sustained.”

10 SAFE-1100S-B001: Contractor SIF-P Incidents: Requiring SIF-P Incidents and Cause Evaluations Published 6/2020.

11 EEI OS&HC’s Serious Injury Criteria, which can be found at <https://images.magnetmail.net/images/clients/EEI//attach/Environment/hsif2022.pdf>.

1 SCL model. Therefore, using only the OS&HC serious injury criteria creates
2 a different result in SIF-A classification from the expectation of using the EEI
3 SCL model that includes high energy incidents.

4 **B. (1.2) Metric Performance**

5 **1. Historical Data (2017 – 2022)**

6 PG&E is including six years of historical data representing 2017 through
7 2022. The dataset includes injury type, incident date, location, and EEI
8 OS&HC injury classification. See the corresponding Contractor SIF-A SOM
9 data file (21-11-009.PGE_SOM_1-2_Contractor_SIF_A_04-03-23) for a list
10 of incidents. Following the Kern Order Instituting Investigation (OII)
11 Settlement Agreement,¹² PG&E deployed the SIF Program to investigate
12 employee and contractor incidents resulting in life altering, life threatening,
13 or fatal injuries. Beginning in 2017, PG&E only tracked contractor incidents
14 that were classified through the SIF Program¹³ meeting those criteria. Prior
15 to the implementation of the Kern OII requirements, contractors were not
16 required to report SIF incidents. In June 2020, PG&E expanded the SIF
17 Program to include investigating contractor incidents rising to SIF-P
18 classification (focusing on incidents that meet the EEI SCL methodology as
19 described above). This increased the number and types of injuries and
20 incidents that contractors are required to report¹⁴ compared to prior
21 years.¹⁵

22 Figure 1.2-1 illustrates the rate of contractor injuries by year from
23 2017- 2022 based on historical data availability as discussed above. For
24 2020 through 2022, the dataset reflects the expanded SIF-P incident
25 reporting requirements for contractors implemented in June of 2020.¹⁶ The

¹² Investigation (I.) 14-08-022, Kern OII (Aug. 28, 2014) Settlement Agreement with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) see D.15-07-014.

¹³ SAFE-1100S Rev. 00 (2017): SIF Program.

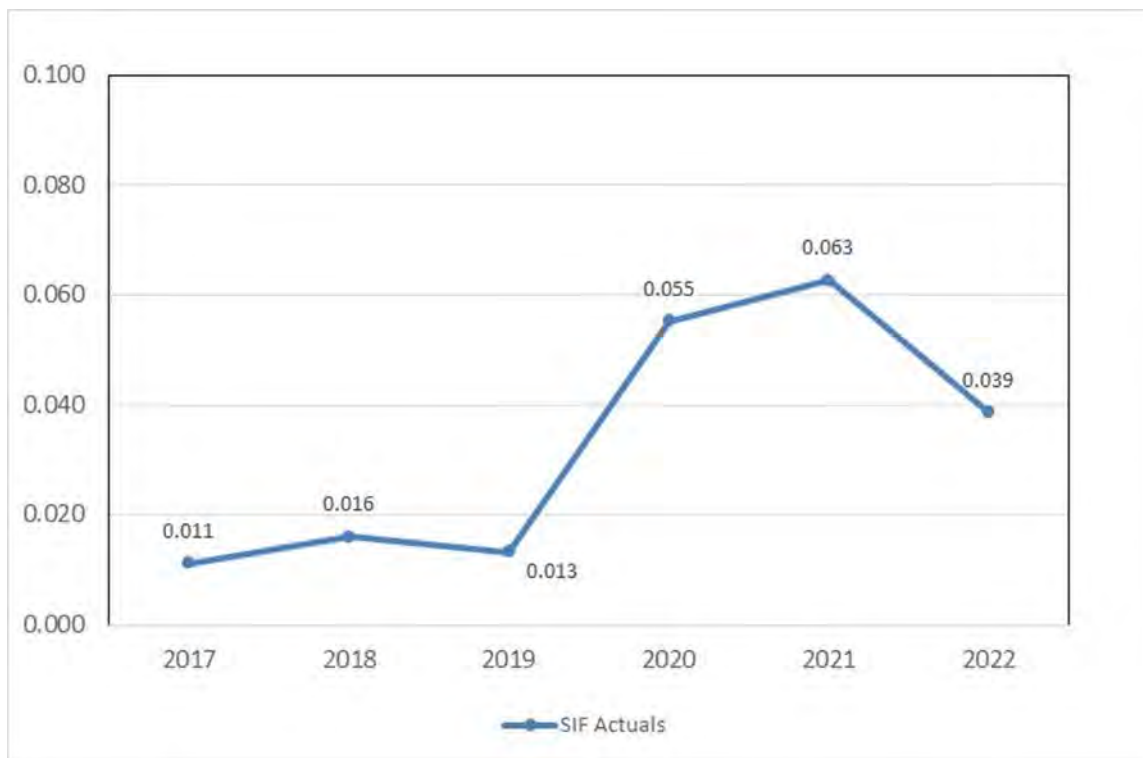
¹⁴ SAFE-1100S-B001.

¹⁵ Note, the expanded incident reporting requirement implemented in 2020 does not include the broader SOM SIF-A (Contractor) metric definition, which is discussed further in §III.b below.

¹⁶ SAFE-1100S-B001: Contractor SIF-P Incidents: Requiring SIF-P Incidents and Cause Evaluations Published 6/2020.

1 2017-2022 dataset includes a total of 54 injuries that met the EEI OS&HC
2 serious injury criteria. Fifty percent of the injuries met the criteria of bone
3 fracture, including of the hands and feet. Thirteen were fatalities, where one
4 helicopter crash in 2020 claimed the lives of three individuals; the other
5 fatalities involved an act of a third party, falls from trees, and electrical pole
6 gas pipe placement, and operations of motor and powered vehicles.

**FIGURE 1.2-1
RATE OF SIF ACTUAL (CONTRACTOR)
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE**



7 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

8 Contractor related Serious Safety Incidents¹⁷ or any SIF-A or SIF-P
9 incidents are reported to the Safety Helpline at Company number 223-8700,

¹⁷ As defined by SAFE-1004S: Safety Incident Notification and Response Management.

1 Option 1 and then entered into the Enterprise CAP program for SIF review
2 and classification.¹⁸ PG&E's SIF Program¹⁹ is managed through the CAP.

3 As mentioned above, the SIF-A (Contractor) SOM as defined in
4 D.21-11-009 SOM calculation is new in application to PG&E's existing injury
5 and SIF dataset, and 2022 was the first year in which the data were
6 analyzed and reported under this definition. To evaluate and establish
7 historical performance for the SOM SIF-A (Contractor) metric, PG&E pulled
8 data from the CAP and reviewed 472 issues with the Issue Type of
9 Contractor Safety. The list included both incidents or injuries reported to
10 PG&E or entered in CAP between 2017-2021. 27 percent, or 128 incidents
11 were related to gas dig-in by a third-party where no injuries occurred. The
12 remaining issues were reviewed to determine if any met the 14 EEI OS&HC
13 serious injury criteria as summarized above. For 2022, the same process
14 was used to review Contractor Safety related CAPs entered on a monthly
15 basis. A total of 368 contractor related CAPs were reviewed in 2022.

16 3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period

17 In 2022, 54 percent of the contractor serious injuries were due to bone
18 fractures (7 of 13). These included bone fractures of the fingers, wrist,
19 arms, ribs and legs. There were two contractor fatalities in 2022:

- 20 • A contractor arborist's primary safety line was compromised while
21 working aloft in a Douglas Fir resulting in fatal injuries to the arborist.
- 22 • A contractor partner was fatally injured after being struck by a backhoe at
23 a laydown yard during spoil and yard cleanup operations after working
24 on a gas pipeline replacement project.

25 All the incidents involved a high-energy event and were classified as
26 either SIF-A (HSIF) or SIF-P per the EEI SCL model and PG&E's SIF
27 Standard.

¹⁸ Per SAFE-1100S-B001, PG&E contractors are required to submit any Serious Safety Incidents or PSIF incidents to PG&E within 5-business days of becoming aware of the incident.

¹⁹ SAFE-1100S: SIF Standard determined SIF classification and management.

1 **C. (1.2) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 There have been no changes to the 1- and five- year targets since the
4 last SOMs report filing. As mentioned above, the rate of Contractor SIF-A
5 dataset includes the expanded SIF-P incident reporting requirements for
6 contractors implemented in June of 2020. We will continue to monitor
7 Contractor SIF-A trends and adjust the targets once the dataset has
8 matured.

9 **2. Target Methodology**

10 To establish the 1-year and 5-year target thresholds, PG&E considered
11 the following factors:

- 12 • Historical Data and Trends: The target threshold takes into
13 consideration the historical increase (from 0.013 to 0.063) between
14 2019, 2020 and 2021, after expanding the contractor reporting
15 requirements in 2020. This increased the amount and rate of contractor
16 serious injuries (as defined by the EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria) by
17 over 466-percent. It also takes into consideration that in 2022 PG&E
18 expanded contractor injury reporting requirements to meet the SOM
19 SIF-A OS&HC criteria;
- 20 • Benchmarking: Not available. This metric uses new methodology not
21 used in the industry; therefore, benchmarking is not available. PG&E
22 confirmed with EEI that it is starting to collect these data among its utility
23 members and hopes to increase benchmarking capability as more
24 utilities begin to track contractor incident data. For establishing the
25 SOM 1.2: SIF-A (Contractor) target threshold PG&E used the industry
26 data that were available as a proxy to establish approximate
27 calculations. PG&E will continue to refine its targets as benchmark data
28 comes available;
- 29 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 30 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes. The main focus
31 for driving down injuries is noted below in planned/future work related to
32 Contractor Safety initiatives;

- 1 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators: While the performance at or below
2 the target may be sustainable, the more appropriate metric is to focus
3 on injuries resulting from a high energy incident, which is consistent with
4 both industry SIF-A monitoring and the SPM; and
- 5 • Other Qualitative Considerations: This target approach was established
6 to account for all job-related tasks with the potential to cause injury as
7 defined by the EEI OS&HC criteria.

8 **3. 2023 and 2027 Target**

9 The 2023 (1-year) and 2027 (5-year) target thresholds are to maintain a
10 rate of less than 0.100. This target rate takes into consideration the
11 historical increase (from 0.013 to 0.063) from 2019 through 2021 after
12 expanding the contractor reporting requirements in 2020. It also considers
13 that in 2022 PG&E expanded contractor injury reporting requirements to
14 meet the SOM SIF-A (Contractor) defined EEI OS&HC criteria and that the
15 rates are subject to change depending on number of contractors hours
16 worked.

17 The target thresholds are set at the highest serious injury occurrence in
18 one year that would be concerning if the rate was surpassed. Since this
19 metric calculation is new to PG&E and 2022 was the first year it was
20 reported, the threshold takes into consideration historical data from 2020
21 and 2021 with an allowance for understanding this calculation and its
22 consequences. The threshold allows for a 50-percent rate increase over
23 2021, which allows PG&E to refine expectations as this new metric is refined
24 further. This is also the same methodology used for SOM 1.1: SIF-A
25 (Employee), which keeps target setting consistent for both metric
26 calculations.

27 **D. (1.2) Performance Against Target**

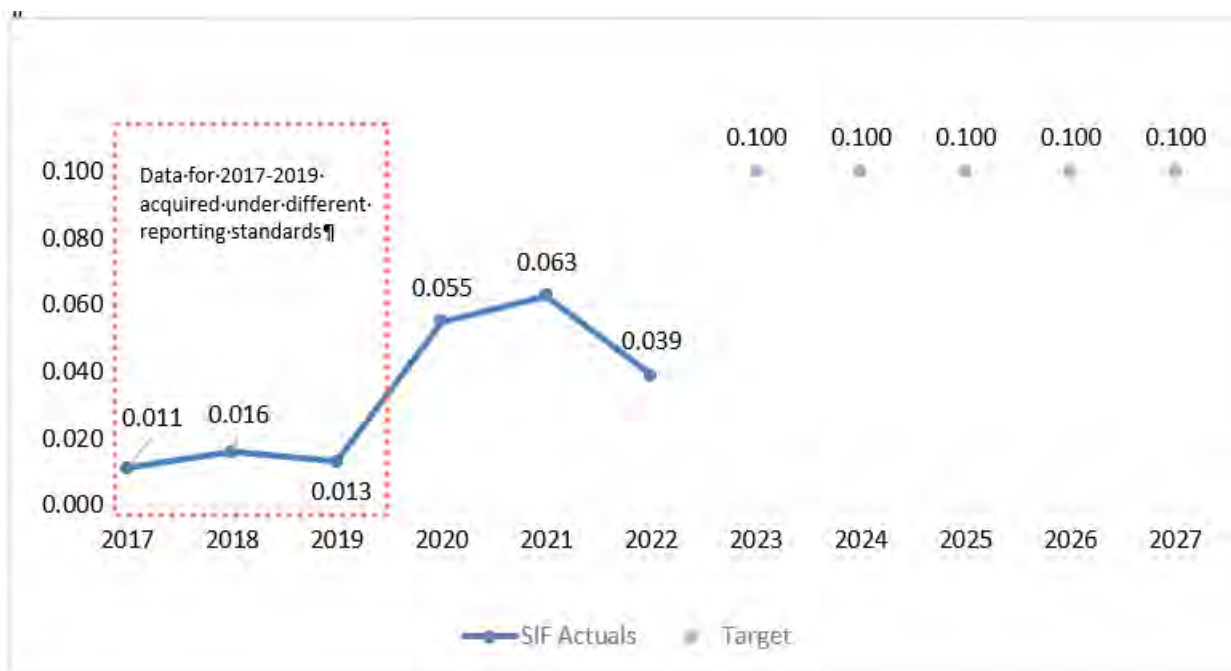
28 **1. Progress on Sustaining the 1-Year Target**

29 As demonstrated in Figure 1.1-2 below, PG&E saw a decrease in the
30 Contractor SIF Actual rate in 2022. The number of hours worked by
31 contractors in 2022 was slightly greater than in 2021.

1 **2. Progress on Sustaining the 5-Year Target**

2 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is continuing to deploy a
3 number of programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this
4 metric to meet the Company's 5-year performance target and will continue
5 to monitor Contractor SIF-A trends and adjust the targets as appropriate.

**FIGURE 1.2-2
RATE OF SIF-A (CONTRACTOR)
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS**



6 **E. (1.2) Current and Planned Work Activities**

- 7 • PG&E's Contractor Safety Program: Programs that support this metric
8 include PG&E's Enterprise Health and Safety organization and the
9 Contractor Safety Program. Beginning in 2016, PG&E implemented a
10 formal Contractor Safety Program to help our contractor partners reduce
11 illness and injuries when working with PG&E. The program was
12 implemented as required by the CPUC, Kern Oil Settlement Agreement.
13 PG&E's Contractor Safety Program includes all contractors and
14 subcontractors (currently over 2,100) performing high and medium-risk work
15 on behalf of PG&E, on either PG&E owned, or customer owned, sites and
16 assets. The Contractor Safety Program consists of the following primary
17 elements:

- 1 – Contractor Company Pre-Qualification: PG&E leverages the
2 capabilities of ISNetworld (ISN) to collect performance and safety
3 compliance program information from all prime and subcontractors that
4 conduct work classified as high or medium risk. PG&E is responsible
5 for the performance of its contractors. As part of this effort, ISNetworld
6 a third-party administrator, independently assesses contractors’
7 historical safety data, and safety, drug/alcohol, and disciplinary
8 programs to evaluate whether contractors meet PG&E’s minimum
9 performance standards and have the necessary programs in place to
10 manage compliance. A variance to work for PG&E is required for
11 contractors who do not meet the prequalification requirements. The
12 variance process includes a review of the contractor’s performance and
13 improvement plans and the business need. The decision to award a
14 variance requires Chief Executive Officer (CEO) approval, or CEO
15 designee approval. [PG&E has implemented a new Driving Safety
16 Program. This program is intended to ensure our prime contractors and
17 subcontractors are meeting the PG&E driving program expectations, as
18 well as the Department of Transportation’s regulatory agencies, and
19 best in class procedures adapted from the ANSI Z15.1-2017 standard.](#)
20 PG&E continues to strengthen the requirements in the areas of fatalities
21 and performance evaluation, including requiring a mitigation plan, and
22 adding the requirement of a safety observation program.
- 23 – Enhanced Safety Contract Terms: PG&E Contract terms require that,
24 following a serious public or worker safety incident, the contractor will
25 conduct a cause evaluation, share the analysis with PG&E, and
26 cooperate and assist with PG&E’s cause evaluation analysis and
27 corrective actions for the incident, and regulatory investigations and
28 inquiries, including but not limited to Safety Enforcement Division’s
29 investigations and inquiries. Under the enhanced Safety Contract
30 Terms, PG&E has the right to:
- 31 1) Designate safety precautions in addition to those in use or
32 proposed by the contractor;
 - 33 2) Stop work to ensure compliance with safe work practices and
34 applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations;

- 1 3) Require the contractor to provide additional safeguards beyond
- 2 what the contractor plans to utilize;
- 3 4) Terminate the contractor for cause in the event of a serious incident
- 4 or failure to comply with PG&E's safety precautions; and
- 5 5) Review and approve criteria for work plans, which include safety
- 6 plans.

- 7 • Contractor Job Safety Planning: Safety must be factored into every job plan
- 8 from start to finish. Safety considerations include formal training, job site
- 9 work controls, specialized equipment to reduce hazards, and personal
- 10 protective equipment. Each of PG&E's functional areas have safety plan
- 11 requirements unique to its operations. Prior to commencement of work,
- 12 PG&E is required to review the adequacy of the safety plans, including
- 13 contractor safety personnel qualifications where applicable, and perform a
- 14 safety assessment to evaluate whether additional safety mitigations are
- 15 required, including whether to assign PG&E onsite safety personnel. These
- 16 reviews must be conducted by PG&E employees that are qualified to perform
- 17 such work or PG&E engages third-party experts as appropriate to perform
- 18 this safety analysis.
- 19 • Contractor Oversight: Work activities are governed by qualified PG&E
- 20 oversight personnel to ensure work follows the PG&E reviewed and
- 21 approved safety plan designed for the job. PG&E conducts field safety
- 22 observations of the contractor. In 2022, approximately 92,000 contractor
- 23 observations were conducted. High-risk findings are reviewed daily, and
- 24 corrective actions are discussed. Observation data collected by all observers
- 25 (e.g., PG&E and contractors) are analyzed to support continuous
- 26 improvement.
- 27 • Contractor Safety Performance Evaluation: To maximize and capture
- 28 lessons learned, the results of which are shared across the enterprise, as
- 29 well as providing a means of determining future contract award, contractor
- 30 safety performance is evaluated. Evaluations must be completed at the
- 31 conclusion of the contracted work or at least once every calendar year.

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6 The material updates to this chapter since the September 30, 2022, report can
7 be found in Section B.1 concerning historical data; B.3 concerning metric
8 performance; C.1 and C.2 concerning updated metric targets; Section D concerning
9 performance; and Section E Current and Planned Work Activities. Material changes
10 from the prior report are identified in blue font.

11 **A. (1.3) Overview**

12 **1. Metric Definition**

13 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 1.3 – Serious Injury and Fatality
14 (SIF) Actual (Public) is defined as:

15 *A fatality or personal injury requiring inpatient hospitalization for other*
16 *than medical observations that an authority having jurisdiction has*
17 *determined resulted directly from incorrect operation of equipment, failure or*
18 *malfunction of utility-owned equipment, or failure to comply with any*
19 *California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) rule or*
20 *standard. Equipment includes utility or contractor vehicles and aircraft used*
21 *during the course of business.*

22 **2. Introduction of Metric**

23 Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E) safety stand is “Everyone
24 and Everything is Always Safe.” Our goal is zero public safety incidents that
25 result from the failure or malfunction of a PG&E asset or the failure of PG&E
26 to follow rules and/or standards. In support of this, PG&E is continuing to
27 invest in programs to protect the public including electric transmission and
28 distribution system reliability and the reduction of wildfire risk. PG&E
29 remains committed to building an organization where every work activity is
30 designed to facilitate safe performance, every member of our workforce
31 knows and practices safe behaviors, and every individual is encouraged to
32 speak up if they see an unsafe or risky behavior with the confidence that
33 their concerns and ideas will be heard and followed up on. As part of this

1 stand, the Public SIF Actual metric is integral in ensuring the safety of our
2 communities.

3 The Public SIF Actual metric definition established in Decision
4 (D.) 21-11-009 is a new way for PG&E to categorize and report public safety
5 incidents resulting in a SIF. There are two primary differences between the
6 SOMs Public SIF Actual metric and the Safety Performance Metric (SPM)
7 Public SIF metric (SPM Metric 20).

- 8 • First, the SOM requires a finding by an authority with jurisdiction
9 (e.g., CAL FIRE, CPUC); and
- 10 • Second, that finding must determine that the Public SIF Actual was
11 directly caused by incorrect operation, a malfunction, or failure to meet a
12 Commission rule or standard.¹

13 As a result, the data in this report are a subset of the data included with
14 the SPM Report for the Public SIFs metric, which is defined as a fatality or
15 personal injury requiring in-patient hospitalization involving utility facilities or
16 equipment. Equipment, in the case of the SPM, includes utility vehicles
17 used during the course of business.

18 In 2012, PG&E improved its data collection processes and reporting for
19 public serious incidents. These data were used to inform PG&E's Risk
20 Assessment and Mitigation Phase (RAMP) Report, which informs and helps
21 prioritize our investments to address top safety risks. The report outlines
22 our top safety risks and includes descriptions of the controls currently in
23 place, as well as mitigations—both underway and proposed—to reduce
24 each risk.

25 **B. (1.3) Metric Performance**

26 **1. Historical Data (2010 – 2022)**

27 In this report, PG&E is providing thirteen years of historical data from
28 2010 through 2022.² The data include a description of the incident, type of
29 injury, and identification of the authority with jurisdiction that has determined
30 or may determine that incorrect operations, malfunction, or failure to meet a

1 D.21-11-009 – (Rulemaking 20-07-013) Appendix A, p. 2.

2 See Attachment 3 – Public SIF Actual SOM 2010 through 2022 for a detailed list of incidents.

1 standard was the cause of the SIF. As mentioned above, the data collection
2 and internal reporting processes for public safety serious incidents were
3 improved in 2012. Historical data for the Public SIF Actual metric are based
4 on this timeframe and also include available data for the years of 2010 and
5 2011.

6 Because the metric definition requires a finding from an authority having
7 jurisdiction, Public SIF Actual incidents in prior years may not appear in the
8 historical data. For the purposes of this report, PG&E is including incidents
9 where PG&E may have disputed the finding of an authority with jurisdiction
10 that the Public SIF Actual was caused by incorrect operation, a malfunction,
11 or failure to meet a Commission rule or standard, and/or where the incidents
12 are subject to pending investigation or litigation. These incidents are shown
13 as “pending” in the corresponding metric data file
14 (21-11-009.PGE_SOM_1-3_Publif_SIF_2023_04-03-23). PG&E will
15 continue to update the historical data in future SOMs reports as appropriate
16 and identify changes based on new information.

17 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

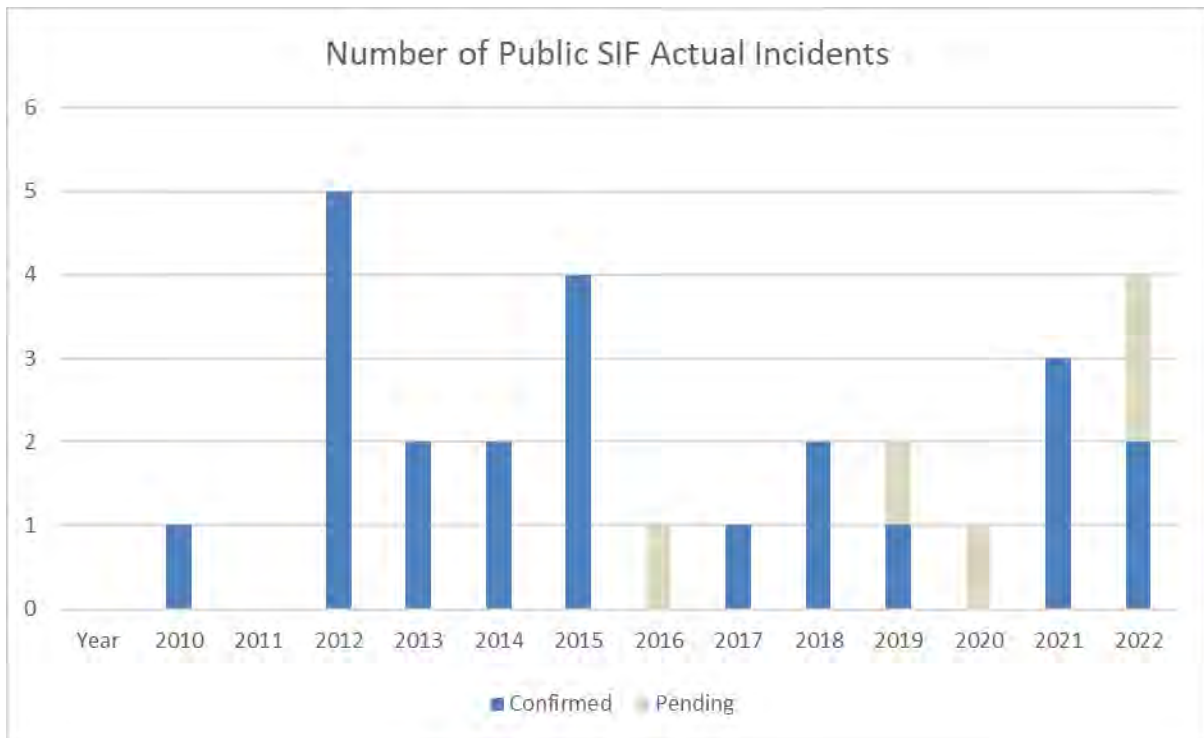
18 PG&E’s Public SIF Actual incident data largely come from the Enterprise
19 Health and Safety Serious Incidents Reports, which includes a compilation
20 of Law Department claims from PG&E’s Riskmaster database, Electric
21 Incident Reports, and other reportable incidents such as PG&E Federal
22 Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license compliance reports. For the
23 SOMs report, the incidents included in the Public SIF Actual metric must be
24 determined by an authority having jurisdiction to have resulted directly from:
25 (1) incorrect operation of equipment, failure or malfunction of utility-owned
26 equipment, or from (2) the failure to comply with any Commission rule or
27 standard. PG&E interprets jurisdictional authorities to include those with
28 enforcement authority, such as CAL FIRE, the CPUC, PG&E, or the
29 National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

30 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

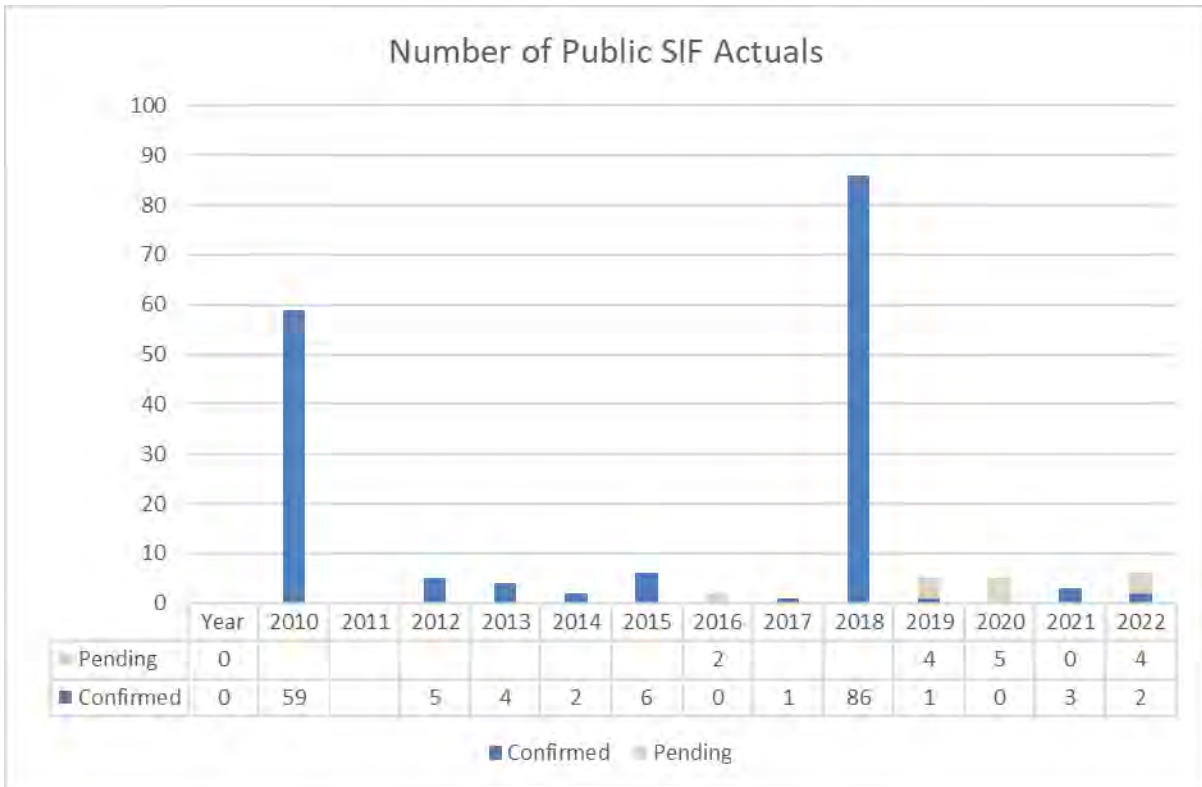
31 The graphs included in Figure 1.3-1 and Figure 1.3-2 below show the
32 total number of incidents and the total number of serious injuries or fatalities
33 for each identified incident. Between 2010 to 2022, there were a total of

1 23 confirmed incidents where Public SIF Actuals occurred (Figure 1.3-1),
2 which resulted in a total of 169 public SIFs (Figure 1.3-2). Five incidents
3 where a serious injury or fatality to a member of the public occurred are
4 shown as “pending” due to ongoing investigation and/or litigation. Of these,
5 three incidents are related to wildfire.

**FIGURE 1.3-1
NUMBER OF PUBLIC SIF ACTUAL INCIDENTS 2010 – 2022
CONFIRMED AND PENDING INVESTIGATION**



**FIGURE 1.3-2
NUMBER OF PUBLIC SIF ACTUALS 2010 – 2022
CONFIRMED AND PENDING INVESTIGATION**



1 For 2022, there were two confirmed Public SIF Actual incidents. On
 2 January 3, 2022, a third-party semi-trailer became entangled in
 3 communications cable attached to a PG&E distribution pole, which resulted
 4 in a serious injury. On January 24, 2022, an electric contact occurred in
 5 Monterey County, which resulted in a fatality. Two additional incidents
 6 involving a PG&E contractor motor vehicle and a PG&E employee motor
 7 vehicle respectively are pending a final determination on the SOMs Public
 8 SIF Actual definition.

9 PG&E is continuing to evaluate its Public Safety programs as discussed
 10 in the 2020 RAMP Report Third-Party Safety Incident Risk chapter and also
 11 in other chapters, and through further maturing its public incident
 12 investigation process, including the advancement of Public SIF Actual metric
 13 definition requirements and learnings.

1 **C. (1.3) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5- Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 There are no changes to the 1- and 5- year targets for the Public SIF
4 Actual metric, which is to demonstrate progress towards the elimination of
5 serious injuries and fatalities (zero Public SIF Actual incidents).

6 **2. Target Methodology**

7 With our stand of Everyone and Everything is Always Safe, our goal is
8 the elimination of Public SIF Actual incidents resulting directly from incorrect
9 operation of PG&E equipment, failure or malfunction of PG&E-owned
10 equipment, or from PG&E's failure to comply with any Commission rule or
11 standard.

12 In consideration of the above, PG&E also reviewed the following factors:

- 13 • Historical Data and Trends: From 2010 through 2022, there were a total
14 of 23 confirmed incidents where Public SIF Actuals occurred
15 (Figure 1.3-1), which resulted in a total of 169 public SIFs (Figure 1.3-2).
16 Five incidents where a serious injury or fatality occurred are pending
17 due to ongoing investigation and/or litigation. Historical data will
18 continue to inform PG&E's plans and actions to achieve its goal of zero
19 public safety incidents;
- 20 • Benchmarking: Not available. This is a new metric definition;
- 21 • Regulatory Requirements: CPUC, FERC, and DOT, public safety
22 reporting requirements;
- 23 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes. PG&E's work and
24 resource plan prioritizes public safety risk reduction. This includes
25 minimizing the risk of catastrophic wildfires in alignment with the
26 continued execution of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and
27 maturation of key wildfire mitigation strategies. It also includes
28 mitigation of other public safety risks related to the elimination of serious
29 injuries and fatalities (zero Public SIF Actual incidents);
- 30 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight
31 Enforcement: A 1-year goal of zero Public SIF Actuals was established
32 in 2022 and has not changed for 2023 through 2027 (5-year). The goal

1 reflects PG&E's intent to immediately and continuously operate without
2 creating risk to the public; and

- 3 • Other Qualitative Considerations: PG&E's approach is aligned to and
4 anchored on PG&E's goal and commitment to "always" safe operations.

5 **3. 2023 Target**

6 As discussed above, PG&E's 1-year target for the Public SIF Actual
7 metric is to demonstrate progress towards the elimination of serious injuries
8 and fatalities (zero Public SIF Actual incidents) resulting directly from
9 incorrect operation of PG&E equipment, failure or malfunction of
10 PG&E-owned equipment, or PG&E's failure to comply with any Commission
11 rule or standard.

12 **4. 2027 Target**

13 PG&E's 5-year target for the Public SIF Actual metric is to demonstrate
14 progress towards the elimination of serious injuries and fatalities
15 (zero Public SIF Actual incidents) resulting directly from incorrect operation
16 of PG&E equipment, failure or malfunction of PG&E-owned equipment, or
17 PG&E's failure to comply with any Commission rule or standard.

18 **D. (1.3) Performance Against Target**

19 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Directional Target**

20 As discussed above, PG&E has confirmed two Public SIF Actual
21 incidents meet the SOMs criteria in 2022.

22 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Directional Target**

23 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is continuing to deploy several
24 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to
25 meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

26 **E. (1.3) Current and Planned Work Activities**

27 Many of the current and planned activities to eliminate public safety
28 incidents are addressed by meeting key operations risks, which are discussed in
29 other SOMs. The list here touches upon some of the key risk drivers and
30 mitigation activities in place and references the specific SOMS chapters:

- 31 • Gas Distribution Public Safety Enhancements: We have made significant
32 progress on the safety and reliability programs for our extensive gas

1 storage, transmission, and distribution systems. The programs are
2 designed to enhance public and coworker safety and the reliability of our
3 natural gas system. Continued distribution system enhancements to public
4 safety programs are forecasted through 2026 and include ongoing vintage
5 gas pipeline replacement, corrosion detection and mitigation, leak surveys
6 and repair, and locate and mark services so customers and workers will
7 know where they can safely dig.

- 8 • Gas Transmission and Storage (GT&S) Safety Improvements: PG&E plans
9 to increase the safety of our GT&S assets with increased in-line inspections,
10 direct assessments, strength tests, over pressure protection, and gas
11 storage well reworks and retrofits. Many of these programs are required by
12 recent state and federal regulations designed to ensure that natural gas
13 companies provide safe and reliable service to their customers. In addition
14 to our own programs, federal and state regulations impacting natural gas
15 infrastructure, including pipelines and storage facilities, continue to evolve
16 and add new requirements for our operations.
- 17 • Gas Operations (GO) Public Awareness and Education Programs: GO
18 public awareness programs reduce the threat of third-party damage to
19 pipelines through educational outreach regarding safe excavation near
20 pipelines. PG&E’s gas safety communication efforts use a variety of media
21 to effectively reach the greatest population possible within PG&E’s service
22 territory. These efforts include sending bill inserts, e-mails, brochures or
23 letters to communicate gas safety information, providing targeted agricultural
24 excavation safety messaging, and hosting 811 “Call Before You Dig”
25 workshops.
- 26 • GO Patrols: GO patrols help to identify third-party threats from construction
27 and excavation activities.
- 28 • GO System Remediation: GO system remediation includes the retirement
29 of gas gathering facilities, including idle pressurized pipe, and the
30 replacement and remediation of exposed and shallow pipe to further reduce
31 the likelihood of third-party contact.

32 For additional information regarding current and planned work activities
33 for reducing the risk of gas transmission and distribution system equipment
34 failure or malfunction, please see Chapters 4.1 through 4.7 of this report.

- 1 • Electric Operations (EO) manhole cover replacement: Programs that
2 address asset-related safety risk also include continuing to replace manhole
3 covers in areas of high pedestrian foot traffic with hinged venting manhole
4 covers designed to stay in place in the event of a vault explosion.
- 5 • Electric Asset Inspections Improvements: The continuous improvement of
6 detailed asset inspections to enable proactive identification of any potential
7 equipment issues that may lead to failures.
- 8 • EO Public Awareness Programs: EO Public awareness programs to
9 educate non-PG&E contractors and the public about power line safety and
10 the hazards associated with wire down events and are intended to reduce
11 the number of third-party electrical contacts. Outreach efforts include social
12 media campaigns focused on increasing customer awareness of overhead
13 lines, representation at local fire safe councils and community events and
14 the automated customer notification system. Security improvements can
15 include proactive equipment replacement, security measures and intrusion
16 detection devices.

17 For additional information regarding current and planned work activities
18 for reducing the risk of electric transmission and distribution system
19 equipment failure or malfunction please see Chapters 2.1 through 2.4,
20 Chapters 3.1 through 3.9, and Chapters 3.11 through 3.16 of this report. In
21 addition, PG&E's 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan³ also includes information
22 regarding grid system hardening and enhancements to reduce the risk of
23 wildfire.

- 24 • Power Generations Hydroelectric Programs: Hydroelectric programs
25 include procedures for planning for unusual water releases, along with their
26 associated safety warnings.
- 27 • Power Generation Compliance Programs: Public Safety Plans are
28 published and routinely updated as required by PG&E hydroelectric facility
29 FERC licenses. FERC required Emergency Action Plans exist for all
30 significant and high hazards dams. The Plans are exercised annually with a
31 seminar and phone drill.

3 [PG&E's 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan](#).

- 1 • Hydro Facility Unusual Water Releases and Water Safety Warning Standard
2 and accompanying procedure: Hydroelectric facility Unusual Water
3 Releases and Water Safety Warning documentation establishes Hydro
4 facility requirements for planning and making unusual water releases or high
5 flow events and their associated safety warnings.
- 6 • PG&E Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Program: This program
7 establishes and defines PG&E's Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring
8 Program for the continued long-term safe and reliable operation of PG&E's
9 dams. Dam surveillance involves the collection of data by various means,
10 including inspections and instrumentation, whereas monitoring involves the
11 review of the collected data as obtained and over time for any adverse
12 trends.
- 13 • Canals and Waterways Safety: In 2022, [PG&E Power Generation and](#)
14 [external public safety representatives successfully tested a new rope system](#)
15 [designed to enable members of the public who might accidentally fall into a](#)
16 [hydro canal to pull themselves out of danger. Since 2019, an additional 8.3](#)
17 [miles of barrier fencing has been installed along with 139 newly designed](#)
18 [escape ladders. In addition, 327 warning signs have been posted,](#)
19 [identifying the canal and specific GPS location.](#)
- 20 • Barrier Fencing: Power Generation has installed approximately
21 [167,000 linear feet of barrier fencing along PG&E's canal systems.](#) Power
22 Generation has also created and distributed safety information to property
23 owners with canals that bisect their property. A canal entry emergency
24 response plan has been published to guide efficient and timely
25 communications between PG&E personnel and local first responders when
26 responding to emergencies resulting from public entry into PG&E-owned
27 water conveyance systems.
- 28 • Transportation Safety: PG&E Transportation Safety programs protect our
29 employees and the public by establishing requirements and processes to
30 control risks that can lead to motor vehicle accidents, improve safety
31 performance, and increase awareness of all PG&E employees related to the
32 operation of motor vehicles. This comprehensive program was established
33 to reduce the number of motor vehicle incidents that have the potential for
34 serious injury, including fatal injury, to PG&E's employees, staff

1 augmentation employees operating vehicles on Company business, and the
2 public. Driver performance data is used to identify specific risk drivers for
3 targeted intervention, including driver training and implementing vehicle
4 safety technology.

5 PG&E's Transportation Safety Department also ensures compliance
6 with federal Department of Transportation and California state regulations
7 and requirements which emphasize public and employee safety.

- 8 • Contractor Safety Programs: Pre-qualification requirements for the PG&E
9 Contractor Safety Program include a review of the 3-year history of Serious
10 Safety Incidents (Life Altering/Life Threatening) affecting the public. This
11 information must be updated annually. Additional information on the
12 Contractor Safety program can be found in Chapter 1.2 of this report.

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8 be found in Section B.1, B.3 metric performance; Section C concerning updated
9 metric targets; and Section D concerning performance against target. Material
10 changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

11 **A. (2.1) Overview**

12 **1. Metric Definition**

13 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 2.1 – System Average Interruption
14 Duration Index (SAIDI) (Unplanned) is defined as:

15 *SAIDI (Unplanned) = average duration of sustained interruptions per*
16 *metered customer due to all unplanned outages, excluding on Major Event*
17 *Days (MED), in a calendar year. “Average duration” is defined as: Sum of*
18 *(duration of interruption * # of customer interruptions)/Total number of*
19 *customers served. “Duration” is defined as: Customer hours of outages.*
20 *Includes all transmission and distribution outages.*

21 **2. Introduction of Metric**

22 The measurement of SAIDI unplanned represents the amount of time
23 the average Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) customer
24 experiences a sustained outage or outages, defined as being without power
25 for more than five minutes, each year. The SAIDI measurement does not
26 include planned outages, which occur when PG&E deactivates power to
27 safely perform system work. This metric is associated with risk of Asset
28 Failure, which is associated with both utility reliability and safety. The metric
29 measures outages due to all causes including impacts of various external
30 factors, but excludes MED. It is an important industry-standard measure of
31 reliability performance as it is a direct measure of a customer’s electric
32 reliability experience.

1 **B. (2.1) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2022)**

3 PG&E has measured unplanned SAIDI for over 20 years; however, this
4 report uses 2013-2022 unplanned SAIDI values for target analysis to align
5 with the same timeframe used for the wire down SOMs metrics. 2013 was
6 the first full year PG&E uniformly began measuring wire down events.

7 The Cornerstone program investments in 2013 involved both capacity
8 and reliability projects, and PG&E experienced its best reliability
9 performance in 2015. In 2015, SAIDI (unplanned and planned) was in
10 second quartile when benchmarking with peer utilities.

11 Most of the 2017-2020 reliability investment was on Fault Location
12 Isolation and Restoration (FLISR), which automatically isolates faulted line
13 sections and then restores all other non-faulted sections in less than
14 five minutes typically in urban/suburban areas. Of note, FLISR does not
15 prevent customer interruptions but rather reduces the number of customers
16 that experience a sustained (greater than five minutes) outage.

17 The targeted circuit program, distribution line fuse replacement, and
18 installing reclosers in the worst performing areas are the initiatives that have
19 had the biggest impact in improving system reliability at the lowest cost.

20 Other factors that contribute to reliability improvement include (but are
21 not limited to) reliability project investments and project execution, favorable
22 weather conditions, outage response and repair times, asset lifecycle and
23 health, vegetation management (VM), and switching device locations and
24 function (including disablement of reclosers to mitigate fire risk).

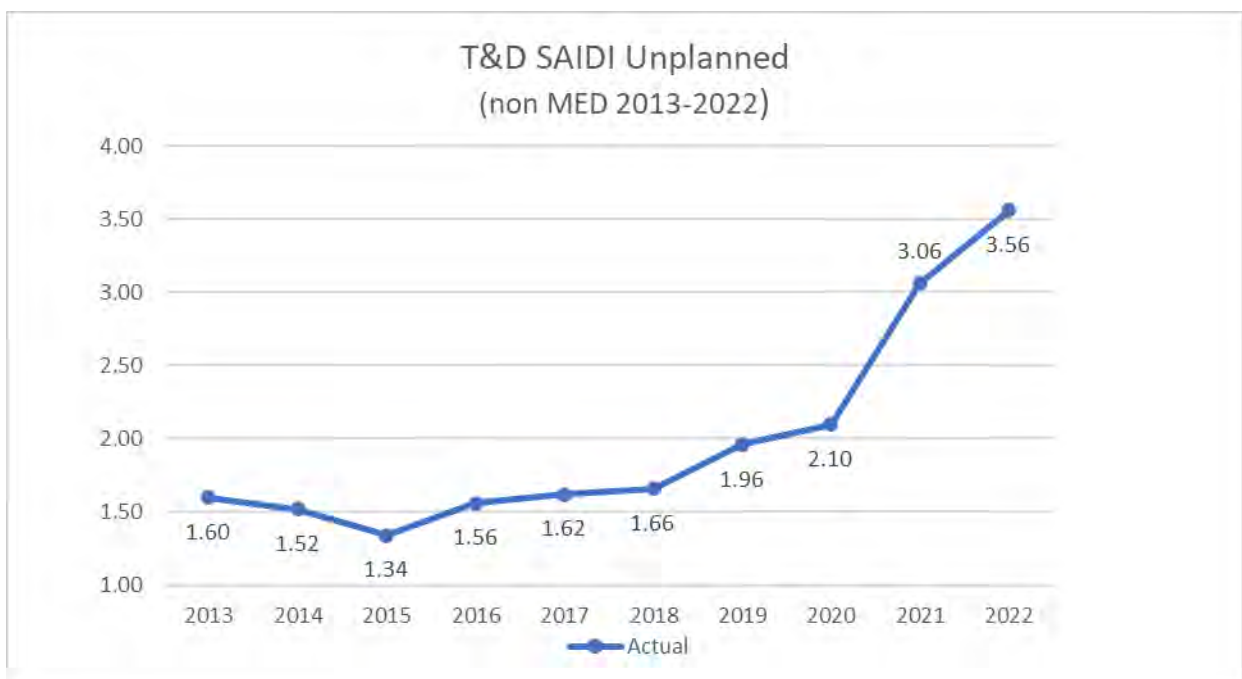
25 Reliability performance has consistently degraded since 2017 as
26 PG&E's focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation, with a
27 45 percent unplanned SAIDI increase occurring in 2021 from 2020.

28 In 2021, Hot Line Tag, which was soon named Enhanced Powerline
29 Safety Settings (EPSS) became an additional mitigation for wildfires. This
30 was used in conjunction with PSPS. The EPSS on all protective devices
31 feeding into HFRA areas were set very sensitively so they could quickly and
32 automatically turn off power if a problem was detected on the line. This
33 significant reduction in time for clearing a fault had come into conflict with
34 normal utility practices of maintaining coordination between devices. Where

1 there was one device operating for an issue on the line, we now had multiple
2 devices leading to more customers out and worser reliability.

3 In 2022, PG&E added additional 800+ circuits and 2000+ devices to the
4 EPSS work. Additionally, PG&E has focused on optimizing the EPSS
5 settings and installing additional devices to make reliability better where
6 possible.

FIGURE 2.1-1
TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION HISTORICAL UNPLANNED SAIDI PERFORMANCE
(2013-2022 NON-MED ONLY)



7 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

8 PG&E uses its outage database, typically referred to as its Integrated
9 Logging Information System (ILIS) – Operations Database and its Customer
10 Care and Billing database to obtain the customer count information to
11 calculate these metric results. It should also be noted that PG&E’s outage
12 database includes distribution transformer level and above outages that
13 impact both metered customers and a smaller number of unmetered
14 customers. Outage information is entered into ILIS by distribution operators
15 based on information from field personnel and devices such as Supervisory
16 Control and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeter™ devices. PG&E last
17 upgraded its outage reporting tools in 2015 and integrated SmartMeter

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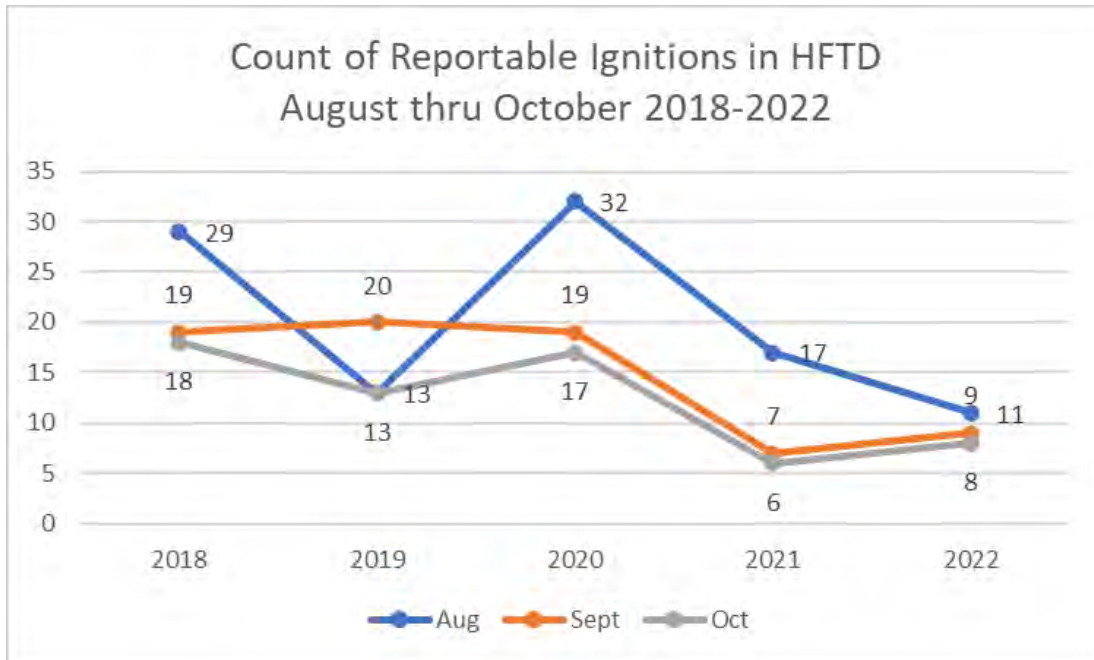
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10 calculated from the natural log of the daily SAIDI values over the past
11 five years. The SAIDI index is used as the basis since it leads to consistent
12 results and is a good indicator of operational and design stress.

13 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

14 As of December 2022, the unplanned SAIDI metric performance was
15 3.56 hours and finished the year better than the 1-Year target range of
16 5.67 hours-6.80 hours. However, end of year performance result was higher
17 than previous years. This is largely due to the following factors:

- 18 • To reduce ignition risk, PG&E implemented the Enhanced Powerline
19 Safety Shutoff (EPSS) program in July 2021. This program enabled
20 higher sensitivity settings on targeted circuits in High Fire Threat
21 Districts (HFTD) to deenergize when tripped. In 2022, PG&E observed
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23 circuit when compared to the previous three years. As Figure 2-1.3
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2018-2022 COUNT OF CPUC-REPORTABLE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION IGNITIONS
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5 comparable to years prior to 2018 as the operating conditions have

6 changed significantly and resulted in large year-over-year changes.

7 **C. (2.1) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

8 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

9 With the conclusion of 2022, the 1 and 5-year targets have been

10 adjusted to reflect a year’s worth of results from the EPSS program (and a

11 complete fire season), as well as to account for any efficiencies that may be

12 gained. As year-over-year weather variables shift, targets will continue to be

13 adjusted in each subsequent report filing as PG&E continues to be able to

14 quantify the impacts of EPSS on Reliability performance.

15 The target for 2023 will be a target range of 3.45-5.34 hours.

2. Target Methodology

For 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E is proposing a range for the SAIDI unplanned metric of 3.45 - 5.34 hours, primarily due to the significant expansion of the EPSS program in 2022 to reduce wildfire risk, the continued high MED threshold, and the continuing variability of weather from year-to-year such as the storm events experienced in January, February and March 2023.

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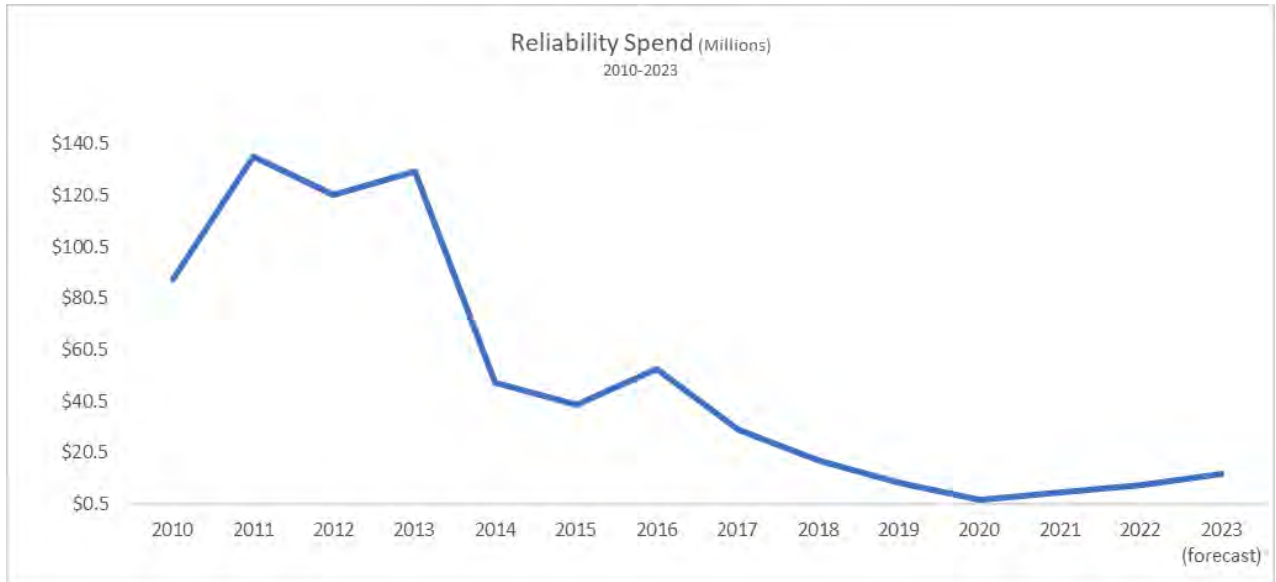
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- Historical Data and Trends: As 2021 was the first year of EPSS deployment and given the expansion of the program in 2022, there is no historical data to help guide in target setting.
- Benchmarking: PG&E is currently in the fourth quartile. At this time, targets are set based on operational and risk factors as opposed to only an aspiration quartile goal, although current quartile performance is acknowledged as an indicator of PG&E's opportunity to improve for our customers over the long-run as risk reduction allows;
- Regulatory Requirements: None;
- Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and Enforcement: The target range for this metric is suitable for EOE as it accounts for our current work plan and the unknowns of EPSS;

- 1 • Attainable With Known Resources/Work Plan: Based on 2022 results
2 and the 2023 work plan, PG&E expects performance to fall within
3 proposed target range. The lower limit of PG&E’s proposed SOMs
4 target (3.45 hours) reflects a 3 percent improvement from our 2022
5 result (3.56 hours);

6 As Figure 2.1-4 below demonstrates, PG&E’s work plan and
7 resource priority of minimizing the risk of catastrophic wildfires is the
8 driving factor of reliability performance. This risk prioritized work plan
9 does not support an improvement of the unplanned SAIDI metric.

**FIGURE 2.1-4
HISTORICAL RELIABILITY SPEND (2010-2023)**



- 10 – The GRC in 2017-2020 allocated budget for reliability, but the work
11 continues to be re-prioritized to focus on wildfire mitigation,
12 compliance, pole replacement and tags;
- 13 – The most significant driver of reliability performance is Equipment
14 Failure, specifically Overhead (OH) Conductor;
- 15 – Current replacement rates from 2017-2022 have been on average
16 32 miles/year. This is significantly below the OH Conductor Asset
17 Management Plan, which cites third-party recommendations for
18 replacement rates at approximately 1200 miles per year to sustain
19 2016 levels of reliability performance;

- 1 – Current investment profile in the GRC for OH Conductor is
- 2 approximately 70 miles/year. Alternative funding scenarios or
- 3 internal prioritization would be needed to increase replacement
- 4 miles per year;
- 5 – Conductor replacement under the System Hardening program for
- 6 wildfire risk reduction is forecasted through the GRC period, but
- 7 provides limited additional benefit, at approximately 1 percent
- 8 (due to rural HFTD geography in which this work takes place);
- 9 – Current allocated 2023 GRC spending amount for targeted
- 10 Reliability improvements (MAT code 49X) is \$9 million, which
- 11 equates to an approximate unplanned SAIDI reduction of
- 12 0.72 minutes;
- 13 – Prior to the implementation of EPSS in July 2021, current levels of
- 14 investment and assuming the GRC forecast through 2026,
- 15 SAIDI/System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI)
- 16 performance was expected to remain in the third quartile and
- 17 sustained improvement trending not expected until 2023. However,
- 18 with the EPSS implementation, performance fell and is expected to
- 19 remain in the fourth quartile; and
- 20 • Other Considerations: PG&E expanded their 2022 EPSS program (as
- 21 described earlier in this chapter) and began enablement on high-risk
- 22 circuits in January 2022 representing and expanded fire season
- 23 duration—all of which significantly impact expected SAIDI and SAIFI
- 24 performance and targets.

25 **3. 2023 Target**

26 Range: 3.45-5.34 hours.

27 The 2023 target reflects a range of a 3 percent improvement from 2022

28 (3.45 hours) to a 50 percent increased unplanned SAIDI performance from

29 2022 adjusted result (5.34 hours) to account for the factors listed above.

30 As of March 1, 2023, PG&E had 29 storm days that severely impacted

31 the SAIDI and SAIFI unplanned metrics. Continuing forward into March and

32 future months may make it difficult for PG&E to be within historical ranges.

33 Therefore, PG&E has increased the upper range to a 50 percent increase

34 from 2022 performance due to weather.

1 **4. 2027 Target**

2 Range: 3.45-5.34 hours.

3 The end of 2023 will mark the second set of yearly data with full EPSS
4 in place which will provide PG&E more data to better inform future targets.
5 Accordingly, the 2027 target range mirrors 2023 and will be adjusted once
6 the 2023 fire season impacts are actualized and data is available.

7 The other major consideration to this 2027 target is that weather similar
8 to 2023 may occur again. PG&E will generally be striving to make
9 year-over-year improvements; however, atmospheric storms will be
10 unpredictable and will have overwhelming impacts to the results.

11 **D. (2.1) Performance Against Target**

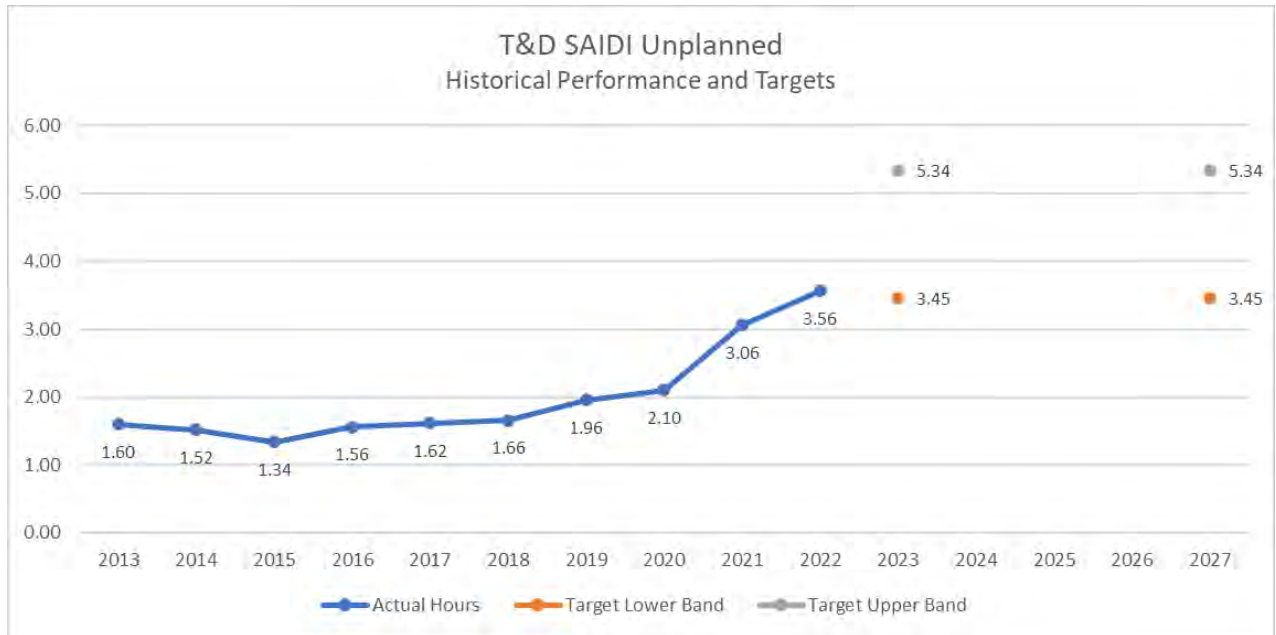
12 **1. Progress Towards 1-Year Target**

13 As demonstrated in Figure 2.1-5 below, PG&E saw an unplanned
14 SAIDI result of 3.56 in 2022 which was within the Company's 1-year target
15 range.

16 **2. Progress Towards 5-Year Target**

17 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has deployed or is deploying a
18 number of programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this
19 metric to meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 2.1-5
TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION SAIDI UNPLANNED HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS (2013 – 2022)**



E. (2.1) Current and Planned Work Activities

Existing Programs that could improve Reliability Metric Performance and historical trend data for SAIDI are listed below.

- Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM):** The EVM program is targeted at OH distribution lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplements PG&E's annual routine VM work with CPUC mandated clearances. PG&E's VM program, components of which exceed regulatory requirements, is critical to mitigating wildfire risk. Our VM team inspects and identifies needed vegetation maintenance on all distribution and transmission circuit miles in PG&E's service area on a recurring cycle through Routine and Tree Mortality Patrols, as well as Pole Clearing. Our EVM program goes above and beyond regulatory requirements for distribution lines by expanding minimum clearances and removing overhang in HFTD areas. In 2022, EVM passed through our work verification process ~1,923 miles. Due to the emergence of other wildfire mitigation programs (namely EPSS and Undergrounding), the program will not be executed in 2023. The trees that were identified as part of the program and previous iterations and scopes will be worked down over the next 9 years, risk ranked by our latest wildfire

1 distribution risk model. The WMP has commitments for this program of the
2 removal of 15K trees in 2023, 20K trees in 2024, and 25K trees in 2025.

3 Please see Section 7.3.5, Vegetation Management and Inspections in
4 PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 5 • Asset Replacement (Overhead/Underground): Overhead asset replacement
6 addresses deteriorated overhead conductor and switches, while
7 underground asset replacement primarily focuses on replacing underground
8 cable and switches.

9 Please see Chapter 11 Overhead and Underground Distribution
10 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

- 11 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E's broader grid design program
12 covers a number of significant programs, called out in detail in PG&E's 2022
13 WMP. The largest of these programs is the System Hardening Program
14 which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic wildfire risk caused
15 by distribution overhead assets. *In 2022, we had rapidly expanded our
16 system hardening efforts by: completing 483 circuit miles of system
17 hardening work which includes overhead system hardening, undergrounding
18 and removal of overhead lines in HFTD or buffer zone areas; completing at
19 least 179 circuit miles of undergrounding work, including Butte County
20 Rebuild efforts and other distribution system hardening work; replacing
21 equipment in HFTD areas that creates ignition risks, such as non-exempt
22 fuses (3,000) and surge arresters (~4,500, all known, remaining in HFTD
23 areas). As we look beyond 2022, PG&E is targeting 2,100 miles of
24 Undergrounding to be completed between 2023 and 2026 as part of the
25 10,000 Mile Undergrounding program.* This system hardening work done at
26 scale is expected to have limited reliability benefit due rural HFTD
27 geography, and is prioritized to mitigate wildfire risk rather than reliability risk
28 at this time.

29 Please see Section 7.3.3, Grid Design and System Hardening
30 Mitigations in PG&E's WMP for additional details on 2022.

- 31 • Downed Conductor Detection: To further mitigate high impedance faults
32 that can lead to ignitions, PG&E is piloting specific distribution line reclosers
33 utilizing advanced methods to detect and isolate previously undetectable
34 faults. This innovative solution is called Down Conductor Detection (DCD)

1 and has been implemented on over 200 reclosing devices as of
2 September 1, 2022. In 2023, PG&E plans on implementing 700 or more
3 DCD settings on reclosing devices equating to 900 or more devices. This
4 technology uses sophisticated algorithms to determine when a
5 line-to-ground arc is present (i.e., electrical current flowing from one
6 conductive point to another) and the recloser will immediately de-energize
7 the line once detected. Although this technology is new, it has already
8 proven successful in detecting faults that would have otherwise been
9 undetectable. PG&E will continue to learn from these installations through
10 the 2023 wildfire season and expects to optimize and adjust this technology
11 to address system risks as needed.

- 12 • Animal Abatement: The installation of new equipment or retrofitting of
13 existing equipment with protection measures intended to reduce animal
14 contacts. This includes avian protection on distribution and transmission
15 poles such as jumper covers, perch guards, or perching platforms

16 Please see Chapter 11 Overhead and Underground Distribution
17 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

- 18 • Overhead/Underground Critical Operating Equipment (COE) Replacement
19 Work: The Overhead COE Program is comprised of corrective maintenance
20 of certain defined equipment—including Protective Devices (Reclosers,
21 Cutouts, Sectionalizers), Voltage Devices (Regulators, Boosters), Switches
22 (Switches, Disconnects), Capacitors, and Conductors—that plays an
23 important role in preventing customer interruptions.

24 Since COE Program is expected to address equipment as quickly as
25 possible, numbers for each device may change quickly upon reporting.¹

26 Please see Chapter 11 Overhead and Underground Distribution
27 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

¹ Information on COE equipment can be provided upon request.

**TABLE 2.1-2
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SAIDI PERFORMANCE DRIVER SUMMARY**

SAIDI SUMMARY	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-Yr Ave	%
SYSTEM	113.4	126.3	148.7	153.2	219.1	256.4	152.1	-69%
3rd Party	16.5	20.6	22.9	26.4	28.9	31.1	23.1	-35%
Animal	4.2	6.5	6.2	7.0	10.5	16.5	6.9	-140%
Company Initiated	17.2	27.7	26.6	27.2	32.8	41.7	26.3	-59%
Environmental	3.0	3.7	2.7	4.0	8.9	6.8	4.5	-52%
Equipment Failure	45.9	43.2	48.0	54.8	73.8	82.9	53.1	-56%
Unknown Cause	7.7	9.8	12.9	14.4	34.6	41.7	15.9	-163%
Vegetation	18.8	14.5	22.4	15.4	22.2	28.0	18.7	-50%
Wildfire Mitigation	0.0	0.0	7.1	4.2	6.9	7.9	3.6	-117%

Note: Table includes planned outages.

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6 The material updates to this chapter since the September 30, 2022, report can
7 be found in Section B.3 concerning metric performance; Section C concerning metric
8 targets; and Section D concerning performance against target. Material changes
9 from the prior report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (2.2) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 2.2 – System Average Interruption
13 Frequency (SAIFI)(Unplanned) is defined as:

14 *SAIFI (Unplanned) = average frequency of sustained interruptions due*
15 *to all unplanned outages per metered customer, except on Major Event*
16 *Days (MED), in a calendar year. “Average frequency” is defined as: Total #*
17 *of customer interruptions/Total # of customers served. Includes all*
18 *transmission and distribution outages.*

19 **2. Introduction of Metric**

20 The measurement of SAIFI unplanned represents the number of
21 instances the average Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) customer
22 experiences a sustained outage or outages, defined as being without power
23 for more than five minutes, each year. The System Average Interruption
24 Frequency Index (SAIFI) measurement does not include planned outages,
25 which occur when PG&E deactivates power to safely perform system work.
26 This metric is associated with the risk of Asset Failure, which is associated
27 with both utility reliability and safety. The metric measures outages due to
28 all causes but excludes MED. It is an important industry-standard measure
29 of reliability performance as it is a direct measure of the frequency of
30 outages a customer experiences.

1 **B. (2.2) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2022)**

3 PG&E has measured unplanned SAIFI for over 20 years; however, this
4 report uses 2013 to 2022 unplanned SAIFI values for target analysis to align
5 with the same timeframe used for the wire down SOMs metrics. 2013 was
6 the first full year PG&E uniformly began measuring wire down events.

7 The Cornerstone program investments in 2013 involved both capacity
8 and reliability projects, and PG&E experienced its best reliability
9 performance in 2015. In 2015, SAIFI (unplanned and planned) was in
10 second quartile when benchmarking with peer utilities.

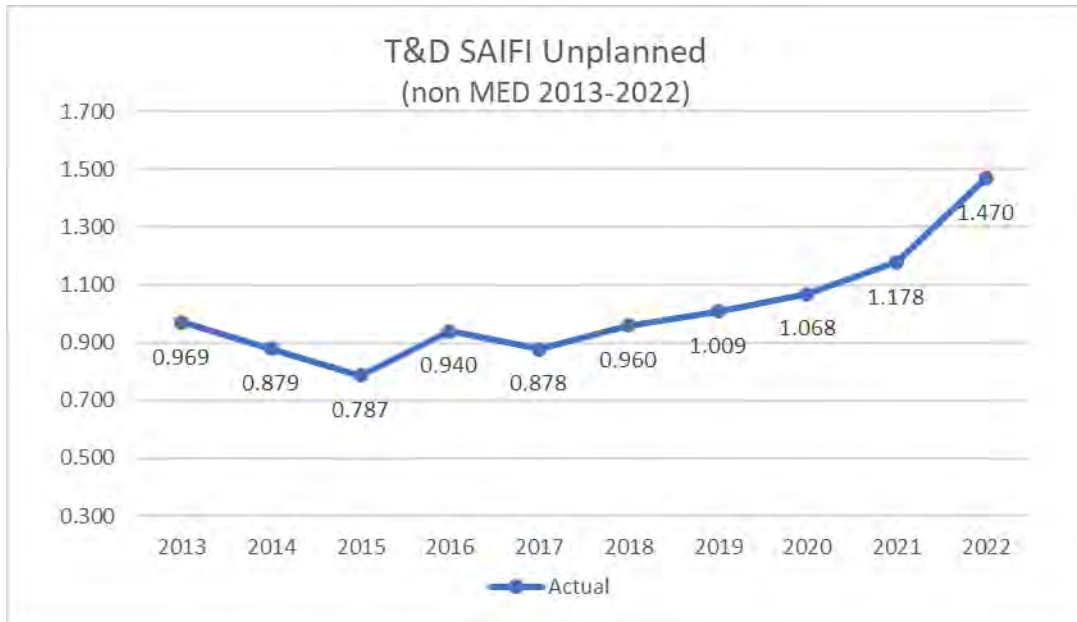
11 Most of the 2017-20 reliability investment was on Fault Location
12 Isolation and Service Restoration (FLISR), which automatically isolates
13 faulted line sections and then restores all other non-faulted sections in less
14 than 5 minutes typically in urban/suburban areas. Of note, FLISR does not
15 prevent customer interruptions but rather reduces the number of customers
16 that experience a sustained (greater than five minutes) outage.

17 The targeted circuit program, distribution line fuse replacements and
18 installing reclosers in the worst performing areas are initiatives that have
19 had the biggest impact in improving system reliability at the lowest cost.

20 Other factors that contribute to reliability improvement include (but are
21 not limited to) reliability project investments and project execution, favorable
22 weather conditions, outage response and repair time, vegetation
23 management (VM), and switching device locations and function (including
24 disablement of reclosers to mitigate fire risk).

25 Reliability performance has consistently degraded since 2017 as
26 PG&E's focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation, with a
27 25 percent unplanned SAIFI increase occurring in 2022 from 2021.

**FIGURE 2.2-1
TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION SAIFI UNPLANNED HISTORICAL DATA (2013-2022
NON-MEDS ONLY)**



1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 PG&E uses its outage database, typically referred to as its Integrated
3 Logging Information System (ILIS) – Operations Database and its Customer
4 Care & Billing database to obtain the customer count information to
5 calculate these metric results. It should also be noted that PG&E’s outage
6 database includes distribution transformer level and above outages that
7 impact both metered customers and a smaller number of unmetered
8 customers. Outage information is entered into ILIS by distribution operators
9 based on information from field personnel and devices such as Supervisory
10 Control and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeters™. PG&E last
11 upgraded its outage reporting tools in 2015 and integrated SmartMeter
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13 subsequent review and correction.

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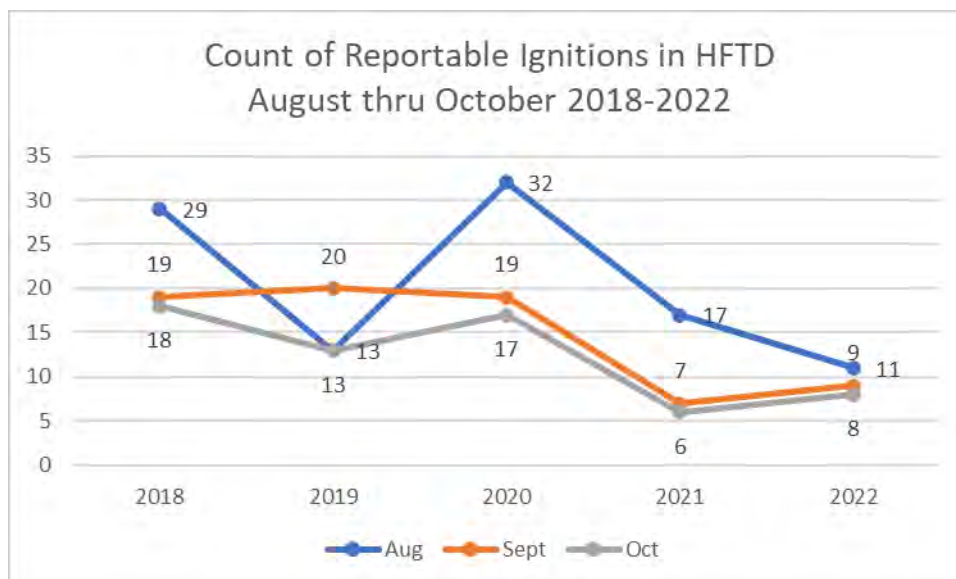
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2 the natural log of the daily System Average Interruption Duration Index
3 (SAIDI) values over the past five years by reliability specialists. The SAIDI
4 index is used as the basis since it leads to consistent results and is a good
5 indicator of operational and design stress.

6 3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period

7 As of December 2022, the unplanned SAIFI metric performance was
8 1.470 and finished the year better than the 1-Year target range of
9 1.681-2.017. However, the end of year performance result was higher than
10 previous years. This is largely due to the following factors:

- 11 • To reduce ignition risk, PG&E implemented the Enhanced Powerline
12 Safety Shutoff (EPSS) program in July 2021. This program enabled
13 higher sensitivity settings on targeted circuits in High Fire Threat
14 Districts (HFTD) to deenergize when tripped. In 2022, PG&E observed
15 a 65 percent reduction in CPUC reportable ignitions on EPSS-enabled
16 circuit when compared to the previous 3 years.
- 17 • As Figure 2-2.2 shows below, the implementation of EPSS has
18 significantly reduced ignitions in highest-risk wildfire months.

FIGURE 2.2-2
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- In addition to EPSS, the unplanned SAIFI metric has been impacted as PG&E shifted away from traditional system reliability improvement work and more toward other wildfire risk reduction efforts, starting with recloser disablement in 2018. As such 2022 performance is not directly comparable to years prior to 2018 as the operating conditions have changed significantly and resulted in large year-over-year changes.

C. (2.2) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report

With the conclusion of 2022, the 1- and 5-Year targets have been adjusted to reflect a year's worth of results from the EPSS program (and a complete fire season), as well as to account for any efficiencies that may be gained. As year-over-year weather variables shift, we expect that targets will be adjusted in subsequent reports as PG&E continues to be able to quantify the impacts of EPSS on Reliability performance.

The target for 2023 will be a target range of 1.426 - 2.205.

2. Target Methodology

For 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E is proposing a range for the SAIFI unplanned metric of 1.426 to 2.205 primarily due to the vast expansion of the EPSS program in 2022 to reduce wildfire risk, the continued high MED threshold, and the continuing variability of weather from year-to-year such as the storm events experienced in January, February and March 2023.

First, EPSS settings were added to an additional 848 circuits in 2022 (compared to 170 in 2021) for a total of approximately 1,018 circuits.

Second, the MED threshold will maintain a daily SAIDI value of 5.03, which is still up from 3.50 in 2021, which means typically more severe weather is required. This higher threshold makes it difficult for days of, or after, the storm to meet the MED classification. With that threshold higher, it will allow more storms to be counted towards the SAIDI metric, therefore moving the reliability metric upwards.

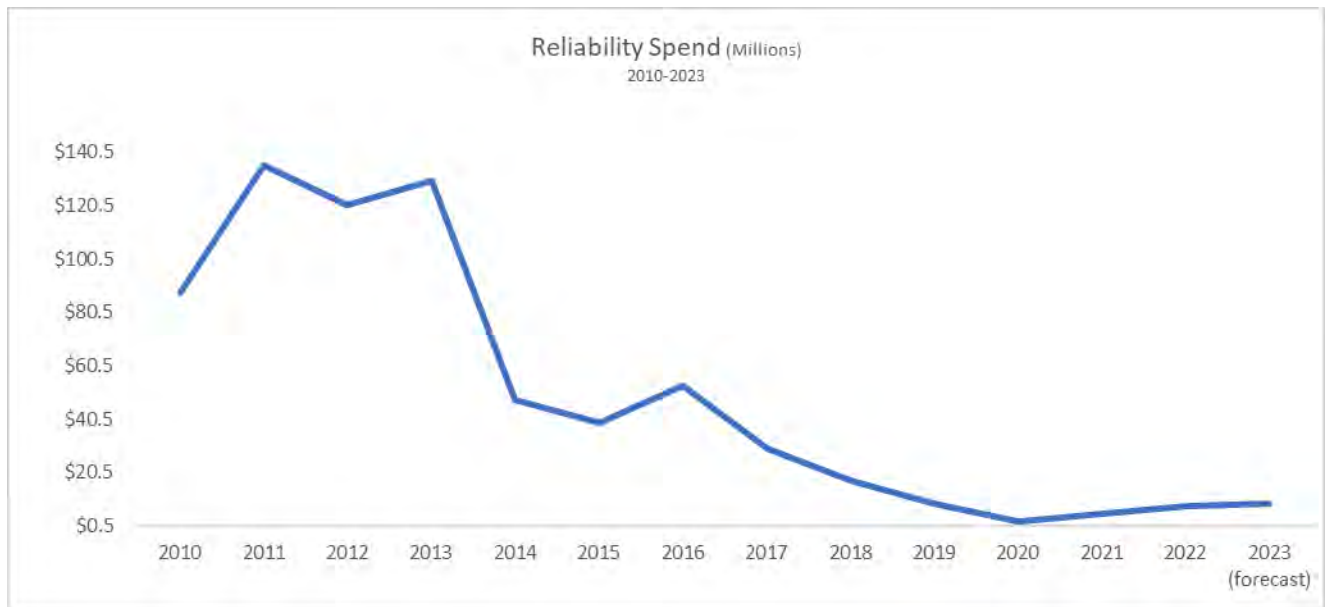
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1 that occur before or after such storms can delay the response time of our
2 crews. PG&E has not had such severe weather occur since 2008.

3 The following factors were also considered in establishing targets:

- 4 • Historical Data and Trends: As 2021 was the first year of EPSS deployment
5 and given the expansion of the program in 2022, there is no historical data
6 to help guide in target setting.
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8 are set based on operational and risk factors as opposed to only an
9 aspiration quartile goal, although current quartile performance is
10 acknowledged as an indicator of PG&E's opportunity to improve for our
11 customers over the long-run as risk reduction allows;
- 12 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
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14 Enforcement: The target range for this metric is suitable for EOE as it
15 accounts for our current work plan and the unknowns of EPSS;
- 16 • Attainable With Known Resources/Work Plan: [Based on 2022 results and](#)
17 [2023 work plan, PG&E expects performance to fall within the proposed](#)
18 [target range. The lower limit of PG&E's proposed SOMs target \(1.426\)](#)
19 [reflects a 3 percent improvement from our 2022 result \(1.470\):](#)
 - 20 – PG&E's top financial and resource priority of minimizing the risk of
21 catastrophic wildfires has led to declining reliability performance and
22 does not support an improvement of the unplanned SAIFI metric;

**FIGURE 2.2-3
RELIABILITY SPEND 2010 – 2022**



- 1 – The GRC in 2017-20 allocated budget for reliability, but the work
- 2 continues to be re-prioritized to focus on wildfire mitigation, compliance,
- 3 pole replacement and tags;
- 4 – The most significant driver of reliability performance is Equipment
- 5 Failure, specifically Overhead Conductor;
- 6 – Current replacement rates from 2017-2022 have been on average
- 7 32 miles/year. This is significantly below the Overhead Conductor
- 8 Asset Management Plan, which cites third-party recommendations for
- 9 replacement rates at approximately 1,200 miles per year to sustain
- 10 2016 levels of reliability performance;
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- 12 ~70 miles/year. Alternative funding scenarios or internal prioritization
- 13 would be needed to increase replacement miles per year;
- 14 – Conductor replacement under the System Hardening program for
- 15 wildfire risk reduction is forecasted through the GRC period but
- 16 provides limited additional benefit, at approximately 1 percent (due to
- 17 the rural HFTD geography in which this work takes place);
- 18 – Current assigned 2022 GRC spending amount for targeted Reliability
- 19 improvements (MAT Code 49X) is \$9 million, which equates to an
- 20 approximate unplanned SAIFI reduction of 0.004 minutes;

- 1 – Prior to the implementation of EPSS in July 2021, current levels of
2 investment and assuming the GRC forecast through 2026, SAIDI/SAIFI
3 performance was expected to remain in the third quartile and sustained
4 improvement trending not expected until 2023. However, with the
5 EPSS implementation, performance fell and is expected to remain in
6 the fourth quartile; and
- 7 • Other Considerations: PG&E expanded their EPSS program in 2022 (as
8 described earlier in this chapter) and began enablement on high-risk circuits
9 in January-representing and expanded fire season—all of which significantly
10 impact SAIDI and SAIFI performance.

11 **3. 2023 Target**

12 Range: 1.426-2.205

13 The 2023 target reflects a range of a 3 percent improvement from 2022
14 (1.426) to a 50 percent increased unplanned SAIFI performance from 2022
15 adjusted result to account for the factors listed above (2.205).

16 **4. 2027 Target**

17 Range: 1.426-2.205

18 The end of 2023 will mark the second set of yearly data with full EPSS
19 in place which will provide PG&E more data to better inform future targets.
20 Accordingly, the 2027 target range mirrors 2023 and will be adjusted once
21 the 2023 fire season impacts are actualized and data is available.

22 The other major consideration to this 2027 target is that weather similar
23 to 2023 may occur again. PG&E will generally be striving to make
24 year-over-year improvements; however, atmospheric storms will be
25 unpredictable and will have overwhelming impacts to the results.

26 **D. (2.2) Performance Against Target**

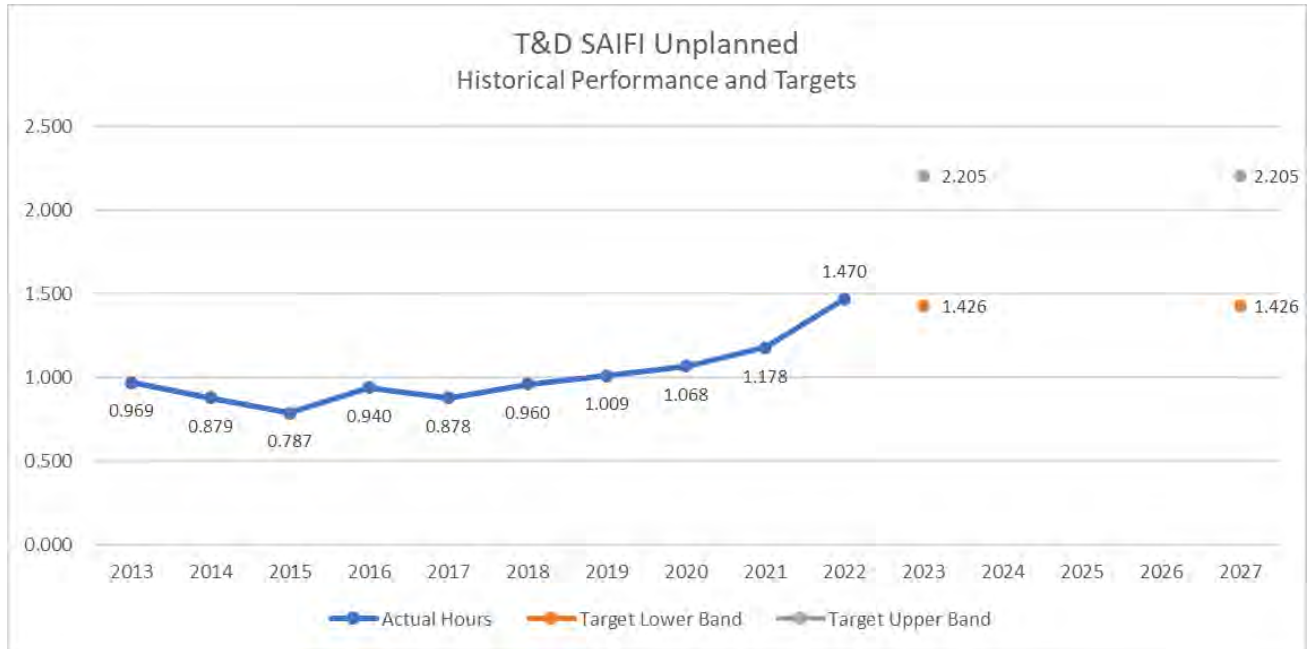
27 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

28 As demonstrated in Figure 2.2-4 below, PG&E saw an unplanned
29 SAIFI result of 1.470 in 2022 which was within the Company's 2022 target
30 range of 1.681 – 2.017.

1 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

2 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has deployed or is deploying a
3 number of programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this
4 metric to meet the Company’s 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 2.2-4
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SAIFI
UNPLANNED HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS**



5 **E. (2.2) Current and Planned Work Activities**

6 Existing Programs that could improve Reliability Metric Performance and
7 historical trend data for SAIFI are listed below.

- 8 • **Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM):** The EVM program is targeted at
9 overhead distribution lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplements
10 PG&E's annual routine VM work with CPUC mandated clearances. PG&E's
11 VM program, components of which exceed regulatory requirements, is
12 critical to mitigating wildfire risk. Our VM team inspects and identifies
13 needed vegetation maintenance on all distribution and transmission circuit
14 miles in PG&E's service area on a recurring cycle through Routine and Tree
15 Mortality Patrols, as well as Pole Clearing. Our EVM program goes above
16 and beyond regulatory requirements for distribution lines by expanding
17 minimum clearances and removing overhang in HFTD areas. In 2022, EVM

1 passed through our work verification process ~1,923 miles. Due to the
2 emergence of other wildfire mitigation programs (namely EPSS and
3 Undergrounding), the program will not be executed in 2023. The trees that
4 were identified as part of the program and previous iterations and scopes
5 will be worked down over the next nine years, risk ranked by our latest
6 wildfire distribution risk model. The WMP has commitments for this program
7 of the removal of 15K trees in 2023, 20K trees in 2024, and 25K trees in
8 2025.

9 Please see Section 7.3.5, Vegetation Management and Inspections in
10 PG&E's Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) for additional details.

- 11 • Asset Replacement (Overhead, Underground): Overhead asset
12 replacement addresses deteriorated overhead conductor and switches,
13 while underground asset replacement primarily focuses on replacing
14 underground cable and switches.

15 Please see Chapter 11 Overhead and Underground Distribution
16 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

- 17 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E's broader grid design program
18 covers a number of significant programs, called out in detail in PG&E's 2022
19 WMP. The largest of these programs is the System Hardening Program
20 which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic wildfire risk caused
21 by distribution overhead assets. *In 2022, we had rapidly expanded our
22 system hardening efforts by: completing 483 circuit miles of system
23 hardening work which includes overhead system hardening, undergrounding
24 and removal of overhead lines in HFTD or buffer zone areas; completing at
25 least 179 circuit miles of undergrounding work, including Butte County
26 Rebuild efforts and other distribution system hardening work; replacing
27 equipment in HFTD areas that creates ignition risks, such as non-exempt
28 fuses (3,000) and surge arresters (~4,500, all known, remaining in HFTD
29 areas). As we look beyond 2022, PG&E is targeting 2,100 miles of
30 Undergrounding to be completed between 2023 and 2026 as part of the
31 10,000 Mile Undergrounding program. This system hardening work done at
32 scale is expected to have limited reliability benefit due rural HFTD
33 geography, and is prioritized to mitigate wildfire risk rather than reliability risk
34 at this time.*

Please see Section 7.3.3, Grid Design and System Hardening Mitigations in PG&E’s WMP for additional details on 2022.

- Animal Abatement: The installation of new equipment or retrofitting of existing equipment with protection measures intended to reduce animal contacts. This includes avian protection on distribution and transmission poles such as jumper covers, perch guards, or perching platforms.

Please see Chapter 11 Overhead and Underground Distribution Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details,

- Overhead/Underground Critical Operating Equipment (COE) Replacement Work: The Overhead COE Program is comprised of corrective maintenance of certain defined equipment—including Protective Devices (Reclosers, Cutouts, Sectionalizers), Voltage Devices (Regulators, Boosters), Switches (Switches, Disconnects), Capacitors, and Conductors—that plays an important role in preventing customer interruptions. [Since COE Program is expected to address equipment as quickly as possible, numbers for each device may change quickly upon reporting.](#)¹ Please see Chapter 11 Overhead and Underground Distribution Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

**FIGURE 2.2-6
SAIFI PERFORMANCE DRIVERS HISTORICAL DATA**

SAIFI SUMMARY	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-Yr Ave	%
SYSTEM	0.959	1.078	1.078	1.128	1.318	1.630	1.175	-39%
3rd Party	0.169	0.216	0.201	0.220	0.234	0.249	0.208	-20%
Animal	0.057	0.071	0.069	0.075	0.078	0.126	0.070	-80%
Company Initiated	0.114	0.155	0.146	0.153	0.174	0.226	0.148	-52%
Environmental	0.017	0.028	0.022	0.020	0.026	0.027	0.023	-19%
Equipment Failure	0.413	0.398	0.405	0.436	0.486	0.558	0.428	-30%
Unknown Cause	0.088	0.117	0.136	0.172	0.199	0.273	0.142	-92%
Vegetation	0.104	0.101	0.129	0.087	0.096	0.141	0.103	-36%
Wildfire Mitigation	0.000	0.000	0.021	0.014	0.026	0.033	0.012	-170%

Note: Table includes planned outages.

¹ Information on COE equipment can be provided upon request.

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CHAPTER 2.3

**SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:
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6 **(MAJOR EVENT DAYS)**

7 The material updates to this chapter since the September 30, 2022, report can
8 be found in Section D concerning performance against targets. Material changes
9 from the prior report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (2.3) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 2.3 – System Average Outages
13 Due to Vegetation and Equipment Damage in HFTD (Major Event Days) is
14 defined as:

15 *Average number of customers experiencing a sustained outage on*
16 *Major Event Days (MED) per 100 circuit miles in High Fire Threat District*
17 *(HFTD) in a calendar year, where each sustained outage is defined as:*
18 *being without power for more than five minutes.*

19 **2. Introduction of Metric**

20 The measurement of System Average Outages due to Vegetation and
21 Equipment Damage in HFTD areas on MEDs is tied to the public safety risk
22 of Asset Failure. While PG&E traditionally does not measure Customers
23 Experiencing Sustained Outages (CESO) on MEDs only, CESO is an
24 important industry-standard measure of reliability performance as it a direct
25 measure of outage frequency.

26 **B. (2.3) Metric Performance**

27 **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2022)**

28 PG&E has measured CESO for over 20 years, however this report uses
29 2013 to 2022 CESO values for target analysis to align with the same
30 timeframe used for the wire down SOMs metrics (2013 was the first full year
31 PG&E uniformly began measuring wire down events).

32 The Cornerstone program investments in 2013 involved both capacity
33 and reliability projects, and PG&E experienced its best reliability

1 performance in 2015. While this metric is not benchmarkable, in 2015
2 System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) (unplanned and
3 planned) was in second quartile when benchmarking with peer utilities.

4 The majority of the 2017-2020 investment was on Fault Location
5 Isolation and Restoration (FLISR), which automatically isolates faulted line
6 sections and then restores all other non-faulted sections in less than
7 five minutes) typically in urban/suburban areas. Of note, FLISR does not
8 prevent customer interruptions but rather reduces the number of customers
9 that experience a sustained outage.

10 The targeted circuit program, distribution line fuse replacement, and
11 installing reclosers in the worst performing areas are initiatives that have
12 had the biggest impact in improving system reliability at the lowest cost.

13 Other factors that contribute to reliability improvement include (but not
14 limited to) project investments and project execution, favorable weather
15 conditions, response to outages, asset lifecycle and health, vegetation
16 management, switching device locations and function (including disablement
17 of reclosers to mitigate fire risk).

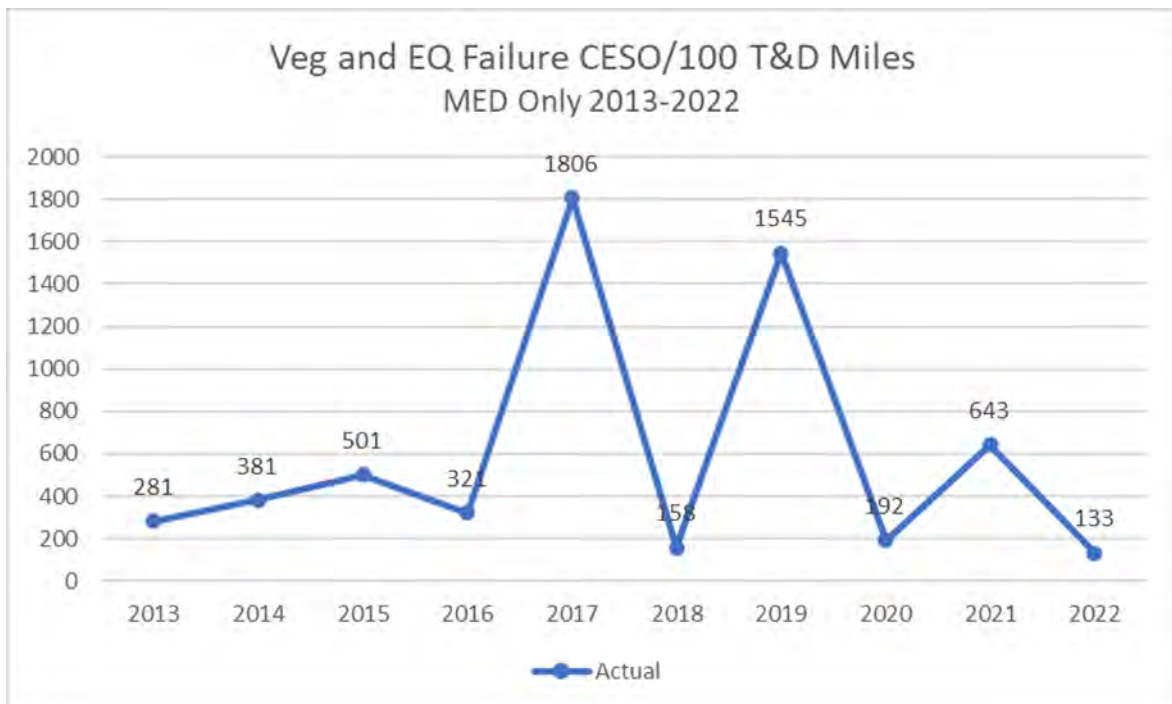
18 The current investment/work plan is heavily weighted towards wildfire
19 mitigation and is not weighted towards improving reliability performance.
20 While the 2017 and 2020 General Rate Case (GRC) allocated budget for
21 reliability, the work was re-prioritized to focus on wildfire mitigation,
22 compliance, pole replacement and tags.

**FIGURE 2.3-1
RELIABILITY SPEND HISTORICAL DATA 2010 – 2022**

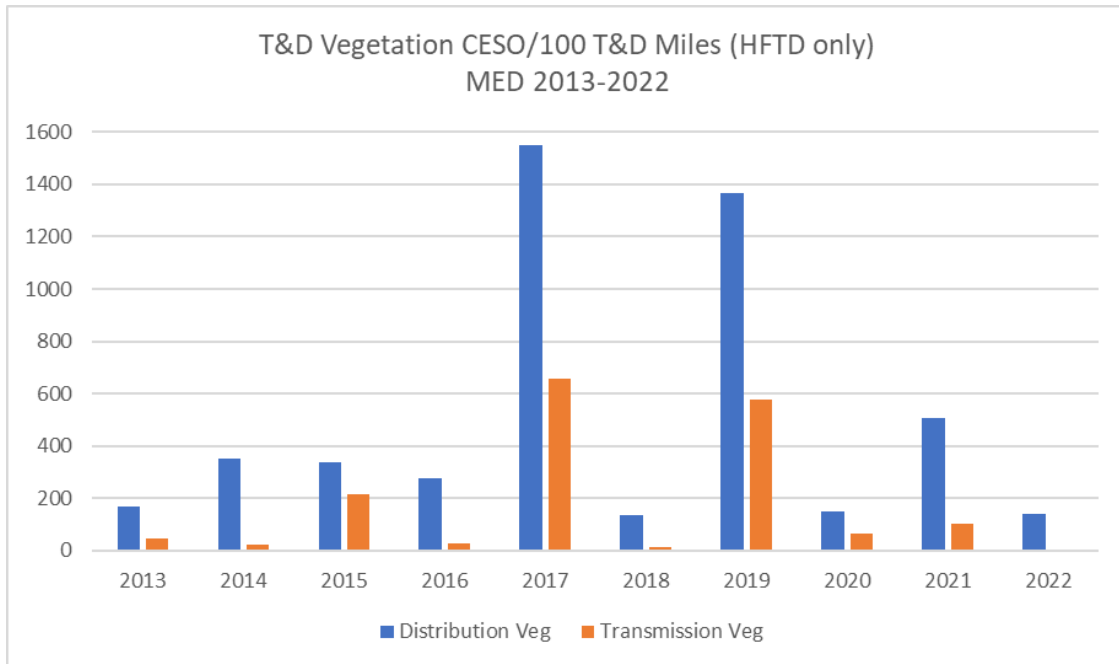


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- 2 PG&E's focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation.

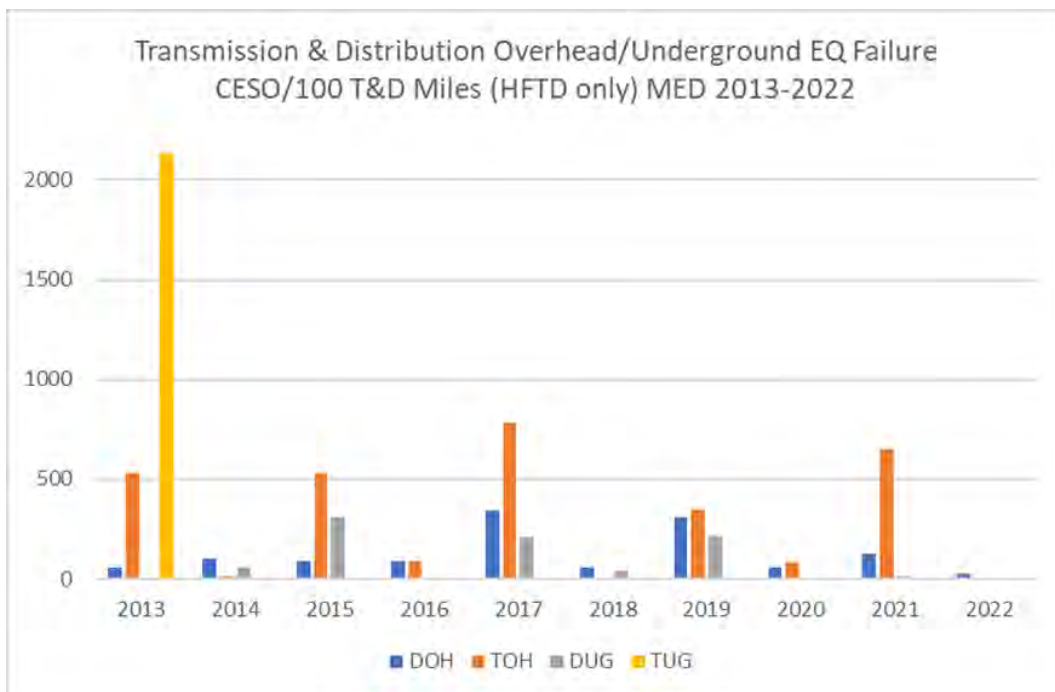
**FIGURE 2.3-2
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION
VEGETATION AND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL DATA
(MED ONLY, 2013 – 2022)**



**FIGURE 2.3-3
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION VEGETATION CESO HISTORICAL DATA
(MED ONLY 2013-2022)**



**FIGURE 2.3-4
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION
OVERHEAD/UNDERGROUND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL DATA
(MED ONLY, 2013-2022)**



**TABLE 2.3-1
ANNUAL MAJOR EVENT DAYS (2013-2022)**

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
4	5	10	3	30	7	31	14	25	5

1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 PG&E uses its outage database, typically referred to as its Integrated
3 Logging Information System (ILIS) – Operations Database and its Customer
4 Care & Billing database to obtain the customer count information to
5 calculate these metric results. It should also be noted that PG&E’s outage
6 database includes distribution transformer level and above outages that
7 impact both metered customers and a smaller number of unmetered
8 customers. Outage information is entered into ILIS by distribution operators
9 based on information from field personnel and devices such as SCADA
10 alarms and SmartMeter™ devices. PG&E last upgraded its outage
11 reporting tools in 2015 and integrated SmartMeter™ information to identify
12 potential outage reporting errors and to initiate a subsequent review and
13 correction.

14 PG&E traditionally excludes MEDs from Reliability measures per the
15 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 1366 Standard titled
16 IEEE Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability Indices to define and
17 apply excludable MED to measure the performance of its electric system
18 under normally expected operating conditions. Its purpose is to allow major
19 events to be analyzed apart from daily operation and avoid allowing daily
20 trends to be hidden by the large statistical effect of major events. Per the
21 Standard, the MED classification is calculated from the natural log of the
22 daily System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) values over the
23 past five years by reliability specialists. The SAIDI index is used as the
24 basis since it leads to consistent results and is a good indicator of
25 operational and design stress.

26 There are a total of approximately 33,600¹ transmission and distribution
27 (overhead and underground) circuit miles located in the Tier 2 and Tier 3

1 For purposes of computing 2022 performance, PG&E used end of year 2021.

1 HFTD areas. PG&E's databases reflect the circuit miles that currently exist
2 and do not maintain the historical values specifically in the Tier 2/3 HFTD
3 areas. *As such, we assumed the circuit miles have remained the same for*
4 *all years from 2013 through 2022 and going forward PG&E will report the*
5 *nominally updated circuit mileage total annually.*

6 Due to data limitations, PG&E uses the Lat/Long of the operating device
7 as a proxy for determining the distribution outage events that occurred in the
8 Tier 2/3 HFTD areas.

9 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

10 The number of vegetation and equipment failure related customer
11 outages per 100 transmission and distribution line miles during MEDs has
12 varied each year and has been heavily driven by not just the number, but by
13 the severity of the MED experienced in that specific year (refer to table
14 above). 2021 performance increased by 235 percent from 2020, and
15 experienced nine more MEDs largely due to historic snowstorms that
16 occurred in December. Due to the increase in the MED threshold, 2022
17 experienced 20 fewer MEDs than 2021. Other performance spikes were
18 experienced in 2017 and 2019, with both years also experiencing a high
19 number of MEDs. Given the randomness of weather patterns, no
20 discernable trends can be learned from historical performance results.

21 **C. (2.3) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

22 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

23 *There have been no changes to the directional 1 and 5-Year Targets*
24 *since the SOMs report filing in September.*

25 **2. Target Methodology**

- 26 • Directional Only: Maintain (stay within historical range, and assumes
27 response stays the same in events).

28 When normalized based on the number of MEDs per year, this metric
29 shows improved performance. However, this metric measures the average
30 number of customers impacted per 100 miles and will increase due the
31 additional EPSS settings that were deployed in 2022 as EPSS contributes to
32 more MEDs. Performance is expected to remain within historical range.

1 In addition, the MED threshold increased from a daily SAIDI value of
2 3.50 in 2021 to 5.04 in 2022. In 2023, the MED threshold maintains at 5.03.
3 This new threshold equates to 20 fewer MEDs in 2022 compared to that
4 experienced in 2021 or 5 MEDs in total for 2022.

5 The following factors were also considered in establishing targets:

- 6 • Historical Data and Trends: No discernable trends can be learned from
7 historical performance results given the randomness of weather
8 patterns;
- 9 • Benchmarking: While this metric is not benchmarkable, PG&E is
10 currently in the third quartile in SAIFI performance;
- 11 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 12 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
13 Enforcement: The directional target for this metric is suitable for EOE as
14 it states we are to remain within historical performance range while
15 accounting for the randomness of weather patterns and impacts of
16 climate change;
- 17 • Attainable With Known Resources/Work Plan: Based on 2022 results
18 and variability in weather patterns, performance expected to be within
19 historical range; and
- 20 • Other Considerations: Given the difficulty in predicting when PG&E
21 areas will experience fire risk conditions, EPSS settings may be
22 activated for a significantly longer period than the currently estimated
23 fire season of June through November—leading to a greater than
24 anticipated impact on reliability performance.

25 D. (2.3) Performance Against Target

26 1. Deviation From the 1-Year Target

27 As demonstrated in Figure 2.3-2 above, PG&E experienced five Major
28 Event Days in 2022 and 2022 performance remains in historical bounds
29 which is consistent with Company's 1-year directional target.

30 2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target

31 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of
32 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to
33 align with the Company's 5-year directional performance target.

1 **E. (2.3) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 Existing Programs that could improve Reliability Metric Performance are
3 listed below.

- 4 • Enhanced Vegetation Management: The EVM program is targeted at
5 overhead distribution lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplements
6 PG&E's annual routine vegetation management work with CPUC mandated
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13 regulatory requirements for distribution lines by expanding minimum
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23 PG&E's WMP for additional details.

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25 replacement addresses deteriorated overhead conductor and switches,
26 while underground asset replacement primarily focuses on replacing
27 underground cable and switches.

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33 which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic wildfire risk caused
34 by distribution overhead assets. [In 2022, we had rapidly expanded our](#)

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9 Undergrounding to be completed between 2023 and 2026 as part of the
10 10,000 Mile Undergrounding program. This system hardening work done at
11 scale is expected to have limited reliability benefit due rural HFTD
12 geography, and is prioritized to mitigate wildfire risk rather than reliability risk
13 at this time.

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15 Mitigations in PG&E’s WMP for additional details on 2022.

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17 existing equipment with protection measures intended to reduce animal
18 contacts. This includes avian protection on distribution and transmission
19 poles such as jumper covers, perch guards, or perching platforms.

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24 of certain defined equipment—including Protective Devices (Reclosers,
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26 (Switches, Disconnects), Capacitors, and Conductors—that plays an
27 important role in preventing customer interruptions. Since COE Program is
28 expected to address equipment as quickly as possible, numbers for each
29 device may change quickly upon reporting.²

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8 be found in Section C concerning metric targets; Section D concerning performance
9 against target, and Section E concerning current and planned work. Material
10 changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

11 **A. (2.4) Overview**

12 **1. Metric Definition**

13 Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 2.4 – System Average Outages
14 due to Vegetation and Equipment Damage in HFTD Areas (Non-Major
15 Event Days) is defined as:

16 *Average number of customers experiencing a sustained outage on*
17 *Non-Major Event Days (MED) per 100 circuit miles in High Fire Threat*
18 *District (HFTD) in a calendar year, where each sustained outage is defined*
19 *as: total number of customers/total number of customers served.*

20 **2. Introduction of Metric**

21 The measurement of System Average Outages due to Vegetation and
22 Equipment Damage in HFTD areas is tied to the public safety risk of Asset
23 Failure. Customers Experiencing Sustained Outages (CESO) is an
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28 Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has measured CESO for
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31 SOMs (2013 was the first full year PG&E uniformly began measuring wire
32 down events).

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2 and reliability projects, and PG&E experienced its best reliability
3 performance in 2015. While this metric is not benchmarkable, in
4 2015 System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) (unplanned and
5 planned) was in second quartile when benchmarking with peer utilities.

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7 Isolation and Restoration (FLISR), which automatically isolates faulted line
8 sections and then restores all other non-faulted sections in less than
9 five minutes) typically in urban/suburban areas. Of note, FLISR does not
10 prevent customer interruptions but rather reduces the number of customers
11 that experience a sustained (> 5 minutes) outage.

12 The targeted circuit program, distribution line fuses, and recloser
13 installation in the worst performing areas have the biggest impact in
14 improving system reliability at the lowest cost.

15 Many factors influence reliability performance, including (but not limited
16 to) reliability project investments and project execution, favorable weather
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18 device locations and function (including disablement of reclosers to mitigate
19 fire risk).

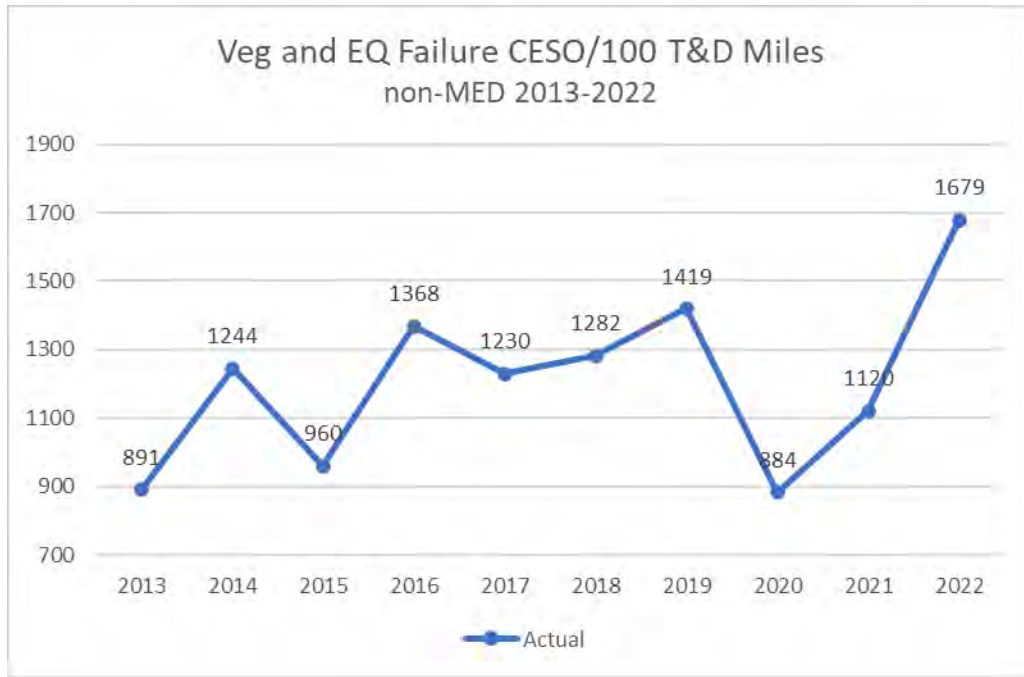
20 The current investment/work plan is heavily weighted towards wildfire
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HISTORICAL RELIABILITY SPEND: 2010 – 2022

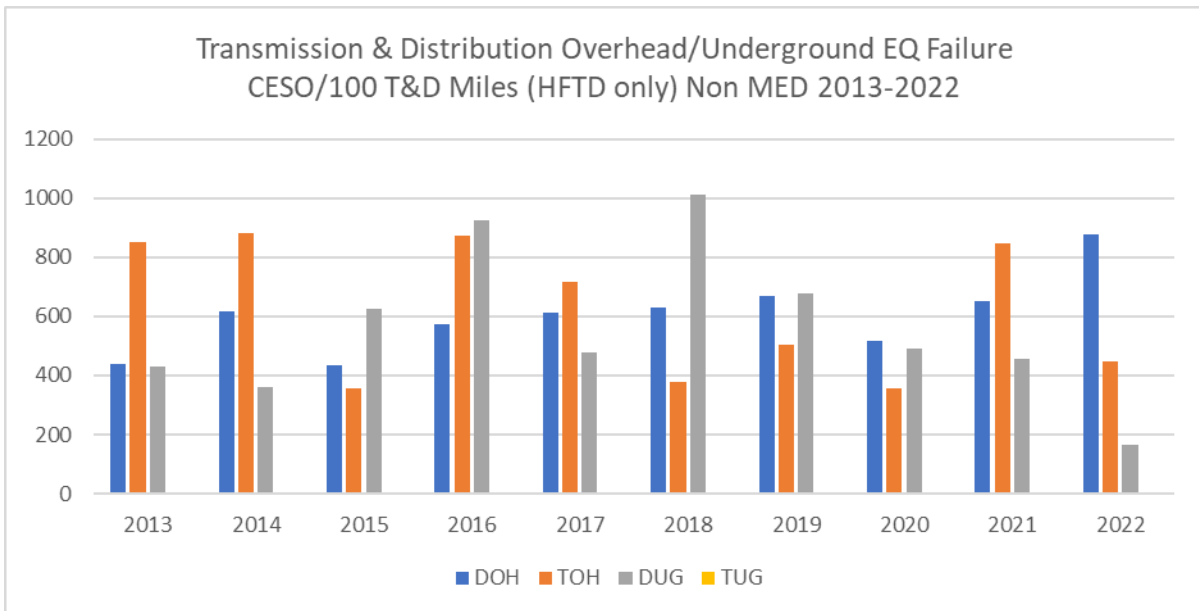


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- 2 PG&E's focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation, with a
- 3 50 percent CESO increase occurring in 2022 from 2021.

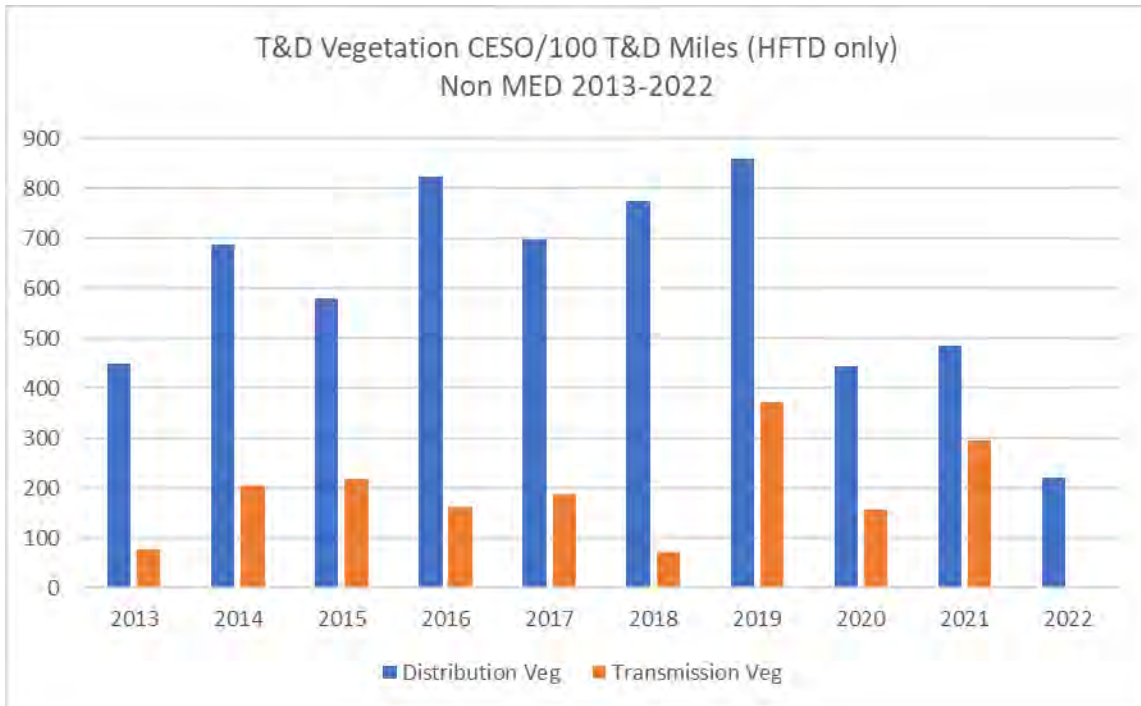
**FIGURE 2.4-2
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION
VEGETATION AND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL DATA
(HFTD ONLY, NON-MED 2013-2022)**



**FIGURE 2.4-3
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION
OVERHEAD/UNDERGROUND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL DATA
(NON-MED, 2013 – 2022)**



**FIGURE 2.4-4
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION
VEGETATION CESO HISTORICAL DATA
(NON-MED 2013-2022)**



1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

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11 reporting tools in 2015 and integrated SmartMeter™ devices information to
12 identify potential outage reporting errors and to initiate a subsequent review
13 and correction.

14 PG&E excludes MEDs from Reliability measures per the Institute of
15 Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 1366 Standard titled IEEE
16 Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability Indices to define and apply

1 excludable MED to measure the performance of its electric system under
2 normally expected operating conditions. Its purpose is to allow major events
3 to be analyzed apart from daily operation and avoid allowing daily trends to
4 be hidden by the large statistical effect of major events. Per the Standard,
5 the MED classification is calculated from the natural log of the daily System
6 Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) values over the past five years
7 by reliability specialists. The SAIDI index is used as the basis since it leads
8 to consistent results and is a good indicator of operational and design
9 stress.

10 There are a total of approximately 33,600¹ transmission and
11 distribution (overhead and underground) circuit miles located in the Tier 2
12 and Tier 3 HFTD areas. PG&E's databases reflect the circuit miles that
13 currently exist and do not maintain the historical values specifically in the
14 Tier 2/3 HFTD areas. *As such, we assumed the circuit miles have remained
15 the same for all years from 2013 through 2022, and going forward PG&E will
16 report the nominally updated circuit mileage total annually.*

17 Due to data limitations, PG&E uses the Lat/Long of the operating device
18 as a proxy for determining the distribution outage events that occurred in the
19 Tier 2/3 HFTD areas.

20 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

21 The number of vegetation and equipment failure related customer
22 outages occurring per 100 T&D line miles on Non-MEDs has varied each
23 year but was generally declining since 2016. *More recently, the CESO
24 increased 27 percent from 2020 to 2021, and 50 percent from 2021 to 2022.
25 The increased CESO is due to the following reasons:*

- 26 • To reduce ignition risk, PG&E implemented the EPSS program in
27 July 2021. This program enabled higher sensitivity settings on targeted
28 circuits in HFTD to deenergize when tripped. It should be noted that as
29 of December 2022, the number of California Public Utilities Commission
30 (CPUC) reportable ignitions in HFTD decreased by 65 percent from the
31 previous 3-year average upon deployment of EPSS; and

¹ For purposes of computing the 2022 performance, PG&E used end of year 2021.

- In addition to the impact of EPSS, the metrics tied to CESO have been impacted as PG&E shifted away from traditional system reliability improvement work and more toward wildfire risk reduction, from reclose disablement in 2018 forward. As such, 2022 performance is not directly comparable to prior years as the operating conditions have changed significantly and resulted in large year-over-year changes.

C. (2.4) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report

- PG&E proposes a 1- and 5-Year target range for this metric, similar to the SAIDI (2.1) and SAIFI (2.2) metrics as it is experiencing the same unknowns within the EPSS environment. Customer outages of all causes are increasing in the HFTD areas due to EPSS, and the full annual impact is currently unknown. Due to the increase in threshold, there are also less excludable MEDs thus resulting in more vegetation and equipment failure related outages that occur during large (non-MED) storm events, such as in January 2022. 25 MEDs occurred in 2021, compared to 5 in 2022.

In addition, PG&E's outage reporting systems were not designed to accurately measure this metric.

- Distribution outages are recorded by the operating device and the Lat/Long of the operating device is used to identify the Tier 2/3 HFTD location (not the actual Lat/Long of where the fault occurred since this is unavailable within the data base). As such, this metric may include a device outage located in a Tier 2/3 HFTD area that may operate due to a fault in a non-Tier 2/3 HFTD area and this may also distort over time the benefits associated with the Tier 2/3 HFTD mitigation efforts.
- Tier 2/3 HFTD T&D line miles for 2013 to 2020 were not recorded and thus not available when determining the 2022 targets.

Longer term technology enhancements and processes are needed to automate the determination of accurate fault locations on the T&D systems relative to the Tier 2/3 HFTD areas and to better integrate with the outage data base to improve the reporting accuracy of this metric.

1 Until the metric data can be more accurately measured, a target range
2 for this metric will be established to account for the variances mentioned
3 above.

4 **2. Target Methodology**

- 5 • For 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E is proposing a range of CESO
6 due to Vegetation and Equipment Failure in HFTD of 1,523-1,980. This
7 range mirrors last year range and performance due to the increase in
8 significant expansion of the EPSS program in 2022:
 - 9 – EPSS settings has been added to an additional 848 circuits in 2022
10 (compared to 170 in 2021) for a total of approximately 1,018²
11 circuits;
 - 12 – The upper range of the target range represents a 18% buffer, as
13 2022 performance may not have seen the full range of weather
14 events; and
 - 15 – The MED threshold will maintain a daily SAIDI value of 5.03 which
16 is still up from 3.50 in 2021. This threshold only allowed for 5 MED
17 exclusions in 2022 whereas in the previous year, there were 25.
18 The increased threshold will cause more days that would previously
19 have been MEDs to be accounted for in this metric instead.

20 The following factors were also considered in establishing targets:

- 21 • Historical Data and Trends: As 2021 was the first year of EPSS
22 deployment and given the expansion of the program in 2022, there had
23 been no historical data to help guide in target setting. PG&E has
24 undertaken an effort to re-baseline the 2022 EPSS/MED threshold
25 environment.
- 26 • Benchmarking: While this metric is not benchmarkable, PG&E is
27 currently in the third quartile in SAIFI performance;
- 28 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 29 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
30 Enforcement: The target for this metric is suitable for EOE as it aligns

2 As of March 10, 2022, the 2022 scope for EPSS has increased to 1,018 enabled
 circuits. Further changes may occur as the program is implemented throughout 2022.

1 with unplanned SAIFI target range and accounts for our current work
2 plan and the unknowns of EPSS;

- 3 • Attainable With Known Resources/Work Plan: Based on 2022 results
4 and 2023 work plan, PG&E does not expect degradation that would
5 prevent us from meeting proposed target;
- 6 • PG&E's top financial and resource priority of minimizing the risk of
7 catastrophic wildfires has led to declining reliability performance and
8 does not support an improvement of outage performance:
 - 9 – The General Rate Case (GRC) in 2017-20 allocated budget for
10 reliability, but the work was re-prioritized to focus on wildfire
11 mitigation, compliance, pole replacement and tags;
 - 12 – The most significant driver of reliability performance is Equipment
13 Failure, specifically Overhead Conductor;
 - 14 – Conductor replacement under the System Hardening program for
15 wildfire risk reduction is forecasted through the GRC period, but
16 provides limited additional benefit, at approximately 1 percent
17 (due to the rural HFTD geography in which this work takes place);
 - 18 – Current allocated 2022 GRC spending amount for targeted
19 reliability improvements (MAT Code 49x) is \$9 million;
 - 20 – Prior to the implementation of EPSS in July 2021, current levels of
21 investment and assuming the GRC forecast through 2026,
22 SAIDI/SAIFI performance was expected to remain in the
23 third quartile and sustained improvement trending not expected
24 until 2023. However, with the EPSS implementation performance
25 fell and is expected to remain in the fourth quartile; and
- 26 • Other Considerations: PG&E expanded their EPSS program (as
27 described earlier in this chapter) and began enablement on high-risk
28 circuits in January—representing and expanded fire season—all of which
29 significantly impact SAIDI, SAIFI and CESO performance.

30 **3. 2023 Target**

31 Range: 1,523 – 1,980

32 The 2023 Target reflects a range of 1,523 – 1,980 from the previous
33 year. The goal here is to maintain similar performance within this range.
34 See Section C above for reason of EPSS and reporting system.

1 **4. 2027 Target (Amended)**

2 Range: 1,523 – 1,980

3 Given the uncertainty of the EPSS environments and limitations within
4 our reporting capabilities, 2027 target range mirrors 2022.

5 **D. (2.4) Performance Against Target**

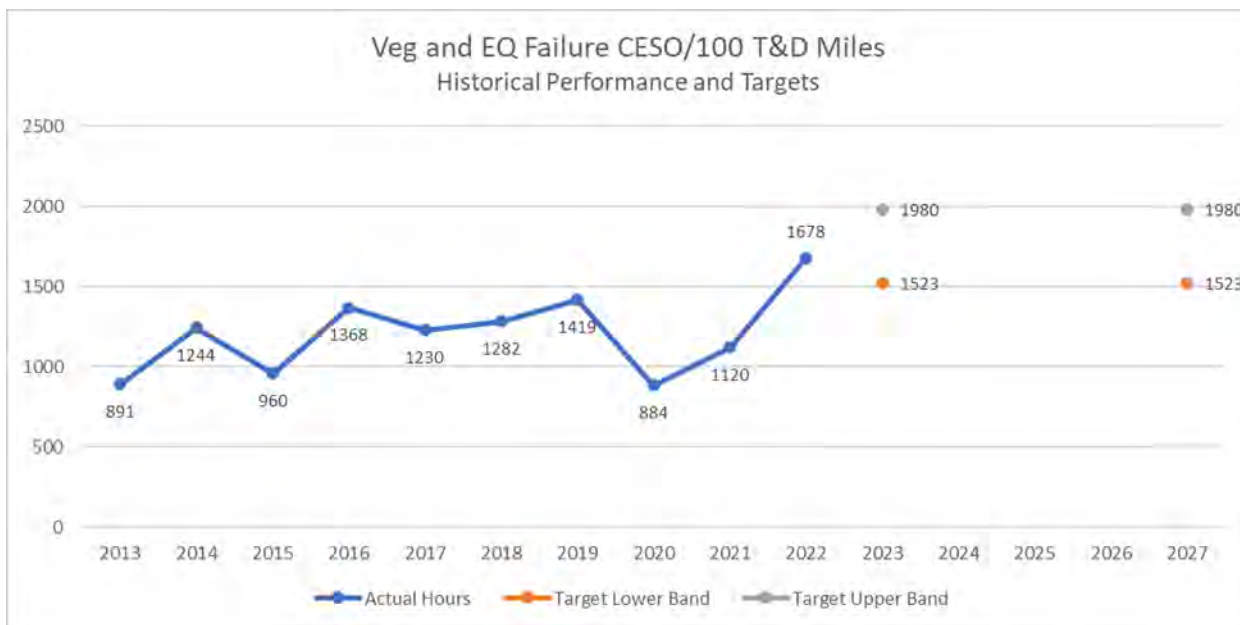
6 **1. Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

7 The 2022 Year End Performance was 1678 which was within the target
8 range of 1523 – 1980.

9 **2. Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

10 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has deployed or is deploying a
11 number of programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this
12 metric to meet the Company’s 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 2.4-6
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION
VEGETATION AND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL RESULTS AND 2023 AND 2027
TARGET RANGES**



13 **E. (2.4) Current and Planned Work Activities**

14 Existing Programs that could improve Reliability Outage Metric Performance
15 are listed below.

- 1 • Enhanced Vegetation Management: The EVM program is targeted at
2 overhead distribution lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplements
3 PG&E's annual routine vegetation management work with CPUC mandated
4 clearances. PG&E's Vegetation Management program, components of
5 which exceed regulatory requirements, is critical to mitigating wildfire risk.
6 Our vegetation management team inspects and identifies needed vegetation
7 maintenance on all distribution and transmission circuit miles in PG&E's
8 service area on a recurring cycle through Routine and Tree Mortality Patrols,
9 as well as Pole Clearing. Our EVM Program goes above and beyond
10 regulatory requirements for distribution lines by expanding minimum
11 clearances and removing overhang in HFTD areas. In 2022, EVM passed
12 through our work verification process ~1,923 miles. Due to the emergence
13 of other wildfire mitigation programs (namely EPSS and Undergrounding),
14 the program will not be executed in 2023. The trees that were identified as
15 part of the program and previous iterations and scopes will be worked down
16 over the next 9 years, risk ranked by our latest wildfire distribution risk
17 model. The WMP has commitments for this program of the removal of
18 15K trees in 2023, 20K trees in 2024, and 25K trees in 2025.

19 Please see Section 7.3.5, Vegetation Management and Inspections in
20 PG&E's Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) for additional details.

- 21 • Asset Replacement (Overhead, Underground): Overhead asset
22 replacement addresses deteriorated overhead conductor and switches,
23 while underground asset replacement primarily focuses on replacing
24 underground cable and switches.

25 Please see Chapter 11, Overhead and Underground Distribution
26 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

- 27 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E's broader grid design program
28 covers several significant programs, called out in detail in PG&E's 2022
29 WMP. The largest of these programs is the System Hardening Program
30 which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic wildfire risk caused
31 by distribution overhead assets. In 2022, we had rapidly expanded our
32 system hardening efforts by: completing 483 circuit miles of system
33 hardening work which includes overhead system hardening, undergrounding
34 and removal of overhead lines in HFTD or buffer zone areas; completing at

1 least 179 circuit miles of undergrounding work, including Butte County
2 Rebuild efforts and other distribution system hardening work; replacing
3 equipment in HFTD areas that creates ignition risks, such as non-exempt
4 fuses (3,000) and surge arresters (~4,500, all known, remaining in HFTD
5 areas). As we look beyond 2022, PG&E is targeting 2,100 miles of
6 Undergrounding to be completed between 2023 and 2026 as part of the
7 10,000 Mile Undergrounding program. This system hardening work done at
8 scale is expected to have limited reliability benefit due rural HFTD
9 geography, and is prioritized to mitigate wildfire risk rather than reliability risk
10 at this time.

11 Please see Section 7.3.3, Grid Design and System Hardening
12 Mitigations in PG&E’s WMP for additional details on 2022.

- 13 • Downed Conductor Detection: To further mitigate high impedance faults
14 that can lead to ignitions, PG&E is piloting specific distribution line reclosers
15 utilizing advanced methods to detect and isolate previously undetectable
16 faults. This innovative solution is called Down Conductor Detection (DCD)
17 and has been implemented on over 200 reclosing devices as of
18 September 1, 2022. This technology uses sophisticated algorithms to
19 determine when a line-to-ground arc is present (i.e., electrical current
20 flowing from one conductive point to another) and the recloser will
21 immediately de-energize the line once detected. Although this technology is
22 new, it has already proven successful in detecting faults that would have
23 otherwise been undetectable. PG&E learned from these pilot installations
24 through the 2022 wildfire season and expects to implement more of this
25 technology on an additional 1000 devices to address system risks in 2023.

- 26 • Animal Abatement: The installation of new equipment or retrofitting of
27 existing equipment with protection measures intended to reduce animal
28 contacts. This includes avian protection on distribution and transmission
29 poles such as jumper covers, perch guards, or perching platforms

30 Please see Chapter 11 Overhead and Underground Distribution
31 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

- 32 • Overhead/Underground Critical Operating Equipment (COE) Replacement
33 Work: The Overhead COE Program is comprised of corrective maintenance
34 of certain defined equipment—including Protective Devices (Reclosers,

1 Cutouts, Sectionalizers), Voltage Devices (Regulators, Boosters), Switches
2 (Switches, Disconnects), Capacitors, and Conductors—that plays an
3 important role in preventing customer interruptions. [Since COE Program is](#)
4 [expected to address equipment as quickly as possible, numbers for each](#)
5 [device may change quickly upon reporting.](#)³

6 Please see Exhibit (PG&E-4), Chapter 11, Overhead and Underground
7 Distribution Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

³ Information on COE equipment can be provided upon request.

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CHAPTER 3.1

**SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:
WIRES DOWN MAJOR EVENT DAYS IN HFTD AREAS
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6 The material updates to this chapter since the September 30, 2022, report can
7 be found in Section B.3 concerning metric performance; and Section D concerning
8 performance against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in
9 blue font.

10 **A. (3.1) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12 Safety and Operational Metric 3.1 – Wires Down Major Event Days
13 (MED) in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas (Distribution) is defined as:

14 *Number of Wires Down events on MED involving overhead (OH)*
15 *primary or secondary distribution circuits divided by total circuit miles of OH*
16 *primary distribution lines x 1,000, in HFTD Areas in a calendar year.*

17 **2. Introduction of Metric**

18 In 2012, PG&E initiated the Electric Wires Down Program, including
19 introduction of the electric wires down metric, to address our increased
20 focus on public safety by reducing the number of electric wire conductors
21 that fail and result in contact with the ground, a vehicle, or other object.

22 This metric is associated with our Failure of Electric Distribution OH
23 Asset Risk and our Wildfire Risk, which are part of our 2020 Risk
24 Assessment and Mitigation Phase Report (RAMP) filing.

25 **B. (3.1) Metric Performance**

26 **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2022)**

27 We have ten years of historical data that includes the years 2013-2022.
28 Although we started measuring distribution wire down incidents in 2012,
29 2013 was the first full year we uniformly measured the number of distribution
30 wire down incidents. Over this historical reporting period, performance is
31 largely influenced by external factors such as weather and third-party
32 contact with our OH electric facilities. These historical results are plotted in
33 Figure 3.1-1 below.

1 Our OH electric primary distribution system consists of approximately
2 80,200 circuit miles of OH conductor and associated assets that could
3 contribute to a wires down incident. Approximately 25,270¹ miles of our OH
4 electric primary distribution lines traverse in the HFTD areas.

5 Over the last several years, we have completed significant work and
6 launched various initiatives targeted at reducing wires down incidents,
7 including:

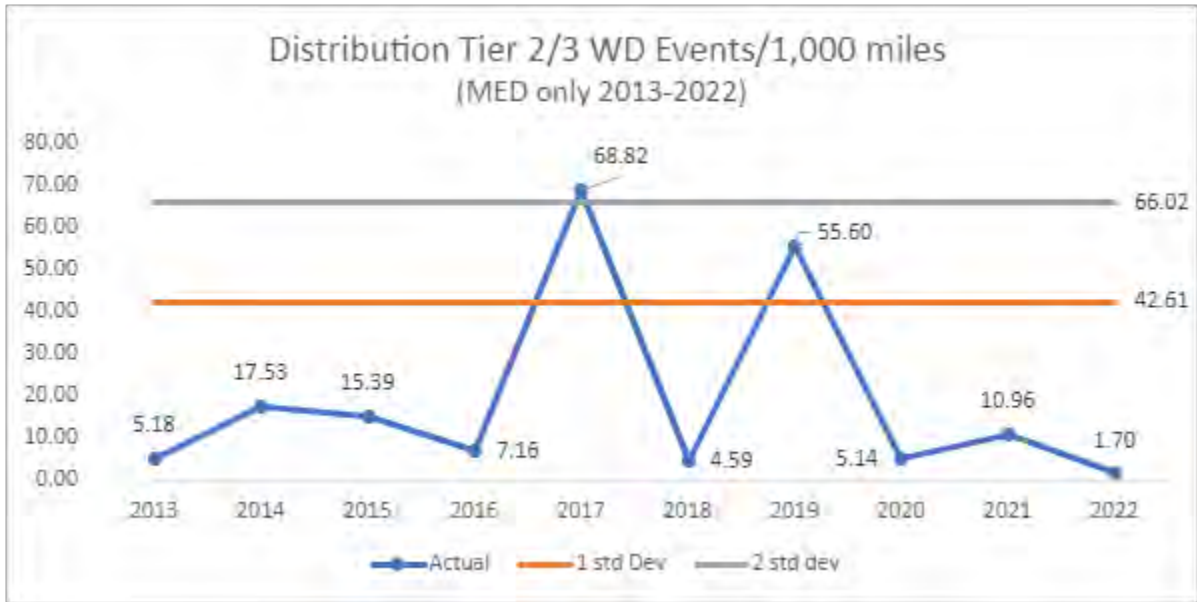
- 8 • Investigating wire down incidents and implementing learnings and
9 corrective actions;
- 10 • Performing infrared inspections of OH electric power lines to identify and
11 repair hot spots;
- 12 • Clearing of vegetation hazards posing risks to our OH electric facilities
- 13 • Hardening of OH electric power systems with more resilient equipment.

14 In addition, our vegetation management (VM) teams conduct site visits
15 of vegetation caused wires down incidents as part of its standard
16 tree-caused service interruption investigation process. The data obtained
17 from site visits supports efforts to reduce future vegetation-caused wires
18 down incidents. The data collected from these investigations also helps
19 identify failure patterns by tree species that are associated with wires down
20 incidents.

21 Distribution Wire Down Events on MEDs have varied each year and
22 have been heavily driven by not just the number of events, but by the
23 severity of the MED experienced in that specific year (refer to table below).
24 Given the randomness of weather patterns, no discernable trends can be
25 learned from historical performance results.

¹ For purposes of computing 2022 performance, PG&E used the end of year 2021.

**FIGURE 3.1-1
DISTRIBUTION PRIMARY WIRES DOWN INCIDENTS PER 1,000 CIRCUIT MILES TIER 2/3,
OCCURRING ON MEDS (2013-2022)**



**TABLE 3.1-1
NUMBER OF MEDS/YEAR (2013 – 2022)**

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
4	5	10	3	30	7	31	14	25	5

1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 PG&E uses the Integrated Logging Information System (ILIS) –
3 Operations Database, to track and count the number of wires down
4 incidents as well as our electric distribution geographical information
5 systems (EDGIS) to determine if the wire down incident was in an HFTD
6 locations. Although our outage database does not specifically identify
7 precise location of the downed wire, we use the Latitude and Longitude
8 (e.g., Lat/Long) of the device used to isolate the involved electric power line
9 Section as a proxy. We also use our electric distribution geographic
10 information system (EDGIS) application to determine if that device (via:
11 Lat/Long information) is in the HFTD (e.g., Tier 2 or Tier 3 location). Outage
12 information is entered into ILIS by our electric distribution operators based
13 on information from field personnel and devices such as Supervisory Control

1 and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeterTM² devices. We last upgraded
2 our outage reporting tools in 2015 and integrated SmartMeter information to
3 identify potential outage reporting errors and to initiate a subsequent review
4 and correction.

5 PG&E uses the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
6 (IEEE) 1366 Standard titled IEEE Guide for Electric Power Distribution
7 Reliability Indices to define MED to measure the performance of its electric
8 system under normally expected operating conditions. PG&E normally
9 excludes MEDs to allow major events to be analyzed apart from daily
10 operation and avoid allowing daily trends to be hidden by the large statistical
11 effect of major events. Per the Standard, the MED classification is
12 calculated from the natural log of the daily SAIDI values over the past five
13 years by reliability specialists. The SAIDI index is used as the basis since it
14 leads to consistent results and is a good indicator of operational and design
15 stress.

16 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

17 The number of Distribution Wire Down events during MEDs has varied
18 each year and has been heavily driven by both the number and severity of
19 the MEDs experienced in that specific year.

20 As can be seen from the 2013 to 2022 distribution down event and
21 number of MEDs per year data, the number of Tier 2 and Tier 3 wire down
22 events were significantly impacted by the number of MEDs experienced in
23 2017 and 2019. The average number of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD distribution
24 wire down events per 1,000 miles per MED was 0.342 in 2022, compared to
25 2.294 in 2017 and 1.794 in 2019.

26 **C. (3.1) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

27 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

28 There have been no changes to the directional 1- and 5- year targets
29 since the last report.

2 SmartMeter is a PG&E registered trademark. All further references to SmartMeters in PG&E's testimony in this proceeding should be assumed to refer to the trademarked name, without continually using the TM symbol, consistent with legally-acceptable practice.

1 **2. Target Methodology**

- 2 • Directional Only: Maintain (stay within historical range, and assumes
3 response stays the same in events)

4 Based on the historical performance of this metric, PG&E’s
5 “Maintain” designation as staying within 2 standard deviations from the
6 10-year average. This equates to an upper limit of 66.02 (as shown in
7 Figure 3.1-1);

- 8 • Historical Data and Trends: This metric is expected to remain within the
9 historical performance levels, but will vary based on the number of
10 MEDs experienced in a year and the weather conditions;
- 11 • Benchmarking: Not available to the best of our knowledge;
- 12 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 13 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
14 Enforcement: The directional target for this metric is suitable for EOE as
15 it states performance will remain within historical range;
- 16 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes, this metric is
17 attainable within known resources, however this metric is impacted by
18 variability in conditions outside of PG&E’s control, such as the severity
19 of weather on MED; and
- 20 • Other Considerations: None.

21 **3. 2023 Target**

22 The 2023 target is to maintain within historical performance levels.

23 **4. 2027 Target**

24 The 2027 target is to maintain within historical performance levels.

25 **D. (3.1) Performance Against Target**

26 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

27 As demonstrated in Figure 3.1-1 above, PG&E experienced five MEDs
28 2022 and maintained performance is consistent with Company’s 1-year
29 directional target.

30 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

31 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of
32 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to
33 align with the Company’s 5-year directional performance target.

1 **E. (3.1) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 PG&E will continue to execute many ongoing activities to reduce wires
3 down, including the following programs:

- 4 • OH Conductor Replacement: PG&E’s electric distribution system includes
5 approximately 80,200 circuit miles of OH conductor on its distribution system
6 that operates between 4 and 21 kilovolt, including bare and covered
7 conductors. Approximately 54,500 circuit miles of this distribution
8 conductor, including approximately 36,300 circuit miles of small conductor is
9 in non-HFTD areas. PG&E’s OH Conductor Replacement Program,
10 recorded in MAT 08J, proactively replaces OH conductor in non-HFTD
11 areas to address elevated rates of wires down and deteriorated/damaged
12 conductors and to improve system safety, reliability, and integrity.

13 PG&E updated its prioritization process for OH conductor replacements
14 to include consideration of the RAMP risk tranches with Safety
15 Consequence Zones. The three focused tranches are: (1) corrosive
16 regions with specific materials (Aluminum Conductor Steel-Reinforced
17 (ACSR)), (2) elevated wires down (small copper conductors), and (3) poor
18 reliability performance. The Safety Consequence Zones take the following
19 attributes of conductor into consideration: within buffer zones near Major
20 Transportation Infrastructure, Public Assembly Areas, and Public Safety
21 Entities.

22 Please see Exhibit (PG&E-4), Chapter 13, Overhead and Underground
23 Asset Management in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

- 24 • Patrols and Inspections: PG&E monitors the condition of primary OH
25 conductor through patrols and inspections consistent with GO 165 [Tags](#)
26 [are created for abnormal conditions, including those that can lead to a](#)
27 [wire down. Work is prioritized in a risk-informed manner to address the](#)
28 [issues identified in the tags.](#)
- 29 • Failure Analysis: PG&E conducts post-event investigations of targeted
30 equipment failures (i.e., wires down events involving conductor or splice
31 failure). Replacement plans are developed using failure rates obtained
32 through wires down analysis and conductor-splice data. These
33 investigations collect physical and environmental attributes to determine
34 conductor replacement justification and priority as well as to determine

1 failure trends. The information collected is entered into the “Engineer
2 Investigation Wires Down Database.” Analysis of this data has informed
3 PG&E’s strategy to focus replacement work on conductor types with
4 elevated wires down rates, including small (#4 and #6 gauge) copper
5 conductors and #4 ACSR conductors located in corrosion areas.

- 6 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E’s broader grid design program
7 covers several significant programs, called out in detail in PG&E’s 2022
8 WMP. The largest of these programs is the System Hardening Program
9 which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic wildfire risk caused
10 by distribution OH assets. In 2022, we had rapidly expanded our system
11 hardening efforts by: completing 483 circuit miles of system hardening
12 work, which includes: OH system hardening, undergrounding, and removal
13 of OH lines in HFTD or buffer zone areas; completing at least 179 circuit
14 miles of undergrounding work, including Butte County Rebuild efforts and
15 other distribution system hardening work; replacing equipment in HFTD
16 areas that creates ignition risks, such as non-exempt fuses (3,000) and
17 surge arresters (~4,500, all known, remaining in HFTD areas). As we look
18 beyond 2022, PG&E is targeting 2,100 miles of Undergrounding to be
19 completed between 2023 and 2026 as part of the 10,000 Mile
20 Undergrounding Program. [Even though this program will provide wire down
21 mitigation benefit, note that PG&E’s approach to wildfire mitigations in the
22 HFTD locations is based on a risk informed prioritization of work in the areas
23 where wildfire risk is evaluated as highest, as opposed to where wires down
24 incidents have a high likelihood of occurrence if they are in areas where
25 wildfire risk is relatively lower within the HFTD.](#)

26 Please see Section 7.3.3, Grid Design and System Hardening
27 Mitigations in PG&E’s WMP for additional details.

- 28 • Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM): The EVM Program is targeted
29 at OH distribution lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplements
30 PG&E’s annual routine VM work with California Public Utilities Commission
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11 2023, 20K trees in 2024, and 25K trees in 2025.

12 Please see Section 7.3.5, Vegetation Management and Inspections in
13 PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 14 • Other Advancements: There are several technologies that PG&E is piloting
15 to better identify and/or prevent conductor to ground faults. This includes:
 - 16 – SmartMeter-based methods;
 - 17 – Distribution Falling Wire Detection Method;
 - 18 – Distribution Fault Anticipation;
 - 19 – Early Fault Detection; and
 - 20 – Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter.

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2 **CHAPTER 3.2**
3 **SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:**
4 **WIRES DOWN NON-MAJOR EVENT DAYS IN HFTD AREAS**
5 **(DISTRIBUTION)**

6 The material updates to this chapter since the September 30, 2022, report can
7 be found in Section B.3 concerning metric performance; C concerning metric targets;
8 Section D concerning performance against target; Section E concerning current and
9 planned work. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (3.2) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12 Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.2 – Wires Down Non-Major
13 Event Days in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas (Distribution) is
14 defined as:

15 *Number of Wires Down incidents on Non-Major Event Days (Non-MED)*
16 *involving Overhead (OH) electric primary distribution circuits divided by the*
17 *total circuit miles of OH electric primary distribution lines multiplied by 1,000,*
18 *in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) areas, in a calendar year.*

19 **2. Introduction to the Metric**

20 In 2012, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E or the Company)
21 initiated the Electric Wires Down Program, including introduction of the
22 electric wires down metric, to advance the Company’s focus on public safety
23 by reducing the number of electric wire conductors that fail and result in
24 contact with the ground, a vehicle, or other object.

25 This metric is associated with our Failure of Electric Distribution
26 Overhead (OH) Asset Risk and Wildfire risk, which are part of our 2020 Risk
27 Assessment and Mitigation Phase Report (RAMP) filing.

28 **B. (3.2) Metric Performance**

29 **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2022)**

30 There are 10 years of historical data available from the years
31 2013-2022. Although PG&E started measuring distribution wire down
32 incidents in 2012, 2013 was the first full year uniformly measuring the
33 number of distribution wire down incidents.

1 Over this historical reporting period, performance is largely influenced by
2 external factors such as weather and third-party contact with OH electric
3 facilities.

4 PG&E's OH electric primary distribution system consists of
5 approximately 80,200 circuit miles of OH conductor and associated assets
6 that could contribute to a wires down incident. Approximately 25,270 miles¹
7 of our OH electric primary distribution lines traverse in the HFTD areas.

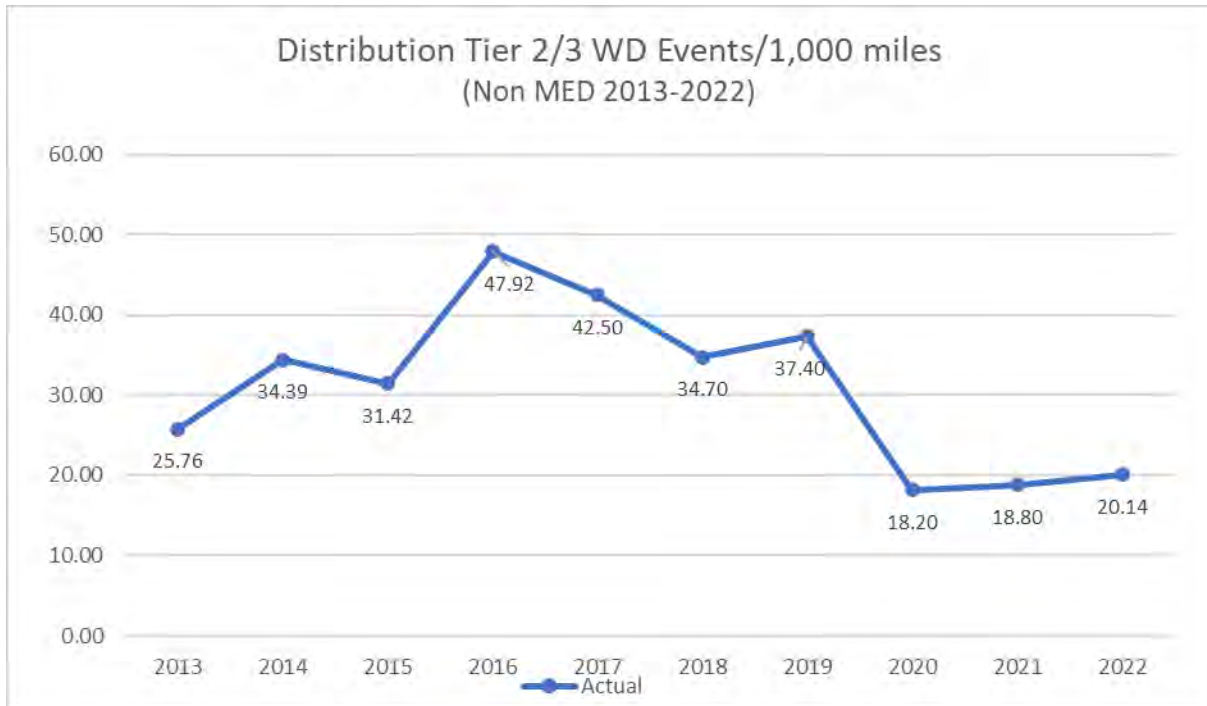
8 Over the last several years, we have completed significant work and
9 launched various initiatives targeted at reducing wires down incidents,
10 including:

- 11 • Investigating wire down incidents and implementing learnings and
12 corrective actions;
- 13 • Performing infrared inspections of OH electric power lines to identify and
14 repair hot spots;
- 15 • Clearing of vegetation hazards posing risks to our OH electric facilities;
- 16 • Hardening of OH electric power systems with more resilient equipment.

17 In addition, our vegetation management (VM) teams conduct site visits
18 of vegetation caused wires down incidents as part of its standard tree
19 caused service interruption investigation process. The data obtained from
20 site visits supports efforts to reduce future vegetation caused wires down
21 incidents. The data collected from these investigations also helps identify
22 failure patterns by tree species that are associated with wires down
23 incidents.

¹ For purposes of computing 2022 performance, PG&E used end of year 2021.

FIGURE 3.2-1
DISTRIBUTION PRIMARY WIRES DOWN INCIDENTS PER 1,000 CIRCUIT MILES
(TIER 2/3, NON-MED ONLY 2013- 2022)



2. Data Collection Methodology

PG&E uses its Integrated Logging Information System (ILIS) – Operations Database to track and count the number of wires down incidents, as well as its electric distribution geographical information systems (EDGIS) to determine if the wire down incident was in an HFTD locations. Although the outage database does not specifically identify precise location of the downed wire, the Latitude and Longitude (e.g., Lat/Long) of the device is used to isolate the involved electric power line Section as a proxy. PG&E also uses its EDGIS application to determine if that device (Lat/Long information) is in the HFTD (e.g., Tier 2 or Tier 3 location). Outage information is entered into ILIS by our electric distribution operators based on information from field personnel and devices such as Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeter™

1 devices.² We last upgraded our outage reporting tools in year 2015 and
2 integrated SmartMeter information to identify potential outage reporting
3 errors and to initiate a subsequent review and correction.

4 PG&E uses the IEEE 1366 Standard titled IEEE Guide for Electric
5 Power Distribution Reliability Indices to define and apply excludable Major
6 Event Days (MED) to measure the performance of its electric system under
7 normally expected operating conditions. Its purpose is to allow major events
8 to be analyzed apart from daily operation and avoid allowing daily trends to
9 be hidden by the large statistical effect of major events. Per the Standard,
10 the MED classification is calculated from the natural log of the daily System
11 Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) values over the past five years
12 by reliability specialists. The SAIDI index is used as the basis since it leads
13 to consistent results and is a good indicator of operational and design
14 stress.

15 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

16 In 2022, there were 482 distribution wires down events, compared to
17 475 in 2021. The number of distribution wires down events occurring on
18 non-MED typically varies each year. Within the past 3 years, 2020-2022,
19 there has been a decrease in the number of events when comparing to
20 years prior to 2020. The variance in this metric is driven by several factors
21 including weather conditions, third party influence and the number of MED
22 days per year. Furthermore, PG&E's approach to wildfire mitigations in the
23 HFTD locations is based on a risk informed prioritization of work in the areas
24 where wildfire risk is evaluated as highest, as opposed to where wires down
25 incidents have a high likelihood of occurrence if they are in areas where
26 wildfire risk is relatively lower within the HFTD.

² SmartMeter is a PG&E registered trademark. All further references to SmartMeters in PG&E's testimony in this proceeding should be assumed to refer to the trademarked name, without continually using the TM symbol, consistent with legally-acceptable practice.

1 **C. (3.2) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 Given the significant variability performance observed in the last
4 10 years, driven by weather, PG&E is adjusting the target setting
5 methodology to leverage a 10-year average + 1 standard deviation, instead
6 of using a 5-year average +1 standard deviation. This allows us to better
7 account for the variability.

8 **2. Target Methodology**

9 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, the following factors were
10 considered:

- 11 • Historical Data and Trends:
 - 12 – The past 10 years were used in PG&E’s target setting
13 methodology. These 10 years (2013-2022) are being used for this
14 report because this longer period allows PG&E to better account for
15 the weather-driven variability in the year-over-year performance,
16 compared to the 5-year approach used for previous target-setting.
 - 17 – Target methodology now leverages a 10-year average + 1 Standard
18 deviation approach, so that targeted performance maintains the
19 improvement achieved over the past years while accounting for the
20 variability observed in the results of this metric, typically caused by
21 weather;
 - 22 – Target methodology also accounts for PG&E’s wildfire mitigation
23 strategies, with work in HFTD areas being targeted for wildfire risk
24 reduction, which is not fully consistent with a work prioritization
25 approach targeting wires down count reduction only;
- 26 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 27 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 28 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
29 Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they
30 account for the variability experienced by this metric;
- 31 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Targets are attainable
32 within known resources, however this metric is impacted by the

1 variability in conditions outside of PG&E's control, such as weather
2 conditions that may not be excluded as an MED; and

3 • Other Considerations:

- 4 – Longer term (5-year) target setting includes a 2 percent
5 year-over-year improvement methodology which accounts for
6 weather variability and the increase in MED threshold (less days
7 will be excluded) in 2022, as well as the improvements expected in
8 HFTD from System Hardening and Enhanced Vegetation
9 Management (EVM).

10 **3. 2023 Target**

11 The 2023 target leverages a 10-year average + 1 Standard deviation
12 approach. For 2023, that number will be 41.36 Wires Down Events per
13 1,000 miles.

14 **4. 2027 Target**

15 The 2027 target is a 2% reduction year over year, at 38.15 Wires Down
16 Events per 1,000 miles.

17 **D. (3.2) Performance Against Target**

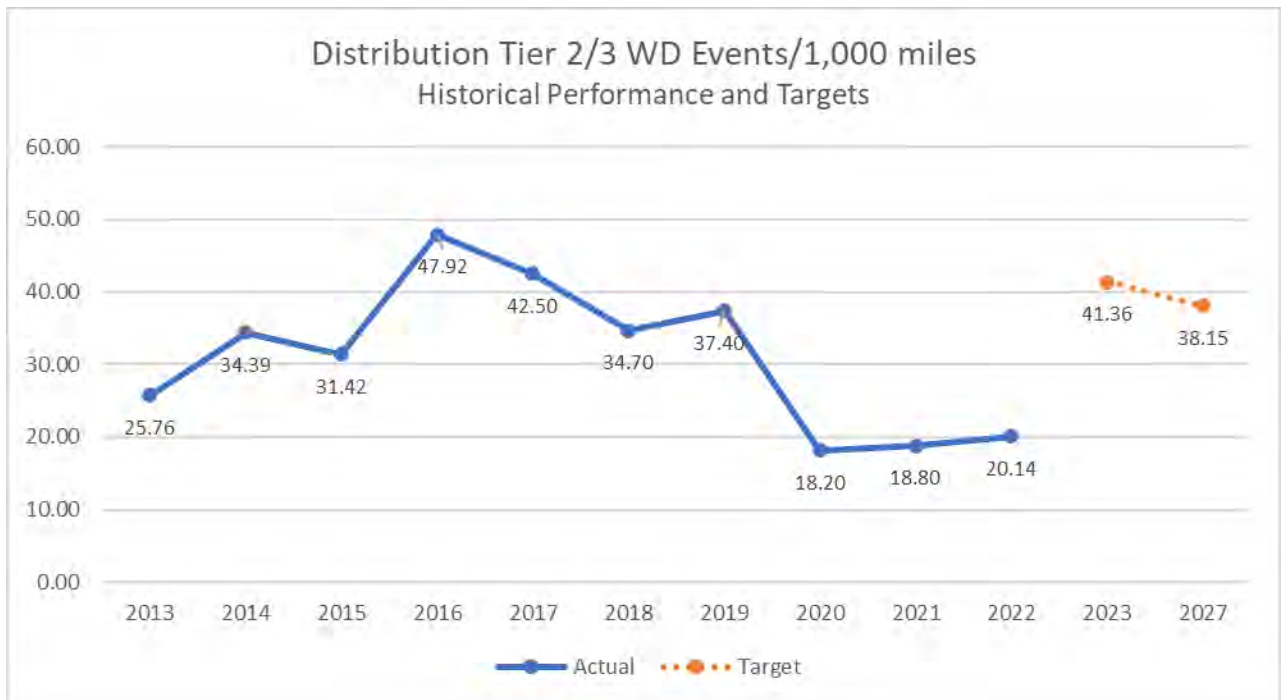
18 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

19 As demonstrated in Figure 3.2-2 below, PG&E saw a performance of
20 20.14 Distribution Wires Down Events per 1,000 circuit miles for 2022, which
21 is consistent with Company's 1-year target of 41.45.

22 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

23 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of
24 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to
25 meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.2-2
HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION PRIMARY WIRES DOWN
INCIDENTS PER 1,000 CIRCUIT MILES**



1 **E. (3.2) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 PG&E will continue to execute many ongoing activities to reduce wires
3 down, including the following programs:

- 4 • Patrols and Inspections: PG&E monitors the condition of primary OH
5 conductor through patrols and inspections consistent with GO 165. Tags
6 are created for abnormal conditions, including those that can lead to a wire
7 down. Work is prioritized in a risk-informed manner to address the issues
8 identified in the tags.
- 9 • Failure Analysis: PG&E conducts post-event investigations of targeted
10 equipment failures (i.e., wires down events involving conductor or splice
11 failure). These investigations collect physical and environmental attributes
12 to determine failure trends. The information collected is entered into the
13 “Engineer Investigation Wires Down Database.” Analysis of this data has
14 informed PG&E’s Conductor Wildfire Risk modeling.
- 15 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E’s broader grid design program
16 covers a number of significant programs, called out in detail in PG&E’s 2022
17 WMP. The largest of these programs is the System Hardening Program

1 which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic wildfire risk caused
2 by distribution OH assets. In 2022, we had rapidly expanded our system
3 hardening efforts by: (i) completing 483 circuit miles of system hardening
4 work which includes OH system hardening, undergrounding and removal of
5 OH lines in HFTD or buffer zone areas; (ii) completing at least 179 circuit
6 miles of undergrounding work, including Butte County Rebuild efforts and
7 other distribution system hardening work; and (iii) replacing equipment in
8 HFTD areas that creates ignition risks, such as non-exempt fuses (3,000)
9 and surge arresters (~4,500, all known, remaining in HFTD areas). As we
10 look beyond 2022, PG&E is targeting 2,100 miles of Undergrounding to be
11 completed between 2023 and 2026 as part of the 10,000 Mile
12 Undergrounding Program. Even though this program will provide wire down
13 mitigation benefit, note that PG&E's approach to wildfire mitigations in the
14 HFTD locations is based on a risk informed prioritization of work in the areas
15 where wildfire risk is evaluated as highest, as opposed to where wires down
16 incidents have a high likelihood of occurrence if they are in areas where
17 wildfire risk is relatively lower within the HFTD.

18 Please see Section 7.3.3, Grid Design and System Hardening
19 Mitigations in PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 20 • Enhanced Vegetation Management: The EVM program is targeted at OH
21 distribution lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplements PG&E's
22 annual routine VM work with CPUC mandated clearances. PG&E's VM
23 program, components of which exceed regulatory requirements, is critical to
24 mitigating wildfire risk. PG&E's VM team inspects and identifies needed
25 vegetation maintenance on all distribution and transmission circuit miles in
26 PG&E's service area on a recurring cycle through Routine and Tree
27 Mortality Patrols, as well as Pole Clearing. Our EVM program goes above
28 and beyond regulatory requirements for distribution lines by expanding
29 minimum clearances and removing overhang in HFTD areas. In 2022, EVM
30 passed approximately 1,923 miles through our work verification process.
31 Due to the emergence of other wildfire mitigation programs (namely EPSS
32 and Undergrounding), the program will not be executed in 2023. The trees
33 that were identified as part of the program and previous iterations and
34 scopes will be worked down over the next 9 years, risk ranked by our latest

1 wildfire distribution risk model. The WMP has commitments for this program
2 of the removal of 15,000 trees in 2023, 20,000 trees in 2024, and 25,000
3 trees in 2025.

4 Please see Section 7.3.5, Vegetation Management and Inspections in
5 PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 6 • Other Advancements: In addition, there are several technologies that PG&E
7 is piloting to better identify and/or prevent conductor to ground faults. This
8 includes:

- 9 – SmartMeter-based methods;
- 10 – Distribution Falling Wire Detection Method;
- 11 – Distribution Fault Anticipation;
- 12 – Early Fault Detection; and
- 13 – Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter.

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CHAPTER 3.3

SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:

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6 The material updates to this chapter since the September 30, 2022, report can
7 be found in; C.1 concerning updated metric targets; and Section D concerning
8 performance against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in
9 blue font.

10 **A. (3.3) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12 Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.3 – Wires Down Major Event
13 Days in HFTD Areas (Transmission) is defined as:

14 *Number of Wires Down events on Major Event Days (MED) involving*
15 *overhead transmission circuits divided by total circuit miles of overhead*
16 *transmission lines x 1,000, in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas in a*
17 *calendar year.*

18 **2. Introduction of Metric**

19 This metric is a measure of how Pacific Gas and Electric Company
20 (PG&E or the Company) provides safe and reliable electric services to its
21 customers. It's also a measure of how available PG&E's electric
22 transmission (ET) grid is to the market for the buying and selling of electricity
23 as managed by the California Independent System Operator.

24 This metric is associated with PG&E's Failure of ET Overhead Asset
25 Risk and Wildfire Risk, which are part of the Company's 2020 Risk
26 Assessment and Mitigation Phase Report filing.

27 **B. (3.3) Metric Performance**

28 **1. Data Collection**

29 Unplanned ET outages are documented by PG&E's Transmission
30 Operations Department using its Transmission Operations Tracking &
31 Logging (TOTL) application. If distribution-served customers are affected by
32 a particular transmission wire down event, the data captured in TOTL are
33 merged in a separate data set with respective data from PG&E's distribution

1 outage reporting application Integrated Logging Information System. Follow
2 up is usually required to validate cause of the wire down event, including
3 daily outage review calls with various stakeholder departments to clarify the
4 details of the wire down event. Results are consolidated and regularly
5 communicated internally to keep stakeholders informed of progress.

6 **2. Historical Data**

7 PG&E initiated the electric wires down events metric in 2012 to support
8 public safety.

9 Electric Transmission reports its wire down events by precise points of
10 failure including circuit name and pole location. When multiple spans are
11 involved, the spreadsheet shows only one of those spans, but the column
12 under the “Comments” header provides more details about the event
13 including if multiple spans were involved. There are also columns that were
14 populated for latitude and longitude from PG&E’s ET Geographical Interface
15 System coinciding with the pole location. This view is available by request.

16 This metric is normalized by the transmission circuit miles within Tier 2
17 and Tier 3 HFTDs. The HFTD boundaries are recent development and were
18 not defined for several years as shown in Figure 3.3-1 below. Hence, for all
19 years prior to and including 2022, PG&E uses 5,525.9 overhead
20 transmission circuit miles¹ in Tier 2/3 HFTD areas and assumes any
21 variances in prior years are negligible.

22 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

23 All systems and processes and their outputs exhibit variability. Control
24 charts help monitor variability and can be used to differentiate common
25 causes of variability from special causes. Common, or chance, causes are
26 numerous small causes of variability that are inherent to a system and
27 operate randomly. Special, or assignable, causes can have relatively large
28 effects on the process and may lead to a state that is out of statistical
29 control—i.e., outside control chart limits.

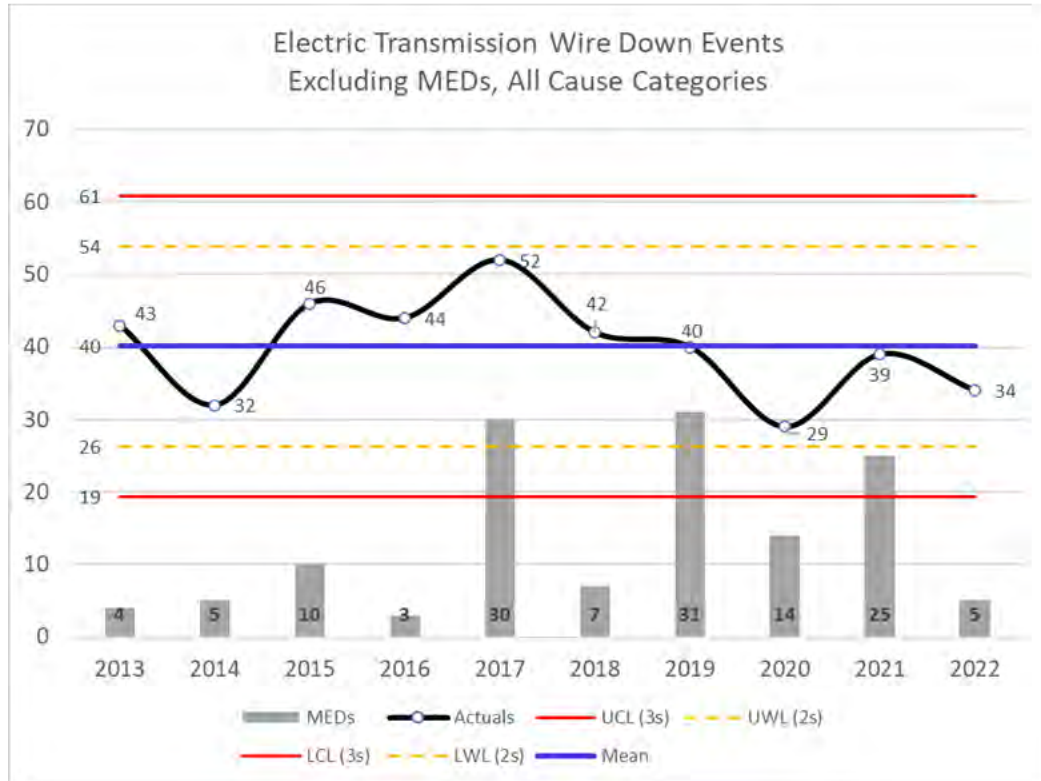
1 PG&E uses 5,525.9 as the circuit mile total which is consistent with prior reporting. Due to the changing nature of the circuit mile total, PG&E’s supporting data file shows a total of 5,525.7.

1 The probability that a point falls above the upper control limit (UCL)
2 which for most control chart designs is an indicator of significant process
3 degradation) or below the lower control limit (LCL), an indicator of significant
4 process improvement) if only common causes are operating is
5 approximately 0.00135. It is therefore unlikely to have measures fall beyond
6 the control limits when no special cause is operating. False alarms are
7 possible, but the placement of the control limits at 3 standard deviations (+/-)
8 from the process average is thought to control the number of false alarms
9 adequately in most situations. The simplest rule for detecting presence of a
10 special cause is one or more points that fall beyond upper or lower limits of
11 the chart.

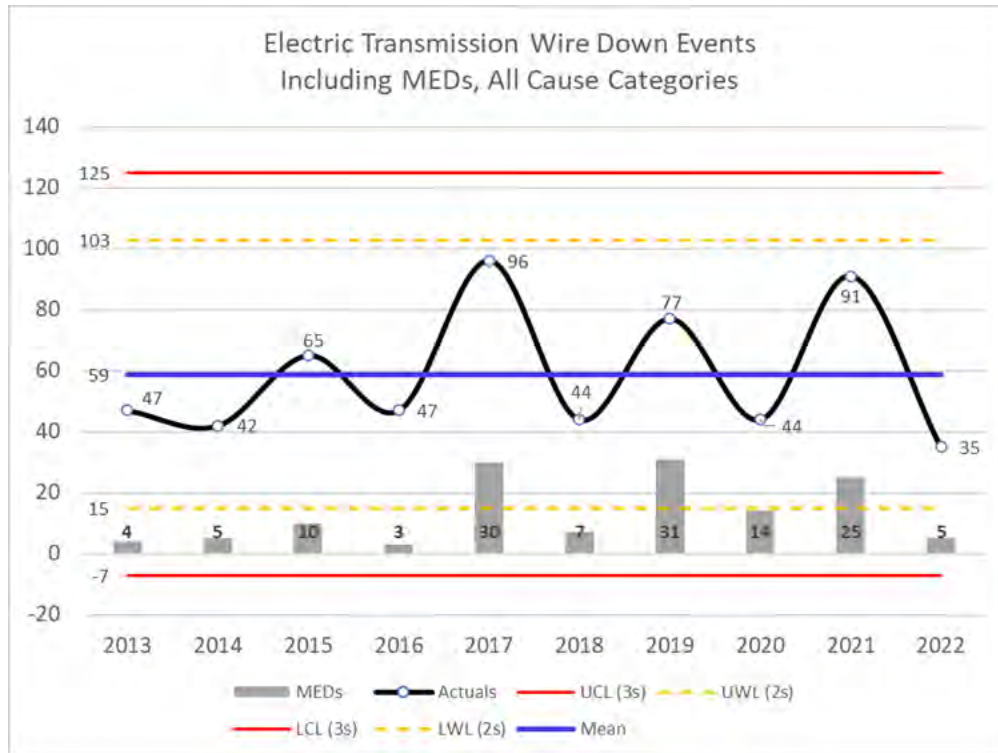
12 Control charts can further illustrate an expected range of performance
13 based on historical data. They can assist with discrete observations of
14 recent performance improvement or decline or stability.

15 Figure 3.3-1 below is a control chart showing historical annual
16 performances since 2013 for ET wire down events excluding those that
17 occurred on a declared MED. Similarly, Figure 3.3-2 is a control chart
18 showing all wire down events including MEDs.

FIGURE 3.3-1
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS, EXCLUDING MEDS
(2013-2022)



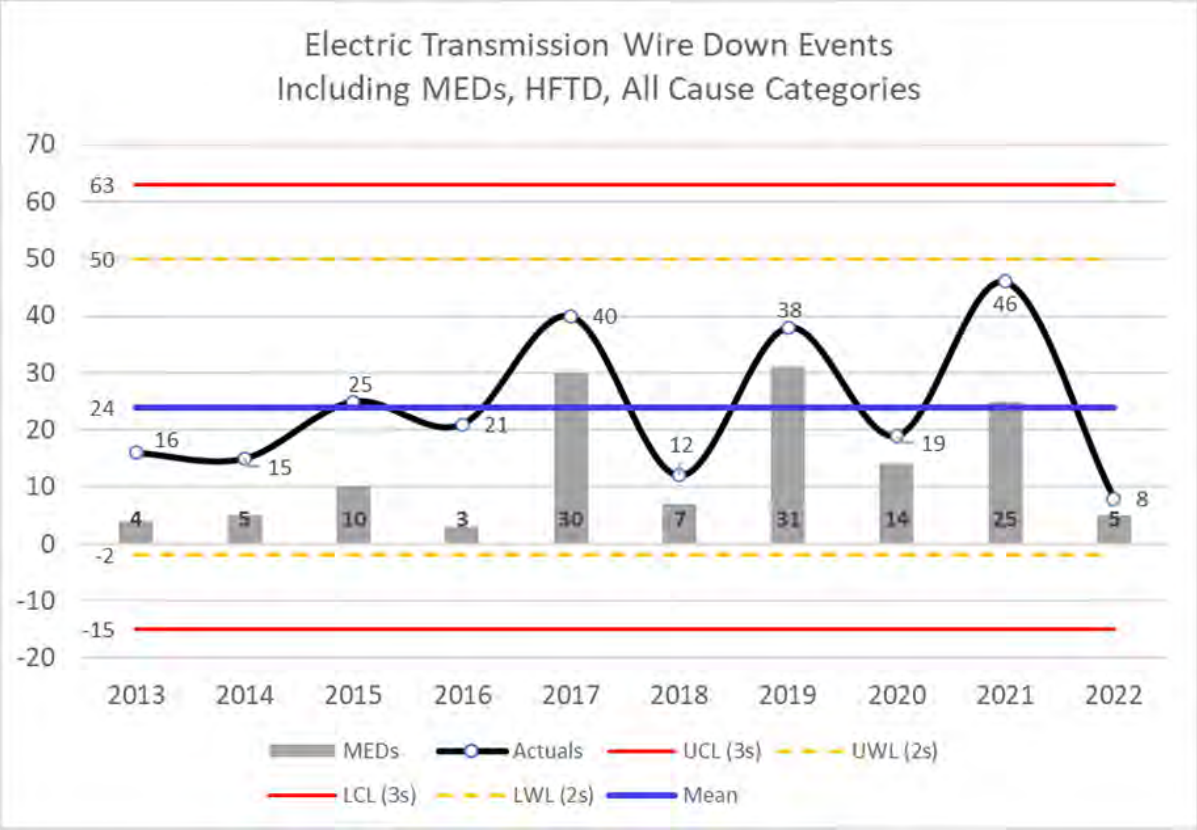
**FIGURE 3.3-2
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS, INCLUDING MEDS
(2013-2022)**



1 Comparing the two figures above, one can conclude that on average we
 2 can expect more transmission wire down events when MEDs are included.
 3 More importantly, there are no instances in either chart where the upper
 4 chart limit set at three standard deviations was exceeded. It appears we
 5 have a stable performing process in the count of transmission wire down
 6 events, whether MEDs are included in the count or not.

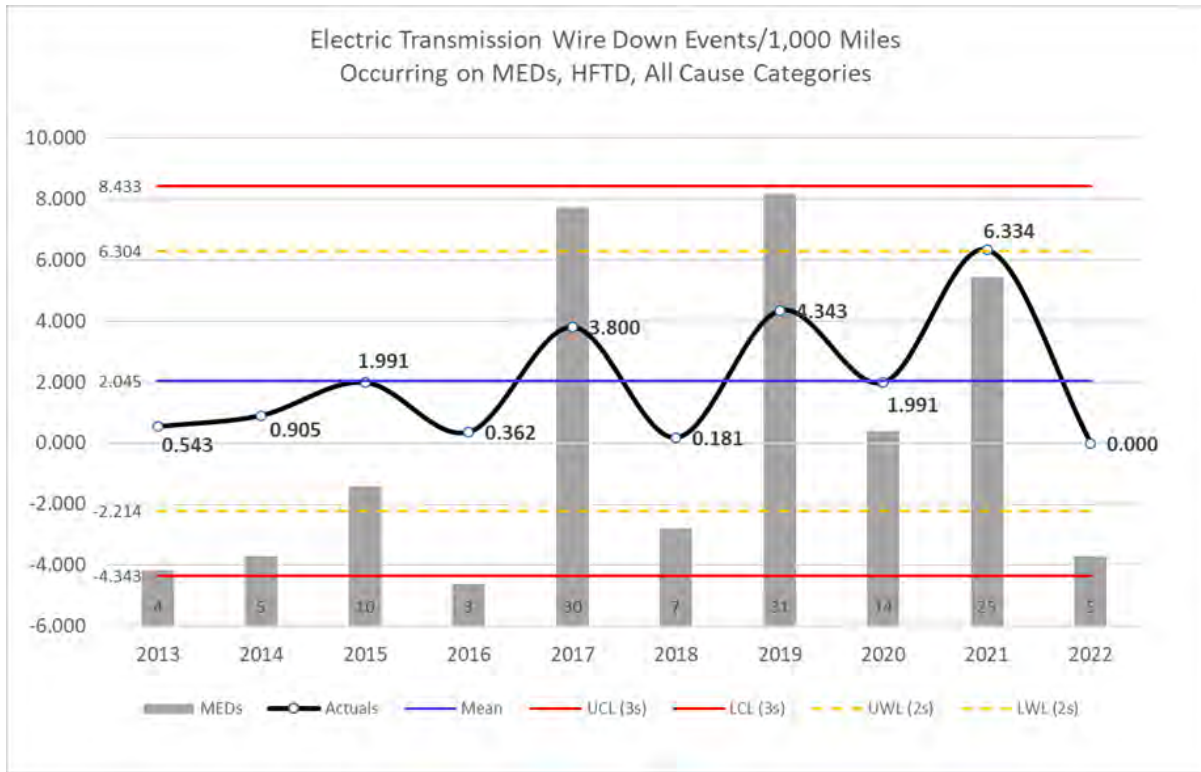
7 Figure 3.3-3 below is analogous to Figure 3.3-2 above but restricts the
 8 count of transmission wire down events to those occurring within Tier 2 or
 9 Tier 3 HFTDs. All categories related to cause are included. The bars in the
 10 chart show congruence between the number of MEDs in a performance year
 11 vs. the count of transmission wire down. It's also apparent that we have a
 12 stable system as all annual performance results fall within the two standard
 13 deviation lines for upper warning limit (UWL) and lower warning limit (LWL).

**FIGURE 3.3-3
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS,
INCLUDING MEDS, TIER 2/3 (2013-2022)**



1 Figure 3.3- below is analogous to Figure 3.3-3 above but further restricts
 2 the count of transmission wire down events to those that occurred only
 3 during a declared MED. These counts are normalized by dividing by the
 4 circuit mileage associated circuits located in Tier 2 and Tier 3 boundaries x
 5 1,000. Again, there is congruence between the normalized counts of
 6 transmission wire down events and the number of MEDs. Nevertheless, it
 7 appears we have a stable performance.

**TABLE 3.3-4
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS OCCURING ON MEDS, TIER 2/3
(2013-2022)**



1 **C. (3.3) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 There are no updates to the directional 1- and 5-Year Targets since last
4 report, to maintain performance within the historical range.

5 **2. Target Methodology**

- 6 • Unplanned Directional Only: Maintain (stay within historical range, and
7 assumes response stays the same in events)

8 As discussed above in the interpretations of control charts related to this
9 metric—and absent any “special” cause(s) that would result in deviation
10 above the current three standard deviations—it is reasonable to expect that
11 future transmission wire down results would remain within the historical
12 performance levels. Such results will vary based on the number and
13 severity of MEDs experienced in a year; however, end of year actuals
14 should remain centered around the mean and below the upper control limit

(UCL) shown in Figure 3.3-4. It is noted that changes in MED thresholds from year to year can skew the UCL.

- Benchmarking: Not available to best of our knowledge;
- Regulatory Requirements: None;
- Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and Enforcement: The directional target for this metric is suitable for EOE as it states metric performance will remain in historical range;
- Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes, this metric is attainable within known resources, however this metric is impacted by the variability in conditions outside of PG&E's control, such as the severity of inclement weather on MED; and
- Other Considerations: None.

D. (3.3) Performance Against Target

1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target

PG&E experienced zero Transmission Wires Down Events on Major Event Days in 2022 which is consistent with Company's 1-year directional target.

2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target

As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to meet the Company's 5-year directional performance target.

E. (3.3) Current and Planned Work Activities

Wire down events can be caused by a variety of factors, including but not limited to asset failure, third party contact, or vegetation contact. The following work activities may provide future resiliency for certain wire down event causes, though the effectiveness of the work is dependent upon the circumstances of the wire down event (e.g., new assets may still be prone to a wire down event that occur due to extreme weather events outside of standard design guidance).

- Asset Inspection: Detailed inspections of overhead transmission assets seek to proactively identify potential failure modes of asset components which could create future wire down, outage, and/or safety events if left unresolved or allowed to "run to failure." Detailed inspections for transmission assets involve at least two detailed inspection methods per

1 structure (ground and aerial), though not necessarily in the same calendar
2 year which allows for staggered inspection methods across multiple years.

3 Aerial inspections may be completed either by drone, helicopter, or aerial lift.

4 In addition to the ground and aerial inspections, climbing inspections are
5 also required for 500 kilovolt structures or as triggered. All these inspection
6 methods involve detailed, visual examinations of the assets with use of
7 inspection checklists that are in accordance with the ET Preventive
8 Maintenance standards, as well as the Failure Modes and Effects Analysis.

9 • Asset Repair and Replacement: Completing repair, replacement,
10 removal or life extension to transmission assets provides the benefit of
11 reduced probability of failure for components that could potentially result
12 in a wire down event. Idle asset de-energization and removal eliminates
13 wires down event risk by removing the energized electrical components.
14 Many improvements are identified through corrective maintenance
15 notifications. These notifications are typically identified as a result of
16 transmission asset inspections and patrols. Prioritization of maintenance
17 tags are based on severity of the issues found and fire ignition potential
18 (i.e., asset-conditions impacting issues associated with HFTD areas and
19 High Fire Risk Area). Execution of the prioritized work plan would also
20 have to address other factors such as clearance availability, access,
21 work efficiency, etc.

22 • Vegetation Management (VM): Trees or other vegetation that make
23 contact or cross within flash-over distance of high voltage transmission
24 lines can cause phase to phase or phase to ground electrical arcing, fire
25 ignition or local, regional or cascading, grid-level service interruption.
26 Dense vegetation growing within the right-of-way (ROW) can act as a
27 fuel bed for wildfire ignition. Vegetation growing close to any pole or
28 structure can impede inspection of the structure base and in some cases
29 can damage the structure or conductors and result in wire down events.

30 PG&E operates our lines in ET corridors that are home to vast amounts
31 of vegetation. This vegetation ranges from sparse to extremely dense. Our
32 transmission lines also pass through urban, agricultural, and forested
33 settings. The corridor environment is dynamic and requires focused
34 attention to ensure vegetation stays clear of energized conductors and other

1 equipment. Vegetation inspection is a required operational step in an
2 overall VM Program. Accordingly, PG&E has developed an annual
3 inspection cycle program as part of our overall Transmission VM Program to
4 respond to the diverse and dynamic environment of our service territory.
5 The Routine North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and
6 Routine Non-NERC Programs are annually recurring. The Integrated
7 Vegetation Management (IVM) Program maintains cleared ROWs on a
8 recurs every three-to-5-year cycles. The frequency and prioritization for
9 each of these programs is described in more detail below.

- 10 • Routine NERC: The Routine NERC Program includes Light Detection
11 and Ranging (LiDAR) inspection, visual verification of findings, and
12 mitigation of vegetation encroachments, as well as other vegetation
13 conditions on approximately 6,800 miles of NERC Critical lines.
14 100 percent inspection and work plan completion are required by NERC
15 Standard FAC-003-4. Work is prioritized based on aerial LiDAR
16 detection. This program recurs annually.
- 17 • Non-Routine NERC: The Non-Routine NERC Program includes LiDAR
18 inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of vegetation
19 encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on approximately
20 11,400 miles of transmission lines not designated as critical by NERC.
21 Work is prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs
22 annually.
- 23 • Integrated Vegetation Management: The IVM Program is an ongoing
24 maintenance program designed to maintain cleared rights-of-way in a
25 sustainable and compatible condition by eliminating tall-growing and
26 fire-prone vegetation and promoting low-growing, compatible vegetation.
27 Prioritization is based on aging of work cycles and evaluation of
28 vegetation re-growth. After initial work is performed, the rights-of-ways
29 are reassessed every two to five years.

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CHAPTER 3.4

SAFETY PERFORMANCE METRICS REPORT:

**WIRES DOWN NON-MAJOR EVENT DAYS IN HFTD AREAS
(TRANSMISSION)**

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7 be found in C.1 concerning metric targets; and Section D concerning performance
8 against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9 **A. (3.4) Introduction**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.4 – Wires Down Non-Major
12 Even Days in HFTD Areas (Transmission) is defined as:

13 *Count of electric transmission wire down events on non-Major Event*
14 *Days (MED) (as defined in IEEE (Institute of Electronic and Electrical*
15 *Engineers) Standard 1366) divided by the total circuit miles of overhead*
16 *transmission lines (divided by 1,000) in high fire threat district (HFTD)*
17 *Areas.*

18 **2. Introduction of Metric**

19 This metric is a measure of how Pacific Gas and Electric Company
20 (PG&E) provides safe and reliable electric services to its customers. It's
21 also a measure of how available PG&E's electric transmission grid is to the
22 market for the buying and selling of electricity as managed by the California
23 Independent System Operator (CAISO).

24 This metric is associated with PG&E's Failure of Electric Transmission
25 Overhead Asset Risk and Wildfire Risk, which are part of the Company's
26 2020 Risk Assessment and Mitigation Phase Report (RAMP) filing.

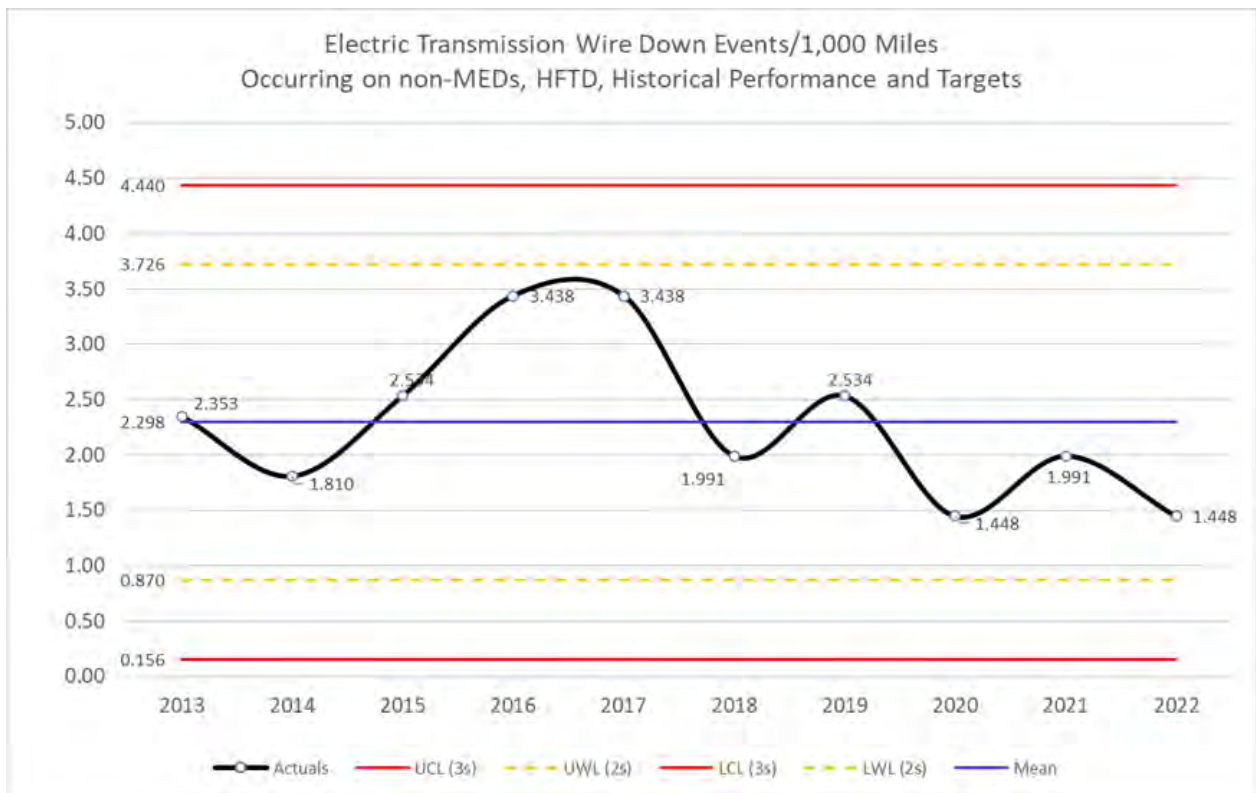
27 **B. (3.4) Metric Performance**

28 **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2022)**

29 There are 10 years of historical data available from the years
30 2013-2022. Although PG&E started measuring wire down incidents in the
31 2012, 2013 was the first full year uniformly measuring the number of
32 transmission wire down incidents. This metric is normalized by the
33 transmission circuit miles within Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs. The HFTD

1 boundaries are a recent development and were not defined for several years
 2 within the historical data timeframe. Hence, for all years prior to and
 3 including 2022, PG&E uses 5,525.9 overhead transmission circuit miles¹ in
 4 Tier 2/3 HFTD areas and assumes any variances in prior years are
 5 negligible.

**FIGURE 3.4-1
 ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS
 OCCURRING ON NON-MEDS PER 1,000 CIRCUIT MILES (2013-2022)**



6 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

7 Unplanned electric transmission outages are documented by PG&E's
 8 Transmission Operations Department using its Transmission Operations
 9 Tracking & Logging (TOTL) application. If distribution-served customers are
 10 affected by a particular transmission wire down event, the data captured in
 11 TOTL are merged in a separate data set with respective data from PG&E's

¹ PG&E uses 5,525.9 as the circuit mile total which is consistent with prior reporting. Due to the changing nature of the circuit mile total, PG&E's supporting data file shows a total of 5,525.7.

1 distribution outage reporting application (integrated logging information
2 system). Follow up is usually required to validate cause of the wire down
3 event, including daily outage review calls with various stakeholder
4 departments to clarify the details of the wire down event. Results are
5 consolidated and regularly communicated internally to keep stakeholders
6 informed of progress Metric performance.

7 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

8 All systems and processes and their outputs exhibit variability. Control
9 charts help monitor variability and can be used to differentiate common
10 causes of variability from special causes. Common, or chance, causes are
11 numerous small causes of variability that are inherent to a system and
12 operate randomly. Special, or assignable, causes can have relatively large
13 effects on the process and may lead to a state that is out of statistical
14 control—i.e., outside control chart limits.

15 The probability that a point falls above the upper control limit (for most
16 control chart designs, usually an indicator of significant process degradation)
17 or below the lower control limit (an indicator, usually, of significant process
18 improvement) if only common causes are operating is approximately
19 0.00135. It is therefore unlikely to have measures fall beyond the control
20 limits when no special cause is operating. False alarms are possible, but
21 the placement of the control limits at three standard deviations (+/-) from the
22 process average is thought to control the number of false alarms adequately
23 in most situations. The simplest rule for detecting presence of a special
24 cause is one or more points that fall beyond upper or lower limits of the
25 chart.

26 Control charts can further illustrate an expected range of performance
27 based on historical data. They can assist with discrete observations of
28 recent performance improvement or decline or stability.

29 Each year since 1998 PG&E and the CAISO or ISO have monitored
30 electric transmission (ET) availability using control charts.

31 Appendix C of the Transmission Control Agreement (TCA) between
32 PG&E and CAISO states that each participating transmission owner:

33 ...shall submit an annual report...describing its Availability Measures
34 performance. This annual report shall be based on Forced Outage

1 records...and shall include the date, start time, end time affected
2 Transmission Facility, and the probable cause(s) if known.

3 Appendix C goes on to address targets which are defined as “The
4 Availability performance goals established by the ISO,” which are based on
5 the control chart limits calculated and shown in the annual report.

6 As mentioned, Electric Transmission (ET) wire down events have been
7 tracked historically in part as a measure of how available PG&E’s ET grid is
8 to the market managed by CAISO. With this proven and statistically robust
9 method of calculating ET availability targets using control charts already
10 established, it is reasonable—and preferable—to adopt this control chart
11 methodology to not only monitor past and present performance but also
12 better predict future performance and facilitate recommendations at a higher
13 confidence level for annual targets related to ET wire down events.

14 There is precedent internally for using control charts to set targets.

15 Figure 3.4-1 above is a control chart showing historical annual
16 performances through 2022 for electric transmission wire down events
17 excluding those that occurred on a declared major event day (MED).

18 C. (3.4) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

19 1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report

20 The 1- and 5-Year targets have been updated to reflect the target
21 setting methodology.

22 2. Target Methodology

23 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, the following:

- 24 • Historical Data and Trends: 1-Year and 5-Year Targets are set to
25 maintain performance within a 3 standard deviation range using the
26 available historical data. As discussed above in the interpretations of
27 control charts related to this metric—and absent any “special” cause(s)
28 that would result in deviation above the current 3 standard deviations—it
29 is reasonable to expect that future transmission wire down results would
30 remain within the historical performance levels. Such results will vary
31 based on the number of MEDs experienced in a year; however, end of
32 year actuals should remain centered around the mean and below the

1 upper control limit (UCL) shown in Figure 3.4-1. Changes in MED
2 thresholds from year to year can skew the UCL;

- 3 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 4 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 5 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
6 Enforcement: The target for this metric is suitable for EOE as it
7 suggests that future results will remain within the historic performance
8 levels;
- 9 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Metric targets are
10 attainable within known resources, however this metric is impacted by
11 the variability in conditions outside of PG&E's control, such as the
12 severity of inclement weather on days that don't register as Major
13 Event Days; and
- 14 • Other Considerations: None.

15 3. 2023 Target

16 Not to exceed 4.440, which represents maintaining a 3 standard
17 deviation range. A 3 standard deviation remains consistent with other
18 Electric Transmission external report filings with the CAISO.

19 4. 2027 Target

20 Not to exceed 4.440, which represents maintaining a 3 standard
21 deviation range. A 3 standard deviation remains consistent with other
22 Electric Transmission external report filings with the CAISO.

23 D. (3.4) Performance Against Target

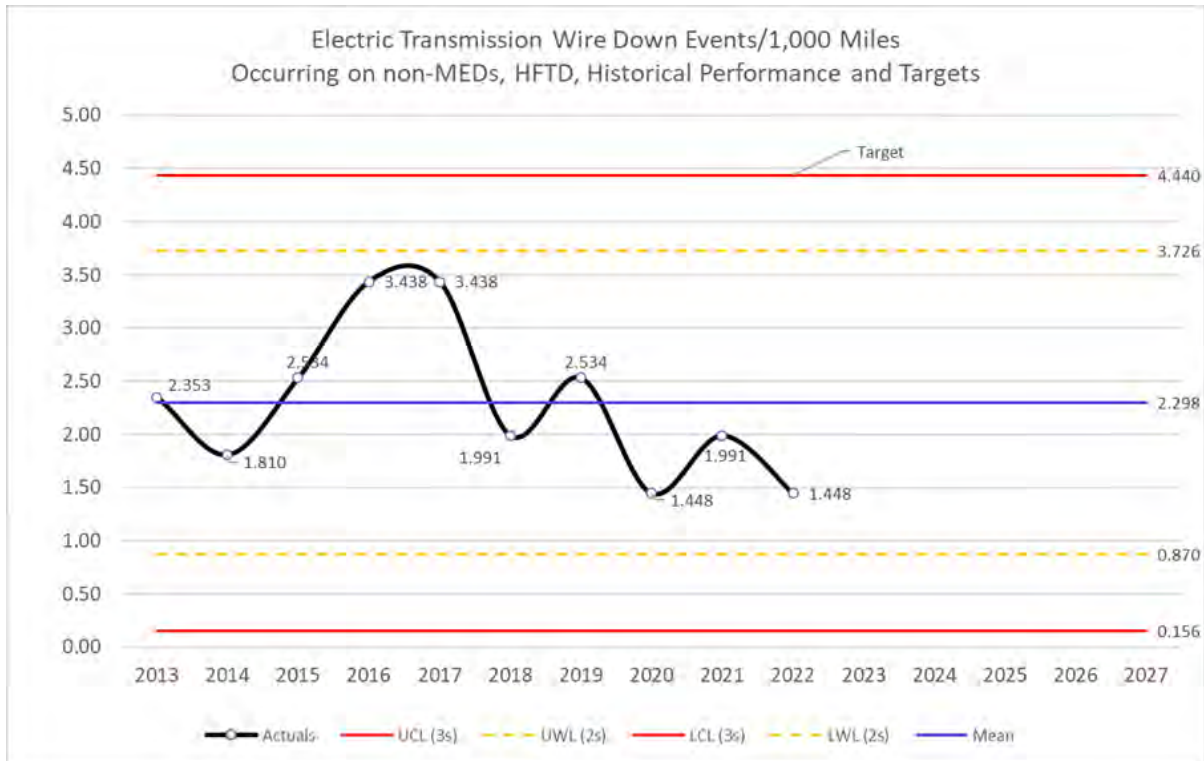
24 1. Progress Towards the 1-year Target

25 As demonstrated in Figure 3.4-2 below, PG&E saw a performance of
26 1.448 Transmission Wires Down Events per 1,000 circuit miles in 2022
27 which is consistent with Company's 1-year target.

28 2. Progress Towards the 5-year Target

29 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of
30 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to
31 meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.4-2
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS
HISTORIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS**



E. (3.4) Current and Planned Work Activities

Wire down events can be caused by a variety of factors, including but not limited to asset failure, third party contact, or vegetation contact. The following work activities may provide future resiliency for certain wire down event causes, though the effectiveness of the work is dependent upon the circumstances of the wire down event (e.g., new assets may still be prone to a wire down event that occur due to extreme weather events outside of standard design guidance).

- Asset Inspection:** Detailed inspections of overhead transmission assets seek to proactively identify potential failure modes of asset components which could create future wire down, outage, and/or safety events if left unresolved or allowed to “run to failure.” Detailed inspections for transmission assets involve at least two detailed inspection methods per structure (ground and aerial), though not necessarily in the same calendar year which allows for staggered inspection methods across multiple years. Aerial inspections may be completed either by drone or, helicopter. In addition to the ground and aerial inspections, climbing inspections are also

1 required for 500 kilovolt (kV) structures or as triggered. All these inspection
2 methods involve detailed, visual examinations of the assets with use of
3 inspection checklists that are in accordance with the ET Preventive
4 Maintenance (TD-1001M), as well as the Failure Modes and Effects
5 Analysis.

- 6 • Asset Repair and Replacement: Completing repair, replacement, removal
7 or life extension to transmission assets provides the benefit of reduced
8 probability of failure for components that could potentially result in a wire
9 down event. [Idle asset de-energization and removal eliminates wires-down
10 event risk by removing the energized electrical components. Many
11 improvements are identified through corrective maintenance notifications.
12 These notifications are typically identified as a result of transmission asset
13 inspections and patrols.](#)

14 Prioritization of maintenance tags are based on severity of the issues found
15 and fire ignition potential (i.e., asset-conditions impacting issues associated with
16 HFTD areas and High Fire Risk Area). Probability of failure and consequence
17 (such as public safety consequence) may also be considered. Execution of the
18 prioritized work plan would also have to address other factors such as clearance
19 availability, access, work efficiency, etc.

- 20 • Vegetation Management: Trees or other vegetation that make contact or
21 cross within flash-over distance of high voltage transmission lines can cause
22 phase to phase or phase to ground electrical arcing, fire ignition or local,
23 regional or cascading, grid-level service interruption. Dense vegetation
24 growing within the right-of-way (ROW) can act as a fuel bed for wildfire
25 ignition. Vegetation growing close to any pole or structure can impede
26 inspection of the structure base and in some cases can damage the
27 structure or conductors and result in wire down events.

28 PG&E operates our lines in ET corridors that are home to vast amounts of
29 vegetation. This vegetation ranges from sparse to extremely dense. Our
30 transmission lines also pass through urban, agricultural, and forested settings.
31 The corridor environment is dynamic and requires focused attention to ensure
32 vegetation stays clear of energized conductors and other equipment. Vegetation
33 inspection is a required operational step in an overall Vegetation Management
34 (VM) Program. Accordingly, PG&E has developed an annual inspection cycle

1 program as part of our overall Transmission VM Program to respond to the
2 diverse and dynamic environment of our service territory. The Routine North
3 American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Routine Non-NERC
4 Programs are annually recurring. The Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM)
5 Program maintains cleared ROWs on a recurs every 3- to 5-year cycles. The
6 frequency and prioritization for each of these programs is described in more
7 detail below.

- 8 • Routine NERC: The Routine NERC Program includes Light Detection and
9 Ranging (LiDAR) inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of
10 vegetation encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on
11 approximately 6,800 miles of NERC Critical lines. 100 percent inspection and
12 work plan completion are required by NERC Standard FAC-003-4. Work is
13 prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs annually.
- 14 • Non-Routine NERC: The Non-Routine NERC Program includes LiDAR
15 inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of vegetation
16 encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on approximately
17 11,400 miles of transmission lines not designated as critical by NERC.
18 Work is prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs
19 annually.
- 20 • Integrated Vegetation Management: The IVM Program is an ongoing
21 maintenance program designed to maintain cleared ROWs in a sustainable
22 and compatible condition by eliminating tall-growing and fire-prone
23 vegetation and promoting low-growing, compatible vegetation. Prioritization
24 is based on aging of work cycles and evaluation of vegetation re-growth.
25 After initial work is performed, the ROWs are reassessed every two to five
26 years.

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CHAPTER 3.5

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7 be found in Section B.3 concerning metric performance; C.1 concerning metric
8 targets; and Section D concerning performance against target. Material changes
9 from the prior report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (3.5) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.5 – Wires Down Red Flag
13 Warning Days in HFTD Areas (Distribution) is defined as:

14 *Number of Wires Down events in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas*
15 *on Red Flag Warning (RFW) Days involving overhead primary distribution*
16 *circuits divided by RFW Distribution Circuit-Mile Days in HFTD Areas, in a*
17 *calendar year.*

18 **2. Introduction of Metric**

19 This metric measures the number of distribution wire down events
20 located in the Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD areas that occurred on RFW Days and
21 is divided by sum of days and line miles (of the Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD
22 overhead distribution line miles involved on each RFW Day). In 2012,
23 Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E or the Company) initiated the
24 Wires Down Program, including introduction of the wires down metric, to
25 advance the Company’s focus on public safety by reducing the number of
26 conductors that fail and result in a contact with the ground, a vehicle, or
27 other object.

28 This metric is associated with our Failure of Electric Distribution
29 Overhead (OH) Asset Risk and Wildfire risk, which are part of our 2020 Risk
30 Assessment and Mitigation Phase Report (RAMP) filing.

1 **B. (3.5) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2022)**

3 There are 10 years of historical data available from 2013 to 2022.
4 Although PG&E started measuring distribution wire down incidents in the
5 2012, 2013 was the first full year uniformly measuring the number of
6 distribution wire down incidents.

7 Over this historical reporting period, performance is largely influenced by
8 external factors such as weather and third-party contact with our overhead
9 electric facilities.

10 PG&E’s overhead electric primary distribution system consists of
11 approximately 80,200 circuit miles of overhead conductor and associated
12 assets that could contribute to a wires down incident. Approximately
13 25,270 miles of our overhead electric primary distribution lines traverse in
14 the HFTD areas.

15 Over the last several years, we have completed significant work and
16 launched various initiatives targeted at reducing wires down incidents,
17 including:

- 18 • Investigating wire down incidents and implementing learnings and
19 corrective actions;
- 20 • Performing infrared inspections of overhead electric power lines to
21 identify and repair hot spots;
- 22 • Clearing of vegetation hazards posing risks to our overhead electric
23 facilities; and
- 24 • Hardening of overhead electric power systems with more resilient
25 equipment.

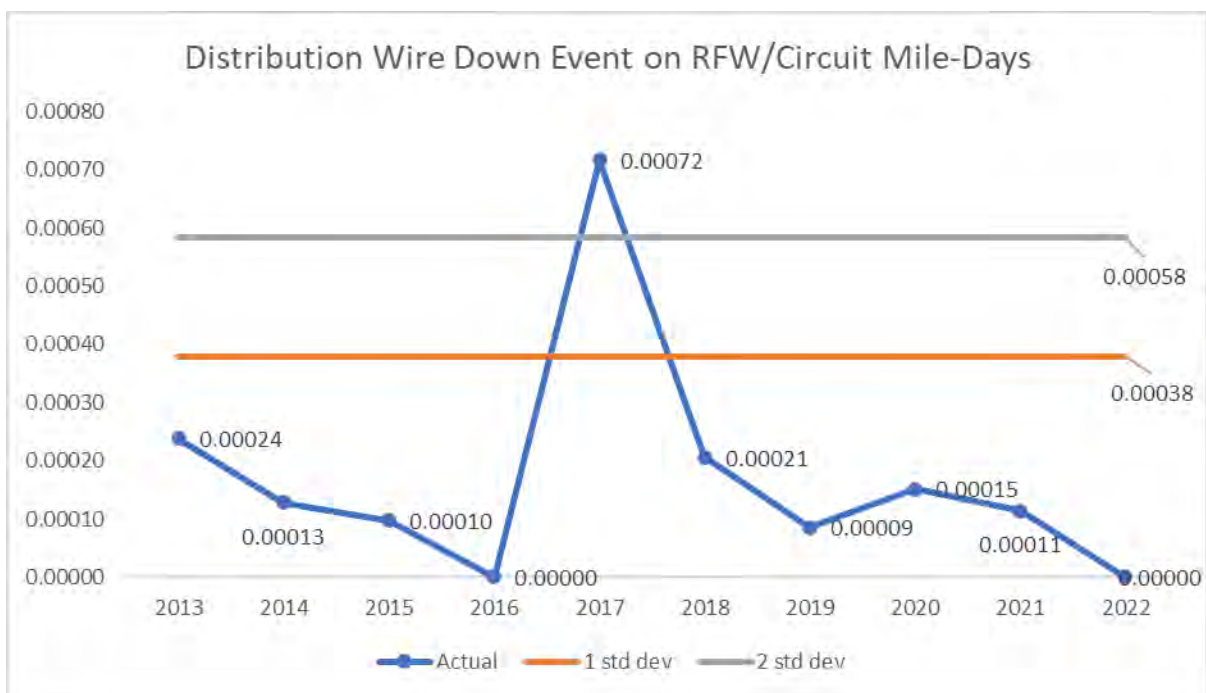
26 In addition, our vegetation management teams conduct site visits of
27 vegetation caused wires down incidents as part of its standard tree caused
28 service interruption investigation process. The data obtained from site visits
29 supports efforts to reduce future vegetation caused wires down incidents.
30 The data collected from these investigations also helps identify failure
31 patterns by tree species that are associated with wires down incidents.

32 There are a total of approximately 25,270 overhead distribution circuit
33 lines miles located in HFTD areas. PG&E’s databases reflect the circuit
34 miles that currently exist and do not maintain the historical values

1 specifically in the HFTD areas. To date, we have assumed the circuit miles
2 have remained the same for all years from 2013-2022. Going forward,
3 PG&E will report the nominally updated circuit mileage total annually.

4 For the calculation of this metric, both the HFTD overhead line miles and
5 number of wires down events are measured based on the area subjected by
6 each specific RFW Day event and summed for each specific year.

FIGURE 3.5-1
ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION
PRIMARY WIRES DOWN INCIDENTS PER RFW/CIRCUIT MILE-DAYS (2013-2022)



7 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

8 PG&E uses its Integrated Logging Information System (ILIS) –
9 Operations Database to track and count the number of wires down
10 incidents, as well as its electric distribution geographical information
11 systems (EDGIS) to determine if the wire down incident was in an HFTD
12 locations. Although the outage database does not specifically identify
13 precise location of the downed wire, the Latitude and Longitude
14 (e.g., Lat/Long) of the device is used to isolate the involved electric power
15 line Section as a proxy. PG&E also uses its EDGIS application to determine
16 if that device (Lat/Long information) is in the HFTD (e.g., Tier 2 or Tier 3

1 location). Outage information is entered into ILIS by our electric distribution
2 operators based on information from field personnel and devices such as
3 Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeter™¹
4 devices. We last upgraded our outage reporting tools in year 2015 and
5 integrated SmartMeter information to identify potential outage reporting
6 errors and to initiate a subsequent review and correction.

7 PG&E's meteorology group maintains a data base tracking RFW dates,
8 time, and involved areas and determines RFW Circuit Miles Days as follows:

- 9 • The National Weather Service (NWS) will issue a RFW and their
10 associated polygons under specific polygon/shapefiles called Fire Zones
- 11 • PG&E's geographic information system team has calculated all
12 overhead Distribution and Transmission lines for all the Fire Zone
13 shapefile boundaries that intersect PG&E territory. For each NWS Fire
14 Zone PG&E has the number of OH line miles for Distribution and
15 Transmission and the number of OH line miles for Transmission, which
16 is then also split into the specific HFTD and non HFTD tiers and zones.
- 17 • Meteorology then compiles all the archived RFW shapefiles for
18 California, and from all the RFW events, determines which zones there
19 was a RFW under and the duration of time it lasted.
- 20 • RFW Circuit Mile Days= RFW days x Circuit line miles.

21 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

22 As shown in Figure 3.5-1 above, the distribution wire down events on
23 RFW days per circuit mile day has varied each year but has generally
24 declined since 2017. [2022 has experienced zero wires down events on](#)
25 [RFWs](#). 2021 experienced 13 wires down events on RFWs compared to 34
26 in 2020. Performance is attributed to ongoing efforts in reducing wires down
27 events, in particular vegetation management and hardening. [However,](#)
28 [because the number of events is very minimal, and the metric is highly](#)
29 [weather dependent in areas that are more susceptible to wire down events,](#)
30 [it can be expected to see variance from a year-to-year basis.](#)

¹ SmartMeter is a PG&E registered trademark. All further references to SmartMeters in PG&E's testimony in this proceeding should be assumed to refer to the trademarked name, without continually using the ™ symbol, consistent with legally-acceptable practice.

1 **C. (3.5) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 There are no updates to the directional 1- and 5-Year Targets which are
4 set to maintain historical performance. Based on the historical performance
5 of this metric, PG&E interprets “Maintain” as staying within 2 standard
6 deviations from the 10-year average. This equates to an upper limit
7 of 0.00058 (as shown in Figure 3.5-1).

8 **2. Target Methodology**

- 9 • Directional Only: Maintain (stay within historical range, and assumes
10 response stays the same in events)

11 To establish the directional 1-Year and 5-Year targets, the following
12 factors were considered:

- 13 • Historical Data and Trends: This metric is expected to remain within the
14 historical performance levels, but will vary based on the number of
15 RFWs and severity of weather experienced in a year;
- 16 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 17 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 18 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
19 Enforcement: The directional target for this metric is suitable for EOE as
20 it suggests performance will remain within the historical range which
21 accounts for unknown factors which may vary such as the frequency
22 and severity of weather;
- 23 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: The directional target
24 to maintain performance is attainable within known resources, however
25 this metric is impacted by the variability in conditions outside of PG&E’s
26 controls, such as the severity of weather on RFWs;
- 27 • Other Considerations: None.

28 **3. 2023 Target**

29 The 2023 target is to maintain within historical performance levels.

30 **4. 2027 Target**

31 The 2027 target is to maintain within historical performance levels.

1 **D. (3.5) Performance Against Target**

2 **1. Progress Towards the 1-year Target**

3 As demonstrated in Figure 3.5-1 above, PG&E experienced zero
4 distribution wires down events on Red Flag Warning Days in 2022.

5 **2. Progress Towards the 5-year Target**

6 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of
7 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to
8 align with the Company's 5-year directional performance target.

9 **E. (3.5) Current and Planned Work Activities**

10 PG&E will continue to execute many ongoing activities to reduce wires
11 down, including the following programs:

- 12 • Overhead Conductor Replacement: PG&E's electric distribution system
13 includes approximately 80,200 circuit miles of overhead conductor on its
14 distribution system that operates between 4 and 21 kilovolts, including bare
15 and covered conductors. Approximately 54,500 circuit miles of this
16 distribution conductor, including approximately 36,300 circuit miles of small
17 conductor is in non-HFTD areas. PG&E's Overhead Conductor
18 Replacement Program, recorded in MAT 08J, proactively replaces overhead
19 conductor in non-HFTD areas to address elevated rates of wires down and
20 deteriorated/damaged conductors and to improve system safety, reliability,
21 and integrity.

22 PG&E updated its prioritization process for overhead conductor
23 replacements to include consideration the RAMP risk tranches with Safety
24 Consequence Zones. The three focused tranches are: (1) corrosive
25 regions with specific materials (ACSR), (2) elevated wires down (small
26 copper conductors), and (3) poor reliability performance. The Safety
27 Consequence Zones takes the following attributes of conductor into
28 consideration: within buffer zones near Major Transportation Infrastructure,
29 Public Assembly Areas, and Public Safety Entities.

30 Please see Exhibit (PG&E-4), Chapter 13, Overhead and Underground
31 Asset Management in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

- 32 • Patrols and Inspections: PG&E monitors the condition of primary overhead
33 conductor through patrols and inspections consistent with General

1 Office 165. Tags are created for abnormal conditions, including those that
2 can lead to a wire down. Work is prioritized in a risk-informed manner to
3 address the issues identified in the tags.

- 4 • Failure Analysis: PG&E conducts post-event investigations of targeted
5 equipment failures (i.e., wires down events involving conductor or splice
6 failure). Replacement plans are developed using failure rates obtained
7 through wires down analysis and conductor-splice data. These
8 investigations collect physical and environmental attributes to determine
9 conductor replacement justification and priority as well as to determine
10 failure trends. The information collected is entered into the “Engineer
11 Investigation Wires Down Database.” Analysis of this data has informed
12 PG&E’s strategy to focus replacement work on conductor types with
13 elevated wires down rates, including small (#4 and #6 gauge) copper
14 conductors and #4 ACSR conductors located in corrosion areas.
- 15 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E’s broader grid design program
16 covers a number of significant programs, called out in detail in PG&E’s 2022
17 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). The largest of these programs is the
18 System Hardening Program which focuses on the mitigation of potential
19 catastrophic wildfire risk caused by distribution overhead assets. In 2022,
20 we had rapidly expanded our system hardening efforts by: completing
21 483 circuit miles of system hardening work which includes overhead system
22 hardening, undergrounding and removal of overhead lines in HFTD or buffer
23 zone areas; completing at least 179 circuit miles of undergrounding work,
24 including Butte County Rebuild efforts and other distribution system
25 hardening work; replacing equipment in HFTD areas that creates ignition
26 risks, such as non-exempt fuses (3,000) and surge arresters (~4,500, all
27 known, remaining in HFTD areas). As we look beyond 2022, PG&E is
28 targeting 2,100 miles of Undergrounding to be completed between 2023 and
29 2026 as part of the 10,000 Mile Undergrounding program. Even though this
30 program will provide wire down mitigation benefit, note that PG&E’s
31 approach to wildfire mitigations in the HFTD locations is based on a risk
32 informed prioritization of work in the areas where wildfire risk is evaluated as
33 highest, as opposed to where wires down incidents have a high likelihood of

1 occurrence if they are in areas where wildfire risk is relatively lower within
2 the HFTD.

3 Please see Section 7.3.3, Grid Design and System Hardening
4 Mitigations in PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 5 • Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM): The EVM Program is targeted
6 at OH lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplements PG&E's annual
7 routine VM work with California Public Utilities Commission-mandated
8 clearances. PG&E's VM Program, components of which exceed regulatory
9 requirements, is critical to mitigating wildfire risk. PG&E's VM team inspects
10 and identifies needed vegetation maintenance on all distribution and
11 transmission circuit miles in PG&E's service area on a recurring cycle
12 through Routine and Tree Mortality Patrols, as well as Pole Clearing. Our
13 EVM Program goes above and beyond regulatory requirements for
14 distribution lines by expanding minimum clearances and removing overhang
15 in HFTD areas. In 2022, EVM passed through our work verification process
16 ~1,923 miles. Due to the emergence of other wildfire mitigation programs
17 (namely EPSS and Undergrounding), the program will not be executed in
18 2023. The trees that were identified as part of the program and previous
19 iterations and scopes will be worked down over the next 9 years, risk ranked
20 by our latest wildfire distribution risk model. The WMP has commitments for
21 this program of the removal of 15K trees in 2023, 20K trees in 2024, and
22 25K trees in 2025.

23 Please see Section 7.3.5, Vegetation Management and Inspections in
24 PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 25 • Other Advancements: In addition, there are several technologies that PG&E
26 is piloting to better identify and/or prevent conductor to ground faults. This
27 includes:
 - 28 – SmartMeter-based methods;
 - 29 – Distribution Falling Wire Detection Method;
 - 30 – Distribution Fault Anticipation;
 - 31 – Early Fault Detection; and
 - 32 – Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter.

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7 be found in Section B.3 concerning metric performance; C.1 concerning metric
8 targets; and Section D concerning performance against target. Material changes
9 from the prior report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (3.6) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.6 – Wires Down Red Flag
13 Warning Days in HFTD Areas (Transmission) is defined as:

14 *Number of Wires Down events in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas*
15 *on Red Flag Warning (RFW) Days involving overhead transmission circuits*
16 *divided by RFW Transmission Circuit-Mile Days in HFTD Areas, in a*
17 *calendar year.*

18 **2. Introduction of Metric**

19 This metric measures the count of Transmission Wire Down events
20 occurring on RFW Days and provides a partial indicator for electric system
21 safety and overall electric service reliability for end-use customers.

22 This metric is associated with Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s
23 (PG&E) Failure of Electric Transmission Overhead Asset Risk and Wildfire
24 Risk, which are part of the Company’s 2020 Risk Assessment and Mitigation
25 Phase Report filing

26 **B. (3.6) Metric Performance**

27 **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2022)**

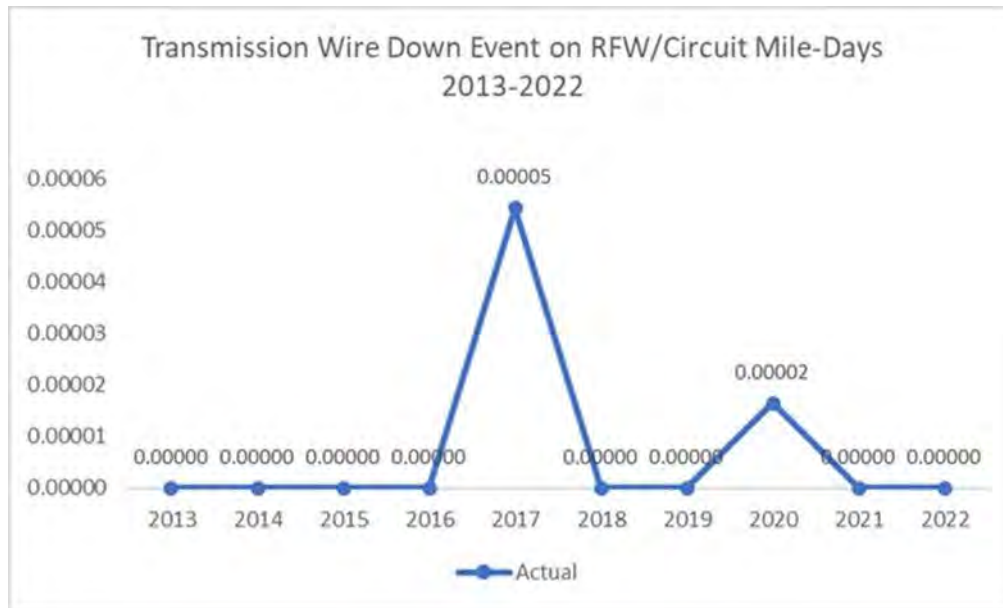
28 PG&E used nine years of historical data that includes the years
29 2013-2022 for target analysis. In 2012, PG&E initiated the Electric Wires
30 Down Program, including introduction of the electric wires down metric, to
31 address increased focus on public safety by reducing the number of electric
32 wire conductors that fail and result in contact with the ground, a vehicle, or
33 other object.

1 Initially the internal definition focused on wires down on the ground and
2 in 2014 the definition was augmented to include wires down on foreign
3 objects.

4 PG&E started measuring wire down incidents in the 2012; however,
5 2013 was the first full year we uniformly measured the number of
6 transmission wire down events. Actual results over time have confirmed
7 that PG&E experiences more wire down events on days where storms are
8 prevalent.

9 It should also be noted that when calculating this metric, both the HFTD
10 overhead line miles and number of wires down events are measured based
11 on the area subjected by each specific RFW Day event and summed for
12 each specific year.

**FIGURE 3.6-1
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION
WIRES DOWN INCIDENTS PER RFW/CIRCUIT MILE-DAYS (2013-2022)**



13 2. Data Collection Methodology

14 PG&E used its transmission outage database, typically referred to as
15 Transmission Operations Tracking & Logging to count the number of these
16 events. Although PG&E's outage database does not specifically identify the
17 precise location of the downed wire, PG&E uses the Lat/Long of the device
18 used to operate/isolate the involved line Section as a proxy and then uses

1 its Electric Transmission Geographic Information System application to
2 determine if that point is in a Tier 2 or Tier 3 HFTD area. Although PG&E
3 maintains historical line miles of its entire transmission system, it does not
4 have the ability to identify the line miles specifically located within Tier 2 and
5 Tier 3 HFTD in prior years. As such, these annual metrics all use the same
6 current transmission and distribution Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD line miles as of
7 the end of 2022.

8 The meteorology group maintains a data base with the RFW days/time
9 and involved areas and determines RFW Circuit Miles Days as follows:

- 10 • The National Weather Service (NWS) will issue a RFW and their
11 associated polygons under specific polygon/shapefiles called Fire
12 Zones;
- 13 • PG&E's geographic information system team has calculated all
14 overhead Distribution and Transmission lines for all of the Fire Zone
15 shapefile boundaries that intersect PG&E territory. For each NWS Fire
16 Zone PG&E has the number of OH line miles for Distribution and
17 Transmission and the number of OH line miles for Transmission, which
18 is then also split into the specific HFTD and non HFTD tiers and zones;
- 19 • Meteorology then compiles all the archived RFW shapefiles for
20 California, and from all the RFW events, determines which zones there
21 was a RFW under and the duration of time it lasted; and
- 22 • RFW Circuit Mile Days= RFW days x Circuit line miles.

23 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

24 As shown in Figure 3.6-1, the transmission wire down events on RFW
25 days per circuit mile day is a very small subset of wire down events, making
26 it difficult to identify any trending information. [Zero events occurred in 2022.](#)
27 [2020 experienced one such event.](#) Since 2013, only two years have
28 experienced any Transmission Wire Down events on RFWs; 2017 (3) and
29 2020 (1), respectively.

30 **C. (3.6) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

31 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

32 [There are no updates to the directional 1- and 5-Year Targets since last](#)
33 [report and are set to maintain performance within the historical range.](#)

1 **2. Target Methodology**

- 2 • Directional Only: Maintain (stay within historical range, and assumes
3 response stays the same in events);

4 Note that there has not been enough historic electric transmission
5 wire down events on RFW days to establish a target based on prior
6 performance.

- 7 • Benchmarking: Not available to best of our knowledge;
8 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
9 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
10 Enforcement: The directional target for this metric is suitable for EOE as
11 it suggests performance will remain within the historical range;
12 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Unknown, however this
13 metric is impacted by the variability in conditions outside of PG&E's
14 control, such as the severity of weather on RFWs; and
15 • Other Considerations: None.

16 **D. (3.6) Performance Against Target**

17 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

18 As demonstrated in Figure 3.6-1 above, PG&E experienced zero
19 transmission wires down events on Red Flag Warning Days in which is
20 consistent with Company's 1-year directional target.

21 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

22 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of
23 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to
24 align with the Company's 5-year directional performance target.

25 **E. (3.6) Current and Planned Work Activities**

26 Wire down events can be caused by a variety of factors, including but not
27 limited to asset failure, third-party contact, or vegetation contact. The following
28 work activities may provide future resiliency for certain wire down event causes,
29 though the effectiveness of the work is dependent upon the circumstances of the
30 wire down event (e.g., new assets may still be prone to a wire down event that
31 occur due to extreme weather events outside of standard design guidance).

- 32 • Asset Inspection: Detailed inspections of overhead transmission assets
33 seek to proactively identify potential failure modes of asset components

1 which could create future wire down, outage, and/or safety events if left
2 unresolved or allowed to “run to failure.” Detailed inspections for
3 transmission assets involve at least two detailed inspection methods per
4 structure (ground and aerial), though not necessarily in the same calendar
5 year which allows for staggered inspection methods across multiple years.
6 Aerial inspections may be completed either by drone or, helicopter. In
7 addition to the ground and aerial inspections, climbing inspections are also
8 required for 500 kilovolt structures or as triggered. All these inspection
9 methods involve detailed, visual examinations of the assets with use of
10 inspection checklists that are in accordance with the ET Preventive
11 Maintenance (TD-1001M), as well as the Failure Modes and Effects
12 Analysis.

- 13 • Asset Repair and Replacement: Completing repair, replacement, removal
14 or life extension to transmission assets provides the benefit of reduced
15 probability of failure for components that could potentially result in a wire
16 down event. For example, by replacing or improving aged, degraded assets
17 and providing more robust, up-to-standard designs. Asset removal
18 eliminates wire-down event risk by removing the energized electrical
19 components. Many improvements are identified through corrective
20 maintenance notifications. These notifications are typically identified as a
21 result of transmission asset inspections and patrols.

22 Prioritization of maintenance tags are based on severity of the issues
23 found and fire ignition potential (i.e., asset-conditions impacting issues
24 associated with HFTD areas and High Fire Risk Area). Probability of failure
25 and consequence (such as public safety consequence) may also be
26 considered. Execution of the prioritized work plan would also have to
27 address other factors such as clearance availability, access, work efficiency,
28 etc.

- 29 • Vegetation Management (VM): Trees or other vegetation that make contact
30 or cross within flash-over distance of high voltage transmission lines can
31 cause phase to phase or phase to ground electrical arcing, fire ignition or
32 local, regional or cascading, grid-level service interruption. Dense
33 vegetation growing within the right-of-way (ROW) can act as a fuel bed for
34 wildfire ignition. Vegetation growing close to any pole or structure can

1 impede inspection of the structure base and in some cases can damage the
2 structure or conductors and result in wire down events.

3 PG&E operates our lines in electric transmission (ET) corridors that are
4 home to vast amounts of vegetation. This vegetation ranges from sparse to
5 extremely dense. Our transmission lines also pass through urban,
6 agricultural, and forested settings. The corridor environment is dynamic and
7 requires focused attention to ensure vegetation stays clear of energized
8 conductors and other equipment. Vegetation inspection is a required
9 operational step in an overall VM Program. Accordingly, PG&E has
10 developed an annual inspection cycle program as part of our overall
11 Transmission VM Program to respond to the diverse and dynamic
12 environment of our service territory. The Routine North American Electric
13 Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Routine Non-NERC Programs are
14 annually recurring. The Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Program
15 maintains cleared ROWs on a recurs every three-to-5-year cycles. The
16 frequency and prioritization for each of these programs is described in more
17 detail below.

- 18 • Routine NERC: The Routine NERC Program includes Light Detection and
19 Ranging (LiDAR) inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of
20 vegetation encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on
21 approximately 6,800 miles of NERC Critical lines. 100 percent inspection and
22 work plan completion are required by NERC Standard FAC-003-4. Work is
23 prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs annually.
- 24 • Routine Non-NERC: The Non-Routine NERC Program includes LiDAR
25 inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of vegetation
26 encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on approximately
27 11,400 miles of transmission lines not designated as critical by NERC.
28 Work is prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs
29 annually.
- 30 • Integrated Vegetation Management: The IVM Program is an ongoing
31 maintenance program designed to maintain cleared ROWs in a sustainable
32 and compatible condition by eliminating tall-growing and fire-prone
33 vegetation and promoting low-growing, compatible vegetation. Prioritization
34 is based on aging of work cycles and evaluation of vegetation re-growth.

- 1 After initial work is performed, the ROWs are reassessed every two to
- 2 five years.

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6 be found in Section B.3 concerning metric performance; C.1, C.3, C.4 concerning
7 metric targets; and Section D concerning performance against target. Material
8 changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9 **A. (3.7) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.7 – Missed Overhead
12 Distribution Patrols in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) is defined as:

13 *Total number of overhead electric distribution structures that fell below*
14 *the minimum patrol frequency requirements divided by the total number of*
15 *overhead electric distribution structures that required patrols, in HFTD area*
16 *in past calendar year. “Minimum patrol frequency” refers to the frequency of*
17 *patrols as specified in General Order (GO) 165. “Structures” refer to electric*
18 *assets such as transformers, switching protective devices, capacitors, lines,*
19 *poles, etc.*

20 **2. Introduction of Metric**

21 Patrols involve simple visual observations to identify obvious structural
22 problems and hazards affecting safety or reliability. Within HFTD,
23 nonconformances identified by patrols can involve conditions that represent
24 a wildfire ignition risk. Performing required patrols on time ensures that
25 nonconformances are identified in a timely manner so that they can be
26 prioritized for repair in accordance with the risk of the condition.

27 Prior to year 2014, GO 165 required that patrols be completed any time
28 between January 1 and December 31 each year.

29 Starting in 2015 and through 2019, Pacific Gas and Electric Company
30 (PG&E) implemented the new GO 165 requirement to complete patrols each
31 year within a prescribed timeframe, based on the date of the last patrol or
32 inspection. PG&E’s interpretation and implementation of this new language
33 calculated the due date for each patrol each year as follows:

1 The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Patrol & Inspection
2 requirement defines:

- 3 • The due date for each map is based on the date the map was last
4 inspected or patrolled;
- 5 • Inspections or patrols may not exceed three additional months past the
6 previous inspection or patrol date (maximum 15 months);
- 7 • Inspections or patrols may be performed before the due date;
- 8 • Inspections or patrols are performed by the end of the calendar year
9 (12/31/YY); and
- 10 • The start of an inspection or a patrol starts a new inspection or patrol
11 interval that must be completed within the prescribed timeframe.

12 For the years 2020 and 2021, PG&E shifted away from the “12+3” due
13 date for completing patrols, with the intent of wildfire risk reduction by
14 focusing on the High Fire Threat District areas and using new risk models to
15 inform the prioritization of patrols. PG&E completed patrols by static due
16 dates, August 31 for HFTD areas, and December 31st for Non-HFTD areas.

17 In 2022, PG&E completed overhead patrols and inspections in
18 compliance with GO 165.

19 In 2023 and beyond, PG&E will continue to complete patrols and
20 inspections in compliance with GO 165.

21 **B. (3.7) Metric Performance**

22 **1. Historical Data (2015 – 2022)**

23 To be consistent with the implementation of new GO 165 requirements,
24 historical data begins in 2015.¹ The 2015-2019 data includes systemwide
25 results. The 2020- 2022, data includes HFTD specific results.

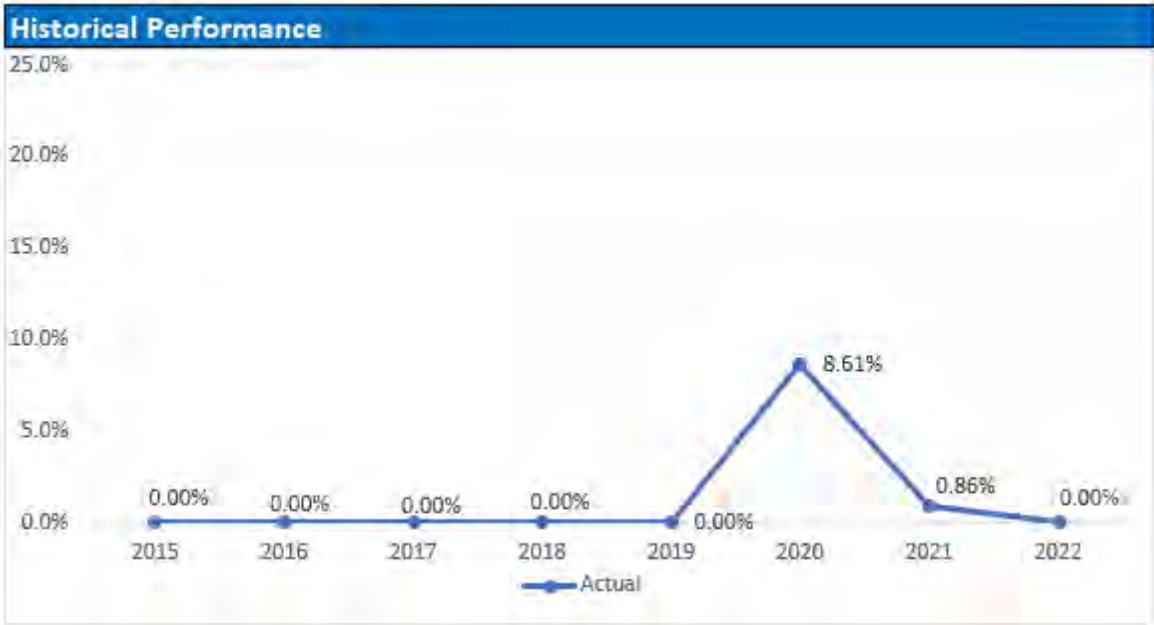
26 Prior to 2020, PG&E completed patrols on paper by “plat map”. Each
27 plat map had a calculated “12+3” due date based on the start date of the last
28 patrol or inspection for that plat map. For the years 2015-2019, PG&E
29 tracked and measured performance of patrols based on the “12+3”
30 calculated due date for each *plat map*. Performance was tracked using

¹ Historical patrol data is at plat map level vs. structure level. We are further validating plat-based results for HFTD vs. NHFTD units, we may see slight changes to volumes completed late vs. on time, or vice-versa.

1 detailed excel spreadsheets for each of the 19 Divisions across the system,
2 and SAP data recorded for each plat map, which recorded the actual start
3 and end dates for each plat map, as well as actual units and the PG&E LAN
4 ID (login ID) of the Inspector who completed the work. PG&E’s annual
5 performance for completing patrols in these years was 0.01 percent
6 completed late.

7 For the years 2020 and 2021, PG&E’s performance was impacted by
8 the shift away from completing overhead patrols by the “12+3” calculated
9 due dates to the use of a risk-based prioritization approach and focus on
10 HFTD with the intention of wildfire risk reduction.

**FIGURE 3.7-1
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 - 2022)**



Note: Actual performance as follows between 2015-2019: 2015: 0.0003%, 2016: 0.0003%, 2017: 0.0000%, 2018: 0.0002%, 2019: 0.0015%. 2020: 8.61%, 2021: 0.86%, 2022: 0.00%.

11 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

12 The currently used data collection methodology was implemented in
13 2020. It uses a mobile platform for completing overhead inspections,
14 recorded at structure (pole) level using a detailed inspection checklist.
15 PG&E also shifted its maintenance plan structure in SAP from purely
16 plat-map based to circuit/risk based, tracking performance at *structure-level*.

1 PG&E continues to perform Overhead patrols on paper, with a goal of
2 shifting to mobile technology over the next few years. Overhead Patrols are
3 tracked at “maintenance plan” level, using excel spreadsheets and SAP
4 data.

5 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

6 Between 2015-2019, PG&E’s annual performance for completing patrols
7 by the CPUC “12+3” due date was 0.01 percent completed late. These
8 results demonstrate our commitment to meet GO 165 CPUC “12+3” due
9 dates.

10 For the years 2020 and 2021, with the shift to a wildfire risk reduction
11 focused approach and away from completing overhead patrols by the “12+3”
12 calculated due date, PG&E’s on-time performance worsened to 8.61 percent
13 completed late in 2020 and 0.86 percent completed late in 2021. In 2022,
14 performance improved, to zero percent of the 363,928 patrols completed
15 were late.

16 **C. (3.7) 1-Year and 5-Year Target**

17 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

18 PG&E adjusted its 1-year target from 0.05% to 0.04% to demonstrate
19 incremental improvement towards 0.02% in 2027. PG&E has not altered its
20 5-year target since the last report in September 2022.

21 **2. Target Methodology**

22 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the
23 following factors:

- 24 • Historical Data and Trends: Based on historical performance of
25 0.01 percent completed late (2015-2019) and the results of the more
26 recently used wildfire risk reduction approach (2020-2021). In 2022
27 PG&E intends to improve performance by completing overhead patrols
28 to (1) be in compliance with GO 165, with a target range of
29 0.00 percent-0.05 percent completed late, and (2) incorporate Asset
30 Strategy risk models.
- 31 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 32 • Regulatory Requirements: GO 165;

- 1 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Targeted performance
- 2 is attainable within PG&E’s currently known resource plan;
- 3 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight
- 4 Enforcement: The target range is a suitable indicator for EOE as it
- 5 intends to return PG&E to historical levels of near-zero percent
- 6 non-compliances while also incorporating reasonable impacts resulting
- 7 from access and other field issues.
- 8 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

9 **3. 2023 Target**

10 The 2023 target is 0.00 percent-0.04 percent to improve performance
11 compared to 2021 based on the factors described above.

12 **4. 2027 Target**

13 The 2027 target is 0.00 percent-0.02 percent to improve performance
14 compared to 2022, based on the factors described above, and the
15 commitment to continuously improve performance.

16 **D. (3.7) Performance Against Target**

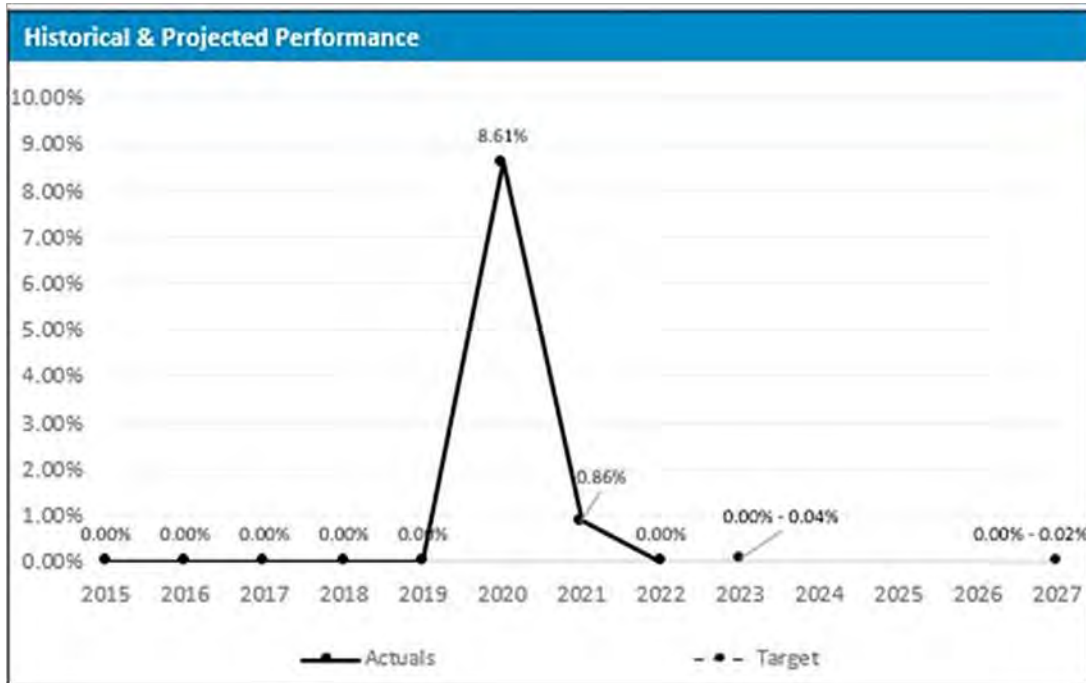
17 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

18 As demonstrated in Figure 3.7-2 below, PG&E saw 0.00 percent missed
19 overhead Distribution patrols in the 2022 which hit the with Company’s
20 1-year target.

21 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

22 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has a number of programs to
23 maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to meet the
24 Company’s 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.7-2
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015-2022) AND
TARGET (2027)**



E. (3.7) Current and Planned Work Activities

- Visibility and Compliance: At the beginning of 2022, Supervisors and Inspectors could see the CPUC due dates for each patrol package to ensure understanding as to the due date of the overhead patrol.
- Tracking:
 - System Inspections track progress and completion of overhead patrols on a continuous basis, using detailed excel tracking spreadsheets + SAP data;
 - System Inspections track and report-out on any “late” overhead patrols, including identifying mitigating factors and implementing process improvements or changes to the program; and
 - System Inspections track timeliness of patrols being completed on their weekly scorecard.
- Training: System Inspections conduct refresher training to ensure understanding of the importance of patrols in identifying obvious structural problems and hazards in years where an inspection is not required.

- 1 • Maintenance Plan Management Tool: System Inspections Maintenance
- 2 Planners complete timely review and completion of changes to structures
- 3 and maintenance plans using the maintenance plan management tool.

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10 **A. (3.8) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.8 – Missed Overhead
13 Distribution Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas is defined as:

14 *Overhead Distribution Detailed Inspections in High Fire Threat District*
15 *(HFTD): Total number of structures that fell below the minimum inspection*
16 *frequency requirements divided by the total number of structures that*
17 *required inspection, in HFTD area in past calendar year. “Minimum*
18 *inspection frequency” refers to the frequency of scheduled inspections as*
19 *specified in General Order (GO) 165. Inspection of the structure refers to*
20 *inspection of the distribution pole as well as assets such as transformers,*
21 *switching protective devices, capacitors, and conductors.*

22 **2. Introduction of Metric**

23 Detailed inspections are performed to identify nonconformances
24 affecting safety or reliability. Within HFTD, nonconformances identified by
25 inspections can involve conditions that represent a wildfire ignition risk.
26 Performing required inspections on time ensures that non-conformances are
27 identified in a timely manner so that they can be prioritized for repair in
28 accordance with the risk of the condition.

29 Prior to year 2014, GO 165 required that inspections be completed any
30 time between January 1 and December 31 each year.

31 Starting in 2015 and through 2019, PG&E implemented the new GO 165
32 requirement to complete inspections each year within a prescribed
33 timeframe, based on the date of the last patrol or inspection. PG&E’s

1 interpretation and implementation of this new language calculated the due
2 date for each patrol or inspection each year as follows:

3 The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Patrol & Inspection
4 requirement defines:

- 5 • The due date for each map is based on the date the map was last
6 inspected or patrolled;
- 7 • Inspections or patrols may not exceed three additional months past the
8 previous inspection or patrol date (maximum 15 months);
- 9 • Inspections or patrols may be performed before the due date;
- 10 • Inspections or patrols are performed by the end of the calendar year
11 (12/31/XX); and
- 12 • The start of an inspection or a patrol starts a new inspection or patrol
13 interval that must be completed within the prescribed timeframe.

14 For the years 2020 and 2021, PG&E shifted away from the “12+3” due
15 date for completing inspections with the intent of wildfire risk reduction by
16 focusing on the HFTD areas, and using new risk models to inform the
17 prioritization of inspections each year. PG&E completed inspections by the
18 static due dates of, August 31 for HFTD areas, December 31 for Non-HFTD
19 areas.

20 In 2022, PG&E intends to complete overhead patrols and inspections in
21 compliance with GO 165.

22 In 2023 and beyond, PG&E will continue to complete patrols and
23 inspections in compliance with GO 165.

24 B. (3.8) Metric Performance

25 1. Historical Data (2015 – 2022)

26 To be consistent with the implementation of new GO 165 requirements,
27 historical data begins in 2015. The 2015-2019 data includes systemwide
28 results. The 2020-2021 data¹ includes HFTD specific results.

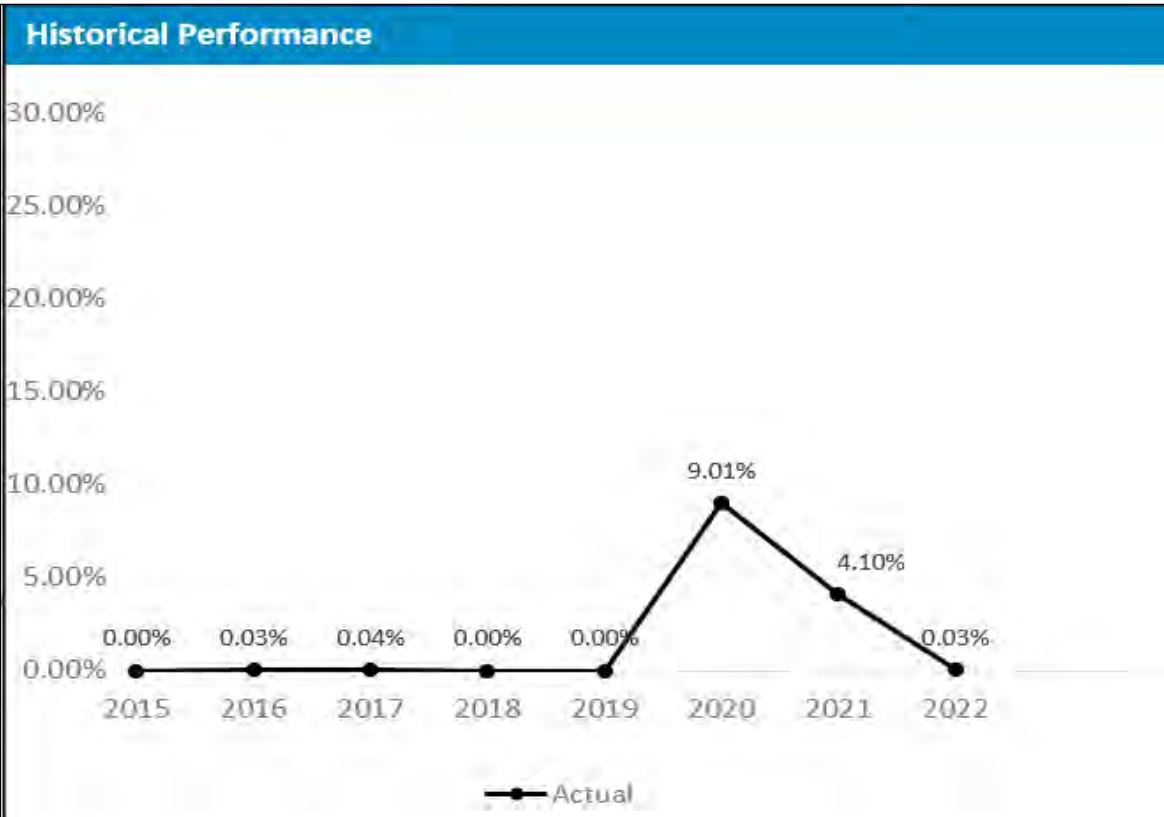
29 Prior to 2020, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) completed
30 inspections on paper by plat map. Each plat map had a calculated “12+3”

¹ Historical inspection data <2020 is at plat map level vs. structure level. We are further validating plat map-based results for HFTD vs. NHFTD units, we may see slight changes to volumes completed late vs. on time, or vice-versa.

1 due date based on the start date of the last patrol or inspection for that plat
2 map. For the years 2015 – 2019, PG&E tracked and measured
3 performance of inspections based on the “12+3” calculated due date for
4 each *plat map*. Performance was tracked using detailed excel spreadsheets
5 for each of the 19 Divisions across the system, and SAP data recorded for
6 each plat map, which recorded the actual start and end dates for each plat
7 map, as well as actual units and PG&E LAN ID (login ID) of the Inspector
8 who completed the work. PG&E’s annual performance for completion and
9 inspections in these years was 0.01-0.04 percent completed late.

10 For the years 2020 and 2021, PG&E’s performance was impacted by
11 the shift away from completing overhead inspection by the “12+3” calculated
12 due dates to the use of a risk-based prioritization approach and focus on
13 HFTD with the intention of wildfire risk reduction.

**FIGURE 3.8-1
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015- 2022)**



1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 The currently used data collection methodology was implemented in
3 2020. It uses a mobile platform for completing Overhead inspections,
4 recorded at structure (pole) level using a detailed inspection checklist.
5 PG&E also shifted its maintenance plan structure in SAP from purely
6 plat-map based to circuit/risk based, tracking performance at *structure-level*.

7 PG&E now tracks the completion of inspections at structure (pole) level,
8 using the “attainment report”, which records actual completion information
9 for each structure from actual inspection data recorded in SAP.

10 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

11 Between 2015-2019, PG&E’s annual performance for completing
12 inspections by the CPUC “12+3” due date was 0.01-0.04 percent completed
13 late. These results demonstrate our commitment to meet GO 165 CPUC
14 “12+3” due dates.

15 For the years 2020 and 2021, with the shift to a wildfire risk reduction
16 focused approach and away from completing overhead inspections by the
17 “12+3” calculated due date, PG&E performance worsened to 9.01 percent
18 completed late in 2020 and 4.10 percent completed late in 2021. In 2022
19 there was 119 late overhead inspections of the 395,353 performed which
20 equates to a percentage of 0.03%.

21 **C. (3.8) 1-Year and 5-Year Target**

22 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

23 PG&E adjusted its 1-year target from 0.05% to 0.04% to demonstrate
24 incremental improvement towards 0.02% in 2027. PG&E has not altered its
25 5-year target since the last report in September 2022.

26 **2. Target Methodology**

27 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the
28 following factors:

- 29 • Historical Data and Trends: Based on historical performance of
30 0.01-0.04 percent completed late (2015-2019) and the results of the
31 more recently used wildfire risk reduction approach (2020-2021), in
32 2022 PG&E intends to improve performance by completing overhead
33 inspections to: (1) be in compliance with GO 165, with a target range of

1 0.00 percent-0.05 percent completed late, and (2) incorporate Asset
2 Strategy risk models;

- 3 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 4 • Regulatory Requirements: GO 165;
- 5 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Targeted performance
6 is attainable within PG&E's currently known resource plan;
- 7 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight
8 Enforcement: The target range is a suitable indicator for EOE as it
9 intends to return PG&E to historical levels of near-zero percent
10 non-compliances while also incorporating reasonable impacts resulting
11 from access and other field issues.
- 12 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

13 **3. 2023 Target**

14 The 2023 target is 0.00 percent-0.04 percent to improve performance
15 based on the factors described above.

16 **4. 2027 Target**

17 The 2027 target is 0.00 percent-0.02 percent to improve performance
18 based on the factors described above and the commitment to continuously
19 improve performance.

20 **D. (3.8) Performance Against Target**

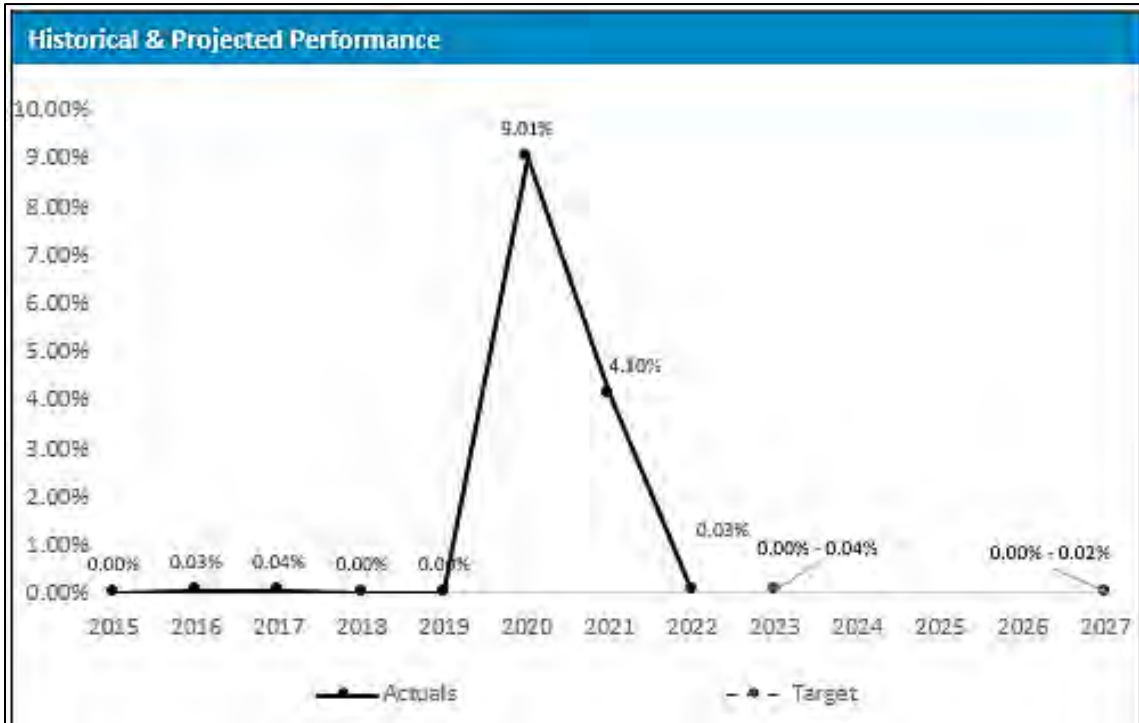
21 **1. Progress Towards/Deviation From the 1-Year Target**

22 As demonstrated in Figure 3.8-2 below, PG&E saw 0.03 percent missed
23 overhead Distribution inspections in the 2022 which hit the Company's
24 1-year target.

25 **2. Progress Towards/Deviation From the 5-Year Target**

26 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has a number of programs to
27 maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to meet the
28 Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.8-2
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015- 2022) AND
TARGET (2027)**



E. (3.8) Current and Planned Work Activities

- Visibility and Compliance: At the beginning of 2022, Supervisors and Inspectors can see the CPUC due dates for each inspection, so that they can plan work to be completed on time.
- Tracking:
 - System Inspections tracked progress and completion of overhead inspections on a continuous basis, using detailed SAP data reports and excel tracking spreadsheets.
 - System Inspections tracked and reported-out on any overdue overhead inspections, including identifying mitigating factors and implementing process improvements or changes to address gaps.
 - System Inspections tracked timeliness of inspections being completed on their weekly scorecard.
- Training: System Inspections will conduct annual “Refresher” training on overhead inspections, which includes focus on anything that has changed since the previous year (guidance, standards, procedures), including updates

1 to the INSPECT application, inspection checklists, and associated Inspector
2 job aids.

- 3 • Asset Strategy – Monthly Inspection Validations: Monthly inspection
4 validations will continue to identify required additions to the original plan
5 arising from additions or changes to the asset registry.
- 6 • Asset Strategy – Ad Hoc Inspections: Asset Strategy will continue to
7 evaluate the asset registry and may identify additional “ad hoc” structures to
8 be inspected each year, based on analysis related to ignition risk, etc.
- 9 • Maintenance Plan Management Tool: System Inspections Maintenance
10 Planners will complete timely review and completion of changes to structures
11 and maintenance plans by way of the “maintenance plan management tool.”
- 12 • Desktop Quality Control: System Inspections conducts desktop work
13 verification activities on a valid sample size of completed inspections to
14 evaluate the completeness and quality of inspections.
- 15 • Quality Control Field Work Verification: System Inspections conducts “blind”
16 field work verification activities on a valid sample size of completed
17 inspections to evaluate the completeness and quality of inspections.

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CHAPTER 3.9

**SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:
MISSED OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION PATROLS IN HFTD
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5 The material updates to this chapter since the September 30, 2022, report can
6 be found in Section B.3 concerning metric performance; C.1, C.3, C.4, concerning
7 metric targets; and Section D concerning performance against target. Material
8 changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9 **A. (3.9) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11 Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.9 – Missed Overhead
12 Transmission Patrols in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas is defined as:
13 *Overhead (OH) Transmission Patrols in High Fire Threat District*
14 *(HFTD): Total number of structures that fell below the minimum patrol*
15 *frequency requirements divided by the total number of structures that*
16 *required patrols, in HFTD area in past calendar year where, “Minimum patrol*
17 *frequency” refers to the frequency of patrols requirements, as applicable.*
18 *“Structures” refers to electric assets such as transformers, switching*
19 *protective devices, capacitors, lines, poles, etc.*

20 **2. Introduction of Metric**

21 Patrols involve simple visual observations to identify obvious
22 non-conformances affecting safety or reliability. Within HFTD areas,
23 nonconformances identified by patrols can involve conditions that represent
24 a wildfire ignition risk. Performing patrols on time allows non-conformances
25 to be identified in a timely manner so that they can be prioritized for repair in
26 accordance with the risk of the condition.

27 All assets require either a detailed inspection or a patrol each year.
28 While detailed inspections have shifted from circuit-based cycles to an
29 inspection frequency that depends on HFTD and structure-level risk
30 considerations, patrols are performed by circuit. Therefore, any line that
31 does not receive a detailed inspection from end-to-end will require a patrol
32 and it is possible for some structures to receive both an inspection and a
33 patrol in the same year. Patrols may be performed either by air (helicopter)
34 or ground (walking or driving). Compared to transmission detailed

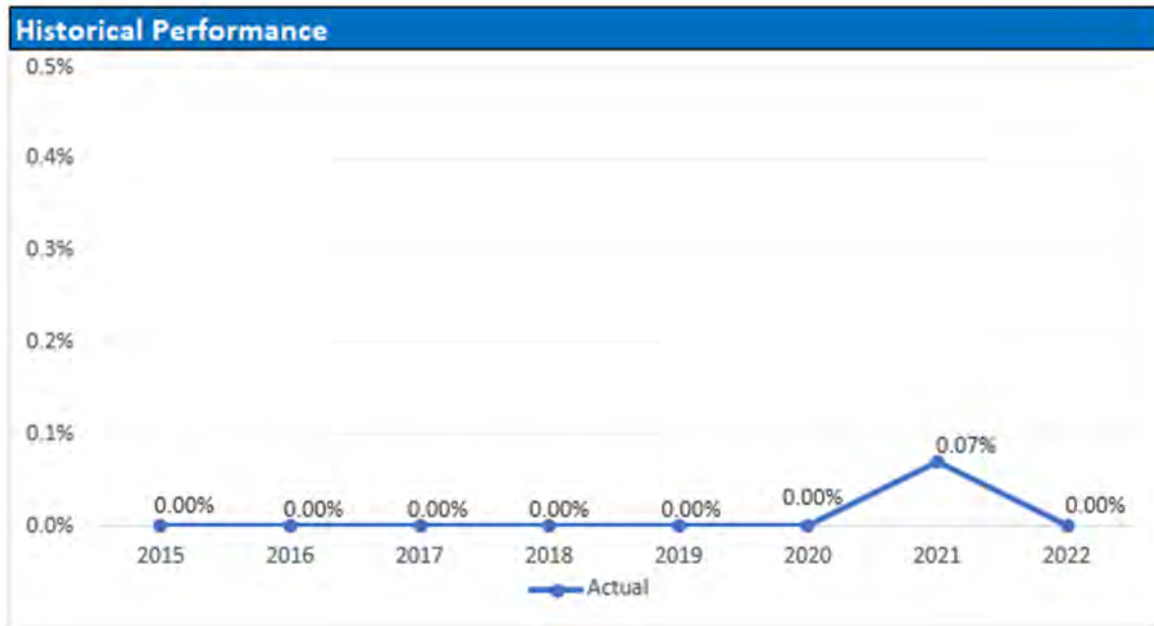
1 inspections, the transmission OH patrol program has not undergone
2 significant changes over the reporting period from 2015-present. Starting in
3 2021, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) imposed an in-year
4 deadline of July 31 for patrols on circuits containing HFTD or High Fire Risk
5 Area structures. Monthly validations of the inspection plan were started in
6 June 2021 to ensure that all assets were either inspected or patrolled each
7 year, including assets that were newly added to the asset registry. The
8 in-year deadline of July 31 introduced in 2021 for inspections and patrols in
9 HFTD will continue to be used in 2022. Beginning in 2022, assets added to
10 the registry after July 31 or whose HFTD changes after July 31 will not be
11 considered late as in 2021, provided that they are inspected or patrolled
12 within 90 days of the addition to the registry or the HFTD change.

13 **B. (3.9) Metric Performance**

14 **1. Historical Data (2015 – 2022)**

15 Historical data is provided from 2015 - 2022. Data provided for
16 2015-2019 reflects systemwide performance. HFTD-specific performance is
17 not available prior to 2020. The percentage of missed patrols is calculated
18 as the number of patrols not performed by the required deadline divided by
19 the total number of patrols performed for that year. Through 2020, there
20 was not a specific in-year deadline for patrols, so the deadline was
21 considered December 31. The July 31 deadline for HFTD patrols in 2021
22 allowed exceptions due to access issues and weather that may have
23 prevented a helicopter to fly, or where access issues may have prevented a
24 ground patrol. In 2021, HFTD structures added to the asset registry after
25 July 31 and inspected after the July 31 deadline were counted as missed
26 inspections, as well as instances where the asset location was corrected
27 from non-HFTD to HFTD after July 31.

FIGURE 3.9-1
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – 2022)



1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 Overhead patrols are tracked at the “maintenance plan” level, using data
3 sheets to record completion and findings, if applicable, as well as the SAP
4 data.

5 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

6 There were no missed patrols in 2022 with a total of 58,190 patrols
7 completed – 33,271 in Tier 2 HFTD areas and 24,919 in Tier 3 HFTD areas.

8 **C. (3.9) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

9 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

10 PG&E adjusted it’s 1-Year target from 0.00 - 0.05% to 0.00 - 0.04% due
11 to improved performance. No changes to the 5-Year target since last report.

12 **2. Target Methodology**

13 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the
14 following factors:

- 15 • Historical Data and Trends: The July 31 deadline for HFTD patrols was
16 first applied in 2021 and is still in practice. Therefore, targets use 2021
17 performance as a baseline with incremental improvement for the
18 reasons described below;

- 1 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 2 • Regulatory Requirements: Relevant items include: (1) General Order
3 165 requirements to follow internal maintenance procedures, and
4 (2) Wildfire Mitigation Plan targets to perform HFTD inspections and
5 patrols by July 31;
- 6 • Attainable Within known Resources/Work Plan: Targets are attainable
7 within currently known resources;
- 8 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
9 Enforcement: Targets are suitable indicators for EOE as historical driver
10 of worsening performance (asset registry changes after July 31) will
11 have an allowance to be counted as on time if inspected within 90 days
12 of the addition to the registry or HFTD change at the beginning of 2022.
13 This update ensures that the metric is an appropriate indicator of
14 performance by focusing the measure on timely action to complete
15 inspections as opposed to asset registry completeness; and
- 16 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The issue of patrols on both sides of
17 double-circuit structures was considered in the development of the
18 2022 Inspection and Patrol plan. If an inspection validation in 2022
19 concludes that a structure needs to have a patrol added, the validation
20 will call for a patrol on all circuits on the structure (alternately, the
21 structure may receive a detailed inspection, which includes inspection of
22 all circuits on the structure).

23 **3. 2023 Target**

24 The 2023 target is to improve performance to 0.00 percent-0.04 percent,
25 based on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes and consideration
26 of double circuits described in the methodology above.

27 **4. 2027 Target**

28 The 2027 target is to improve performance to 0.00 percent-0.02 percent,
29 based on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes and consideration
30 of double circuits described in the methodology above, as well as a
31 reduction over time in the number of asset registry additions from assets
32 being discovered in the field.

1 **D. (3.9) Performance Against Target**

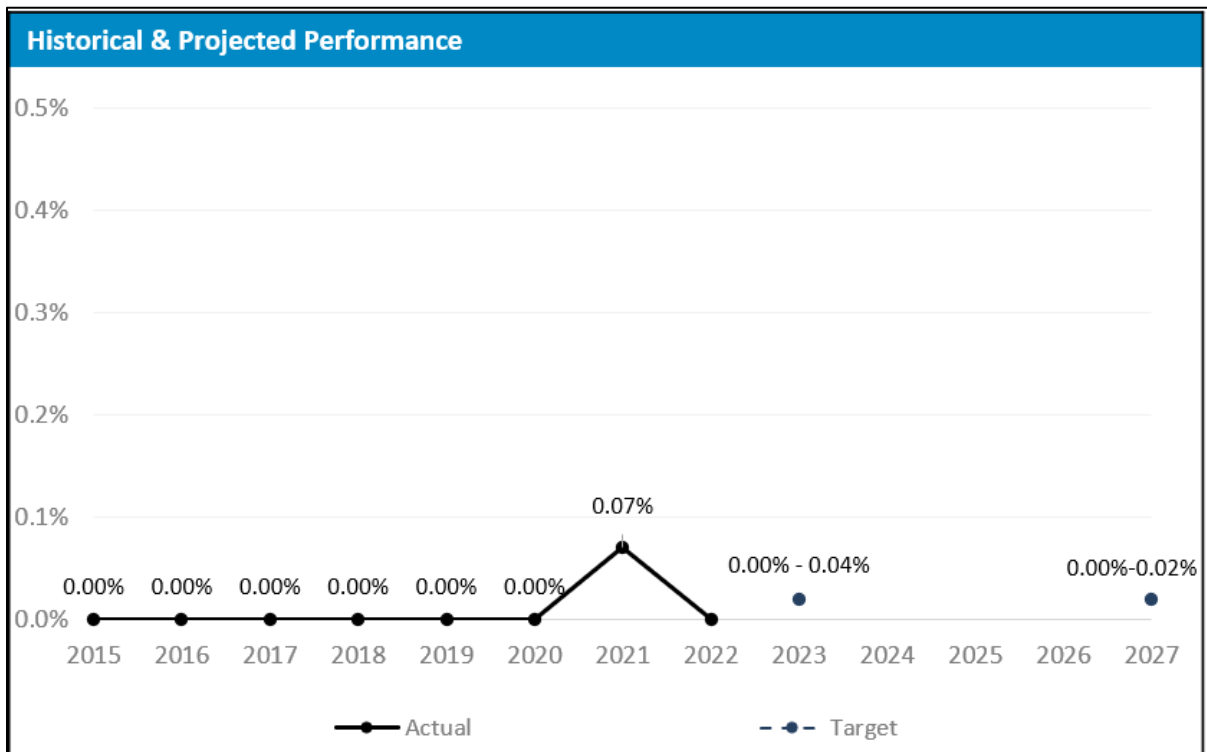
2 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

3 As demonstrated in Figure 3.9-2 below, PG&E saw 0.00% missed
4 overhead Transmission patrols in 2022 which is consistent with Company's
5 1-year target.

6 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

7 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of
8 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to
9 meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.9-2
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – 2022) AND TARGET (2027)**



10 **E. (3.9) Current and Planned Work Activities**

11 Below is a summary description of the key activities that are tied to
12 performance and their description of that tie:

- 13 • 2022 Inspection and Patrol Plan: The 2022 Inspection and Patrol plan has
14 been created, which defines the initial scope of the HFTD patrols that fall
15 under this metric. The plan contains approximately 170 circuits running

1 through HFTD areas (containing approximately 31,000 HFTD structures)
2 that will be patrolled.

- 3 • Monthly Inspection Validations: Monthly inspection validations, which also
4 consider required patrols, will continue to identify required additions to the
5 original plan arising from additions or changes to the asset registry.
6 Changes in HFTD affect the scope of patrols covered by this metric.
- 7 • In-Year Deadline Requirements: The in-year deadline of July 31 introduced
8 in 2021 for patrols in HFTD will continue to be used in 2022, with the same
9 provisions for access issues as in 2021 and the addition of the 90-day
10 requirement described above for additions and changes to the asset
11 registry. The deadline is tracked with the patrol orders so that each HFTD
12 patrol is identified as having the July 31 compliance requirement.

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CHAPTER 3.10

**SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:
MISSED OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION DETAILED INSPECTIONS
IN HFTD AREAS**

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6 The material updates to this chapter since the September 30, 2022, report can
7 be found in Section B.3 concerning metric performance; C.1, C.3, C.4, concerning
8 metric targets; and Section D concerning performance against target. Material
9 changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (3.10) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.10 – Missed Overhead
13 Transmission Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas is defined as:

14 *Overhead (OH) Transmission Detailed Inspections in High Fire Threat*
15 *District (HFTD): Total number of structures that fell below the minimum*
16 *inspection frequency requirements divided by the total number of structures*
17 *that required inspection, in HFTD area in past calendar year where,*
18 *“Minimum inspection frequency” refers to the frequency of scheduled*
19 *inspections requirements, as applicable. “Structures” refers to electric*
20 *assets such as transformers, switching protective devices, capacitors, lines,*
21 *poles, etc.*

22 **2. Introduction of Metric**

23 Detailed inspections are performed using several methods (ground,
24 aerial, and climbing) to identify non-conformances affecting safety or
25 reliability. Within HFTD areas, non-conformances identified by inspections
26 can involve conditions that represent a wildfire ignition risk. Performing
27 inspections on time allows non-conformances to be identified in a timely
28 manner so that they can be prioritized for repair in accordance with the risk
29 of the condition.

30 Due to the importance of detailed inspections in identifying conditions
31 that affect wildfire, other safety, and reliability risks, the OH transmission
32 detailed inspection program has undergone significant evolution over the
33 reporting period for the metric, 2015-present. Prior to 2019, detailed ground
34 inspections were performed by circuit with a frequency depending on the

1 voltage and whether the majority of the structures on the circuit were wood
2 (2-year cycle) or steel (5-year cycle).

3 The Wildfire Safety Inspection Program (WSIP), which began in late
4 2018 and extended into 2019, introduced several key improvements to OH
5 transmission inspections including the use of an 'enhanced' inspection
6 methodology with a questionnaire developed from a wildfire-ignition Failure
7 Modes and Effects Analysis and the addition of aerial inspections using
8 high-resolution drone photographs to provide a second vantage point from
9 above to complement the ground inspections performed with the inspector
10 standing at the base of the structure. These improvements from WSIP were
11 incorporated into the regular OH inspection program beginning in 2020.

12 The 2020 inspections replaced the old wood- or steel-based inspection
13 cycles with cycles that called for more frequent inspections in HFTD areas,
14 annually for Tier 3 and on a 3-year cycle for Tier 2, compared to a 5-year
15 cycle for non-HFTD areas. The 2020 inspections also included non-HFTD
16 structures in High Fire Risk Areas (HFRA), which were treated like Tier 2.

17 The 2021 inspection program continued using the HFTD-based cycles
18 introduced in 2020 and imposed an in-year deadline for HFTD and HFRA
19 inspections of July 31, consistent with Pacific Gas and Electric Company's
20 (PG&E) 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). The intent of this deadline
21 was to allow completion of the inspections and any emergency repairs found
22 from the inspections prior to peak fire season. Monthly validations of the
23 inspection plan were started in June 2021 to ensure that all assets requiring
24 an inspection under their prescribed cycles were included in the plan,
25 including assets that were newly added to the asset registry.

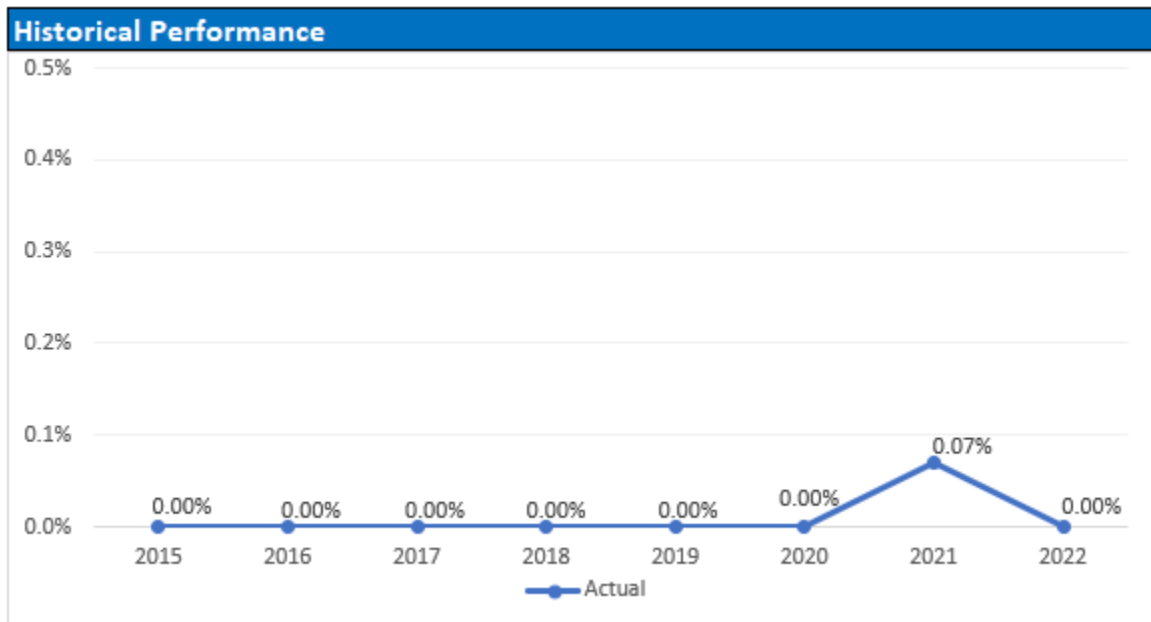
26 The 2022 inspection scope introduced the use of wildfire risk and
27 consequence scores at the structure level to inform the selection of assets
28 to be inspected. At the beginning of 2022, assets were added to the registry
29 after July 31 or whose HFTD changes after July 31 will not be considered
30 late, provided that they are inspected within 90 days of the addition to the
31 registry or the HFTD change.

1 **B. (3.10) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2015 – 2022)**

3 Historical data is provided from 2015 - 2022. Data provided for
4 2015-2019 reflects systemwide performance. HFTD-specific performance is
5 not available prior to 2020. The percentage of missed inspections is
6 calculated as the number of inspections not performed by the required
7 deadline divided by the total number of inspections performed for that year.
8 Through 2020, there was not a specific in-year deadline for inspections, so
9 the deadline was considered December 31. The July 31 deadline for HFTD
10 inspections in 2021 allowed exceptions due to access issues, landowner
11 refusal, or site-specific worker safety situations (i.e., Cannot Get In (CGI))
12 where an unsuccessful inspection attempt was made prior to the deadline.
13 In 2021, HFTD structures added to the asset registry after July 31 and
14 inspected after the July 31 deadline were counted as missed inspections, as
15 well as instances where the asset location was corrected from non-HFTD to
16 HFTD after July 31.

FIGURE 3.10-1
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE | PERCENT LATE (2015 - 2022)



1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 The currently used data collection methodology was implemented in
3 2020. It uses a mobile platform for completing overhead inspections,
4 recorded at structure (pole) level using a detailed inspection checklist.

5 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

6 There were no missed inspections with a total of 78,205 inspections
7 completed – 55,038 in Tier 2 HFTD areas and 23,167 in Tier 3 HFTD areas.

8 **C. (3.10) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

9 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

10 The 1 Year target is updated from 0.00% - 0.05% to 0.00% - 0.04%.

11 There are no changes to 5-Year targets since the last report in
12 September 2022.

13 **2. Target Methodology**

14 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the
15 following factors:

- 16 • Historical Data and Trends: The July 31 deadline for HFTD patrols was
17 first applied in 2021 and is still in practice. Therefore, targets use 2021
18 performance as a baseline with incremental improvement for the
19 reasons described below;
- 20 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 21 • Regulatory Requirements: Relevant items include: (1) General
22 Order 165 requirements to follow internal maintenance procedures, and
23 (2) Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) targets to perform certain HFTD
24 inspections and patrols by July 31;
- 25 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Targets are attainable
26 within currently known resources;
- 27 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
28 Enforcement: Targets are suitable indicators for EOE as historical driver
29 of worsening performance (asset registry changes after July 31) will
30 have an allowance to be counted as on time for any assets discovered
31 after January 1 of the given year and due for a baseline frequency
32 inspection based on installation date (via the created date in SAP), will
33 be inspected within 90 days of when added to the asset registry or by

1 July 31 or the given year, whichever is later. Structures in scope for the
2 given year with HFTD tier changes from Non-HFTD to HFTD after
3 January 1st are also given an allowance for inspection within 90 days of
4 the change or July 31st, whichever is later. This update beginning in
5 2022 ensures that the metric is an appropriate indicator of performance
6 by focusing the measure on timely action to complete inspections as
7 opposed to asset registry completeness.

- 8 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

9 **3. 2023 Target**

10 The 2023 target is to improve performance to 0.00 percent-0.04 percent,
11 based on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes described in the
12 methodology above.

13 **4. 2027 Target**

14 The 2027 target is to improve performance to 0.00 percent-0.02 percent,
15 based on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes described in the
16 methodology above, as well as a reduction over time in the number of asset
17 registry additions from assets being discovered in the field.

18 **D. (3.10) Performance Against Target**

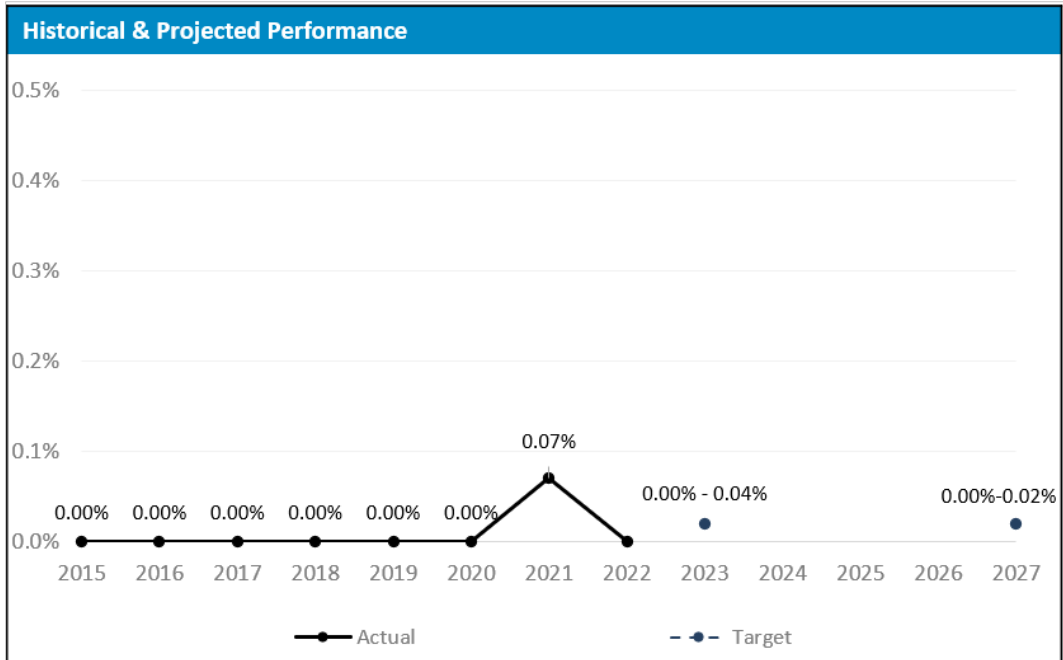
19 **1. Progress Towards the 1-year Target**

20 As demonstrated in Figure 3.10-2 below, PG&E saw 0.00% missed
21 overhead Transmission detailed inspections in 2022 which is consistent with
22 Company's 1-year target.

23 **2. Progress Towards the 5-year Target**

24 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has deployed a number of
25 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to
26 meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.10-2
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015-2022) AND TARGETS (2023 & 2027)**



E. (3.10) Current and Planned Work Activities

Below is a summary description of the key activities that are tied to performance and their description of that tie.

- 2023 Inspection and Patrol Plan: The 2023 inspection plan has been created and contains Tier 3 and Tier 2 structures totaling approximately 26,000 receiving ground inspection, 24,000 aerial inspections, and approximately 1,700 structures that also will receive a climbing inspection
- Monthly Inspection Validations: Monthly inspection validations will continue to identify required additions to the original plan arising from additions or changes to the asset registry. Changes in HFTD may affect the scope of inspections covered by this metric
- In-Year Deadline Requirements: The in-year deadline of July 31 introduced in 2021 for inspections in HFTD will continue to be used in 2023, with the same provisions for CGI access issues as in 2021 and the addition of the 90-day requirement described above for additions and changes to the asset registry. The deadline is tracked with the inspection and patrol orders so that each HFTD inspection is identified as having the July 31 compliance requirement.

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CHAPTER 3.11
SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:
GO-95 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN HFTDS

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1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **CHAPTER 3.11**
3 **SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:**
4 **GO-95 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN HFTDS**

5 The material updates to this chapter since the September 30, 2022, report can be
6 found in Section A.3 concerning metric background; C.1, C.3, C.4, concerning metric
7 targets; and Section D concerning performance against target. Material changes from
8 the prior report are identified in blue font.

9 **A. (3.11) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.11 – General Order (GO) 95
12 Corrective Actions in High Fire Threat Districts (HFTD) is defined as:

13 *The number of Priority Level 2 notifications that were completed on time*
14 *divided by the total number of Priority Level 2 notifications that were due in the*
15 *calendar year in HFTDs. Consistent with General Order (GO) 95 Rule 18*
16 *provisions, the proposed metric should exclude notifications that qualify for*
17 *extensions under reasonable circumstances.¹*

18 GO 95, Rule 18, Priority Level 2 has four relevant timeframes for corrective
19 action: (1) six months for potential violations that create a fire risk in Tier 3 of
20 HFTD; (2) 12 months for potential violations that create a fire risk in Tier 2 of
21 HFTD; (3) 12 months for potential violations that compromise worker safety;
22 and (4) 36 months for all other Level 2 potential violations.²

23 This metric is also reported as Metric 29 in the annual Safety Performance
24 Metrics Report.

25 **2. Introduction to the Metric**

26 The GO 95 Corrective Actions in HFTD metric measures the number of
27 Priority Level 2 corrective notifications (tags) in HFTD that are completed in
28 accordance with the GO 95 Rule 18 timelines. This metric is associated with
29 our Failure of Electric Distribution Overhead Asset Risk and our Wildfire Risk,

1 Correction times may be extended under reasonable circumstances, such as: third-party refusal, customer issue, no access, permits required, system emergencies (e.g., fires, severe weather conditions).

2 GO 95 Rule 18, B1ai-aiii.

1 which are part of our 2020 Risk Assessment and Mitigation Phase Report filing.
2 Vegetation Management (VM) work generally follows wildfire risk priorities.
3 Priority notifications are tracked to completion against procedural timelines that
4 are consistent with the underlying risk of the work.

5 **3. Background**

6 This metric consists of two major activities: corrective notification repairs
7 and VM. The Section below describes the work, including risk-informed
8 prioritization and associated activities. We also compare Pacific Gas and
9 Electric Company's (PG&E or the Company) priority classifications against
10 GO 95 Rule 18's classification and timelines for completion.

- 11 • Corrective Notifications Identified from Inspections: PG&E routinely
12 inspects our electric assets using a variety of methods, including
13 observations when performing work in the area, periodic patrols, and
14 inspections, and targeted condition-based and/or diagnostic testing and
15 monitoring. These inspections of our overhead and underground electric
16 assets are designed to meet GO 95, 165, and 174 requirements.
17 Regarding our equipment inspections process, when an inspector identifies
18 a maintenance condition, the inspector may immediately correct the
19 condition (e.g., performs minor repair work) and records the correction or
20 records the uncorrected condition, which is also reviewed by a centralized
21 inspection review team (CIRT). This additional review performed by the
22 CIRT is to drive consistency in inspection results by having a centralized
23 team review all field findings prior to recording the finding as tag.

24 If the condition is not immediately corrected, the inspector fills out the
25 initial tag. The centralized review team approves and prioritizes the
26 corrective notification tag in our Work Management system. These tags are
27 prioritized based on the risk posed by the condition and urgency of repairs.
28 We also inspect vegetation in the vicinity of our facilities and apply a similar
29 process, described below.

30 Regarding Priority Level 2 electric notifications pertaining to our
31 equipment inspections, we have subdivided Priority Level 2 into two
32 categories: Priority "B" and Priority "E". Priority "B" notifications are
33 scheduled to be addressed within 3 months for Tiers 2 and 3. Priority "E"

1 are scheduled to be completed within 6 months for Tier 3 and 12 months for
2 Tier 2.

- 3 • Vegetation Management: Regarding our VM Program, we routinely inspect
4 clearances between our electric assets and adjacent vegetation through a
5 variety of methods, including observations during annual patrols, targeted
6 program inspections, and aerial light detection and ranging flights. These
7 inspections are conducted by our VM personnel and are designed to meet
8 or, in some cases, exceed GO 95 Rule 35 requirements and fire safety
9 regulations that require a minimum clearance of 4 feet year-round for
10 high-voltage power lines in the California Public Utilities
11 Commission-designated HFTD areas. GO 95 Rule 35 also requires the
12 removal of dead, diseased, defective, and dying trees that could fall into the
13 lines.

14 When an inspector identifies a clearance condition or a potential tree
15 hazard, they record an abatement prescription (tree work) within VM's data
16 systems. This tree work is assigned to tree crews unless there are
17 constraints that require prior resolution (e.g., customer access, city or
18 agency permits). Once the constraint has been resolved, the tree work is
19 addressed within 30 days or within the initial timeline based on HFTD Tier
20 from the date it was inspected, which is either 180 days for Tier 3 or 365
21 days for Tier 2. Tree crews confirm the completion of tree work within the
22 VM data systems. VM tree work identified in this way does not follow the
23 Electric Corrective notifications (EC for Distribution) and Line Corrective
24 notifications (LC for Transmission) priority assignments. Our VM timeline to
25 complete this tree work generally aligns with the risk presented by the
26 vegetation and the risk reduction objectives of the VM Program. It is
27 important to note that this data is classified into two categories: (i)
28 Vegetation Dead and Dying and (ii) Vegetation Priority 2, where each
29 record reflects work completed on a tree.

- 30 • Priority Classifications and Timelines for Completion: We manage our
31 corrective actions in HFTDs with a risk-informed prioritization of our work
32 plans. Our strategy focuses on reducing wildfire risk associated with open
33 corrective notifications. To accomplish this, we first address the highest risk
34 Level 2 corrective notifications first. After that, we manage the inventory of

1 Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications in a risk-informed manner, where
2 the highest risk Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications are targeted first,
3 while deploying safety controls to manage the lower risk Level 2 Priority “E”
4 corrective notifications. This approach allows strategic and targeted wildfire
5 risk reductions, informed by customer impact and risk spend efficiencies, to
6 continue to be our primary focus.

7 We recognize that our electric Priority “B” notifications, which we
8 consider having a higher likelihood of creating an equipment failure than
9 other Level 2 Priority notifications, have a more aggressive timeline to
10 address than GO 95 Rule 18 Priority Level 2. However, consistent with the
11 safety and operational metric definitions provided in Decision 21-11-009, we
12 are reporting our performance against the timelines set forth in GO 95 Rule
13 18 and can provide, upon request, additional information as to how we are
14 performing against our more aggressive internal timelines for our electric
15 Priority “B” notifications. Furthermore, we are including all EC and LC
16 notifications, as well as all inspection-identified vegetation safety hazards
17 that meet the definition of GO 95 Rule 18 Level 2.

18 At the end of 2022, Priority “B” was eliminated for newly created
19 transmission (LC) notifications so that priority “E” LC notifications now
20 directly align to Rule 18 Level 2. Priority “E” notifications may have
21 timelines shorter than the maximum allowable Level 2 timelines, so 3-month
22 notifications still can be created as priority “E”. Although new “B” priority LC
23 notifications will not be created, the existing population of “B” priority
24 notifications will continue to be closed in 2023.

25 The following table summarizes the priority classifications we use to
26 comply with GO 95 Rule 18. The changes to transmission’s priority levels
27 will be reflected in the next update.

**TABLE 3.11-1
GO 95 RULE 18 RISK CATEGORIES AND TIMELINES**

Line No.	GO 95 Rule 18	PG&E Priority	Description	GO 95 Rule 18 Timeline for Corrective Action	PG&E Internal Timeline for Corrective Action (Electric Notifications)	PG&E Internal Timeline for Corrective Action (Vegetation Tree Work)
1	Level 1	A (Electric) Priority 1 (Vegetation)	An immediate risk of high potential impact to safety or reliability	Take corrective action immediately, either by fully repairing or by temporarily repairing and reclassifying to a lower priority	Consistent with GO 95 Rule 18	Within 24 hrs. after identification
2	Level 2	B (Electric) Priority 2 or Dead & Dying (Vegetation)	Any other risk of at least moderate potential impact to safety or reliability: Take corrective action within specified time period (either by fully repair or by temporarily repairing and reclassifying to Level 3 priority).	Time period for corrective action to be determined at the time of identification by a qualified Company representative, but not to exceed: 1. Six months for potential violations that create a fire risk located in Tier 3 of the HFTD. 2. 12 months for potential violations that create a fire risk located in Tier 2 of the HFTD. 3. 12 months for potential violations that compromise worker safety; and 4. 36 months for all other Level 2 potential violations.	Corrective action within 3 months from date condition identified for electric equipment	1. Within 20 business days from identification Priority 2 Tag. 2. Dead & Dying tree: a. Six months within Tier 3 & Tier 2 of the HFTD; and b. 12 months outside Tier 3 & Tier 2 of the HFTD.
3		E (Electric)	Any other risk of at least moderate potential impact to safety or reliability: Take corrective action within specified time period (either by fully repair or by temporarily repairing and reclassifying to Level 3 priority).	Same as above	Corrective action within: 1. Six months for conditions that create a fire risk located in HFTD Tier 3 2. 12 months for conditions that create a fire risk located in HFTD Tier 2 Field Safety Re-assessment performed annually on time dependent tags to confirm Priority "E" Notification has not escalated to Priority A or B. If notification has escalated to Priority A or B, address according to timelines above.	N/A
4		H (Electric)	These are PG&E Priority "E" Notifications that are planned to be addressed by a planned System Hardening Project	Same as above	Field Safety Re-assessment performed annually on time dependent tags to confirm Priority "E" Notification has not escalated to Priority A or B. If notification has escalated to Priority A or B, address according to timelines above.	N/A
5	Level 3	F (Electric)	Any risk of low potential impact to safety or reliability	Take corrective action within 60 months subject to the specific exceptions. ^(a)	1. Corrective actions for distribution assets to be addressed within five years from date condition identified. 2. Corrective actions for transmission assets to be addressed within two years from date condition identified.	N/A

(a) EXCEPTION – Potential violations specified in Appendix J or subsequently approved through Commission processes, including, but not limited to, a Tier 2 Advice Letter under GO 96B, that can be completed at a future time as opportunity-based maintenance. Where an exception has been granted, repair of a potential violation must be completed the next time the Company's crew is at the structure to perform tasks at the same or higher work level (i.e., the public, communications, or electric level). The condition's record in the auditable maintenance program must indicate the relevant exception and the date of the corrective action.

B. (3.11) Metric Performance

1. Historical Data (2020 – 2022)

We are reporting historical data from the years 2020 through 2022.

Our history of available data, which is recorded in our electric work management systems (e.g., SAP) goes back to 2010. However, we are focusing our historical reporting for this metric starting at 2020 due to various changes that occurred prior to 2020, which reshaped GO 95 and GO 165 to include boundaries for HFTD, as well as informed our current inspection methods to be more enhanced towards identifying ignition risks.

Reported timelines generally align with VM adoption of updated internal timeliness for Priority Tag mitigation and additional 'Dead & Dying' tree abatement identified through the implementation of PG&E Enhanced VM Program in 2019. The VM Program's work management system tracking these corrective actions is tracked in two separate databases; the Vegetation Management Database (VMD) and OneVM to track work identified through its annual inspection programs.

2. Data Collection Methodology

Data collected prior to year 2020 is excluded due to the various GO 165 and GO 95 Rule 18 changes mentioned above.

We are including all EC (Distribution) and LC (Transmission) notifications, as well as all inspection-identified vegetation safety hazards that meet the definition of GO 95 Rule 18 Level 2. Note that due dates must be manually adjusted in our data to align with the GO 95 Rule 18 timelines which vary from our internal timelines as previously mentioned.

3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period

Metric performance is comprised of an aggregated performance for electric distribution and electric transmission corrective notifications, as well as vegetation safety hazards.

As described in earlier sections, we are reporting and setting targets against the timeframes identified in GO 95 Rule 18 rather than the timelines articulated in our internal electric Priority "B" and "E" notifications, and internal VM Priority 2 and Dead and Dying Tree abatement corrective notifications.

1 To address the unprecedented wildfire risk in our service territory, in 2019
2 we launched our Wildfire Safety Inspection Program (WSIP) as part of our
3 Wildfire Safety Plan. The intent of that program was to expand our focus during
4 inspections to include fire ignition risk posed by failure modes on our electric
5 assets and accelerate the inspections to be complete by the beginning of the
6 2019 wildfire season. The WSIP generated a volume much greater than what
7 we have typically experienced for our annual electric corrective notification
8 volume, with the majority of electric corrective notifications being of lower risk
9 (e.g., Level 2 Priority “E” & Level 3).

10 Given the high volume (e.g., approximately 4x the volume from prior years)
11 of identified electric distribution and transmission corrective notifications in the
12 2019 WSIP, we pivoted from managing our electric corrective notifications
13 based on due date to focusing our priority through a wildfire risk informed
14 approach. This means we would complete Level 1 and Level 2 Priority “B”
15 corrective notifications first and manage the inventory of Level 2 Priority “E” and
16 Level 3 corrective notifications.

17 Our approach for managing the inventory of Level 2 Priority “E” is to:
18 (1) group high concentrations of individual capital intensive rebuild corrective
19 notifications into new, more comprehensive, System Hardening projects, and
20 (2) permanently remove electric lines out of service that have multiple corrective
21 notifications and serve small numbers of customers, where service can be
22 provided via alternate line interconnections or remote grid solutions, as well as
23 individual corrective work execution for those Level 2 Priority “E” notifications
24 that were of high wildfire risk informed priority.

25 Our recent 2022 experience in managing our Level 2 Priority “E” corrective
26 notifications in this manner resulted in a 30.6 percent relative risk reduction of
27 open corrective notifications on electric distribution facilities located in HFTD
28 Tiers 2 and 3.

29 For those electric corrective Level 2 Priority “E” notifications that were going
30 to remain open past their original due date, and that had the potential to
31 degrade over time, we performed Field Safety Reassessments (FSR) of those
32 open Level 2 Priority “E” electric notifications to determine if the conditions of
33 the electric asset had degraded. If they had, we would accelerate those
34 corrective notifications for repair.

1 We are also currently completing available vegetation priority corrective
 2 notifications within our internal timelines, limiting inventory to corrective
 3 notifications where we have access issues, such as customer property access
 4 issues or related permitting concerns, which are worked as dependencies are
 5 resolved. This is consistent with our Dead and Dying Tree Abatements.

6 The following figure plots our historical performance for GO 95 Rule 18
 7 Level 2 HFTD Corrective Notifications.

FIGURE 3.11-1
GO 95 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN HFTDS – HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2020 - 2022)

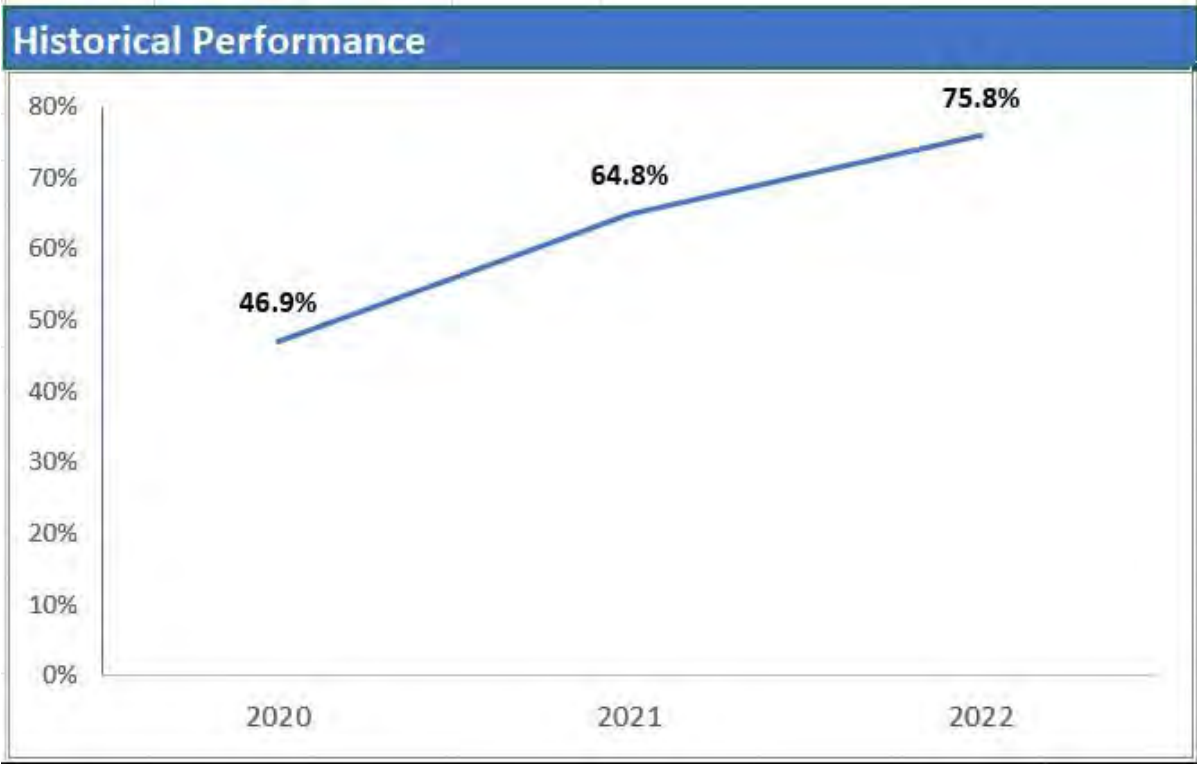


TABLE 3.11-2
GO 95 RULE 18 PRIORITY LEVEL 2 ACTUAL 2022
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)

Line No.	Year 2022	Level 2 Priority "E"	Level 2 Priority "B"	Level 2 Priority "B" From "E"	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	9,595	187,716	492	196,803
2	Past Due	57,589	4,423	804	62,816
3	% On Time	14%	98%	38%	75.8%

**TABLE 3.11-3
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 ACTUAL 2022
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2022	Level 2 Priority "E"	Level 2 Priority "B"	Level 2 Priority "B" From "E"	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	5,912	4,275	272	10,459
2	Past Due	51,327	232	768	52,327
3	% On Time	10%	95%	26%	17%

**TABLE 3.11-4
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 ACTUAL 2022
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2022	Level 2 Priority "E"	Level 2 Priority "B"	Level 2 Priority "B" From "E"	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	3,683	1,500	220	5,403
2	Past Due	6,262	17	36	6,315
3	% On Time	37%	99%	86%	46%

**TABLE 3.11-5
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 ACTUAL 2022
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)**

Line No.	Year 2023	EVM Dead and Dying	Vegetation Dead and Dying	Vegetation Priority 2	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	93,729	26,965	60,247	180,941
2	Past Due	3,358	3	813	4,174
3	% On Time	97%	100%	99%	98%

1 **C. (3.11) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 The 1-Year target decreased from 70 percent to 69 percent. The 5-Year
4 target increased from 76 to 80 percent.

5 **2. Target Methodology**

6 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, we considered the following
7 factors:

- 1 • Historical Data and Trends: The targets are based on the projected volume
2 of GO 95 Rule 18 Priority Level 2 notifications, which consider existing open
3 tags and forecasted new tags that are due for each year;
- 4 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 5 • Regulatory Requirements: GO 95 Rule 18 requirements;
- 6 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Attainability is subject to
7 other emerging higher risk priorities that may influence our ability to meet
8 projected targets. If emerging higher risk priorities emerge throughout the
9 course of the year, we may need to prioritize our available resources to
10 address these higher risk priorities and adjust our work plan accordingly;
- 11 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
12 Enforcement: Yes, performance at projected levels is sustainable, subject
13 to other emerging higher risk priorities may influence ability to meet
14 projected targets. If emerging higher risk priorities emerge throughout the
15 course of the year, we may need to prioritize our available resources to
16 address these higher risk priorities and adjust our work plan accordingly;
17 and
- 18 • Other Qualitative Considerations: This target was established with the
19 consideration of our risk informed strategy, as opposed to a corrective
20 notification due date prioritization approach.

21 **3. 2023 Target**

22 Our target for Priority Level 2 corrective maintenance notifications on time
23 completion rates is revised downward to 69 percent for the year 2023. This is
24 appropriate due to a drop in volume in Vegetation Management, which is a
25 component of the overall score that has been driving favorable performance.
26 As mentioned above, this metric performance is comprised of an aggregated
27 score combining performance of electric distribution, electric transmission and
28 Vegetation Management. In 2022, the corrective actions in these three areas
29 were 16,352; 8,828; and 148,000, respectively.

30 For year 2023, electric distribution notifications completed on
31 time percentage is projected at approximately 23 percent and electric
32 transmission notifications completed on time percentage is projected at
33 approximately 52 percent. The projected forecast for Vegetation Management
34 is approximately 96 percent. As the volume of Vegetation Management

1 decreases in 2023 we expect the aggregated score of this metric to
2 correspondingly decline.

3 Our corrective notifications strategy will continue to focus on reducing
4 wildfire risk associated with our open corrective notifications by working the
5 highest risk Level 2 corrective notifications first versus managing corrective
6 notification due dates. Using this approach in 2023, we are forecasting to
7 reduce the relative wildfire risk associated with open electric distribution
8 corrective maintenance notifications in HFTD Tiers 2 and 3 by as much as
9 31 percent for tags due in 2023.

10 Also, it is important to note that within this aggregated year 2022
11 performance, we are forecasting that our electric Level 2 Priority “B”
12 notifications performance to achieve completed on time percentages of
13 95 percent for electric distribution notifications. As described earlier, we
14 consider electric Level 2 Priority “B” notifications to have a higher likelihood of
15 creating an equipment failure than other electric Level 2 Priority notifications.

16 The following tables summarize PG&E’s Year 2023 Target for Priority
17 Level 2 notifications completed on time percentage, as well as a breakdown
18 between the electric distribution, electric transmission and VM Priority Level 2
19 notifications performance. Since the “B” priority will no longer be assigned to
20 transmission notifications, as described above, transmission projections are not
21 separated by “B” and “E” priority levels. Table 3.11-6 has been updated only to
22 reflect Level 2 results due to the priority level changes in transmission.

23 Table 3.11-9 Vegetation Management 2023 forecast is lower than 2022,
24 based upon an anticipated reduction in the volume of D&D tree work.
25 Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM) Program concluded at the end of
26 2022.

TABLE 3.11-6
GO 95 RULE 18 PRIORITY LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2023
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)

Line No.	Year 2023	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	173,180
2	Past Due	76,493
3	% On Time	69%

**TABLE 3.11-7
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2023
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2023	Level 2 Priority "E"	Level 2 Priority "B"	Level 2 Priority "B" From "E"	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	8,001	7,163	1,188	16,352
2	Past Due	59,178	377	3,420	62,975
3	% On Time	12%	95%	26%	21%

**TABLE 3.11-8
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2023
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2023	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	8,828
2	Past Due	8,018
3	% On Time	52%

**TABLE 3.11-9
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2023
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)**

Line No.	Year 2023	Vegetation Dead and Dying	Vegetation Priority 2	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	121,270	26,730	148,000
2	Past Due	5,230	270	5,500
3	% On Time	96%	99%	96%

1 **4. 2027 Target**

2 Our 5-year target for Priority Level 2 corrective maintenance notifications on
3 time is 80 percent. This metric performance is comprised of an aggregated
4 performance where the projected year 2027 volume of corrective notifications
5 for electric distribution, electric transmission and vegetation are at 28,406;
6 8,654; and 150,700, respectively.

7 For year 2027, we are projecting an on-time percentage of approximately
8 39 percent, 99 percent, 98 percent for electric distribution, electric transmission,
9 and vegetation notifications performance, respectively.

1 Our corrective notifications strategy will continue to focus on reducing
 2 wildfire risk associated with our open corrective notifications by working the
 3 highest risk Level 2 corrective notifications first versus managing corrective
 4 notification due dates. Furthermore, we are also revisiting opportunities to
 5 further align our distribution electric corrective action Priority levels (e.g., A, B,
 6 E, F, and H) with that of GO 95 Rule 18 (e.g., Levels 1, 2, and 3), which we
 7 expect will improve our performance in the long-term.

8 The following tables summarize our Year 2027 Target for Priority Level 2
 9 notifications completed on time percentages, as well as a breakdown between
 10 the electric distribution, electric transmission and vegetation Priority Level 2
 11 notifications completed on time percentages.

**TABLE 3.11-10
 GO 95 RULE 18 PRIORITY LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2027
 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
 (ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)**

Line No.	Year 2027	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	187,760
2	Past Due	47,908
3	% On Time	80%

**TABLE 3.11-11
 GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2027 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
 PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
 (ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2027	Level 2 Priority "E"	Level 2 Priority "B"	Level 2 Priority "B" From "E"	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	21,016	3,152	4,238	28,406
2	Past Due	44,658	166	223	45,047
3	% On Time	32%	95%	95%	39%

**TABLE 3.11-12
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2027 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2027	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	8,654
2	Past Due	61
3	% On Time	99%

**TABLE 3.11-13
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2027 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)**

Line No.	Year 2027	Vegetation Dead and Dying	Vegetation Priority 2	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	123,970	26,730	150,700
2	Past Due	2,530	270	2,800
3	% On Time	98%	99%	98%

1 The Figure 3.11-2 plots our aggregated historical and aggregated projected
2 performance for GO 95 Rule 18 Level 2 HFTD Corrective Notifications.

3 **D. (3.11) Performance Against Target**

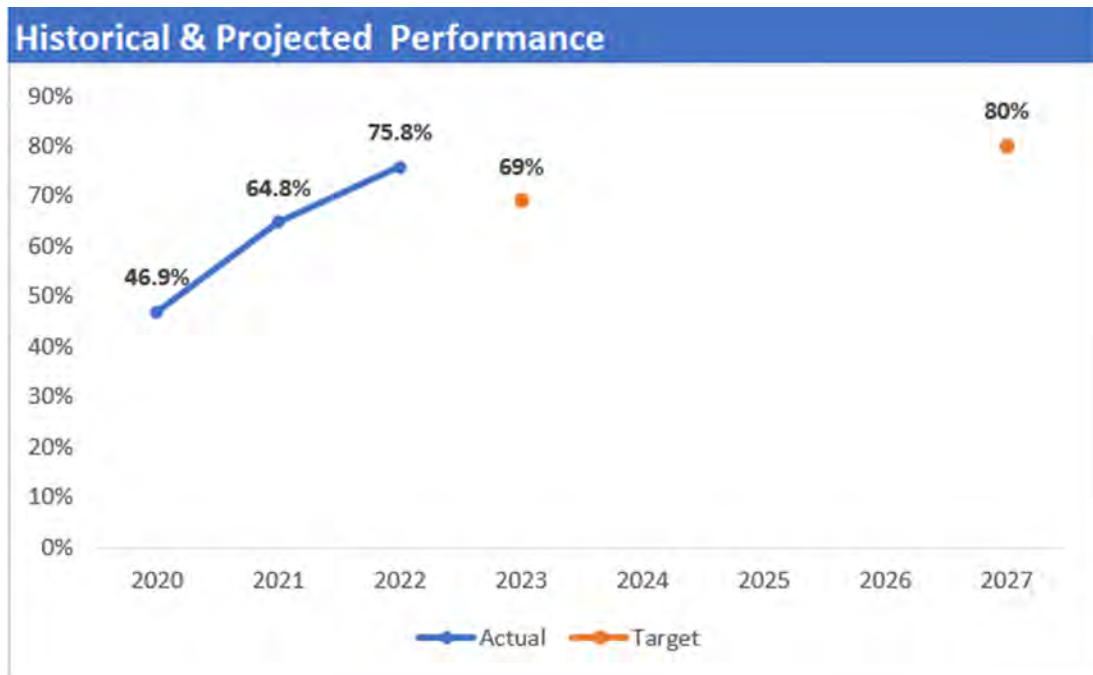
4 **1. Progress Towards 1-Year Target**

5 As demonstrated in Figure 3.11-2 below, PG&E saw a performance of
6 75.8 percent 2022 which demonstrates improvement from our last report and is
7 above the 1-year target.

8 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

9 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of programs
10 to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to meet the
11 Company's 5-year performance target.

FIGURE 3.11-14
GO 95 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN HFTDS – HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED PERFORMANCE



1 **E. (3.11) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 Below is a summary description of the key activities that are tied to performance
3 and their description.

- 4 • System Hardening: System Hardening Program focuses on mitigating wildfire
5 risk posed by distribution overhead assets in and near Tier 2 and 3 HFTDs in
6 our service territory. This program targets high wildfire risk miles and applies
7 various mitigation activities, including: (1) line removal, (2) conversion of
8 distribution lines from overhead to underground, (3) application of Remote Grid
9 alternatives, (4) mitigation of exposure through relocation of overhead facilities,
10 and (5) in-place overhead system hardening.
- 11 • Overhead Preventative Maintenance and Equipment Repair: Focuses on repair
12 of electric equipment identified with corrective notifications. Our corrective
13 notifications strategy will continue to focus on reducing wildfire risk associated
14 with our open corrective notifications by working the highest risk Level 2
15 corrective notifications first versus managing corrective notification due dates.
16 We plan to accomplish this by continuing to complete Level 1 and Level 2
17 Priority “B” corrective notifications first and manage the inventory of Level 2
18 Priority “E” corrective notifications in a risk informed manner, where the highest

1 risk Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications are targeted first, while deploying
2 safety controls to manage the lower risk Level 2 Priority “E” corrective
3 notifications. The approach allows strategic and targeted wildfire risk
4 reductions, informed by customer impact and risk spend efficiencies, to
5 continue to be our primary focus. Using this approach in 2023, we are
6 forecasting to reduce the relative wildfire risk associated with open electric
7 distribution corrective maintenance notifications in HFTD Tiers 2 and 3 by as
8 much as 31 percent for tags due in 2023.

9 Furthermore, we are also revisiting opportunities to further align our electric
10 corrective action Priority levels (e.g., A, B, E, F, and H) with that of GO 95
11 Rule 18 (e.g., Levels 1, 2, and 3).

12 See Exhibit (PG&E-4), Chapters 4.3, 9, and 11 in PG&E’s 2023 General
13 Rate Case for more information.

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

CHAPTER 3.12

SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:

ELECTRIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME

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CHAPTER 3.12
SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:
ELECTRIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME

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6 be found in Section B.2, B.3 concerning metric performance; C.1, C.3, C.4,
7 concerning metric targets; and Section D concerning performance against target.
8 Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9 **A. (3.12) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.12 – Electric Emergency
12 Response Time is defined as:

13 *Average time and median time in minutes to respond on-site to an*
14 *electric-related emergency notification from the time of notification to the*
15 *time a representative (or qualified first responder) arrived onsite.*

16 *Emergency notification includes all notifications originating from 911 calls*
17 *and calls made directly to the utilities' safety hotlines. The data used to*
18 *determine the average time and median time shall be provided in*
19 *increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c) as supplemental*
20 *information, not as a metric.*

21 **2. Introduction of Metric**

22 This metric measures the average and median time for Pacific Gas and
23 Electric Company (PG&E) to respond on-site to an electric emergency once
24 a notification is received. Measuring response to 911 calls within
25 60 minutes has been a long-standing top public safety measure for PG&E
26 and within the industry, and this metric, although calculated differently, is
27 similar in its intent for responding quickly to our customers and any
28 potentially unsafe conditions reported.

29 **B. (3.12) Metric Performance**

30 **1. Historical Data (2015 – 2022)**

31 Historical data is provided from 2015 through 2022. Although
32 emergency response data exists prior to 2015 (as mentioned below), current

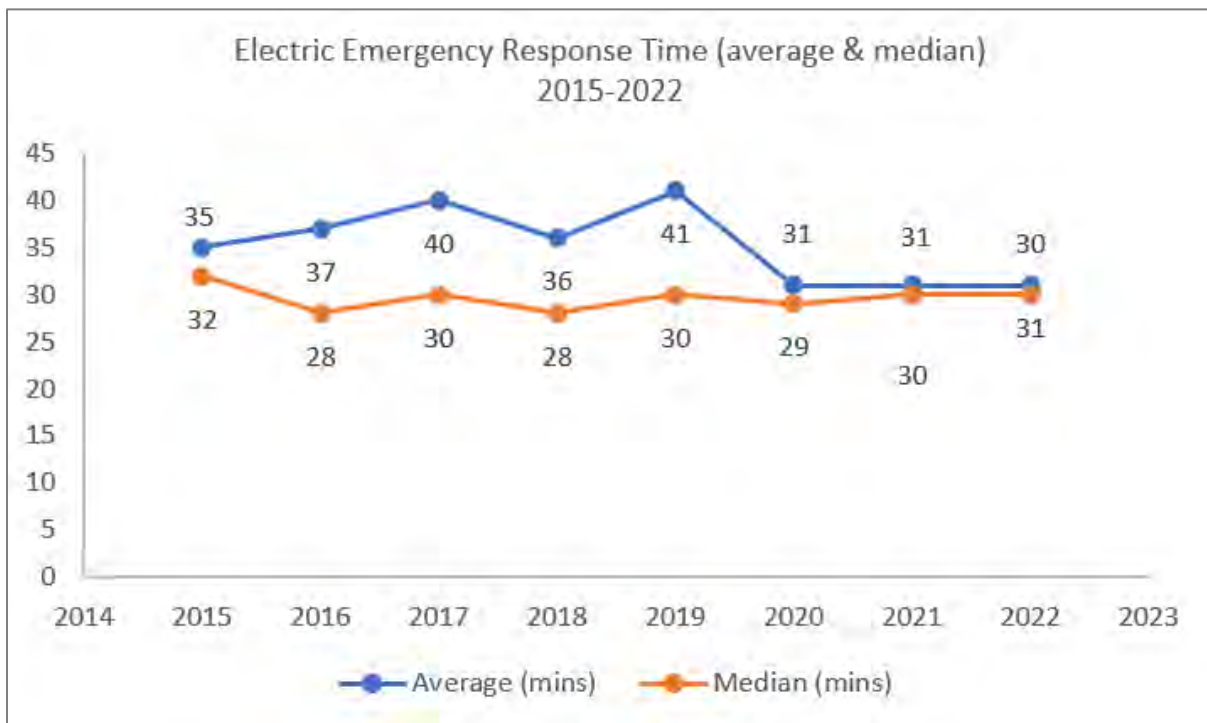
1 validation practices were not in place until 2015 and therefore only data from
2 2015 is reported here for consistency and comparability.

3 Over the timeframe of 2015-2021, total average response time across
4 all years is 35 minutes, and the median for across all years is 30 minutes.

5 Since 2015, PG&E's historical performance has been within the first
6 quartile and has been in the first decile for several years when
7 measuring percentage of response times within 60 minutes, which is the
8 industry benchmarkable definition.

9 Metric performance has been driven by accurately predicting when large
10 volumes of calls will occur (based on weather forecasts), proactive
11 scheduling of resources for 911 response, cross-functional coordination
12 across PG&E to train non-traditional stand-by staff, availability of resources
13 for weather days and improved understanding of shifts in storm fronts and
14 impacts on the system.

FIGURE 3.12-1
ELECTRIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME HISTORICAL DATA (2015 - 2022)



1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 The metric performance data is captured and stored in the Outage
3 Information System (OIS) database. Each 911 call has a time stamp. The
4 start time of a 911 call involves receipt by utility personnel and entry into the
5 OIS database (creation of a tag). The tag is created in the OIS database
6 when the PG&E personnel is on the phone with the 911 dispatch agency
7 (there is a direct 911 stand-by line into Gas Dispatch, where all 911 stand by
8 calls are routed). This process removes the delay between the time the call
9 is received and entered into the system, and the raw data is then reviewed
10 for duplicate entries, which are cancelled (if found). [The timestamp of when
11 PG&E personnel responds on site is when they select the “onsite” button on
12 their mobile data terminals, which marks the completion of the response. If
13 there is a discrepancy or uncertainty, our Electric Dispatch team will validate
14 the exact arrival time by leveraging GPS data from our employee’s vehicles
15 and/or mobile data terminals.](#) The response time in minutes is calculated by
16 the difference between the two timestamps. From each call’s response
17 time, the average and median time is calculated for all calls.

18 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

19 [For 2022, average response time was 31 minutes and median response
20 time was 30 minutes. Median response time performance saw no change
21 from 2021 and average response time improved by one minute compared to
22 2021.](#) In context, these results are still considered strong performance as:
23 (1) weather severity is a known uncontrollable variable, and (2) the
24 corresponding benchmarkable calculation, percent response time within
25 60 minutes, remains at the top of industry performance.

26 **C. (3.12) 1-Year and 5-Year Target**

27 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

28 [There have been no changes to 1- and 5-Year targets since the last
29 report in September 2022.](#)

2. Target Methodology

To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the following factors:¹

- Historical Data and Trends: Comparable data is available starting in 2015 although historical benchmarking trends (under alternative definition) are informative back to 2012. This historical data context confirms PG&E's current results are improved, sustained, and reasonably considered strong performance, which has informed the target setting direction to "maintain";
- Benchmarking: Industry benchmarking is available under the emergency response time measure calculated as percent time responding on site within 60 minutes. PG&E is first quartile within this benchmark, and has used this industry data as the key datapoint to inform target setting:
 - To do this, PG&E used available industry benchmark data for the percentage time within 60 minutes metric to apply assumptions and generally extract estimated performance quartiles under the measures of average time and median time would equate to as a measures of average time and median time. The extrapolated estimated performance ranges for first quartile were then used. Specifically, these estimated values represent the point at which, when exceeded, performance would move out of first quartile and into second quartile;
 - PG&E's intent is to stay in first quartile performance. Given the context that benchmarking provides, PG&E targets are meant to maintain current performance at levels better than the first quartile threshold, and would consider a performance change on the magnitude of exceeding these targets (i.e., moving into a worse estimated quartile, a signal of concern);
 - In other words, target values in this case represent performance levels that PG&E does not want to exceed or move performance

¹ Targets represent values that serve as appropriate indicator lights to signal a review of potential performance issues. Targets should not be interpreted as intention to worsen performance, as further described below.

1 towards. Values should not be interpreted as a plan for or
2 expectation of worsening performance;

- 3 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 4 • Attainable With Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;
- 5 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
6 Enforcement: Historical data and trends confirm that maintaining
7 estimated first quartile performance is a sustainable target in both the
8 1-year and 5-year timeframes. A change in performance on the
9 magnitude of reaching the targets (i.e., performance moving into the
10 estimated second quartile) is an appropriate indicator light to examine
11 potential performance issues as PG&E's intent is to maintain current
12 practices and past improvements and mitigate any future operational
13 impacts that may arise; and
- 14 • Other Considerations: None.

15 **3. 2023 Target**

16 The 2023 Target is to remain better than 44 minutes for average
17 emergency response time and better than 43 minutes for median
18 emergency response time. Targets are based on maintaining first quartile
19 performance.

20 **4. 2027 Target**

21 The 2027 Target is to remain better than 44 minutes for average
22 emergency response time and better than 43 minutes for median
23 emergency response time. Targets are based on maintaining first quartile
24 performance.

25 **D. (3.12) Performance Against Target**

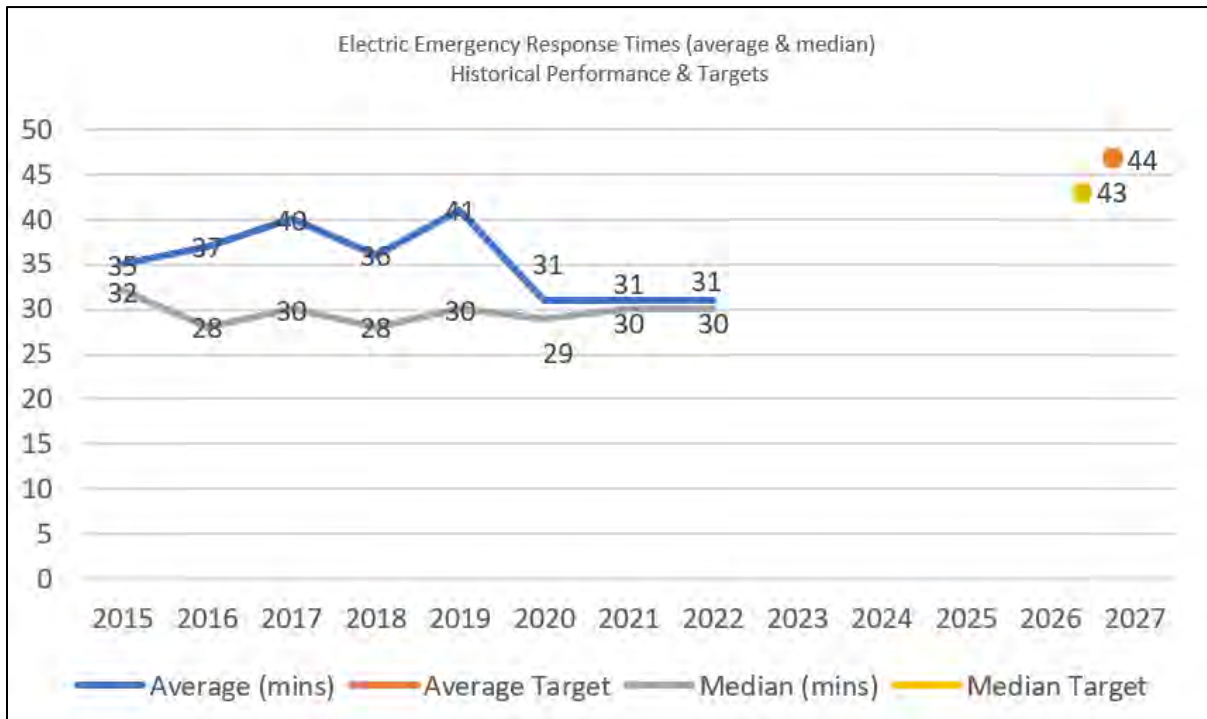
26 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

27 As demonstrated in Figure 3.12-2 below, PG&E saw an average of 31
28 response minutes and a median of 30 response minutes in 2022 which is
29 consistent with Company's 1-year target.

30 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

31 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of
32 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to
33 meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.12-2
ELECTRIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED DATA**



E. (3.12) Current and Planned Work Activities

Two primary actions were initiated in 2022 and continue to be further refined so PG&E is able to maintain its top-level performance:

- Meteorology, Operations, and Dispatch Support:
 - PG&E Meteorology validated and enhanced 911 forecasting by using historical data to train the forecasting model and to provide 911 resource requirement recommendations based on predicted weather. Improved modeling will allow for more effective staffing.
 - A ‘concierge’ Meteorology advisor is assigned pre-event and identified for in event support.
 - Meteorology proactively reaches out to Electric Dispatch if a specific geographic area is looking to worsen over the forecast period. Meteorology will also modify PG&E’s general wind alert system to provide in event systematic support to Dispatchers.
- Mobile Solution Deployment: Transition non-electric standby personnel into Field Automation System tool allowing for quicker dispatching to 911 standby requests.

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5 **HFTD AREAS**
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8 be found in Section B.3 concerning metric performance; Section C concerning metric
9 targets; Section D concerning performance against target, and Section E concerning
10 current and planned work. Material changes from the prior report are identified in
11 blue font.

12 **A. (3.13) Overview**

13 **1. Metric Definition**

14 Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.13 – the Number of California
15 Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat
16 Districts (HFTD) Areas (Distribution) is defined as:

17 *The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead*
18 *distribution circuits in HFTD Areas.*

19 *A CPUC-Reportable Ignition refers to a fire incident where the following*
20 *three criteria are met: (1) ignition is associated with Pacific Gas and Electric*
21 *Company (PG&E) electrical assets, (2) something other than PG&E facilities*
22 *burned, and (3) the resulting fire travelled more than one linear meter from*
23 *the ignition point.¹*

24 For this SOM, reporting is specific to Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs.

25 PG&E provides the CPUC with annual ignition data in the Fire Incident
26 Data Collection Plan, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety
27 quarterly via quarterly geographic information system, data reporting, in
28 quarterly Wildfire Mitigation Plan updates, and the Safety Performance
29 Metrics Report.

¹ Please see CPUC Decision (D.) 14-02-015, issued February 5, 2014 for additional details.

1 **2. Introduction of Metric**

2 The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions in HFTDs provides one way to
3 gauge the level of wildfire risk that customers and communities are exposed
4 to from overhead distribution assets. PG&E’s objective is to reduce the
5 number of CPUC reportable ignitions that may trigger a catastrophic wildfire.

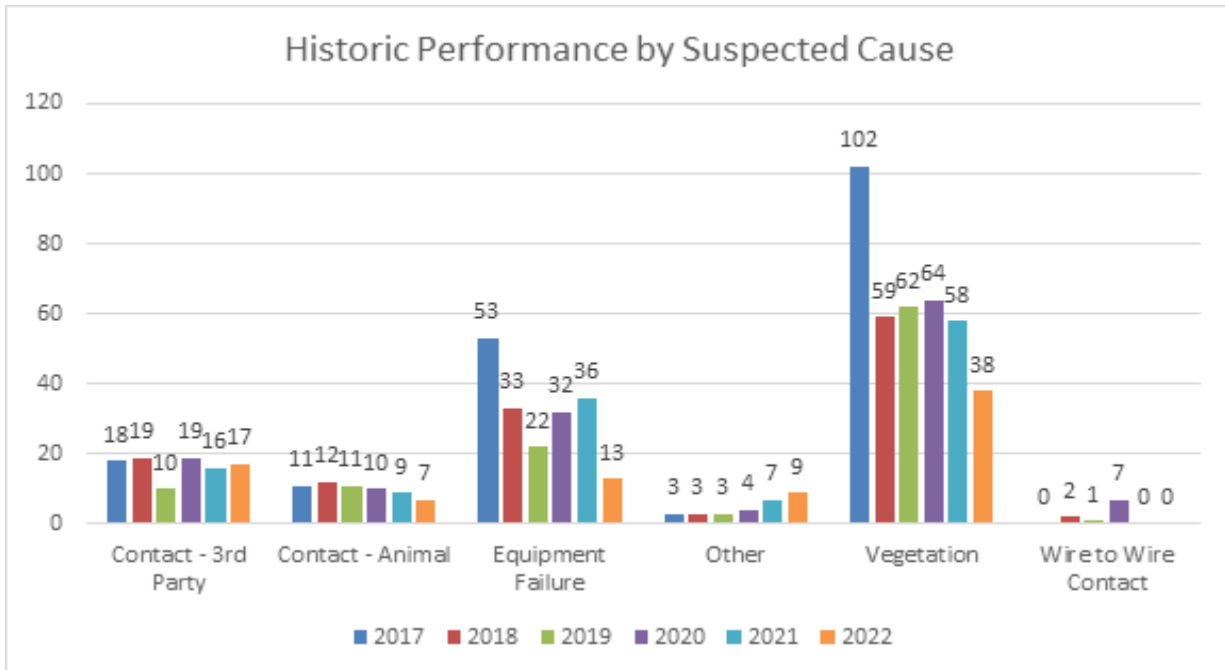
6 **B. (3.13) Metric Performance**

7 **1. Historical Data (2015 – 2022)**

8 PG&E implemented the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan in response
9 to D.14-02-015 in June 2014. PG&E’s Ignitions Tracker includes all
10 CPUC-reportable ignitions from June 2014 to present. The 2014 data does
11 not represent a complete year and is excluded in this analysis.

12 PG&E’s overhead distribution circuits traverse approximately
13 25,500 miles of terrain in the HFTD areas where the overhead conductor is
14 primarily bare wire, supported by structures consisting of poles, cross arms,
15 associated insulators, and operating equipment such as transformers, fuses
16 and reclosers. The main causes of CPUC-reportable ignitions have been
17 collected and classified. These fall into six broad categories: vegetation
18 contact, equipment failure, third party contact, animal contact, wire to wire
19 contact, and other causes. The counts for 2017 to 2022, are shown in the
20 graph below, highlighting the degree of variability that occurs from year to
21 year relative to each category.

**FIGURE 3.13-1
HISTORIC PERFORMANCE BY SUSPECTED CAUSE**



1 There is also a seasonal pattern to the ignition events as shown in the
 2 chart of ignitions by month below for each of the years from 2017 through
 3 2022.

**FIGURE 3.13-2
HISTORIC PERFORMANCE BY YEAR/MONTH**

Historic Performance by Year/Month							
Month	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
January	2	1	1	0	19	2	
February	0	4	0	7	2	5	
March	1	6	2	3	5	4	
April	6	5	4	3	6	9	
May	9	4	8	9	17	11	
June	19	19	14	25	22	14	
July	36	30	23	23	24	12	
August	33	25	15	27	17	10	
September	28	6	16	17	7	9	
October	42	15	13	17	6	7	
November	5	14	12	2	0	1	
December	6	0	1	3	1	0	
Total	187	129	109	136	126	84	

1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 Data will be collected per PG&E’s Fire Incident Data Collection Plan
3 (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P). Results will be inclusive of
4 unique HFTD CPUC-reportable ignitions attributable to the distribution asset
5 class with overhead construction types.

6 The following ignition events captured by PG&E’s Fire Incident Data
7 Collection Plan will be excluded for this metric:

- 8 • Duplicate events;
- 9 • Ignitions that do not meet CPUC reporting criteria;
- 10 • Ignition events outside of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD;
- 11 • Transmission ignitions; and
- 12 • Ignitions attributable to underground or pad-mounted assets as these
13 are not associated overhead assets. (Ignitions caused by non-overhead
14 assets in HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the
15 asset, pose less of a wildfire risk.)

16 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

17 Through widespread deployment of the Enhanced Powerline Safety
18 Settings (EPSS) program, PG&E finished 2022 with 84 CPUC reportable
19 ignitions in HFTD attributable to overhead distribution assets. These results
20 were within the target range of 82-94 ignitions. This result is approximately
21 65 percent reduction from the 2018 – 2020 annual average of 130 ignitions,
22 before EPSS was deployed.

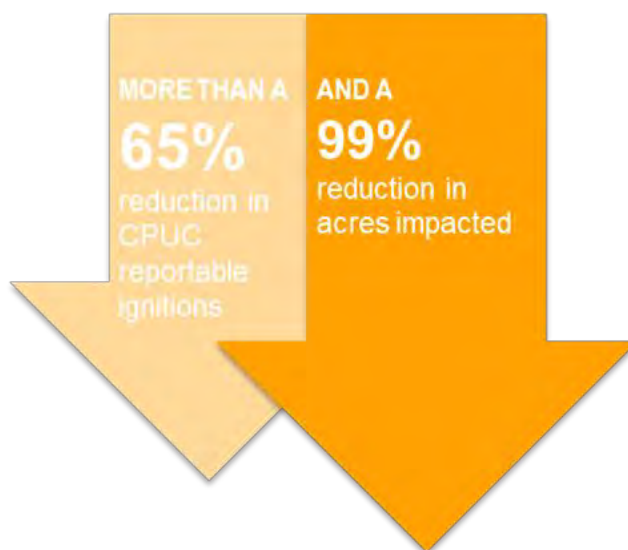
23 More importantly, PG&E reduced the overall risk associated with these
24 84 ignitions by focusing our efforts to eliminate ignitions during the
25 conditions that pose the greatest risk of starting a catastrophic wildfire.
26 PG&E reduced the count of ignitions where the Fire Potential Index was in
27 R3 conditions or greater for that geospatial and temporal location from
28 73 ignitions, based on previous year averages, to 37 ignitions in 2022. The
29 risk reduction is reflected in the number of acres burned because of these
30 ignitions, which reduced by 99 percent compared to the 3-year average
31 acres impacted for primary distribution fires before EPSS implementation.

32 Please see the Target Methodology section for an overview of our Fire
33 Potential Index (FPI) model and our strategy to focus operational

1 mitigations, like EPSS, on reducing ignitions where consequences are more
2 likely.

FIGURE 3.13-3
REDUCTION OF REPORTABLE IGNITIONS AND ACRES IMPACTED ON EPSS CIRCUITS

**Compared to 2018-2020 on
EPSS-enabled circuits
throughout our Service Area, in
2022 we saw:**



3 **C. (3.13) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

4 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

5 PG&E proposes no updates to our 2023 and 2027 targets at this time.
6 PG&E ended 2022 favorable to our projection (84 vs a projection of 88
7 ignitions), and year-end results were within the target range.

8 However, ignition counts, occurring in consequential and
9 non-consequential environmental conditions, are highly variable and subject
10 to a variety of causes such as migratory bird patterns, red flag warning days,
11 and contact from external parties. This existing range will continue to
12 challenge the organization to reduce ignitions of consequence.

13 PG&E remains focused on reducing those ignitions in R3+ conditions
14 and, as future strategies with direct ignition impact emerge, these targets will
15 be reevaluated.

1 **2. Target Methodology**

2 The two major programs that most directly impact ignition reduction in
3 the near-term are PSPS and EPSS. Other important resiliency programs
4 like undergrounding, system hardening, and vegetation management will
5 have an impact as multiple years of work are completed.

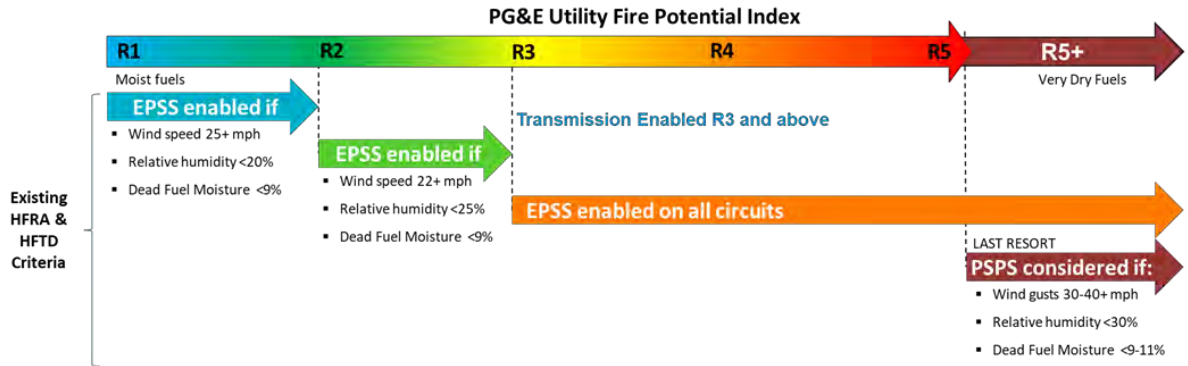
6 As mentioned in the metric performance section, PG&E has observed
7 success with EPSS in terms of mitigating ignitions in R3+ FPI conditions.
8 These ignitions in R3+ conditions represent all historical reportable ignitions
9 resulting in a fatality, all ignitions over 100 acres in size, and 99 percent of
10 reportable ignitions where a structure was destroyed. See Figure 3.13-4 for
11 fire statistics by FPI rating.

**FIGURE 3.13-4
2018-2020 HFTD OVERHEAD REPORTABLE IGNITION STATISTICS
BY FPI, ALL ASSET CLASSES**

	R2+	R3+
% of Total Reportable Ignitions in HFTD	84%	60%
% of Wildfires >10 Acres	81%	71%
% of Wildfires >100 Acres	100%	100%
% of Total Structures Destroyed	100%	99%
% of Total Fatalities	100%	100%

12 In 2022, PG&E enabled EPSS technology on over 1,000 circuits,
13 protecting approximately 44,000 overhead distribution miles in our service
14 territory, including all distribution mileage within HFTD. We also refined when
15 to enable this tool to mitigate fires of consequence by targeting the right
16 meteorological conditions. When a circuit is forecasted to be in FPI
17 conditions of R3+, EPSS is enabled on protective devices. However, PG&E
18 further refined enablement conditions prior to the R3 threshold based on a
19 combination of wind speed, relative humidity, and dead fuel moisture
20 triggers to further mitigate ignitions and reduce risk. See Figure 3.13-5 for
21 details on this enablement criteria.

**FIGURE 3.13-5
EPSS ENABLEMENT CRITERIA BASED ON FIRE POTENTIAL INDEX**



1 PG&E expects continual success with the EPSS program to reduce
 2 ignitions of consequence in 2023 and is actively exploring additional layers
 3 of protection through technology deployment to further reduce risk (please
 4 see Current and Planned Work Activities). However, ignition counts (in both
 5 low and potentially high consequence environments) are dependent on
 6 weather conditions and are highly variable. As a result, PG&E forecasts a
 7 range of 82 to 94 reportable ignitions to account for variability. This range is
 8 equal to the projected target +/- 0.5 of a standard deviation for years prior
 9 the EPSS program.

10 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the
 11 following factors:

- 12 • Historical Data and Trends: As 2021 was the first year of EPSS
 13 deployment and given the expansion of the program in 2022, there is no
 14 comparable historical data, outside of PG&E's own ignition record, to
 15 help guide in target setting;
- 16 • Benchmarking: None;
- 17 • Regulatory Requirements: D.14-02-015;
- 18 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;
- 19 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
 20 Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they
 21 consider the potential for an increase in severe weather events due to
 22 climate change; and
- 23 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The target range takes consideration
 24 for some variability in weather.

1 **3. 2023 Target**

2 The 2023 target is 82-94 ignitions. The upper end of this range
3 represents a 25 percent reduction relative to the 3-year average
4 (2018-2020). The lower end of this range represents a 34 percent reduction
5 for the same period.

6 **4. 2027 Target**

7 The 2027 target is 82-94 ignitions. The upper end of this range
8 represents a 25 percent reduction relative to the 3-year average
9 (2018-2020). The lower end of this range represents a 34 percent reduction
10 for the same period. Additional time and maturity of the EPSS program will
11 enable PG&E to reduce ignitions in R3+ conditions and forecast the
12 effectiveness of the EPSS program to help inform long-term target ranges.

13 **D. (3.13) Performance Against Target**

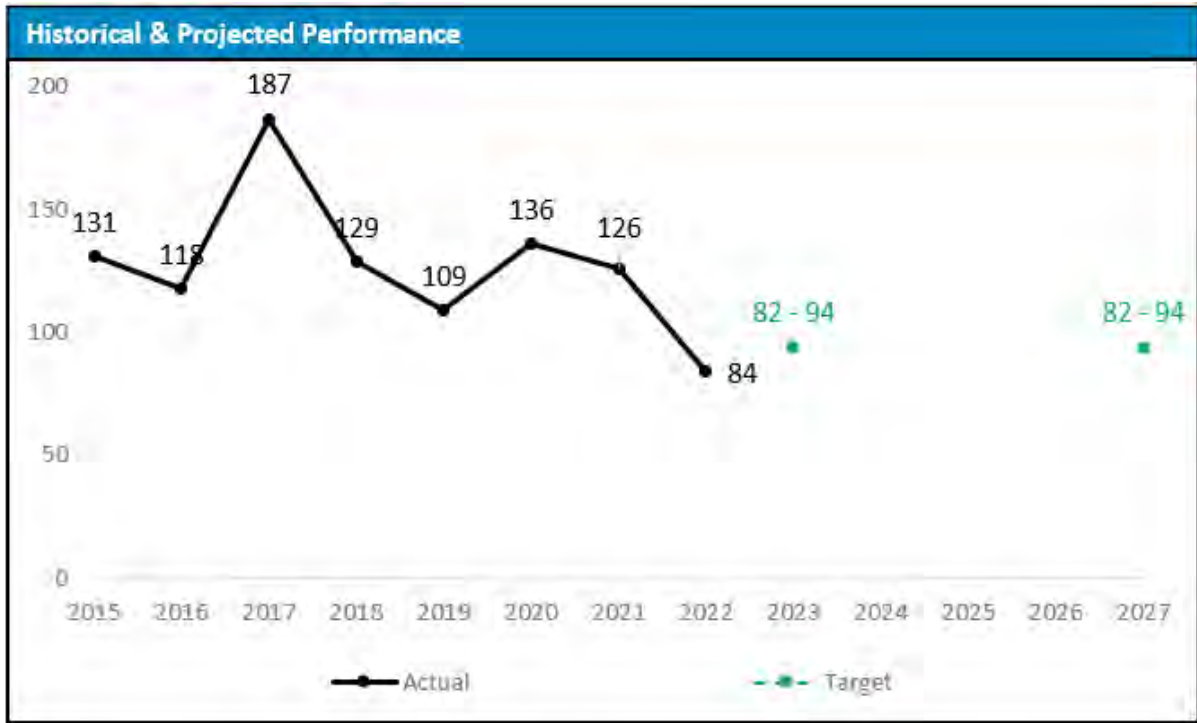
14 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

15 As demonstrated in Figure 3.13-6 below, PG&E ended 2022 with
16 84 ignitions, favorable to our projection of 88 ignitions and within the range
17 of 82-94 ignitions.

18 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

19 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E continues to deploy several
20 programs outside of the EPSS program designed to improve the long-term
21 performance of this metric and meet the Company's 5-year performance
22 target. PG&E expects no deviation from delivering the 2027 goal for this
23 metric.

FIGURE 3.13-6
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – 2022) AND TARGETS (2023 & 2027)



1 **E. (3.13) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 PG&E can expect to see improved performance on this metric through
3 continual execution of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and maturation of key
4 wildfire mitigation strategies, including:

- 5 • Maturation of the EPSS Program: In July 2021, to address this dynamic
6 climate challenge, we implemented the EPSS Program on approximately
7 11,500 miles of distribution circuits, or 45 percent of the circuits in HFTD
8 areas. With EPSS, we engineered changes to our electrical equipment
9 settings so that if an object such as vegetation contacts a distribution line,
10 power is automatically shut off within 1/10th of a second, reducing the
11 potential for an ignition. EPSS enabled settings provide a layer of protection
12 on days when the wind speeds are low. EPSS is especially important during
13 hot dry summer days, when there are low winds. Continued low relative
14 humidity, low fuel moistures levels, and areas where the volume of dry
15 vegetation is in close proximity to the distribution lines, increases the risk of
16 an ignition becoming a large wildfire.

1 In 2022, we expanded the EPSS scope to all primary distribution
2 conductor in High Fire Risk Area (HFRA) areas in our service territory, as
3 well as select non HFRA areas. In concert with this expansion of the
4 program, PG&E modified enablement criteria (improving risk reduction and
5 reliability).

6 In 2023, PG&E will undertake an effort to further mitigate ignition risk
7 from lower current fault conditions, also referred to as high impedance
8 faults. We plan to engineer, program, and install the Downed Conductor
9 Detection (DCD) algorithm on recloser controllers. We will also evaluate
10 high impedance fault detection algorithms for circuit breakers in 2023 and
11 beyond.

12 Please see Section 8.1.8.1.1, Protective Equipment and Device Settings
13 in PG&E's 2023 WMP for additional details.

- 14 • Public Safety Power Shut Off (PSPS): PSPS is a wildfire mitigation
15 strategy, first implemented in 2019, to reduce powerline ignitions during
16 severe weather by proactively de-energizing powerlines (remove the risk of
17 those powerlines causing an ignition) prior to forecasted wind events when
18 humidity levels and fuel conditions are conducive to wildfires. PG&E's focus
19 with the PSPS Program is to mitigate the risks associated with a
20 catastrophic wildfire and to prioritize customer safety. In 2021, PG&E
21 continued to make progress to its PSPS Program to mitigate wildfire risk,
22 including updating meteorology models and scoping processes. In 2023,
23 PG&E will continue a multi-year effort to install additional distribution
24 sectionalizing devices, Fixed Power Solutions, and other mitigations
25 targeted at reducing the risk of wildfire.

26 Please see Section 9, PSPS, Including Directional Vision For PSPS in
27 PG&E's 2023 WMP for additional details.

- 28 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E's broader grid design program
29 covers several significant programs to reduce ignition risk, called out in
30 detail in PG&E's 2023 WMP. The largest of these programs is the System
31 Hardening Program which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic
32 wildfire risk caused by distribution overhead assets. In 2023, we are rapidly
33 expanding our system hardening efforts by:

- 1 – Completing 110 circuit miles of system hardening work which includes
- 2 overhead system hardening, undergrounding and removal of overhead
- 3 lines in HFTD or buffer zone areas;
- 4 – Completing at least 350 circuit miles of undergrounding work, including
- 5 Butte County Rebuild efforts and other distribution system hardening
- 6 work; and
- 7 – Replacing equipment in HFTD areas that creates ignition risks, such as
- 8 non-exempt fuses (3,000) and removing the remainder of non-exempt
- 9 surge arresters from our system.

10 As we look beyond 2023, PG&E is targeting 2,100 miles of
11 undergrounding to be completed between 2023 and 2026 as part of the
12 10,000 Mile Undergrounding Program. This system hardening work done at
13 scale is expected to have a material impact on ignition reduction.

14 Please see Section 8.1.2, Grid Design and System Hardening
15 Mitigations in PG&E’s 2023 WMP for additional details.

- 16 • Vegetation Management: In 2023, we are restructuring our VM Program
17 based on a risk-informed approach. Recent data and analysis demonstrate
18 that the Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM) Program risk reduction is
19 less than EPSS and additional Operational Mitigations such as Partial
20 Voltage Detection capabilities. As a result, we transitioned the EVM
21 Program to three new risk-informed VM programs.
 - 22 – Focused Tree Inspections: We developed specific areas of focus
23 (referred to as Areas of Concern (AOC)), primarily in the HFRA, where
24 we will concentrate our efforts to inspect and address high-risk locations,
25 such as those that have experienced higher volumes of vegetation
26 damage during PSPS events, outages, and/or ignitions.
 - 27 – VM for Operational Mitigations: This program is intended to help reduce
28 outages and potential ignitions using a risk informed, targeted plan to
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31 mitigating potential vegetation contacts in circuit protection zones that
32 have experienced vegetation caused outages. Scope of work will be
33 developed by using EPSS and historical outage data and vegetation
34 failure from the WDRM v3 risk model. EPSS-enabled devices

1 vegetation outages extent of condition inspections may generate
2 additional tree work.

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4 systematically work down trees that were previously identified through
5 EVM inspections. We will develop annual risk-ranked work plans and
6 mitigate the highest risk-ranked areas first and will continue monitor the
7 condition of these trees through our established inspection programs.
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9 PG&E's 2023 WMP for additional details.

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8 be found in Section B.3 concerning metric performance; Section C concerning metric
9 targets; Section D concerning performance against target, and Section E concerning
10 current and planned work. Material changes from the prior report are identified in
11 blue font.

12 **A. (3.14) Overview**

13 **1. Metric Definition**

14 Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.14 – The number of California
15 Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat
16 Districts (HFTD) areas (Distribution) is defined as:

17 *The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead (OH)*
18 *distribution circuits in HFTD areas divided by circuit miles of OH distribution*
19 *lines in HFTD multiplied by 1000 miles (ignitions per 1000 HFTD circuit*
20 *miles).*

21 *A CPUC-Reportable Ignition refers to a fire incident where the following*
22 *three criteria are met: (1) Ignition is associated with PG&E electrical assets,*
23 *(2) something other than PG&E facilities burned, and (3) the resulting fire*
24 *travelled more than one linear meter from the ignition point.¹*

25 For this SOM, reporting is specific to Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs.

26 PG&E provides the CPUC with annual ignition data in the Fire Incident
27 Data Collection Plan, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety
28 quarterly via quarterly geographic information system, data reporting, in
29 quarterly Wildfire Mitigation Plan updates, and the Safety Performance
30 Metrics Report.

1 Please CPUC Decision (D.) 14-02-015, issued February 5, 2014, for additional details.

1 **2. Introduction of Metric**

2 The number of CPUC-reportable Ignitions in HFTDs, normalized by
3 circuit mileage, provides one way to gauge the level of wildfire risk that
4 customers and communities are exposed to from OH distribution assets.
5 PG&E’s objective is to reduce the number of CPUC reportable ignitions that
6 may trigger a catastrophic wildfire.

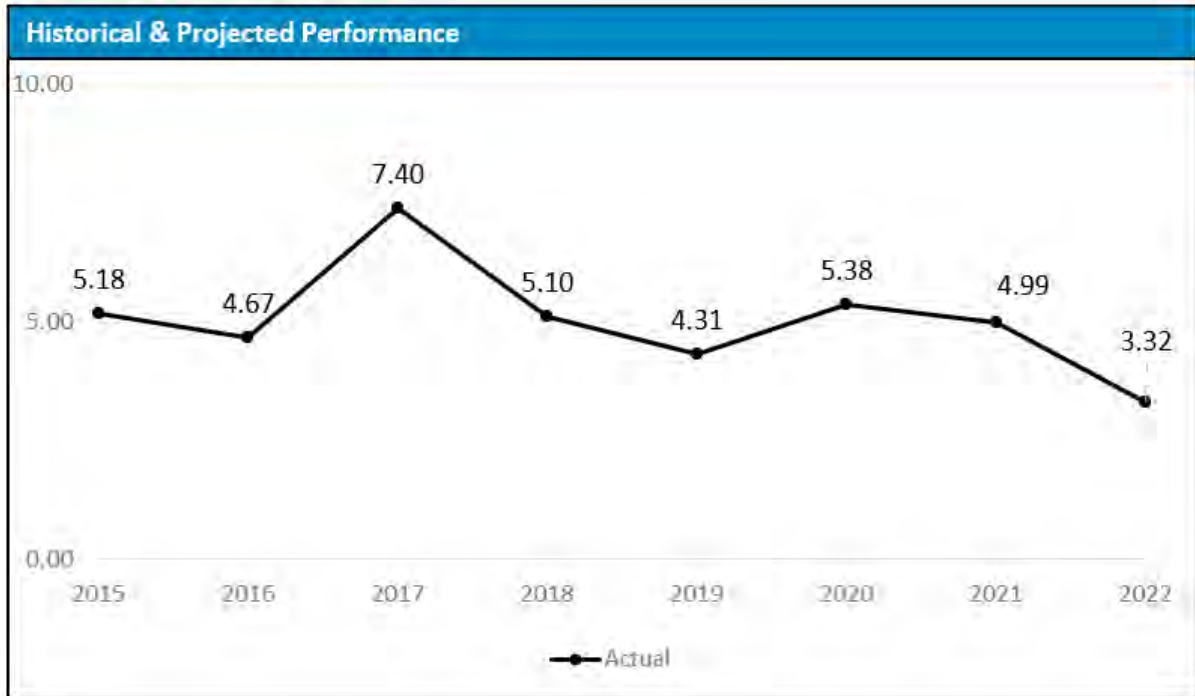
7 **B. (3.14) Metric Performance**

8 **1. Historical Data (2015–2022)**

9 PG&E implemented the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan, in response
10 to D.14-02-015, in June 2014 and our record, the Ignitions Tracker, includes
11 all CPUC-reportable ignitions from June 2014 to present. The 2014 data
12 does not represent a complete year and is excluded in this analysis.

13 PG&E’s OH distribution circuits traverse approximately 25,500 miles of
14 terrain in the HFTD areas where the OH conductor is primarily bare wire,
15 supported by structures consisting of poles, cross arms, associated
16 insulators, and operating equipment such as transformer, fuses and
17 reclosers. Given the volume of equipment within the 25,500 miles of HFTD,
18 the annual number of CPUC-reportable ignitions is too low to detect any
19 statistical pattern.

**FIGURE 3.14-1
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – 2022)**



1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 Data will be collected per PG&E’s Fire Incident Data Collection Plan
3 (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P). Results will be inclusive of
4 unique HFTD CPUC-reportable ignitions attributable to the distribution asset
5 class with OH construction types.

6 The following ignition events captured by PG&E’s Fire Incident Data
7 Collection Plan) will be excluded for this metric:

- 8 • Duplicate events;
- 9 • Ignitions that do not meet CPUC reporting criteria;
- 10 • Ignition events outside of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD;
- 11 • Transmission Ignitions; and
- 12 • Ignitions attributable to underground or pad mounted assets as these
13 are not associated OH assets. (Ignitions caused by non-OH assets in
14 HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the asset, pose
15 less of a wildfire risk.)

16 The circuit mileage utilized to calculate this metric originates from
17 PG&E’s Electrical Asset Data Reports refreshed December, 2022. Circuit

1 mileage data from 2015 – 2018 is unavailable and PG&E used results from
2 December 2022 to calculate this metric for all years for consistency.

3. **Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

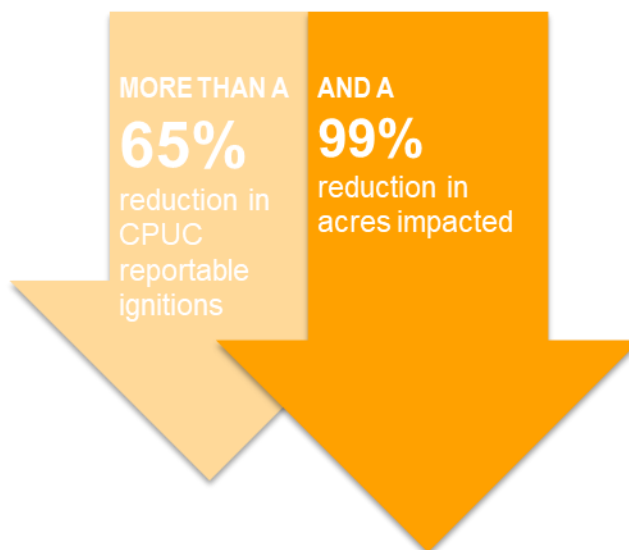
4 Through widespread deployment of the Enhanced Powerline Safety
5 Settings (EPSS) program, PG&E finished 2022 with 84 CPUC reportable
6 ignitions in HFTD attributable to overhead distribution assets (corresponding
7 to a rate of 3.32 ignitions per 1,000 circuit miles). These results were within
8 the target range of 82-94 ignitions and an approximately 65 percent
9 reduction from the 2018 – 2020 annual average of 130 ignitions, before
10 EPSS was deployed as a strategy.

11 More importantly, PG&E reduced the overall risk associated with these
12 84 ignitions by focusing our efforts to eliminate ignitions during the
13 conditions that pose the greatest risk of starting a catastrophic wildfire.
14 PG&E reduced the count of ignitions where the Fire Potential Index was in
15 R3 conditions or greater for that geospatial and temporal location from
16 73 ignitions, based on previous year averages, to 37 ignitions in 2022. The
17 risk reduction is reflected in the number of acres burned because of these
18 ignitions, which reduced by 99 percent compared to the 3-year average
19 acres impacted for primary distribution fires before EPSS implementation.

20 Please see the Target Methodology section for an overview of our Fire
21 Potential Index (FPI) model and our strategy to focus operational
22 mitigations, like EPSS, on reducing ignitions where consequences are more
23 likely.

FIGURE 3.14-2
REDUCTION OF REPORTABLE IGNITIONS AND ACRES IMPACTED ON EPSS CIRCUITS

**Compared to 2018-2020 on
EPSS-enabled circuits
throughout our Service Area, in
2022 we saw:**



1 **C. (3.14) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 PG&E proposes no updates to our 2023 and 2027 targets at this time.
4 PG&E ended 2022 favorable to our projection (84 vs a projection of
5 88 ignitions) and year-end results were within the target range.

6 However, ignition counts, occurring in consequential and
7 non-consequential environmental conditions, are highly variable and subject
8 to environmental conditions outside of the utilities control (i.e., migratory bird
9 patterns, red flag warning days, contact from external parties). We feel that
10 this existing range will continue to challenge the organization to remain
11 focused on reducing ignitions of consequence while allowing for flexibility for
12 those variables.

13 PG&E remains focused on reducing those ignitions in R3+ conditions
14 and, as future strategies with direct ignition impact emerge, these targets
15 could be reevaluated.

1 **2. Target Methodology**

2 The two major programs that most directly impact ignition reduction in
 3 the near-term are PSPS and EPSS. Other important resiliency programs
 4 like undergrounding, system hardening, and vegetation management will
 5 have an impact as multiple years of work are completed.

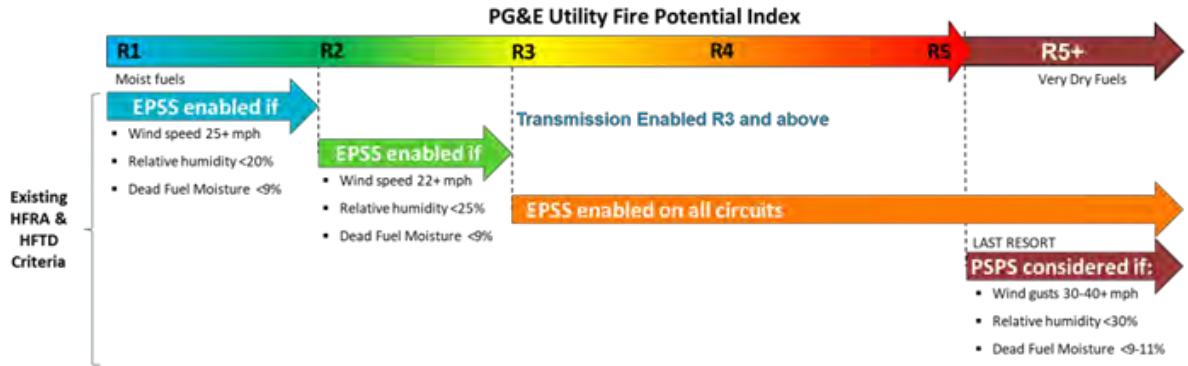
6 As mentioned in the metric performance section, PG&E has observed
 7 success with EPSS in terms of mitigating ignitions in R3+ FPI conditions.
 8 These ignitions in R3+ conditions represent all historical reportable ignitions
 9 resulting in a fatality, all ignitions over 100 acres in size, and 99 percent of
 10 reportable ignitions where a structure was destroyed. See Figure 3.13-3 for
 11 fire statistics by FPI rating.

**FIGURE 3.14-3
 2018-2020 HFTD OVERHEAD REPORTABLE IGNITION STATISTICS BY FPI,
 ALL ASSET CLASSES**

	R2+	R3+
% of Total Reportable Ignitions in HFTD	84%	60%
% of Wildfires >10 Acres	81%	71%
% of Wildfires >100 Acres	100%	100%
% of Total Structures Destroyed	100%	99%
% of Total Fatalities	100%	100%

12 In 2022, PG&E enabled EPSS technology on over 1,000 circuits,
 13 protecting approximately 44,000 overhead distribution miles in our service
 14 territory, including all distribution milage within HFTD. We also refined when
 15 to enable this tool to mitigate fires of consequence by targeting the right
 16 meteorological conditions. When a circuit is forecasted to be in FPI
 17 conditions of R3+, EPSS is enabled on protective devices. However, PG&E
 18 further refined enablement conditions prior to the R3 threshold based on a
 19 combination of wind speed, relative humidity, and dead fuel moisture
 20 triggers to further mitigate ignitions and reduce risk. See Figure 3.13-4 for
 21 details on this enablement criteria.

**FIGURE 3.13-4
EPSS ENABLEMENT CRITERIA BASED ON FIRE POTENTIAL INDEX**



PG&E expects continual success with the EPSS program to reduce ignitions of consequence in 2023 and is actively exploring additional layers of protection through technology deployment to further reduce risk (please see Current and Planned Work Activities). However, ignition counts (in both low and potentially high consequence environments) are dependent on weather conditions and are highly variable. As a result, PG&E forecasts a range of 82 to 94 reportable ignitions to account for variability (range is equal to projected target +/- 0.5 of standard deviation for years prior the EPSS program).

To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the following factors:

- Historical Data and Trends: As 2021 was the first year of EPSS deployment and given the expansion of the program in 2022, there is no comparable historical data, outside of PG&E’s own ignition record, to help guide in target setting;
- Benchmarking: None;
- Regulatory Requirements: D.14-02-015;
- Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;
- Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they consider the potential for an increase in severe weather events due to climate change; and
- Other Qualitative Considerations: The target range takes consideration for some variability in weather.

1 **3. 2023 Target**

2 The 2023 target is 3.24-3.72 ignitions per 1000 HFTD circuit miles. The
3 upper end of this range represents a 25 percent reduction relative to the
4 3-year average (2018-2020); the lower end of this range represents a
5 34 percent reduction for the same period.

6 **4. 2027 Target**

7 The 2027 target is 3.24-3.72 ignitions per 1000 HFTD circuit miles. The
8 upper end of this range represents a 25 percent reduction relative to the
9 3-year average (2018 2020); the lower end of this range represents a
10 34 percent reduction for the same period. Additional time and maturity of
11 the EPSS Program will enable PG&E to reduce ignitions in R3+ conditions
12 and forecast the effectiveness of the EPSS Program to help inform
13 long-term target ranges.

14 **D. (3.14) Performance Against Target**

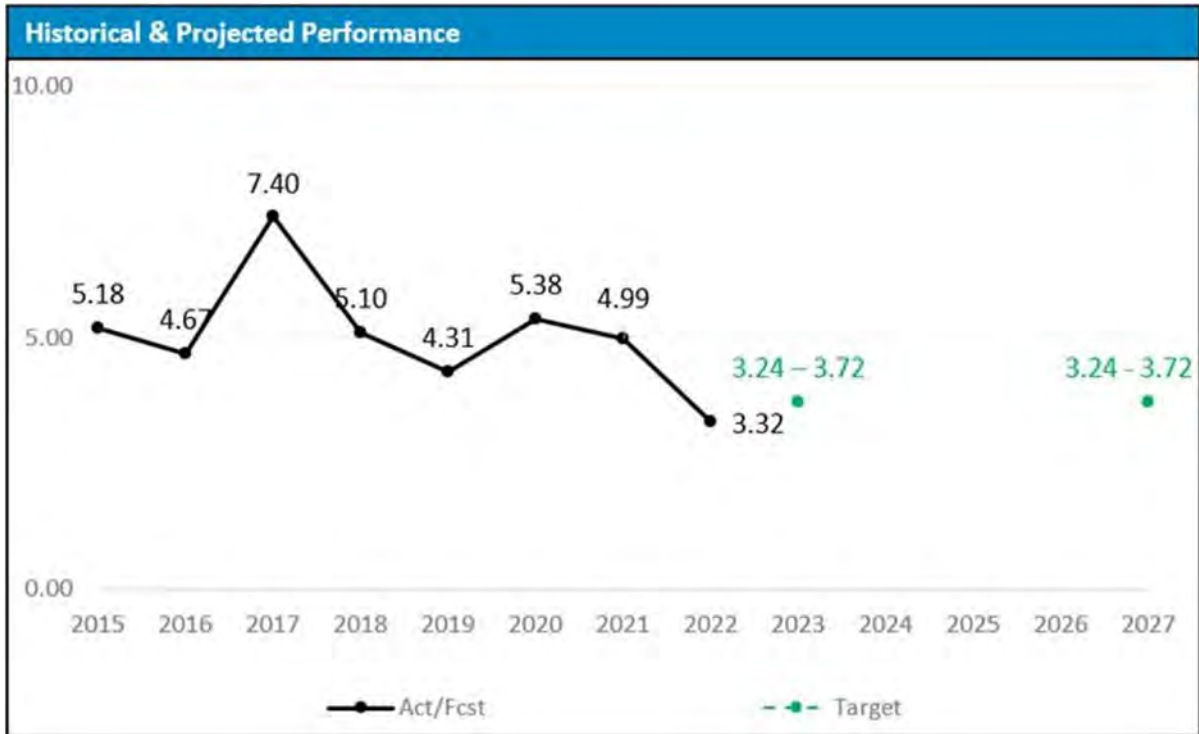
15 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

16 As demonstrated in Figure 3.14-5 below, PG&E ended 2022 with 84
17 ignitions (corresponding to a rate of 3.32 ignitions per 1,000 circuit miles),
18 favorable to our projection of 88 ignitions and within the range of 82 – 94
19 ignitions (3.24-3.72 ignitions per 1,000 circuit miles).

20 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

21 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E continues to deploy a number
22 of programs designed to improve the long-term performance of this metric
23 and meet the Company's 5-year performance target. PG&E expects no
24 deviation from delivering the 2027 goal for this metric.

**FIGURE 3.14-5
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – 2022) AND
TARGETS (2023 AND 2027)**



E. (3.14) Current and Planned Work Activities

PG&E can expect to see improved performance on this metric through continual execution of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and maturation of key wildfire mitigation strategies, including:

- Maturation of the EPSS Program: In July 2021, to address this dynamic climate challenge, we implemented the EPSS Program on approximately 11,500 miles of distribution circuits, or 45 percent of the circuits in HFTD areas. With EPSS, we engineered changes to our electrical equipment settings so that if an object such as vegetation contacts a distribution line, power is automatically shut off within 1/10th of a second, reducing the potential for an ignition. EPSS enabled settings provide a layer of protection on days when the wind speeds are low. EPSS is especially important during hot dry summer days, when there are low winds, but continued low relative humidity, low fuel moistures levels, and where the volume of dry vegetation, in close proximity to the distribution lines, increases the risk of an ignition becoming a large wildfire.

1 In 2022, we expanded the EPSS scope to all primary distribution
2 conductor in High Fire Risk Area (HFRA) areas in our service territory, as
3 well as select non HFRA areas. In concert with this expansion of the
4 program, PG&E modified enablement criteria (improving risk reduction and
5 reliability).

6 In 2023, PG&E will undertake an effort to further mitigate ignition risk
7 from lower current fault conditions, also referred to as high impedance
8 faults. We plan to engineer, program, and install the Downed Conductor
9 Detection (DCD) algorithm on recloser controllers. We will also evaluate
10 high impedance fault detection algorithms for circuit breakers in 2023 and
11 beyond.

12 Please see Section 8.1.8.1.1, Protective Equipment and Device Settings
13 in PG&E's 2023 WMP for additional details.

- 14 • Public Safety Power Shut Off (PSPS): PSPS is a wildfire mitigation
15 strategy, first implemented in 2019, to reduce powerline ignitions during
16 severe weather by proactively de-energizing powerlines (remove the risk of
17 those powerlines causing an ignition) prior to forecasted wind events when
18 humidity levels and fuel conditions are conducive to wildfires. PG&E's focus
19 with the PSPS Program is to mitigate the risks associated with a
20 catastrophic wildfire and to prioritize customer safety. In 2021, PG&E
21 continued to make progress to its PSPS Program to mitigate wildfire risk,
22 including updating meteorology models and scoping processes. In 2023,
23 PG&E will continue a multi-year effort to install additional distribution
24 sectionalizing devices, Fixed Power Solutions, and other mitigations
25 targeted at reducing the risk of wildfire.

26 Please see Section 9, PSPS, Including Directional Vision For PSPS in
27 PG&E's 2023 WMP for additional details.

- 28 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E's broader grid design program
29 covers several significant programs to reduce ignition risk, called out in detail
30 in PG&E's 2023 WMP. The largest of these programs is the System
31 Hardening Program which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic
32 wildfire risk caused by distribution overhead assets. In 2023, we are rapidly
33 expanding our system hardening efforts by:

- 1 – Completing 110 circuit miles of system hardening work which includes
2 overhead system hardening, undergrounding and removal of overhead
3 lines in HFTD or buffer zone areas;
- 4 – Completing at least 350 circuit miles of undergrounding work, including
5 Butte County Rebuild efforts and other distribution system hardening
6 work; and
- 7 – Replacing equipment in HFTD areas that creates ignition risks, such as
8 non-exempt fuses (3,000) and removing the remainder of non-exempt
9 surge arresters from our system

10 As we look beyond 2023, PG&E is targeting 2,100 miles of
11 undergrounding to be completed between 2023 and 2026 as part of the
12 10,000 Mile Undergrounding Program. This system hardening work done at
13 scale is expected to have a material impact on ignition reduction

14 Please see Section 8.1.2, Grid Design and System Hardening
15 Mitigations in PG&E's 2023 WMP for additional details.

- 16 • Vegetation Management: In 2023, we are restructuring our VM Program
17 based on a risk-informed approach. Recent data and analysis demonstrate
18 that the Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM) Program risk reduction is
19 less than EPSS and additional Operational Mitigations such as Partial
20 Voltage Detection capabilities. As a result, we transitioned the EVM
21 Program to three new risk-informed VM programs.
 - 22 – Focused Tree Inspections: We developed specific areas of focus
23 (referred to as Areas of Concern (AOC)), primarily in the HFRA, where
24 we will concentrate our efforts to inspect and address high-risk
25 locations, such as those that have experienced higher volumes of
26 vegetation damage during PSPS events, outages, and/or ignitions.
 - 27 – VM for Operational Mitigations: This program is intended to help
28 reduce outages and potential ignitions using a risk informed, targeted
29 plan to mitigate potential vegetation contacts based on historic
30 vegetation caused outages on EPSS-enabled circuits. We will initially
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17 *circuits in HFTD Areas.*

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19 *three criteria are met: (1) Ignition is associated with Pacific Gas and Electric*
20 *Company (PG&E) electrical assets, (2) something other than PG&E facilities*
21 *burned, and (3) the resulting fire travelled more than one linear meter from*
22 *the ignition point.¹*

23 For this SOM, reporting is specific to Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs.

24 PG&E provides the CPUC with annual ignition data in the Fire Incident
25 Data Collection Plan, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety
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28 Metrics Report.

29 **2. Introduction of Metric**

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31 to gauge the level of wildfire risk that customers and communities are
32 exposed to from overhead transmission assets. PG&E’s objective is to

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1 minimize the number of CPUC-Reportable ignitions in the right locations
2 during the right conditions that may trigger a catastrophic wildfire.

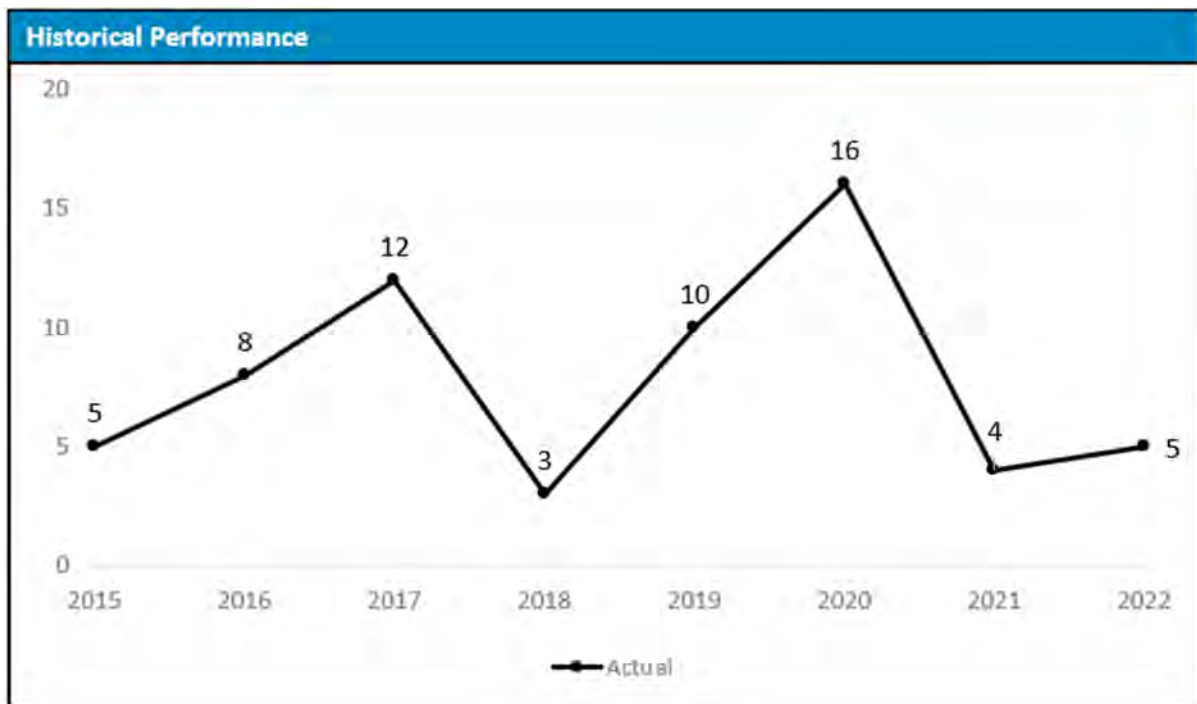
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10 5,000 miles of terrain in the HFTD areas where the overhead conductor is
11 primarily bare wire, supported by structures consisting of poles and towers.
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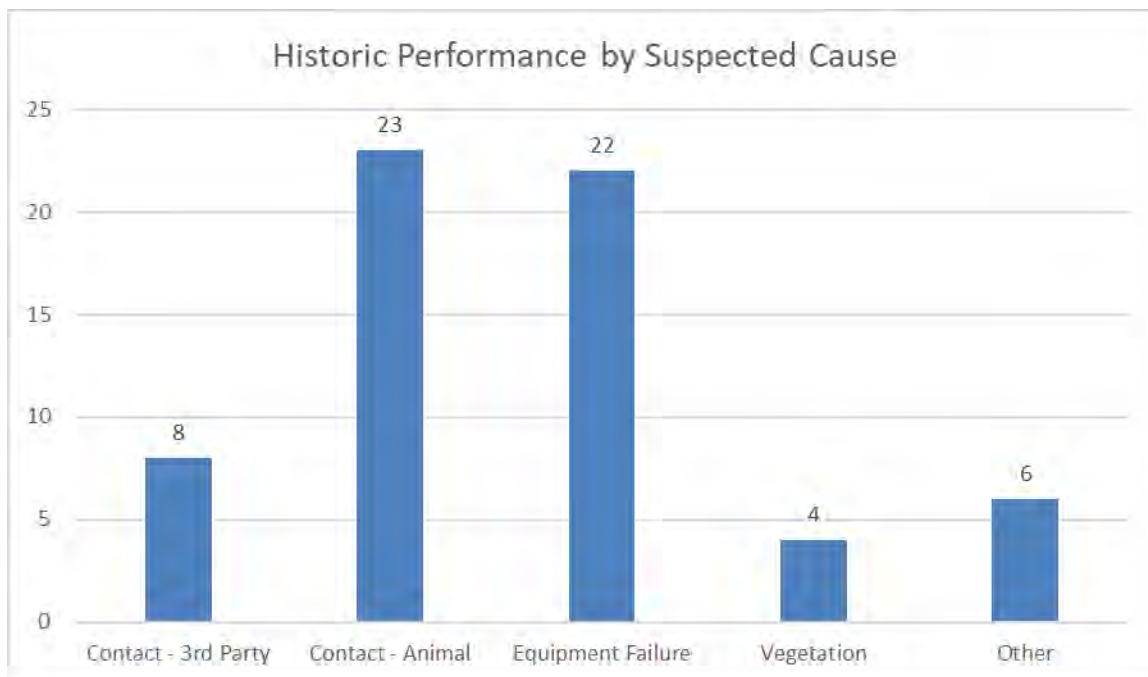
**FIGURE 3.15-1
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – 2022)**



14 The main causes of CPUC-Reportable ignitions have been collected
15 and classified. These fall into five broad categories: third-party contact,

1 animal contact, equipment failure, vegetation contact, and other causes.
2 The counts for 2015 through 2022 are shown in the graph below.

FIGURE 3.15-2
HISTORIC (2015 – 2022) PERFORMANCE BY SUSPECTED CAUSE



3 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

4 Data will be collected per PG&E’s Fire Incident Data Collection Plan
5 (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P). Results will be inclusive of
6 unique HFTD CPUC-Reportable ignitions attributable to the transmission
7 asset class with overhead construction types.

8 The following ignition events captured by PG&E’s Fire Incident Data
9 Collection Plan (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P) will be excluded
10 for this metric:

- 11 • Duplicate events;
- 12 • Ignitions that do not meet CPUC reporting criteria;
- 13 • Ignition events outside of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD;
- 14 • Distribution Ignitions; and
- 15 • Ignitions attributable to underground or pad mounted assets as these
16 are not overhead assets. Ignitions caused by non-overhead assets in

1 HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the asset, pose
2 less of a wildfire risk.

3 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

4 Historically, reportable transmission ignitions in HFTD are low in volume
5 with variability year-to-year, which complicates the detection of significant
6 trends. PG&E observed five CPUC reportable ignitions on overhead
7 transmission assets in 2022; two caused by 3rd party contact, one equipment
8 failure, and two by other causes.

9 **C. (3.15) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

10 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

11 PG&E proposes no updates to our 2023 and 2027 targets at this time.

12 **2. Target Methodology**

13 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the
14 following factors:

- 15 • Historical Data and Trends: Target ranges are based on both PG&E's
16 stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop and historical performance.
17 The bottom end of the range is 0 in both 2023 and 2027, which reflects
18 our stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the
19 range is 10 in both 2023 and 2027, which is based on our average
20 performance over the last three years. The upper end of the range
21 stays at 10 for 2026 because the volume of transmission ignitions is low,
22 while variability year-to-year remains high;
- 23 • Benchmarking: None;
- 24 • Regulatory Requirements: CPUC D.14-02-015;
- 25 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
26 Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they
27 consider the potential for an increase in severe weather events due to
28 climate change; and
- 29 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The target range takes consideration
30 for some variability in weather.

31 **3. 2023 Target**

32 PG&E's target for 2023 is 0-10. The bottom end of the range is 0 in
33 2023, which reflects our stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The

1 upper end of the range is 10 in 2023, which is based on our average
2 performance over the last three years. The upper end of the range stays at
3 10 in 2022 and 2027 because the volume of transmission ignitions is low,
4 while variability year-to-year remains high.

5 **4. 2027 Target**

6 PG&E's target for 2027 is 0-10. The bottom end of the range is 0 in
7 2027, which reflects our stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The
8 upper end of the range is 10 in 2027, which is based on our average
9 performance over the last three years. The volume of reportable ignitions
10 caused by transmission assets is so low and highly variable.

11 **D. (3.15) Performance Against Target**

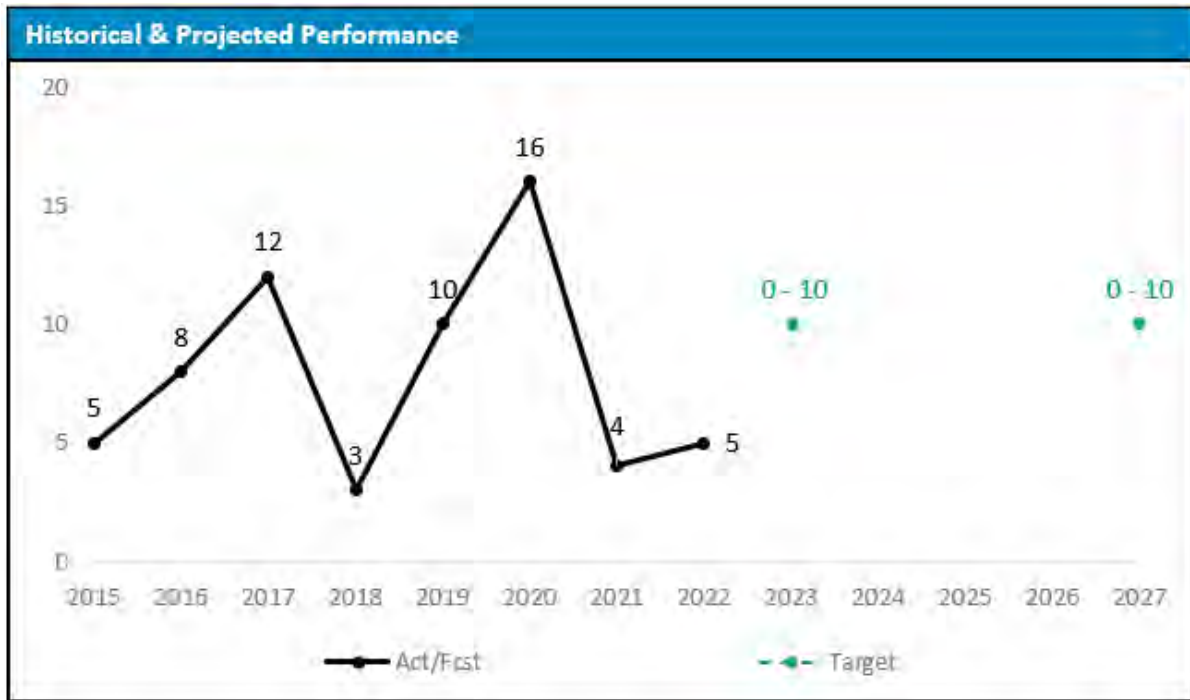
12 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

13 As demonstrated in Figure 3.15-3 below, PG&E observed five CPUC
14 reportable ignitions on overhead transmission assets in 2022, within our
15 2022 target range of 0 – 10 ignitions.

16 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

17 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is continuing to deploy several
18 programs to keep metric performance within the Company's target range.
19 PG&E expects no deviation from delivering the 2027 goal for this metric.

**FIGURE 3.15-3
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – 2022) AND
TARGETS (2023 AND 2027)**



E. (3.15) Current and Planned Work Activities

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2 93.8 miles of conductor replacements and 10 miles of conductor removals.
3 All this work took place on lines traversing HFTD areas. In 2022, PG&E
4 removed or replacing 32 circuit miles of conductor in HFTD or High Fire Risk
5 Area. PG&E will continue this effort by replacing or removing 43 additional
6 miles from service.

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11 moisture intrusion, vibration, and workmanship variability. Certain types of
12 splices, such as a twist splice, can have higher risk of failure compared to
13 other splice types. To reduce the risk of failure, PG&E had initiated a
14 program to install a shunt splice on top of the existing splices on
15 20 transmission lines identified as a high risk for splice failure and overall
16 consequence.

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18 Transmission Conductor in PG&E’s 2023 WMP for additional details.

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CHAPTER 3.16

**SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:
PERCENTAGE OF CPUC-REPORTABLE IGNITIONS IN
HFTD AREAS
(TRANSMISSION)**

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5 **HFTD AREAS**
6 **(TRANSMISSION)**

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9 metric targets; Section D concerning performance against target; and Section E
10 concerning current and planned work. Material changes from the prior report are
11 identified in blue font.

12 **A. (3.16) Overview**

13 **1. Metric Definition**

14 Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.16 – percentage of California
15 Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)-Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat
16 District (HFTD) Areas (Transmission) is defined as:

17 *The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead*
18 *transmission circuits in HFTD divided by circuit miles of overhead*
19 *transmission lines in HFTD multiplied by 1,000 miles (ignitions per*
20 *1,000 HFTD circuit mile).*

21 A CPUC-reportable ignition refers to a fire incident where the following
22 three criteria are met: (1) Ignition is associated with Pacific Gas and Electric
23 Company (PG&E) electrical assets, (2) something other than PG&E facilities
24 burned, and (3) the resulting fire travelled more than one linear meter from
25 the ignition point.¹

26 For this SOM, reporting is specific to Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs.

27 PG&E provides the CPUC with annual ignition data in the Fire Incident
28 Data Collection Plan, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety
29 quarterly via quarterly GIS data reporting, in quarterly Wildfire Mitigation
30 Plan (WMP) updates, and the Safety Performance Metrics Report.

¹ Please see CPUC Decision (D.) 14-02-015, issued February 5, 2014 for additional details.

1 **2. Introduction of Metric**

2 The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions in HFTDs, normalized by
3 circuit mileage, provides one way to gauge the level of wildfire risk that
4 customers and communities are exposed to from overhead transmission
5 assets. PG&E’s objective is to minimize the number of CPUC-reportable
6 ignitions in the right locations during the right conditions that may trigger a
7 catastrophic wildfire.

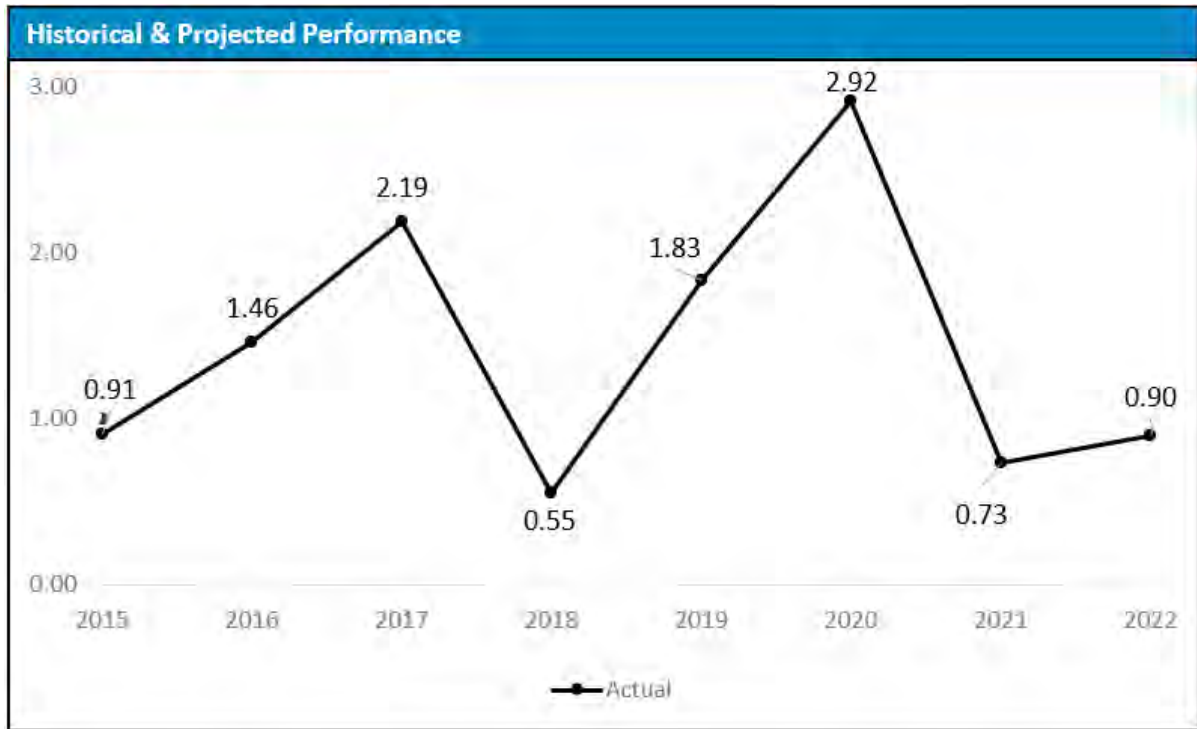
8 **B. (3.16) Metric Performance**

9 **1. Historical Data (2015 – 2022)**

10 PG&E implemented the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan, in response
11 to CPUC D.14-02-015, in June 2014 and our record, the Ignitions Tracker,
12 includes all CPUC-reportable ignitions from June 2014 to present. The 2014
13 data does not represent a complete year and is excluded in this analysis.

14 PG&E’s overhead transmission circuits traverse approximately
15 5,000 miles of terrain in the HFTD areas where the overhead conductor is
16 primarily bare wire, supported by structures consisting of poles and towers.
17 The annual number of CPUC-reportable ignitions is too low and too variable
18 to detect any statistical pattern.

FIGURE 3.16-1
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 - 2022)



1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 Data will be collected per PG&E’s Fire Incident Data Collection Plan
3 (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P). Results will be inclusive of
4 unique HFTD CPUC-reportable ignitions attributable to the transmission
5 asset class with overhead construction types.

6 The following ignition events captured by PG&E’s Fire Incident Data
7 Collection Plan (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P) will be excluded
8 for this metric:

- 9 • Duplicate events;
- 10 • Ignitions that do not meet CPUC reporting criteria;
- 11 • Ignition events outside of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD;
- 12 • Distribution Ignitions; and
- 13 • Ignitions attributable to underground or pad mounted assets, as these
14 are not overhead assets. Ignitions caused by non-overhead assets in
15 HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the asset, pose
16 less of a wildfire risk.

1 The circuit mileage utilized to calculate this metric originates from
2 PG&E's Electrical Asset Data Reports refreshed December, 2022. Circuit
3 mileage data from 2015-2018 is unavailable and PG&E used results from
4 December 2022 to calculate this metric for all years for consistency.

5 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

6 Historically, reportable transmission ignitions in HFTD are low in volume
7 with variability year-to-year, which complicates the detection of significant
8 trends. PG&E observed five CPUC reportable ignitions on overhead
9 transmission assets in 2022 (corresponding to a rate of 0.90 ignitions per
10 1,000 circuit miles).

11 **C. (3.16) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

12 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

13 PG&E proposes no updates to our 2023 and 2027 targets at this time.

14 **2. Target Methodology**

15 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the
16 following factors:

- 17 • Historical Data and Trends: Target ranges are based on both PG&E's
18 stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop and historical performance.
19 The bottom end of the range is 0 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles
20 in both 2023 and 2027, which reflects our stand that catastrophic
21 wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is 1.75 ignitions per
22 1,000 HFTD circuit miles in both 2023 and 2027, which is based on our
23 average performance over the last three years. The upper end of the
24 range stays at 1.75 for 2027 because the volume of transmission
25 ignitions is low, as variability year-to-year remains high;
- 26 • Benchmarking: None;
- 27 • Regulatory Requirements: CPUC D.14-02-015;
- 28 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
29 Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they
30 consider the potential for an increase in severe weather events due to
31 climate change; and
- 32 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The target range takes consideration
33 for some variability in weather.

1 **3. 2023 Target**

2 PG&E’s target for 2023 is 0-1.75 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles.
3 The bottom end of the range is 0 in 2023, which reflects our stand that
4 catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is
5 1.75 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles in 2023, which is based on our
6 average performance over the last three years.

7 **4. 2027 Target**

8 PG&E’s target for 2027 is 0-1.75 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles.
9 The bottom end of the range is 0 in 2027, which reflects our stand that
10 catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is
11 1.75 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles in 2027, which is based on our
12 average performance over the last three years. The volume of reportable
13 ignitions caused by transmission assets is so low and highly variable.

14 **D. (3.16) Performance Against Target**

15 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

16 As demonstrated in Figure 3.16-2 below, PG&E has observed five
17 CPUC reportable transmission overhead Ignition to date in 2022 which is a
18 rate of 0.90 per 1,000 circuit miles.

19 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

20 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is continuing to deploy several
21 programs to keep metric performance within the Company’s target range.
22 PG&E expects no deviation from delivering the 2027 goal for this metric.

**FIGURE 3.16-2
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015-2022) AND
TARGETS (2023 AND 2027)**



1 **E. (3.16) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 Through continual execution of its WMP, PG&E has taken action to reduce
3 ignition risk associated with its transmission system, including:

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5 Defensible Space Requirements in Public Resources Code (PRC)
6 Section 4292. Defensible Space is defined by three primary zones of
7 clearance whereas in 2022 there were two zones. Starting in 2023 the first
8 zone (0-5 ft.) from energized equipment or building is referred to as Zone 0
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12 exceptions) is clear of trees and most vegetation. The third and final zone of
13 clearance (30-100 ft.) is the “Reduced Fuel Zone” where vegetation is
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13 other splice types. To reduce the risk of failure, PG&E had initiated a
14 program to install a shunt splice on top of the existing splices on
15 20 transmission lines identified as a high risk for splice failure and overall
16 consequence.

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18 Transmission Conductor in PG&E’s 2023 WMP for additional details.

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CHAPTER 4.1

**SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:
NUMBER OF GAS DIG-INS PER 1,000 UNDERGROUND
SERVICE ALERT (USA) TICKETS ON
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION PIPELINES**

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CHAPTER 4.1
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9 concerning metric targets; and Section D concerning performance against target.
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11 **A. (4.1) Overview**

12 **1. Metric Definition**

13 Safety and Operational Metric 4.1 – Number of Gas Dig-Ins per
14 1,000 tickets on Transmission and Distribution Pipelines is defined as:

15 *The number of gas dig-ins per 1,000 Underground Service Alert (USA)*
16 *tickets received for gas. A gas dig-in refers to damage (impact or exposure)*
17 *which occurs during excavation activities and results in a repair or*
18 *replacement of an underground gas facility. Excludes fiber and electric*
19 *tickets. Also excludes tickets originated by the utility itself or by utility*
20 *contractors.*

21 **2. Introduction of Metric**

22 Reducing gas dig-ins increases public safety and improves reliability. It
23 is therefore important to take reasonable steps reduce this risk because gas
24 dig-ins represent a potential risk to people, property, and the environment.

25 If ignited, gas from a dig-in could produce a fire or explosion, either of
26 which, could result property damage, injury or even death. Release of gas
27 from a dig-in also produces a possible health hazard from inhalation of
28 natural gas. Finally, dig-ins typically produce a disruption or loss of service
29 to one or more customers.

30 For all these reasons, fewer dig-ins reduces risk to public safety and
31 minimizes interruption to the gas business and customers.

1 **B. (4.1) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2018 – 2022)**

3 For this metric, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has four
4 years of historic data available, which includes 2018- 2022. The past five
5 years were used for analysis in target setting. Over the historical reporting
6 period, performance improved as demonstrated by both an increase in USA
7 tickets and a decrease in gas dig-ins.

**FIGURE 4.1-1
THIRD-PARTY TICKETS AND TOTAL DIG-IN COUNTS**

3rd Party Ticket Counts					
Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
January	66,605	66,900	74,736	69,544	83,536
February	62,387	58,586	70,016	74,323	80,127
March	66,538	74,563	69,991	95,177	93,432
April	71,514	85,215	67,071	93,335	83,657
May	75,794	86,339	71,786	87,432	87,005
June	69,824	81,989	80,614	93,008	88,319
July	68,927	92,787	80,926	84,316	81,346
August	74,158	89,869	76,521	87,507	94,628
September	64,678	84,840	79,684	84,126	86,949
October	77,779	91,022	81,680	82,106	87,461
November	64,861	72,476	72,089	82,859	79,547
December	56,219	64,452	73,995	71,744	62,951
Total	819,284	949,038	899,109	1,005,477	1,008,958

Dig-In Count					
Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
January	100	89	93	118	118
February	131	78	119	116	106
March	103	103	98	126	143
April	147	140	117	147	120
May	209	140	128	139	150
June	176	176	170	183	149
July	190	196	201	170	145
August	186	200	182	175	156
September	173	167	178	163	124
October	179	191	155	135	131
November	139	149	131	101	96
December	110	87	126	64	45
Total	1,843	1,716	1,698	1,637	1,483

8 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

9 The data used for this metric reporting is maintained in two files.
10 Together, these databases identify the number of dig-ins and the
11 811 tickets, respectively. To ensure accuracy of the Master Dig-In File data,
12 three data sources are reviewed:

- 13 1) The repair data file recorded in SAP-(Obtained using Business Objects
14 GCM058 Quarterly GQI Extract Report);
- 15 2) The Event Management (EM) Tool obtained from Gas Dispatch, data
16 file; and
- 17 3) The Dig-In Reduction Teams (DiRT) Pronto download file, obtained from
18 the DiRT team data download report.

19 Events that meet the definition of dig-in are recorded as a ratio of total
20 dig-ins (count) divided by the third-party USA tickets (count) multiplied

1 by 1,000. This metric does not include tickets originated by the utility itself
2 or by utility contractors.

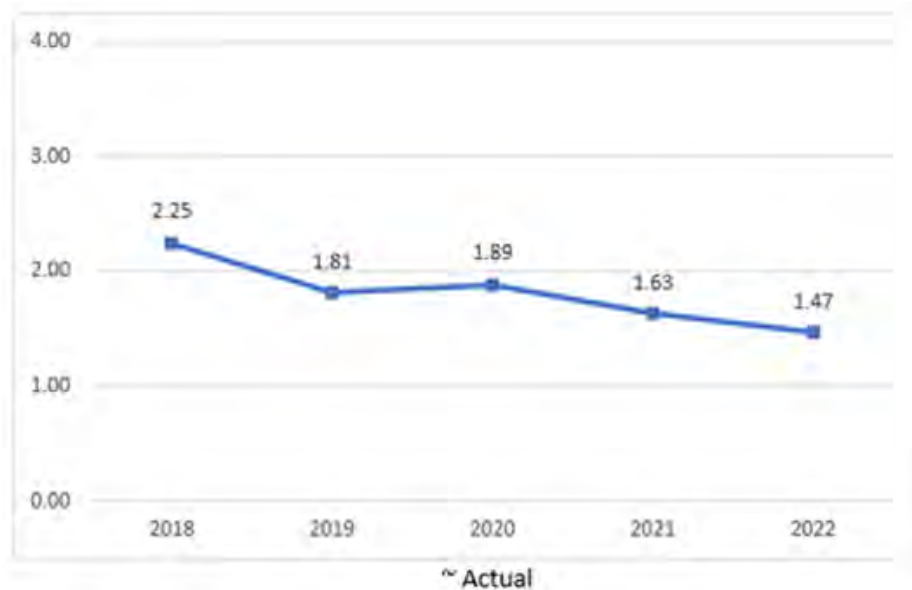
3 This metric also does not include PG&E dig-ins to third parties
4 (e.g., sewer, water, telecommunications). Dig-ins are reported in real-time,
5 so they should be captured for the reporting period. However, in the event
6 dig-ins are reported after the reporting cycle is closed, the dig-in would be
7 captured in the next reporting cycle (i.e., the next quarter of the current year
8 or the first quarter of the next year). Electric and Fiber dig-ins are also
9 excluded from the dig-in count. Also excluded from the dig-in count are the
10 following (since damages are not from excavation activity):

- 11 • Damages to above-ground infrastructure, such as meters and risers, or
12 overbuilds;
- 13 • Pre-existing damages (e.g., due to corrosion or old wrap);
- 14 • Any intentional damage to a pipeline (e.g., drilling or cutting);
- 15 • Damage caused by driving over a covered facility (heavy vehicles
16 damage gas pipe, non-excavation);
- 17 • Damage to abandoned facilities;
- 18 • Damage due to materials failure (e.g., Aldyl-A pipe); and
- 19 • Damage caused to gas or electric lines by trench collapse or soldering
20 work.

21 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

22 There has been an overall downward trend in the number of dig-ins per
23 1,000 third-party USA tickets. PG&E attributes the reduction to current and
24 planned Damage Prevention activities. Overall, PG&E has worked to
25 increase knowledge of the requirement to call 811 before digging through
26 Public Awareness Campaigns and by providing training and education to
27 contractors. PG&E continues to show an improvement in its dig-in ratio.

FIGURE 4.1-2
TOTAL DIG-INS PER 1,000 THIRD-PARTY TICKETS 2018 – 2022



1 **C. (4.1) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 The current 1- and 5-year targets have been updated due to improved
4 performance.

5 **2. Target Methodology**

6 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the
7 following factors:

- 8 • Historical Data and Trends: Comparable data is available starting in
9 2018. Performance has been consistent with a downward trend from
10 2018-2022;
- 11 • Benchmarking: Although this metric is not benchmarkable as defined
12 (benchmarkable metrics include total tickets rather than only a subset of
13 tickets), benchmark data was used and derived as proxy guideposts to
14 understand PG&E performance for third-party tickets to inform target
15 setting. The target is set at a level consistent with strong performance;
- 16 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 17 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;
- 18 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight
19 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the set target is a

1 sustainable assumption for maintaining metric performance, plus room
2 for non-significant variability; and

- 3 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

4 **3. 2023 Target**

5 The 2023 target is to maintain improved metric performance at or better
6 than a rate of 2.21 based on the factors described above. This improvement
7 is based upon the Damage Prevention Organization's Dig-in Reduction
8 Program. This target represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a
9 review of potential performance issues. Target should not be interpreted as
10 intention to worsen performance.

11 **4. 2027 Target**

12 The 2027 target is to maintain performance better than a rate of 2.11
13 based on the factors described above. Annual targets should continue to be
14 informed by available benchmarking data.

15 **D. (4.1) Performance Against Target**

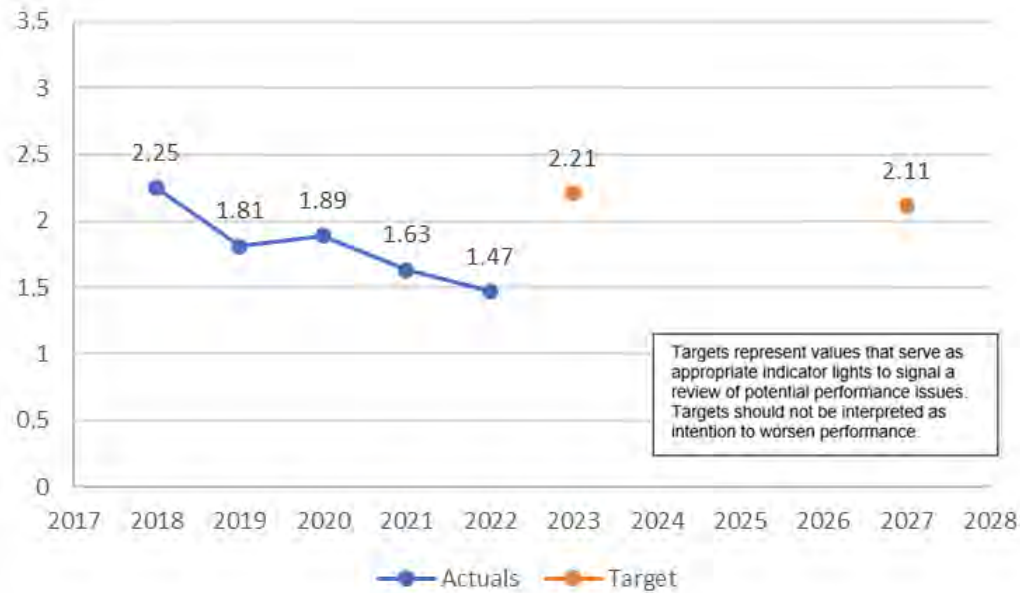
16 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-year Target**

17 As demonstrated in Figure 4.1-3, PG&E saw a 1.47 Gas Dig-In rate in
18 2022, which is better than the Company's 1-year target of 2.56.

19 **2. Maintaining Performance against the 5-year Target**

20 As discussed in Section E, PG&E continues to use the Damage
21 Prevention and DiRT programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward
22 the Company's 5-year target.

**FIGURE 4.1-3
TOTAL DIG-INS PER 1,000 THIRD-PARTY TICKETS 2018 – 2022
AND TARGETS THROUGH 2027**



E. (4.1) Current and Planned Work Activities

PG&E’s Damage Prevention team is responsible for the overall management of PG&E’s Damage Prevention Program, by managing the risks associated with excavations around PG&E’s facilities and conducting investigations. As an additional control to manage the Damage Prevention Program, PG&E has its DiRT). DiRT consists of 25 people (18 PG&E Employees and 7 Contractors) deployed systemwide to investigate dig-ins. Team members work closely with various local PG&E operations personnel and respond to referrals from those employees when they observe excavations potentially not in compliance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 4216. DiRT personnel also assist the Ground Patrol team when they respond to immediate threats identified in the air by the Aerial Patrol team and other PG&E groups, in order to intervene in unsafe digging activities by third parties and follow-up to educate excavators as necessary.

PG&E’s Damage Prevention activities include educational outreach activities for professional excavators, local public officials, emergency responders, and the general public who lives and works within PG&E’s service territory. The program communicates safe excavation practices, required actions prior to

1 excavating near underground pipelines, availability of pipeline location
2 information, and other gas safety information through a variety of methods
3 throughout the year. These efforts are aimed at increasing public awareness
4 about the importance of utilizing the 811 Program before an excavation project is
5 started, understanding the markings that have been placed, and following safe
6 excavation practices after subsurface installations have been marked. Specific
7 activities aimed at preventing dig-ins include:

- 8 • Updating the Locate and Mark Field Guide to provide clear instruction
9 around critical processes for locating underground assets, including
10 troubleshooting of difficult to locate facilities;
- 11 • Continued participation in the Gold Shovel Standard (GSS). PG&E began
12 this program that is now run by a third-party and available to utilities and
13 excavators across the nation. The program sets safety criteria that PG&E
14 contractors are required to meet to be eligible to do work on behalf of the
15 Utility. The GSS became an internationally-recognized program, with
16 companies in Canada adopting and implementing its certification
17 requirements. The GSS Program is a way that PG&E is making its own
18 communities safer, and also bringing best safety practices to the industry;
19 and
- 20 • An 811 Ambassador program, which utilizes all PG&E employees to
21 properly identify unsafe excavation activities where employees learn how to
22 identify excavation-related delineations and utility operator markings.

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CHAPTER 4.2

SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:

NUMBER OF OVERPRESSURE EVENTS

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9 report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (4.2) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12 Safety and Operational Metric 4.2 – Number of Overpressure (OP)
13 events is defined as:

14 *OP events as reportable under General Order (GO) 112-F 122.2(d)(5).*

15 **2. Introduction of Metric**

16 An OP event occurs when the gas pressure exceeds the Maximum
17 Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of the pipeline, plus the build ups, set
18 forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) – 49 CFR 192.201.

19 This metric tracks the occurrence of OP events, which includes:

- 20 1) High pressure Gas Distribution (GD):
21 a) (MAOP 1 pound per square inch gauge (psig) to 12 psig) greater
22 than 50 percent above MAOP;
23 b) (MAOP 12 psig to 60 psig) greater than 6 psig above MAOP; and
24 2) Gas Transmission (GT) pipelines greater than 10 percent above MAOP
25 (or the pressure produces a hoop stress of ≥ 75 percent Specified
26 Minimum Yield Strength, whichever is lower).

27 OP events on low pressure systems are excluded from this metric
28 because they are not defined in federal code 49 CFR 192.201.

29 OP events have the potential to overstress pipelines which pose
30 significant safety and operational risks to Pacific Gas and Electric
31 Company's (PG&E) gas system. PG&E has implemented multiple controls
32 and mitigations to reduce OP events.

1 Following the San Bruno event in 2010, an Overpressure Elimination
2 (OPE) task force was established to identify the root causes of OP events
3 and develop corrective actions.

4 In 2011, several decisions were made in response to San Bruno
5 incident. One of the most important corrective actions was to lower the
6 normal operating pressure below the MAOP across the system, which
7 resulted in a significant drop-off of OP events from 2011-2012.

8 Beginning in 2013, causal evaluations were conducted on all OP events.
9 Corrective actions from these evaluations included: equipment and design
10 review, training, fatigue management, improved Gas Event Reporting, and
11 improved work procedures.

12 In 2015, several benchmarking studies and industry evaluations were
13 conducted to learn OP elimination best practice. The benchmarking studies
14 and analyses helped influence the development and strategies of the OPE
15 Program.

16 In 2017, after the Folsom OP event,¹ the OPE Program was stood up
17 under one sponsor with dedicated resources. The OPE Program formalized
18 a two-pronged strategy to mitigate the risk of large OP events, while
19 reducing operational risk: (1) Human (HU) Performance Strategy, and
20 (2) Equipment (EQ)-Related Strategy.

21 In 2020, PG&E retooled an effort to reduce the number of HU
22 Performance-related events. PG&E contracted with Exponent to perform an
23 analysis on the OP and near hit events using the Human Factors Analysis
24 and Classification System to drive focused actions to improve. This effort
25 helped the team to develop the HU Performance tools to: identify and
26 control risk, improve efficiency, avoid delays, reduce errors, prevent events,
27 and promote excellent performance at every facility.

¹ On January 24, 2017, the Hydraulically Independent System that delivers gas to the Folsom area experienced a large OP event in excess of the system's 60 psig MAOP. The OP event caused damage to the regulator station equipment and resulted in a significant number of leaks on plastic distribution piping. Inspection of the station revealed that the station filter had been clogged with debris and the regulator boot had been eroded by contaminants. Further investigation revealed that an upstream pigging project scraped corrosion scales from internal pipe walls. The scale—along with other debris—traveled downstream, until eventually collecting at Folsom, causing the OP event.

1 **B. (4.2) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2011 – 2022)**

3 Historical data of OP events is available since year 2011. Various data
4 points of each OP event including location, Corrective Action Program
5 (CAP) number, date, cause, corrective action, etc. are documented in the
6 OP master list file attachment.

7 Data source of the metric is commonly from the Supervisory Control and
8 Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, and from direct accounts, including:
9 gauge pressure readings, chart recorders, electronic recorders, and
10 metering data.

11 The availability of data has expanded throughout the years due to the
12 increase in pressure monitoring devices allowing more OP events to be
13 identified and recorded. [In 2012, PG&E had 1,409 SCADA pressure points
14 on its pipeline system, and by end of December 2022, that number has
15 grown to 6,830.](#)

16 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

17 PG&E has both an automated process and field process for logging Gas
18 OP events. For the automated process, the SCADA system monitors EQ
19 pressure and notifies potential issues to Gas Control through alarms. For
20 the field process, field personnel are required to gauge pressure during
21 maintenance and clearances and report to Gas Control if an abnormal
22 operating condition arises.

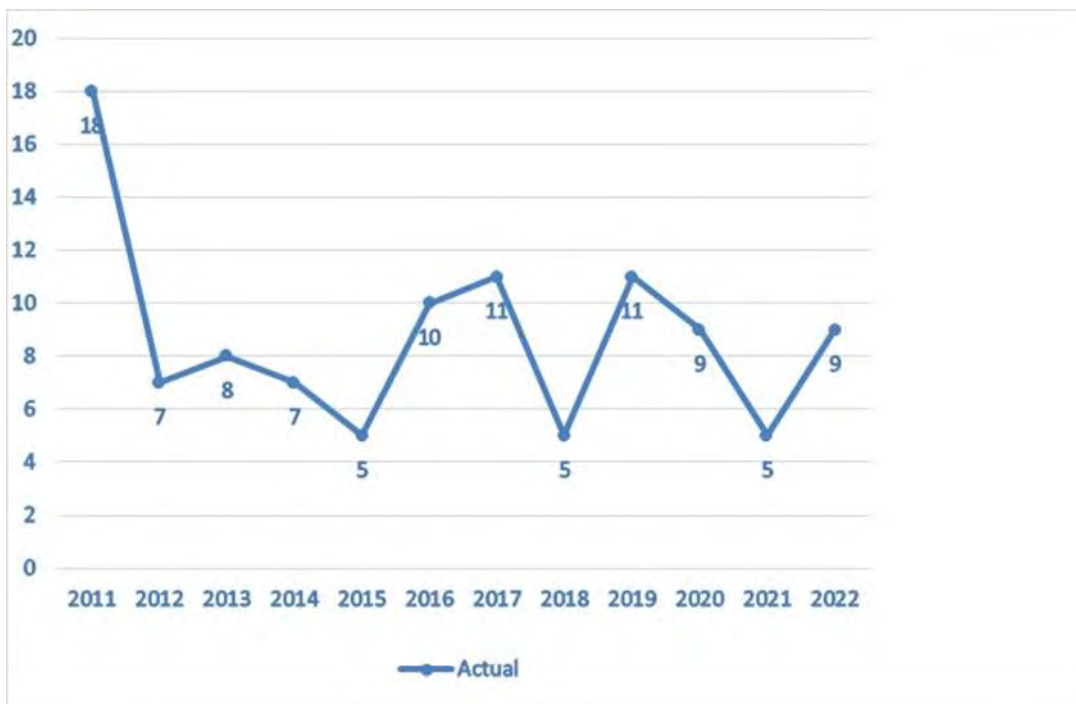
23 Several controls are in place for this metric:

- 24 1) Each OP event is entered into our system of record SAP system CAP to
25 ensure retention of record history.
- 26 2) Each OP event's datasets (location, CAP number, date, cause,
27 corrective action etc.) are reviewed by Facility Integrity Management
28 Program team to ensure accuracy and are logged in the OP master list
29 which is viewable by all PG&E employees; and
- 30 3) Each OP event is distributed to stakeholders by an electronic page
31 (epage) and an e-mail (Quick Hit), reviewed on the next Daily
32 Operations Briefing with leadership.

1 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

2 In 2022, 9 overpressure events occurred in the PG&E gas system. 9
3 OP events are close to the middle point of the 10-year historical data.

**FIGURE 4.2-1
OVERPRESSURE EVENTS 2011-2022**



4 **C. (4.2) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

5 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

6 The 2023 target is set to be 11, i.e., no change from the last report; the
7 2027 target is set to be 9.

8 **2. Target Methodology**

9 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the
10 following factors:

- 11 • Historical Data and Trends: OP events have ranged from 5 to 11 events
12 per year since 2012. The target is based on the maximum number of
13 events in the past eight years.
- 14 • Benchmarking: This metric is not traditionally benchmarkable; however,
15 PG&E has contracted with third parties to conduct international and

1 North American industry evaluations. The benchmarking studies
2 indicated that PG&E has demonstrated strong performance in this area.

- 3 • Regulatory Requirements: OP events as reportable under California
4 Public Utilities Commission GO No.112-F, 122.2(d)(5).
- 5 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Workplan: Yes.
- 6 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
7 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the maximum of the past
8 eight years is a sustainable assumption for maintaining metric
9 performance, plus room for non-significant variability; and
- 10 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The approach of using the maximum
11 of the past eight years includes the consideration of the expected impact
12 of ongoing SCADA device installations—improved system visibility and
13 monitoring points may result in a higher number of observed OP events.
14 Additionally, as the OP Program has expanded, there has been an
15 increase in pressure monitoring devices throughout the system, which
16 allows more OP events to be identified and recorded.

17 **3. 2023 Target**

18 The 2023 target is to maintain performance at or better than 11 events,
19 based on the factors described above. This target represents an
20 appropriate indicator light to signal a review of potential performance issues.
21 Target should not be interpreted as intention to worsen performance.

22 **4. 2027 Target**

23 The 2027 target is to maintain performance at or better than 9 events,
24 based on the factors described above, along with stepped-improvement of
25 one event every two years. This target demonstrates continued focus on
26 improvement year-over-year. PG&E continues to review operations and
27 look for opportunities to perform work to further reduce OP events and
28 contribute to system safety.

29 **D. (4.2) Performance Against Target**

30 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

31 In 2022, 9 overpressure events occurred in PG&E's gas system which is
32 consistent with the Company's 1-year target of equal to or less than 11.

1 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

2 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying several programs
3 to maintain or improve the long-term performance of the Over Pressure
4 metric to meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 4.2-2
OVERPRESSURE EVENTS 2011-2022 AND TARGETS THROUGH 2027**



5 **E. (4.2) Current and Planned Work Activities**

6 PG&E's strategic objective includes plans to execute the secondary
7 Overpressure Protection Program (OPP) to mitigate common failure mode
8 failure OP events for both GT and GD over a 10-year period (2018-2027).

- 9 • Gas Distribution: For 2019- 2022, PG&E has retrofitted approximately 858
10 GD pilot-operation stations. By end of 2022, PG&E has exceeded the goal
11 of retrofitting 50% of GD pilot-operated stations. F

Targets represent values that serve as appropriate indicator lights to signal a review of potential performance issues. Targets should not be interpreted as intention to worsen performance.

12 effort of retrofitting GD pilot-operation stations to n
13 failure mode OP events in the Gas Distribution System. This plan will have
14 installed secondary OPP at all GD pilot-operated stations (which carry the
15 common failure mode risk) by 2027.

- 16 • Gas Transmission: In 2019, PG&E started rebuilding and retrofitting Large
17 Volume Customer Regulators (LVCR) sets specifically to address OP risks.
18 From 2019- 2022, PG&E has rebuilt and retrofitted approximately 47 Large

- 1 LVCRs. PG&E will continue the effort of rebuilding GT LVCRs to mitigate
- 2 that common failure mode OP events in the Gas Transmission System.

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**SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:
TIME TO RESPOND ON-SITE TO EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION**

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6 be found in Section B.3 concerning metric performance; C.1 concerning metric
7 targets; and Section D.1 concerning performance against target. Material changes
8 from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9 **A. (4.3) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 4.3 – Time to Respond On-Site to
12 Emergency Notification is defined as:

13 *Average time and median time to respond on-site to a gas-related*
14 *emergency notification from the time of notification to the time a Gas Service*
15 *Representative (GSR) (or qualified first responder) arrived onsite.*
16 *Emergency notification includes all notifications originating from 911 calls*
17 *and calls made directly to the utilities' safety hotlines.*

18 The data used to determine the average time and median time shall be
19 provided in increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c) as
20 supplemental information, not as a metric.

21 **2. Introduction of Metric**

22 Gas emergency response measures Pacific Gas and Electric
23 Company's (PG&E) ability to respond with urgency to hazardous or unsafe
24 situations that may be a threat to customer and public safety. In some
25 situations, GSRs respond to emergency situations as first responders.
26 Responding to emergency situations is PG&E's highest priority so that
27 PG&E can prevent or ameliorate hazardous situations. PG&E's goal is to
28 have a GSR on-site as quickly as possible for customer generated gas odor
29 calls. Faster response time to Emergency Notifications reduces the length
30 of emergent situations.

31 PG&E's GSRs respond to approximately 500,000 gas service customer
32 requests annually. These requests include: investigating reports of possible
33 gas leaks; carbon monoxide monitoring; Pilot re-lights; appliance safety

1 checks; and maintenance work, including Atmospheric Corrosion
2 remediation and regulator replacements.

3 Consistent with current practice, PG&E will continue to treat all
4 customer-reported gas odor calls as Immediate Response (IR) and will
5 attempt to respond to such calls within 60 minutes. To meet this goal,
6 PG&E utilizes industry best practices, such as: mobile data terminals,
7 real-time Global Positioning Systems, backup on-call technicians, and shift
8 coverage of 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

9 **B. (4.3) Metric Performance**

10 **1. Historical Data (2011 – 2022)**

11 Historical data is presented as a value in minutes for response time,
12 indicated as both an average and a median value for all Emergency
13 Notifications for each calendar year.

14 Data sets prior to 2014 come from historically submitted documentation;
15 data sets from 2014 forward come from the Customer Data Warehouse
16 system (a database for Field Automated Systems (FAS) data) and go
17 through a rigorous, multi-step audit process prior to submission to ensure
18 accuracy and precision.

19 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

20 The response time by PG&E is measured from the time PG&E is
21 notified—defined as the order creation time in Customer Care and Billing by
22 the contact center—to the time a GSR or a PG&E-qualified first responder
23 arrives on-site to the emergency location (including Business Hours and
24 After Hours). PG&E notification time is defined as when a gas emergency
25 order is created and timestamped.

26 Using PG&E's Field Automation System (FAS), the average response
27 time is measured for all IR gas emergency orders generated where a GSR
28 or qualified first responder is required to respond.

29 The following IR gas emergency jobs are excluded in the total gas
30 emergency orders volume count:

- 31 • Level 2 and above emergencies;¹

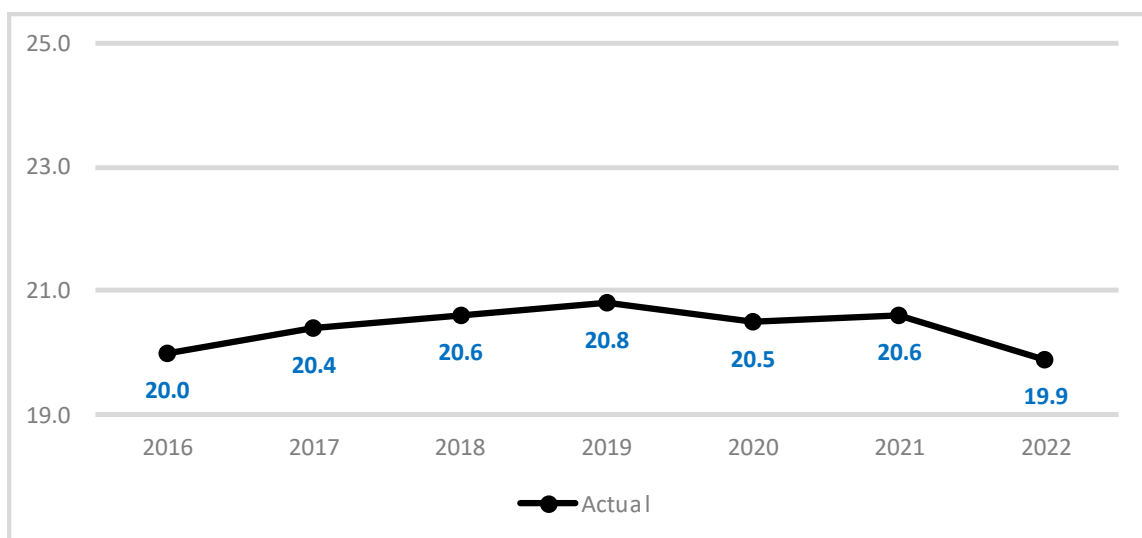
¹ Defined in the Gas Emergency Response Plan as a region-wide emergency event that may require 1-2 days for service restoration.

- If the source is a non-planned release of PG&E gas, the original call is included—the gas emergency itself—and all subsequent related orders are excluded;
- If the source is either a planned release of PG&E gas or another non-leak-related event, all related orders from the metric are excluded, including the original call;
- Duplicate orders for assistance;
- Cancelled orders;
- For multiple leak calls from the same Multi-Meter Manifold;²
- Unknown premise tag with no nearby gas facility; and
- If the FAS system is unavailable—such as during a tech down event—the jobs cannot be created in our system, and are therefore, an exception (not available to be included in the volume).

3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period

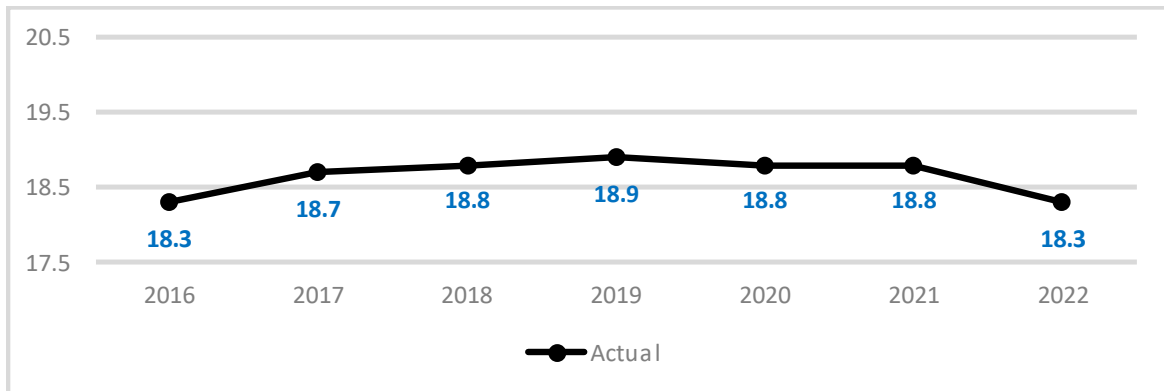
Since 2011, PG&E has improved and maintained strong performance in this metric. In 2022, we have continued this excellence by achieving an average response time of 19.9 minutes and a recorded median response time of 18.3 minutes.

**FIGURE 4.3-1
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME 2016-2022**



² The first order is included, and all subsequent orders are excluded.

FIGURE 4.3-2
MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2016-2022



1 **C. (4.3) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 The current 1-year targets have been updated to our projected 2023
4 values. 5-year targets have been updated to be consistent with our
5 forecasting from prior years, with a 0.1-minute improvement in each for 2027
6 relative to 2026.

7 **2. Target Methodology**

8 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the
9 following factors:

- 10 • Historical Data and Trends: Comparable data is available starting in
11 2015. Performance has been consistent from 2015-2022;
- 12 • Benchmarking: The targets for average response time and median
13 response time are informed by available benchmarking data and targets
14 are set at a level consistent with strong performance;
- 15 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 16 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;
- 17 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
18 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the set targets is a
19 sustainable assumption for maintaining average and median response
20 time performance, plus room for non-significant variability; and
- 21 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

1 **3. 2023 Target**

2 The 2023 target is to maintain performance better than or equal to
3 21.5 minutes for average response time and 19.8 minutes for median
4 response time, based on the factors described above. These targets
5 represent values that serve as appropriate indicator lights to signal a review
6 of potential performance issues. Targets should not be interpreted as
7 intention to worsen performance.

8 **4. 2027 Target**

9 The 2027 target is to maintain performance better than or equal to
10 21.1 minutes for average response time and 19.4 minutes for median
11 response time, based on the factors described above. Annual targets
12 should continue to be informed by available benchmarking data.

13 **D. (4.3) Performance Against Target**

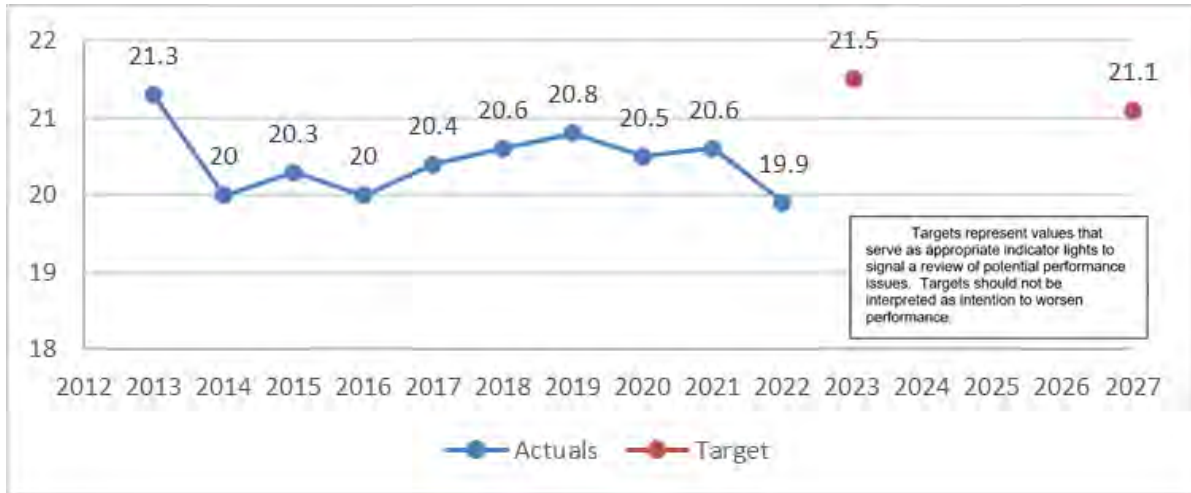
14 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

15 As demonstrated in Figure 4.3-3 and 4.3-4, PG&E saw an average
16 response time of 19.9 minutes and a median response time of 18.3 minutes
17 in 2022 which exceeded the Company's 2022 target of 21.6 and 19.8
18 minutes respectively.

19 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

20 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E continues to employ thorough
21 review, auditing, and cross-functional programs to maintain performance in
22 pursuit of the Company's 5-year target.

**FIGURE 4.3-3
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME 2013-2022 AND TARGETS THROUGH 2027**



**FIGURE 4.3-4
MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2013-2022 AND TARGETS THROUGH 2027**



1 **E. (4.3) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 Below is a summary description of the key activities that are tied to
 3 performance and their description of that tie.

- 4 • Field Service and Gas Dispatch: PG&E’s Field Service and Gas Dispatch
 5 partner together to respond to customer Gas Emergency (odor calls). There
 6 is a shared responsibility in the overall performance of this work. GSRs are
 7 deployed systemwide, 24 hours a day—utilizing an on-call as needed.
- 8 • Monitoring Controls: Activities which help us to maintain our Gas
 9 Emergency Response include: continued focus and visibility in our Daily

1 Operating Reviews, Weekly Operating Reviews, and Cross Functional
2 Reviews. These help to illustrate several key drivers, including: Dispatch
3 Handle Time, Drive Time, and Wrap Time.

- 4 • Audits: PG&E performs audits on Emergency calls to identify opportunities.
- 5 • Data Analysis: Staffing and historical Gas Emergency Response volume
6 are reviewed to help drive decisions. We utilize Best Practice of Dispatching
7 to the closest resource. In addition, Dispatcher Ride Alongs with GSRs
8 have been implemented to drive cross-functional understanding.

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6 be found in Section B.3 concerning metric performance; C.1 concerning metric
7 targets; and Section D concerning performance against target. Material changes
8 from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9 **A. (4.4) Introduction**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 4.4 – Gas Shut-In Time, Mains is
12 defined as:

13 *Median time to shut-in gas when an uncontrolled or unplanned gas*
14 *release occurs on a main. The data used to determine the median time*
15 *shall be provided in increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c)*
16 *as supplemental information, not as a metric.*

17 **2. Introduction of Metric**

18 The measurement of Gas Shut in Time captures the median duration of
19 time required to respond to and mitigate potentially hazardous gas leak
20 conditions. These leak conditions are associated with the public safety risk
21 of loss of containment on Gas Distribution Main or Service. The term “shut
22 in” refers to the act of stopping the gas flow. It is important for the flow of
23 gas to be stopped to avoid consequences such as overpressure events or
24 explosions and so that work can be safely performed to make repairs in a
25 timely manner. Performance aims for faster response times as a measure
26 of prevention resulting in lower risk of an incident impacting public safety
27 and minimized interruption to the gas business and customers. It is
28 imperative that we promptly and effectively resolve any hazardous
29 conditions on our distribution network while balancing timeliness, customer
30 outages, and employee safety.

31 The timing for the response starts when the Pacific Gas and Electric
32 Company (PG&E or the Utility) first receives the report of a potential gas
33 leak and ends when the Utility’s qualified representative determines, per the
34 Utility’s emergency standards, that the reported leak is not hazardous, a

1 leak does not exist, or the Utility’s representative completes actions to
2 mitigate a hazardous leak and render it as being non-hazardous (i.e., by
3 shutting-off gas supply, eliminating subsurface leak migration, repair, etc.)
4 per the Utility’s standards.

5 This metric measures the median number of minutes required for a
6 qualified PG&E responder to arrive onsite and stop the flow of gas as result
7 of damages impacting gas mains from PG&E distribution network. It does
8 not include instances where a qualified representative determines that the
9 reported leak is not hazardous, or a leak does not exist.

10 **B. (4.4) Metric Performance**

11 **1. Historical Data (2014 – 2022)**

12 Historical data for shut-in the gas (SITG) Main metric is available for the
13 period 2014 through December 2022. The data captures the median time
14 that a qualified first responder requires to respond and stop gas flow during
15 incidents involving an unplanned and uncontrolled release of gas on
16 distribution mains. This data includes incidents related to distribution main
17 pipelines and regulator stations because of third-party dig-ins, vehicle
18 impacts, explosion, pipe rupture, and material failure.

19 Before 2014, PG&E used a decentralized emergency process to
20 manage emergencies (i.e., each division used its own resources like
21 mappers, planners, among others to track and manage emergencies).
22 Similarly, support organizations like Dispatch, Mapping and Planning used
23 their own management tools to help schedule and manage emergency
24 information. Dispatch used a management tool called Outage Management
25 that recorded times at various stages of the process (i.e., when the
26 emergency call came in, when the Gas Service Representative (GSR)
27 arrived at the site, when the leak was isolated, etc.). The Distribution
28 Control Room used a tool called Gas Logging System to record incoming
29 information.

30 In 2014, a centralized process was implemented to allow Distribution,
31 Transmission, Dispatch, Planning and Mapping personnel to be co-located
32 and work together as a team to manage emergencies. This centralized

1 process also allowed the development of the Event Management Tool
2 (EMT) system.

3 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

4 The EMT is currently used as the official system to track gas
5 emergencies from start to finish. It is used by Dispatch and Gas Distribution
6 Control Center (GDCC) teams to create emergency events and collect
7 incident information and allows PG&E to run reports and retrieve historical
8 information. The data captures the time that a qualified first responder
9 requires to respond and stop gas flow during incidents involving an
10 unplanned and uncontrolled release of gas on distribution mains. There are
11 distinct types of incidents recorded in the EMT: explosions, corrosion, cross
12 bore, pipe damage, dig-ins, evacuations, exposed pipe—no gas leak, fires,
13 gas leaks (including Grade 1), high concentration areas, Hi/Lo pressures,
14 material failure, pipe ruptures, vehicle impacts, among others. The EMT
15 provides access to the latest information on an incident. All emergency data
16 is consolidated and stored in one place.

17 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

18 The range of data available to calculate the historical shut-in the gas
19 median time for Mains is from 2014 through December 2022. Over this
20 reporting period, performance improved, decreasing from 97 minutes in
21 2014 to 82.1 minutes median time in 2022. Comparing 2022 performance to
22 2021, the median time increased by 3 minutes from 79.1 to 82.1.

**FIGURE 4.4-1
GAS SHUT IN TIME, MAINS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014-2022**



1 **C. (4.4) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 The 1- and 5-year targets have been updated to reflect incremental
4 improvement which was conveyed in prior reporting September 30.

5 **2. Target Methodology**

6 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the
7 following factors:

- 8 • Historical Data and Trends: The target is based on the average of the
9 past four years of median historical data, plus 10 percent. The past
10 four years were used because 2018 was when the FAS system was first
11 utilized, and this data period is consistent with current operational
12 practices. The use of 10 percent allows for non-significant variability,
13 and accounts for the consideration of risk during shut in events.
- 14 • Benchmarking: Not available.
- 15 • Regulatory Requirements: None.
- 16 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes.

- 1 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
2 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the past
3 four years annual median response time plus 10 percent is a
4 sustainable assumption for maintaining the improvement from
5 2018-2021-time frame plus room for non-significant variability; and
- 6 • Other Qualitative Considerations: Reducing shut in time to the lowest
7 possible result is not necessarily the best approach from a public safety
8 standpoint, and there is consideration of risk in various situations. In
9 some instances, the safest decision for our employees and the public is
10 to allow the gas to escape before crews shut it off.

11 **3. 2023 Target**

12 The 2023 target is to maintain performance at or lower than
13 84.9 minutes based on the factors described above. This target was
14 established to account for the consideration of risk in various situations and
15 aligns with our commitment to the safe operations of our assets. This target
16 represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a review of potential
17 performance issues. Target should not be interpreted as intention to worsen
18 performance.

19 **4. 2027 Target**

20 The 2027 target is to maintain performance at or lower than
21 82.9 minutes, based on the factors described above, along with stepped
22 improvement of 0.5 minutes forecast year-over-year.

23 **D. (4.4) Performance Against Target**

24 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

25 As demonstrated in Figure 4.4-2, PG&E saw a median response time
26 of 82.1 minutes in 2022 which is better than the Company's 1-year target.

27 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

28 As discussed in Section E, PG&E will continue mitigating the risk of loss
29 of containment on Gas Distribution Mains and Services and employing its
30 various programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward its 5-year
31 target.

**FIGURE 4.4-2
GAS SHUT IN TIME, MAINS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014- 2022 AND
TARGETS THROUGH 2027**



1 **E. (4.4) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 PG&E will continue to drive metric progress through performance
3 management and supervisor-out-in-the-field initiatives. This metric will continue
4 to mitigate the risk of loss of containment on Gas Distribution Main or Service by
5 reducing distribution pipeline rupture with ignition.

6 The metric is supported by the following programs which focus on improving
7 public safety: Field Services and Gas Maintenance and Construction (M&C).

- 8 • Gas Field Service: Field Service responds to gas service requests, which
9 include investigation reports of possible gas leaks, carbon monoxide
10 monitoring, customer requests for starts and stops of gas service, appliance
11 pilot re-lights, appliance safety checks, as well as emergency situations as
12 first responders.
- 13 • Gas Maintenance and Construction: Gas M&C performs routine
14 maintenance of PG&E’s gas distribution facilities, which includes emergency
15 response due to dig-ins, as well as leak repairs.

16 The following process improvement initiatives have been implemented to
17 help achieve metric results:

- 18 • Enhanced plastic squeeze capability from approximately 50 percent to all
19 GSRs for < 1.5” plastic pipe.

- 1 • Purchased and implemented emergency trailers in every division, allowing
2 for emergency equipment to be accessed quickly and easily.
- 3 • Purchased additional steel squeezers for 2-8” steel pipe (housed on
4 emergency trailers).
- 5 • Implemented Emergency Management tool (EM tool) to alert maintenance
6 and construction (M&C) of SITG events when notified by third-party
7 emergency organizations.
- 8 • Established concurrent response protocol (dispatch M&C and Field Service
9 resources) when notified by emergency agencies. Utility Procedure
10 TD-6100P-03 Major Gas Event Response: Fire, Explosion, and Gas Pipeline
11 Rupture was updated in 2021 to align with PG&E’s response and
12 communication protocols.
- 13 • Implemented 30-60-90-120+ minute communication protocols between Gas
14 Distribution Control Center and Incident Commander to ensure consistent
15 communication and issue escalation during events; and
- 16 The following process improvement initiatives are on-going to help achieve
17 metric results:
- 18 • Tier 3 incident review meetings monthly to share best practices and review
19 long duration events.
- 20 • Provide yearly plastic squeeze training for all Field Service employees as
21 part of Operator Qualification refresher.

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7 metric targets; and Section D concerning performance against target. Material
8 changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9 **A. (4.5) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11 Safety and Operational Metric 4.5 – Gas Shut-In Time, Services is
12 defined as:

13 *Median time to shut-in gas when an uncontrolled or unplanned gas*
14 *release occurs on a service. The data used to determine the median time*
15 *shall be provided in increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c)*
16 *as supplemental information, not as a metric.*

17 **2. Introduction of Metric**

18 The measurement of Gas Shut-In Time captures the median duration of
19 time required to respond to and mitigate potentially hazardous gas leak
20 conditions. These leak conditions are associated with the public safety risk
21 of loss of containment on Gas Distribution Main or Service. The term
22 “shut-in” refers to the act of stopping the gas flow. It is important for the flow
23 of gas to be stopped to avoid consequences such as overpressure events or
24 explosions and so that work can be safely performed to make repairs in a
25 timely manner. Performance aims for faster response times as a measure
26 of prevention resulting in lower risk of an incident impacting public safety
27 and minimized interruption to the gas business and customers. It is
28 imperative that we promptly and effectively resolve any hazardous
29 conditions on our distribution network while balancing timeliness, customer
30 outages, and employee safety.

31 The timing for the response starts when Pacific Gas and Electric
32 Company (PG&E or the Utility) first receives the report of a potential gas
33 leak and ends when the Utility’s qualified representative determines, per the
34 Utility’s emergency standards, that the reported leak is not hazardous, a

1 leak does not exist, or the Utility’s representative completes actions to
2 mitigate a hazardous leak and render it as being non-hazardous (e.g., by
3 shutting-off gas supply, eliminating subsurface leak migration, repair, etc.)
4 per the Utility’s standards.

5 This metric measures the median number of minutes required for a
6 qualified PG&E responder to arrive onsite and stop the flow of gas as result
7 of damages impacting gas mains from PG&E distribution network. It does
8 not include instances where a qualified representative determines that the
9 reported leak is not hazardous, or a leak does not exist.

10 **B. (4.5) Metric Performance**

11 **1. Historical Data (2014 – 2022)**

12 Historical data for Shut-In the gas (SITG) Services metric is available for
13 the period 2014 - 2022. The data captures the median time that a qualified
14 first responder is required to respond and stop gas flow during incidents
15 involving an unplanned and uncontrolled release of gas on services. This
16 data includes incidents related to distribution services and related
17 components such as service lines, valves, risers, and meters due to
18 third party dig-ins, vehicle impacts, explosion, pipe rupture, and material
19 failure.

20 Before 2014, PG&E used a decentralized emergency process to
21 manage emergencies, i.e., each division used its own resources like
22 mappers, planners, among others to track and manage emergencies.
23 Similarly, support organizations like Dispatch, Mapping and Planning used
24 their own management tools to help schedule and manage emergency
25 information. Dispatch used a management tool called Outage Management
26 that recorded times at various stages of the process (i.e., when the
27 emergency call came in, when the Gas Service Representative (GSR)
28 arrived at the site, when the leak was isolated, etc.). The Distribution
29 Control Room used a tool called Gas Logging System to record incoming
30 information.

31 In 2014, a centralized process was implemented to allow Distribution,
32 Transmission, Dispatch, Planning and Mapping personnel to be co located
33 and work together as a team to manage emergencies. This centralized

1 process also allowed the development of the Event Management Tool
2 (EMT) system.

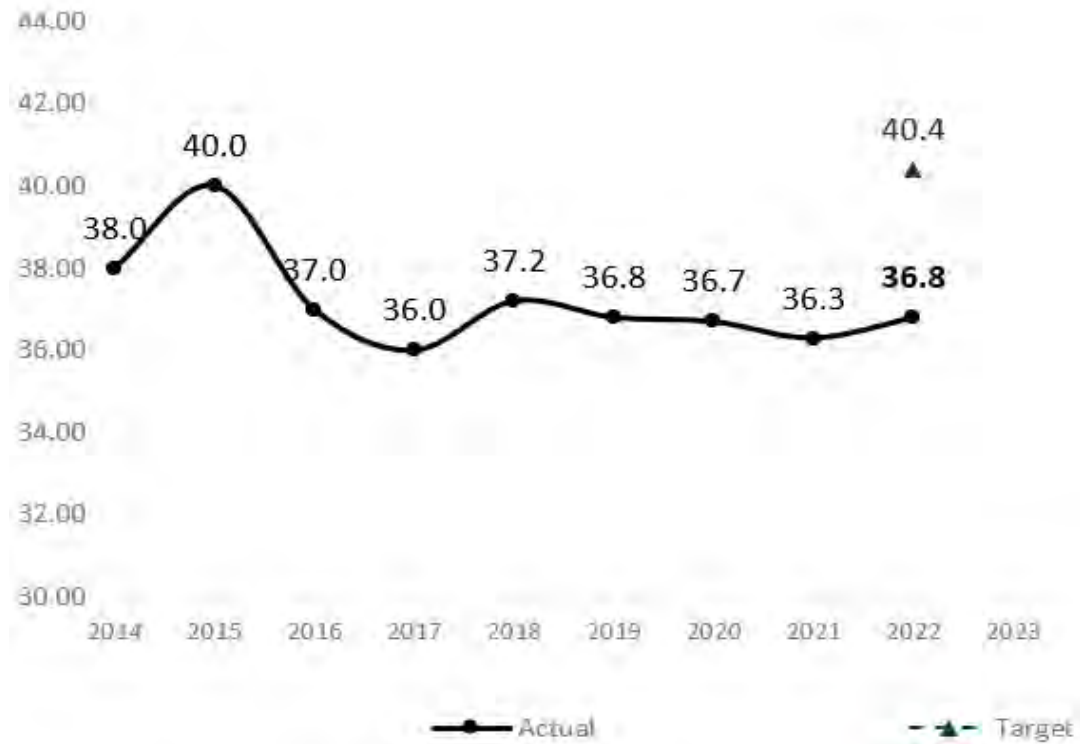
3 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

4 The EMT is currently used as the official system to track gas
5 emergencies from start to finish. The EMT is used by Dispatch and Gas
6 Distribution Control Center (GDCC) teams to create emergency events and
7 collect incident information and allows PG&E to run reports and retrieve
8 historical information. There are distinct types of incidents recorded in the
9 EMT: explosions, corrosion, cross bore, pipe damage, dig-ins, evacuations,
10 exposed pipe—no gas leak, fires, gas leaks (including Grade 1), high
11 concentration areas, Hi/Lo pressures, material failure, pipe ruptures, vehicle
12 impacts, among others. The EMT provides access to the latest information
13 on an incident. All emergency data is consolidated and stored in one place.

14 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

15 The range of data available to calculate the historical SITG median time
16 for Services is from 2014 to 2022. Over this reporting period, performance
17 improved, decreasing from 38.0 minutes in 2014 to 36.8 minutes in 2022.
18 Comparing 2021 performance to 2022, the median time increased from 36.3
19 to 36.8 minutes respectively.

**FIGURE 4.5-1
GAS SHUT IN TIME, SERVICES MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014-2022**



1 **C. (4.5) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1-Year and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 The 1- and 5-year targets have been updated to reflect the incremental
4 increase which was conveyed in prior reporting.

5 **2. Target Methodology**

6 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the
7 following factors:

- 8 • Historical Data and Trends: The target is based on the average of the
9 past four years of median historical data, plus 10 percent. The past
10 four years were used because 2018 was when the FAS system was first
11 utilized, and this data period is consistent with current operational
12 practices. The use of 10 percent allows for non-significant variability,
13 and accounts for the consideration of risk during shut in events;
- 14 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 15 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 16 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;

- 1 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
2 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the past
3 four years annual median response time plus 10 percent is a
4 sustainable assumption for maintaining the improvement from
5 2018-2021 time-frame plus room for non-significant variability; and
- 6 • Other Qualitative Considerations: Reducing shut in time to the lowest
7 possible result is not necessarily the best approach from a public safety
8 standpoint, and there is consideration of risk in various situations. In
9 some instances, the safest decision for our employees and the public is
10 to allow the gas to escape before crews shut it off.

11 **3. 2023 Target**

12 The 2023 target is to maintain performance at or lower than
13 40.2 minutes based on the factors described above. This target was
14 established to account for the consideration of risk in various situations and
15 aligns with our commitment to the safe operations of our assets. This target
16 represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a review of potential
17 performance issues. Target should not be interpreted as intention to worsen
18 performance.

19 **4. 2027 Target**

20 The 2027 target is to maintain performance at or lower than
21 39.4 minutes based on the factors described above along with stepped
22 improvement of 0.2 minutes year-over-year.

23 **D. (4.5) Performance Against Target**

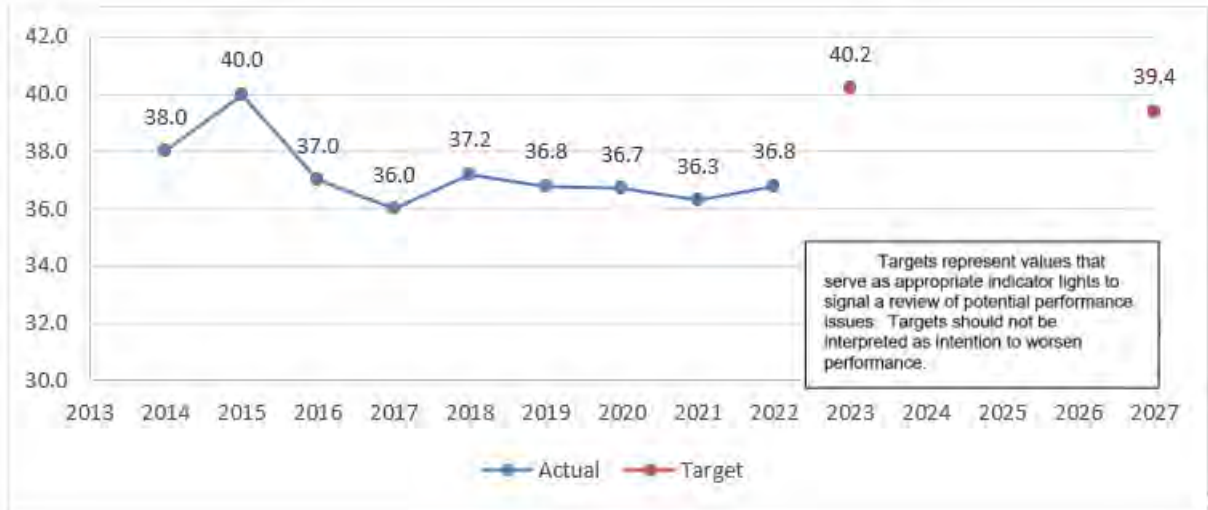
24 **1. Maintain Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

25 As demonstrated in Figure 4.5-2, PG&E saw a median response time of
26 36.8 minutes in 2022 which is better than the Company's 1-year target.

27 **2. Maintain Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

28 As discussed in Section E, PG&E will continue mitigating the risk of loss
29 of containment on Gas Distribution Mains and Services and employing its
30 various programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward its 5-year
31 target.

**FIGURE 4.5-2
GAS SHUT IN TIME, SERVICES MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014-2022 AND
TARGETS THROUGH 2027**



1 **3. Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 PG&E will continue to drive metric progress through performance
3 management and supervisor-out-in-the-field initiatives. This metric will
4 continue to mitigate the risk of loss of containment on Gas Distribution Main
5 or Service by reducing distribution pipeline rupture with ignition.

6 The metric is supported by the following programs which focus on
7 improving public safety: Field Services and Gas Maintenance and
8 Construction (M&C).

- 9 • Gas Field Service: Field Service responds to gas service requests,
10 which include investigation reports of possible gas leaks, carbon
11 monoxide monitoring, customer requests for starts and stops of gas
12 service, appliance pilot re-lights, appliance safety checks, as well as
13 emergency situations as first responders.
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15 distribution facilities, which includes emergency response due to dig-ins,
16 as well as leak repairs.

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18 to help achieve metric results:

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20 all GSRs for < 1.5” plastic pipe;

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4 emergency trailers);
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6 SITG events when notified by third-party emergency organizations;
- 7 • Established concurrent response protocol (dispatch M&C and Field
8 Service resources) when notified by emergency agencies. Utility
9 Procedure TD-6100P-03 Major Gas Event Response: Fire, Explosion,
10 and Gas Pipeline Rupture was updated in 2021 to align with PG&E's
11 response and communication protocols; and
- 12 • Implemented 30-60-90-120+ minute communication protocols between
13 GDCC and Incident Commander to ensure consistent communication
14 and issue escalation during events.

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16 achieve metric results:

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18 review long duration events; and
- 19 • Provide yearly plastic squeeze training for all Field Service employees
20 as part of Operator Qualification refresher.

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8 metric targets; Section D concerning performance; Section E concerning current and
9 planned work activities. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue
10 font.

11 **A. (4.6) Overview**

12 **1. Metric Definition**

13 Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 4.6 – Uncontrolled Release of
14 Gas on Transmission Pipelines is defined as:

15 *The number of leaks, ruptures, or other loss of containment on*
16 *transmission lines for the reporting period, including gas releases reported*
17 *under Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 191.3.*

18 **2. Introduction of Metric**

19 This metric tracks the total number of Grade 1, 2, and 3 leaks, as well as
20 ruptures and other losses of containment on gas transmission (GT)
21 pipelines. Leaks are an important indicator because each leak’s
22 uncontrolled flow of gas into the surrounding area can increase the
23 consequence of incidents and cause disruption to our customers’ gas
24 service. Leaks are also an important indicator in evaluating the likelihood for
25 where other incidents could occur due to similar criteria or conditions.

26 **B. (4.6) Metric Performance**

27 **1. Historical Data (2016 – 2022)**

28 Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) started by reviewing seven
29 years of historical data, comprising the years 2016 through 2022. In
30 evaluating the data, PG&E noted changes in detection capabilities and
31 frequency of surveys for the years after 2018. For this reason, the data
32 used to develop these metrics is focused on 2019-2022.

1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

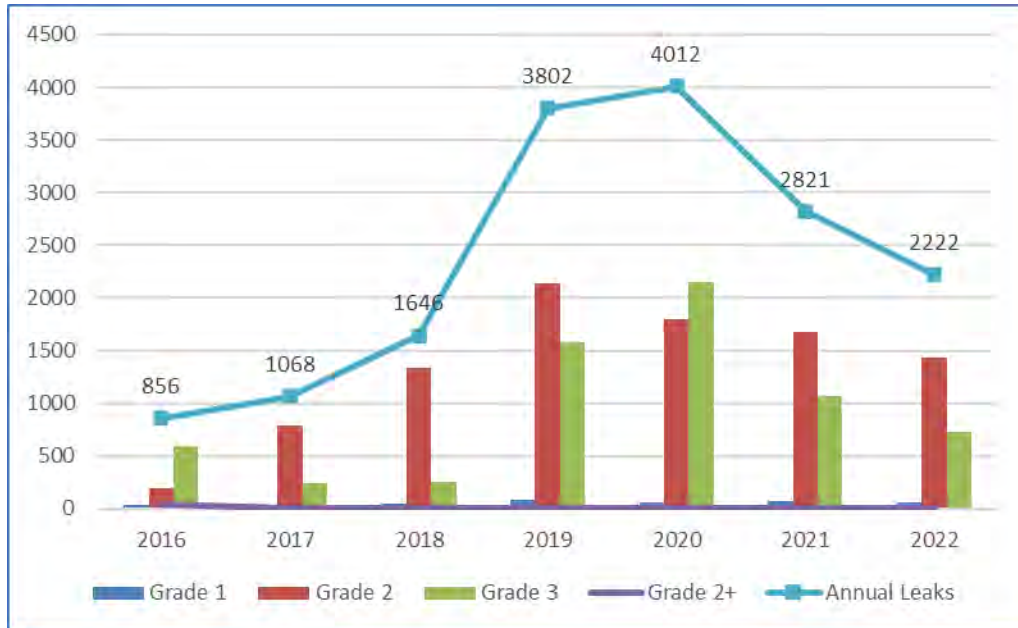
2 Leak data is managed and pulled by the PG&E Leak Survey Process
3 team. This data is extracted from PG&E’s GCM013 report using SAP data.
4 This report aggregates all leaks found during the reporting period including
5 the location, line type, and grade of leak. Original grade is used for the
6 metric criteria because it is not subject to change even if the leak condition
7 or status changes due to regrade, cancelation, or repair.

8 In addition, transmission incidents reported to Pipeline and Hazardous
9 Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) that meet the incident reporting
10 definition in CFR 191.3 are considered for metric inclusion. These events
11 may be leaks, ruptures, or other incidents. For each reporting period, PG&E
12 will review any transmission incidents reported to PHMSA and compare
13 against the GCM013 leaks using available information like incident location
14 (Route/MP, latitude/longitude, or street address) and date/time of incident to
15 remove any duplicates between the two datasets.

16 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

17 The annual count of all leaks, ruptures, and loss of containment had
18 been increasing steadily since 2016, with the largest increase seen from
19 2018 to 2019. This increase is primarily due to a California Air Resources
20 Board (CARB) rule change which requires more frequent leak surveys. The
21 increase has improved visibility and resulted in a larger leak dataset relative
22 to prior years. In March 2017, CARB finalized and approved the Oil and
23 Gas Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Rule codified under California Code of
24 Regulations, Title 17, Division 3, Chapter 1, Subchapter 10, “Climate
25 Change,” Article 4. Effective January 1, 2018, the GHG Rule covers
26 emission standards, including, but not limited to, stringent leak detection and
27 repair requirements for facilities in certain Oil and Gas sectors. This rule
28 applies to PG&E’s underground natural gas storage facilities and GT
29 compressor stations. As a result, PG&E performs a quarterly leak survey at
30 the impacted facilities and performs leak repairs based on CARB’s repair
31 timelines. [Based off the 2022 performance, there is a declining trend. This
32 trend can be analyzed for cause to better understand the reason\(s\) for the
33 declining trend.](#)

**FIGURE 4.6-1
LEAKS BY GRADE TYPE 2016-2022**



1 **C. (4.6) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 The 1- and 5-year targets have been updated to reflect the incremental
4 increase which was conveyed in prior reporting.

5 **2. Target Methodology**

6 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the
7 following factors:

- 8 • Historical Data and Trends: The targets are based on annual 1%
9 reduction starting with the average of the four years of historical data
10 between 2019-2022. Those four years were used as the timeframe
11 most representative of current leak survey practices.
- 12 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 13 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 14 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;
- 15 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
16 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the past
17 three years (2019 – 2022) is a sustainable assumption and allows for
18 non-significant variability; and

- Other Qualitative Considerations: The target also takes into consideration that the results for this metric may fluctuate based on miles of leak surveys performed. The number of leaks found has a correlative relationship to the miles of leak surveys performed. While this is a positive impact for risk visibility and mitigation, it can be a driver of varying trends appearing in the results.

3. 2023 Target

The 2023 target is to maintain performance at or lower than 3,510 leaks, ruptures, or other loss of containment on GT pipelines. This target, which is based on an annual 1 percent reduction from the average of performance over the years 2019-2022, could be impacted by the factors described above, see Figure 4.6.2. This target aligns with our commitment to the safe operations of our assets. This target represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a review of potential performance issues. Even though the target is set at a performance level worse than 2022 performance, it should not be interpreted as intention to worsen performance.

4. 2027 Target

The 2027 target is to maintain performance at or lower than 3,370 events, which reflects a 1 percent reduction annually from the goal set in 2022 and is based on the factors described above.

D. (4.6) Performance Against Target

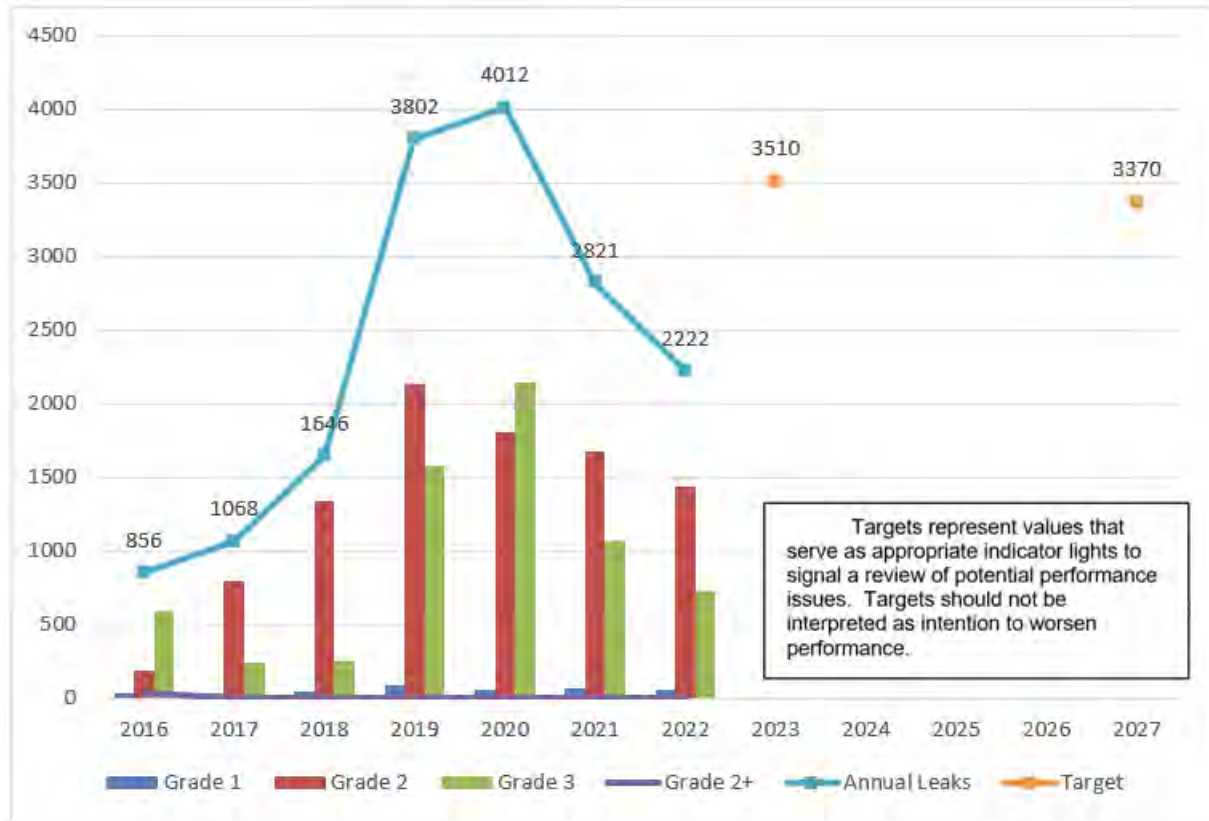
1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target

Figure 4.6-3 demonstrates that PG&E saw 2,222 leaks in 2022, which was 63 percent less than the Company's 1-year target of 3,545 leaks.

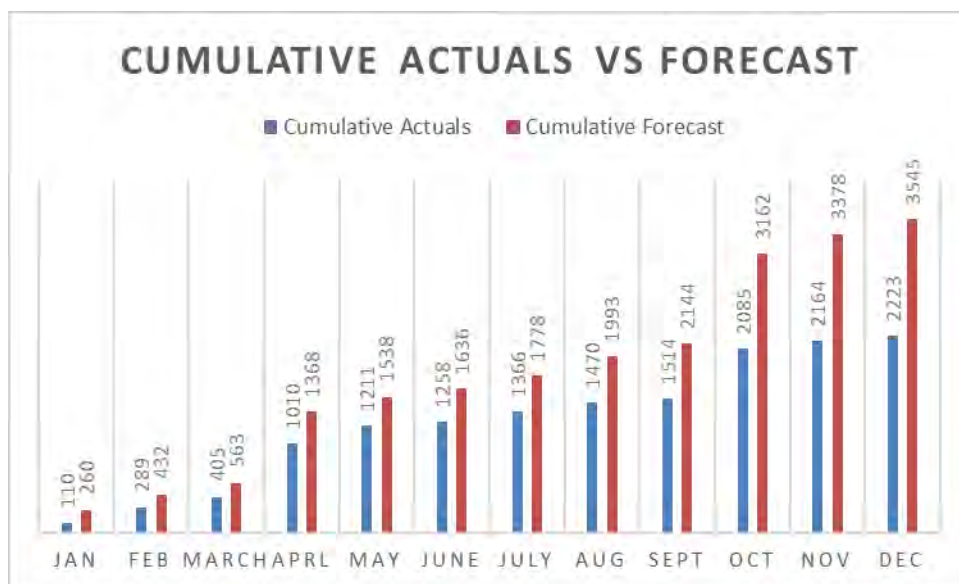
2. Progress Towards/Deviation From the 5-Year Target

As discussed in Section E, PG&E continues using surveys and assessments, risk mitigation, and its programs to achieve the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 4.6-2
LEAKS BY GRADE TYPE 2016-2021 AND TARGETS THROUGH 2027**



**FIGURE 4.6-3
UNCONTROLLED RELEASE OF GAS INCIDENTS IN 2022**



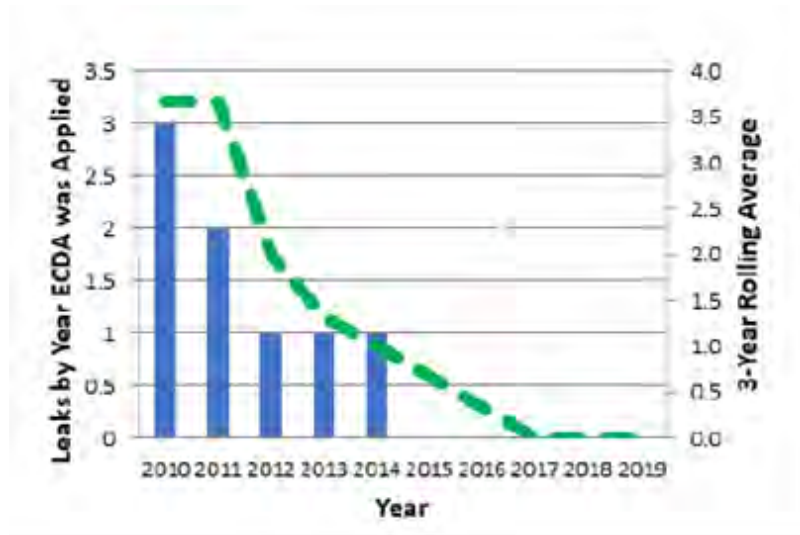
1 **E. (4.6) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 The primary programs that support the risk reduction goals of this metric are
3 Transmission Integrity Management and Leak Management.

- 4 • Transmission Integrity Management: The Integrity Management Program
5 provides the tools and processes for risk ranking and prioritization of
6 remediation efforts. This program enables PG&E to focus on identifying and
7 remediating threats to its system. The Transmission Integrity Management
8 Program (TIMP) assesses the threats on every segment of transmission
9 pipe, evaluates the associated risks, and acts to prevent or mitigate these
10 threats. The TIMP approach for assessing risk is based on methodologies
11 consistent with American Society of Mechanical Engineers B31.8S and is in
12 compliance with 49 CFR Part 192 Subpart O. Many of PG&E's programs
13 that mitigate, and control transmission pipe asset risks are developed and
14 managed within the TIMP program. Examples of assessments or mitigative
15 work that contribute to reducing or preventing significant incidents include:
16 strength testing, inline inspection, direct assessment, direct examination and
17 pipe replacement.
- 18 • Leak Management: The Leak Management Program addresses the risk of
19 Loss of Containment (LOC) by finding and fixing leaks. PG&E performs leak
20 survey of the GT and storage system twice per year, by either ground or
21 aerial methods in accordance with General Order 112-F. Leak surveys of
22 pipeline and equipment are commonly accomplished on foot or vehicle, by
23 operator-qualified personnel, using a portable methane gas leak detector.
24 Aerial leak surveys, in remote locations and areas difficult to access on the
25 ground, are performed by helicopter using Light Detection and Ranging
26 Infrared technology. Additional activities that complement the TIMP include:
27 risk-based leak surveys, continued use of Picarro, mobile leak quantification,
28 and replacing/removing high bleed pneumatic devices at its compressor
29 stations and storage facilities
- 30 • In-line Inspection (ILI): PG&E plans on performing ILI upgrades at a pace of
31 6-12 upgrades per year. [At the end of 2022, PG&E has 49.5 percent of the](#)
32 [system capable of ILI. Work during the rate case will contribute to PG&E's](#)
33 [overall goal of upgrading the system so that 69 percent of PG&E's GT](#)
34 [pipeline miles, are capable of ILI by end of 2036.](#)

- 1 • External Corrosion Direct Assessment (ECDA): PG&E has assessed the
2 effectiveness of its ECDA Program by evaluating the leak rates on pipe
3 where ECDA has previously been applied, and by tracking the number of
4 immediate indications found during the ECDA surveys. Both indicators are
5 trending down over time. Figure 5-4 shows the leaks found over time in
6 locations where ECDA was previously applied. The significant decline over
7 time, indicates that the ECDA Program is reducing leaks. PG&E expects to
8 conduct ECDA indirect inspections on approximately 268 miles of
9 transmission pipeline in HCAs during the rate case period.

**FIGURE 4.6-4
LEAK REDUCTION OVER TIME BY ECDA**



- 10 • Close Interval Survey: PG&E also has a Close Interval Survey (CIS)
11 Program targeted at monitoring the effectiveness of the transmission
12 pipelines' cathodic protection (CP) systems by reading the CP levels
13 between the annual monitoring locations. This program annually assesses
14 8-10 percent of PG&E's gas transmission pipelines. Assessing the levels of
15 CP between test points provides increased confidence that the readings
16 obtained at test stations reflect conditions along the entire system and
17 enable PG&E to make CP adjustments where CIS indicates additional CP is
18 warranted. CIS is recognized as a best practice to assess CP along the
19 entire pipeline, verify electrical isolation, and identify potential interference
20 gradients that may compromise the integrity of the system.

1 • Strength Testing: Strength tests are conducted as a qualifying test for
2 MAOP and integrity assessments. Leaks may be reduced as strength tests
3 are performed for the following reasons:

- 4 – Class location changes;
- 5 – A Section of pipe lacks a Traceable, Verifiable, and Complete (TVC)
6 record of a test that supports the MAOP; or
- 7 – Subpart O integrity assessments require verification that pipeline
8 threats will not compromise pipeline integrity.

9 Currently more than 82 percent of PG&E's GT pipelines have a strength
10 test. PG&E's plan is to continue to perform strength tests on all HCA pipe
11 that lack a TVC test record, and where the pipeline requires MAOP
12 reconfirmation under the new federal regulations. Locations operating over
13 30 percent specified minimum yield strength will be the highest priority. This
14 work will also enable PG&E to confirm the MAOP of all gas transmission
15 lines in HCAs, Class 3 and 4 locations and MCAs requiring assessment by
16 July 2035.

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7 metric targets; and Section D concerning performance against target. Material
8 changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9 **A. (4.7) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 4.7 – Time to Resolve Hazardous
12 Conditions (TRHC) is described as:

13 *Median response time to resolve Grade 1 leaks. Time starts when the*
14 *utility first receives the report and ends when a utility’s qualified*
15 *representative determines, per the utility’s emergency standards, that the*
16 *reported leak is not hazardous or the utility’s representative completes*
17 *actions to mitigate a hazardous leak and render it as being non-hazardous*
18 *(i.e., by shutting-off gas supply, eliminating subsurface leak migration,*
19 *repair, etc.) per the utility’s standards.*

20 The data used to determine the Median Time shall be provided in
21 increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c) as supplemental
22 information, not as a metric.

23 **2. Introduction of Metric**

24 The measurement of TRHC captures the duration of time required to
25 mitigate hazardous gas leak conditions. These leak conditions are
26 associated with the public safety risk of loss of containment on Gas
27 Distribution Main or Service. Performance aims for faster resolution times
28 as a measure of prevention resulting in lower risk of an incident impacting
29 public safety and minimized interruption to the gas business and customers.
30 It is imperative that we promptly and effectively resolve any hazardous
31 conditions on our distribution network while balancing timeliness, customer
32 outages, and employee safety. Long duration blowing gas events have the
33 potential to negatively impact public safety if an ignition source is present, as
34 well as it poses a risk if migration into sub-surface structures occurs.

1 **B. (4.7) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2018 – 2022)**

3 Historical data for TRHC Grade 1 Leaks metric is available for
4 2018-2022. The data captures the time that a qualified first responder
5 requires to respond and stop gas flow due to Grade 1 leaks. This data
6 includes leaks identified in our distribution system and includes all facility
7 types, i.e., customer facilities, service and main pipelines, meters, regulator
8 stations, service risers, valves. It includes leaks identified by Pacific Gas
9 and Electric Company (PG&E) personnel only and with a final resolution of
10 leak repaired.

11 Before 2014, PG&E used a decentralized emergency process to
12 manage emergencies (i.e., each division used its own resources like
13 mappers, planners, among others to track and manage emergencies).
14 Similarly, support organizations like Dispatch, Mapping and Planning used
15 their own management tools to help schedule and manage emergency
16 information. Dispatch used a management tool called Outage Management
17 that recorded times at various stages of the process (i.e., when the
18 emergency call came in, when the Gas Service Representative arrived at
19 the site, when the leak was isolated, etc.). The Distribution Control Room
20 used a tool called Gas Logging System to record incoming information.

21 In 2014, a centralized process was implemented to allow Distribution,
22 Transmission, Dispatch, Planning and Mapping personnel to be co located
23 and work together as a team to manage emergencies. This centralized
24 process also allowed the development of the Event Management Tool
25 (EMT) system which was implemented in 2018.

26 PG&E started tracking gas flow stop times for Grade 1 leaks in 2018
27 although this has not been a mandatory requirement, except when the
28 incident is California Public Utilities Commission or Department of
29 Transportation reportable.

30 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

31 The EMT is currently used as the official system to track gas
32 emergencies from start to finish. The EMT provides access to latest

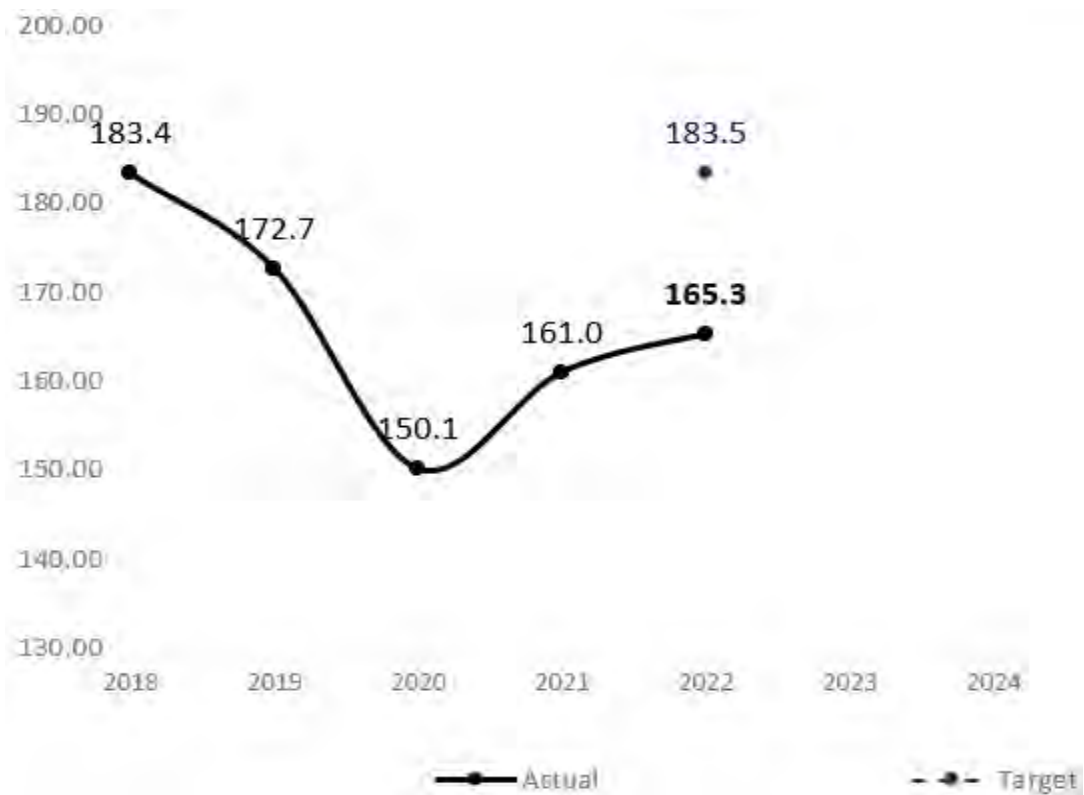
1 information on an incident. All emergency data is consolidated and stored in
2 one place.

3 The EMT is used by Dispatch and Gas Distribution Control Center
4 teams to create emergency events and collect incident information. It also
5 allows us to run reports and retrieve historical information. There are
6 distinct types of incidents recorded in the EMT: explosions, corrosion, cross
7 bore, pipe damage, dig-ins, evacuations, exposed pipe—no gas leak, fires,
8 gas leaks (including Grade 1), high concentration areas, Hi/Lo pressures,
9 material failure, pipe ruptures, vehicle impacts, among others. No
10 transmission events are included in the metric.

11 **3. Metric Performance for Reporting Period**

12 The range of data available to calculate the historical TRHC for Grade 1
13 leaks is from 2018 to 2022. In this timeframe, performance improved
14 significantly, decreasing from 183.4 minutes in 2018 to 165.3 minutes in
15 2022. Comparing 2022 performance to 2021, the median time increased
16 from 161.0 to 165.3 minutes. The fluctuations during the 2018 to 2022
17 period appear to be due to random variability without any clear operational
18 significance.

**FIGURE 4.7-1
TIME TO RESOLVE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2018-2022**



1 **C. (4.7) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and-5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 The 1- and 5-year targets have been updated to reflect incremental
4 improvement which was conveyed in prior reporting.

5 **2. Target Methodology**

6 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the
7 following factors:

- 8 • Historical Data and Trends: The target is based on the average of the
9 past four years of historical data, plus 10 percent. The past four years
10 were used because 2018 is the first year of available historical data.
11 The use of 10 percent allows for non-significant variability, as well as
12 unknown variability given that this is a new metric that has not been well
13 measured and tracked in the past;
- 14 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 15 • Regulatory Requirements: None;

- 1 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;
- 2 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
- 3 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the past
- 4 four years, plus 10 percent, is a sustainable assumption for maintaining
- 5 the improvement from 2018-2022 time-frame, plus room for
- 6 non-significant variability and other unknown variables; and
- 7 • Other Qualitative Considerations: This is a new metric to PG&E that
- 8 has not yet been closely tracked or well understood.

9 **3. 2023 Target**

10 The 2023 target is to maintain performance at or lower than
11 183.0 minutes based on the factors described above.

12 This target aligns with our commitment to the safe operations of our
13 assets. This target represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a
14 review of potential performance issues. Target should not be interpreted as
15 intention to worsen performance.

16 **4. 2027 Target**

17 The 2027 Target is to maintain performance at or lower than
18 181.0 minutes based on the factors described above along with stepped
19 improvement of 0.5 minutes year-over-year.

20 **D. (4.7) Performance Against Target**

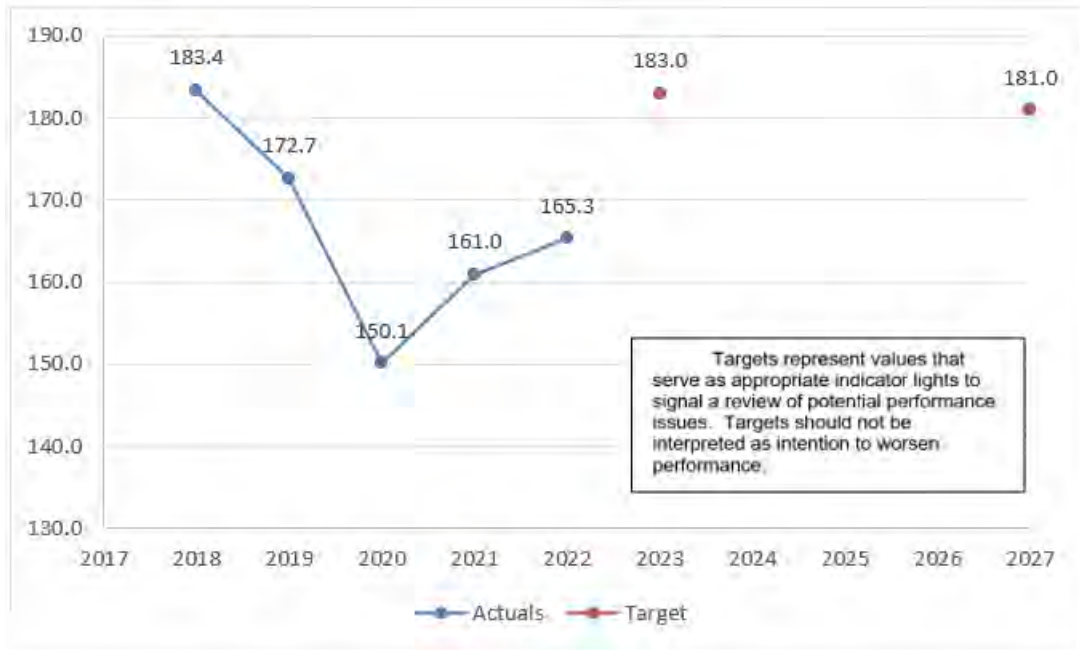
21 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

22 As demonstrated in Figure 4.7-2, PG&E saw a median response time of
23 165.3 minutes in 2022 which is better than the Company's one-year target.

24 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

25 As discussed in Section E, PG&E will continue mitigating the risk of loss of
26 containment on Gas Distribution Mains and Services and employing its
27 various programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward its five-year
28 target.

FIGURE 4.7-2
TIME TO RESOLVE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2018-2022 AND
TARGETS THROUGH 2027



1 **E. (4.7) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 Starting in 2022, PG&E is applying the definition as stated in
3 Decision 21-11-009 to existing data for further visibility. There are on-going
4 efforts in place to ensure traceable and verifiable data. PG&E plans to
5 implement SAP controls to ensure that Field Service and Maintenance and
6 Construction (M&C) personnel are capturing this data at each occurrence. This
7 will drive visibility into the metric to allow for performance management. This
8 metric will continue to mitigate the risk of loss of containment on Gas Distribution
9 Main or Service by reducing distribution pipeline rupture with ignition.

10 The metric is supported by the following programs which focus on improving
11 public safety: Field Services and Gas M&C.

- 12 • Gas Field Service: Field Service responds to gas service requests, which
13 include investigation reports of possible gas leaks, carbon monoxide
14 monitoring, customer requests for starts and stops of gas service, appliance
15 pilot re-lights, appliance safety checks, as well as emergency situations as
16 first responders.
- 17 • Gas M&C: Gas M&C performs routine maintenance of PG&E's gas
18 distribution facilities, which includes emergency response due to dig-ins, as
19 well as leak repairs.

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CHAPTER 5.1

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3 **SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:**
4 **CLEAN ENERGY GOALS COMPLIANCE METRIC**

5 The material updates to this chapter since the September 30, 2022, report can
6 be found in Section A.2 concerning the introduction to the metric; Section B.3
7 concerning metric performance; C.1, C.3, C.4 concerning metric targets; Section D
8 concerning performance against the targets; Section E concerning current and
9 planned work. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (5.1) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12 Safety and Operational Metric 5.1 – Clean Energy Goals Compliance
13 Metric is defined as:

14 *Progress towards Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E)*
15 *procurement obligations as adopted in Decision (D.) 21-06-035,*
16 *D.19-11-016 and any subsequent decision(s) in Rulemaking (R.) 20-05-003,*
17 *or a successor proceeding, updating these requirements.*

18 **2. Introduction to the Clean Energy Goals Compliance Metric**

19 The Clean Energy Goals Compliance Metric (CEG Metric) directs PG&E
20 to report on its progress towards the procurement obligations in the following
21 California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) decisions:

22 (1) D.19-11-016, (2) D.21-06-035, and (3) D.23-02-040 (together, the
23 Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Decisions).¹

24 In November 2019, the Commission issued D.19-11-016 in part to
25 address near-term system reliability concerns beginning in 2021.

26 D.19-11-016 requires incremental procurement of system-level resource
27 adequacy (RA) capacity of 3,300 megawatts (MW) by all
28 Commission-jurisdictional load serving entities (LSE).² In line with state

1 See D.22-02-004 directing PG&E to make progress towards procuring a 95 MW 4-hour energy storage project at the Kern-Lamont substation and a 50 MW 4-hour energy storage project at the Mesa substation, pp. 160-162; Ordering Paragraph (OP) 13 of D.22-02-004 exempts these energy storage projects from the Clean Energy Goals Compliance Metric.

2 D.19-11-016, p. 34.

1 policy goals, the Commission also expressed a preference that LSEs pursue
2 “preferred resources” such as new clean electricity capacity.³ Of the
3 3,300 MW procurement order, PG&E is directed to procure 716.9 MW of RA
4 capacity on behalf of its bundled service customer portfolio with online dates
5 between the years of 2021-2023.⁴

6 D.19-11-016 also allowed each non-investor-owned utility (IOU) LSE an
7 opportunity to “opt-out” of its procurement obligation and required
8 notification to the Commission in February 2020 to exercise this option. On
9 April 15, 2020, the Commission issued a ruling increasing PG&E’s
10 procurement obligation by 48.2 MW, totaling 765.1 MW, to account for LSEs
11 that chose to opt-out of self-providing their required obligation.⁵ Of the
12 765.1 MW total, PG&E is required to procure 765.1 MW with the following
13 online dates: 50 percent (382.6 MW) by August 1, 2021, 25 percent
14 (191.3 MW) by August 1, 2022, and 25 percent (191.3 MW) by August 1,
15 2023.⁶

16 Regarding the 48.2 MW, on July 29, 2022, PG&E filed supplemental
17 Advice Letter (AL) 6654-E-A, discussing the fact that three “opt-out” LSEs
18 ceased serving customers in California. As stated in AL 6654-E-A, PG&E
19 consulted with the Commission’s Energy Division, and it was determined
20 that the total opt-out procurement obligation assigned to these three LSEs is
21 1.2 MW. As set forth in D.22-05-015, in the event of an “LSE bankruptcy, or
22 any other exit from the market,” any associated costs attributable to the
23 opt-out procurement shall be allocated to the traditional cost allocation
24 mechanism (CAM). [On January 12, 2023, the Commission adopted Resolution E-5239 and clarified that the 1.2 MW of procurement that PG&E](#)
25 [conducted on behalf of opt-out LSEs that subsequently ceased serving](#)
26

3 D.19-11-016, Conclusion of Law 22.

4 D.19-11-016, OP 3.

5 See Administrative Law Judge’s Ruling Finalizing Load Forecasts and GHG Benchmarks for Individual 2020 IRP Filings and Assigning Procurement Obligations Pursuant to D.19-11-016, issued on April 15, 2020, p. 11.

6 Due to rounding, numbers presented throughout this chapter may not add up precisely to the totals provided.

1 customers will continue to count towards PG&E's procurement obligation
2 under D.19-11-016.⁷

3 In June 2021, the Commission issued D.21-06-035 to address the
4 mid-term (period of 2023-2026) reliability needs of the electric grid and
5 further achieve the state's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction
6 targets. Accordingly, all of the 11,500 MW of incremental procurement
7 ordered in D.21-06-035 are to be zero-emitting, unless the resource would
8 otherwise qualify under California's Renewables Portfolio Standard eligibility
9 requirements.⁸ Of this total, PG&E is required to procure 2,302 MW with the
10 following online dates: 400 MW by August 1, 2023; 1,201 MW by June 1,
11 2024; 300 MW by June 1, 2025; and 400 MW by June 1, 2026. In addition,
12 D.21-06-035 also required that 900 MW (of PG&E's 2,302 MW) have
13 specific operational characteristics to spur the development of long-duration
14 energy storage, increase the availability of firm clean energy, and serve as
15 replacement capacity for the retiring Diablo Canyon Power Plant.⁹

16 In February 2023, the Commission issued D.23-02-040 to address
17 projected increases in electric demand, increasing impacts of climate
18 change, the likelihood of additional retirements of fossil-fueled generation,
19 and the likelihood that delays beyond 2026 of long-duration energy storage
20 and firm clean energy (collectively, long lead-time resources) required under
21 D.21-06-035 will be necessary. D.23-02-040 requires incremental
22 procurement of system-level RA capacity of 4,000 MW by all
23 Commission-jurisdictional LSEs. Of this total, PG&E is required to procure
24 777 MW with the following online dates: 388 MW by June 1, 2026; and 388
25 MW by June 1, 2027. The decision also revised the online dates of long
26 lead-time resources from June 1, 2026, to June 1, 2028, for all
27 Commission-jurisdictional LSEs.

7 Resolution E-5239, p. 11.

8 D.21-06-035, OP 1.

9 *Id.*, pp. 35-36; See also D.21-06-035, p. 56 requiring PG&E to procure 500 MW of zero-emitting resources by June 1, 2025, and 400 MW of long lead-time resources by June 1, 2026.

1 In aggregate, the total amount of PG&E’s procurement ordered under
 2 the IRP Decisions is 3,844.1 MW with online dates between 2021-2028.
 3 Table 1 outlines PG&E’s procurement obligation for each year.

**TABLE 5.1-1
 PG&E’S TOTAL PROCUREMENT OBLIGATION PURSUANT TO THE IRP DECISIONS
 (PRESENTED AS MW OF NET QUALIFYING CAPACITY (NQC))**

Line No.	Online Date	D.19-11-016	D.21-06-035	D.23-02-040	Total
1	8/1/2021	382.6			382.6
2	8/1/2022	191.3			191.3
3	8/1/2023	191.3	400		591.3
4	6/1/2024		1,201		1,201
5	6/1/2025		300		300
6	6/1/2026			388	388
7	6/1/2027			388	388
8	6/1/2028		400		400
9	Total	765.1	2,302	777	3,844.1

4 **3. Background on Net Qualifying Capacity**

5 For the purpose of assessing whether an LSE’s procurement obligation
 6 has been met in accordance with the IRP Decisions, the Commission uses
 7 capacity counting rules based on the Commission’s RA program and the
 8 results of effective load carrying capability (ELCC) modeling by consultants
 9 E3 and Astrapé.¹⁰ The counting rules are generally expressed as
 10 a percentage that is applied to the nameplate capacity of the procured
 11 resource. For example, a 4-hour energy storage resource with a nameplate
 12 capacity of 100 MW can count 90.7 MW towards an LSE’s 2024 requirement
 13 (100 MW * 90.7 percent ELCC = 90.7 MW of NQC). PG&E’s procurement
 14 progress in this report is presented as MW of NQC based on the applicable
 15 counting rules and guidance provided by the Commission.¹¹

¹⁰ See D.21-06-035, p. 71 and D.23-02-040, pp. 28-29.

¹¹ See the Incremental ELCC Study for Mid-Term Reliability Procurement (January 2023 Update), p. 10 at: https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energy-division/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-plan-irp-ltpp/20230210_irp_e3_astrape_updated_incremental_elcc_study.pdf; See also the Staff Memo on Incremental ELCC to be Used for Mid-Term Reliability Procurement (D.21-06-035) at: https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energy-division/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-plan-irp-ltpp/2023-02-irp_mtr_elccs-public_transmittal_memo_v1.pdf.

1 **B. (5.1) Metric Performance**

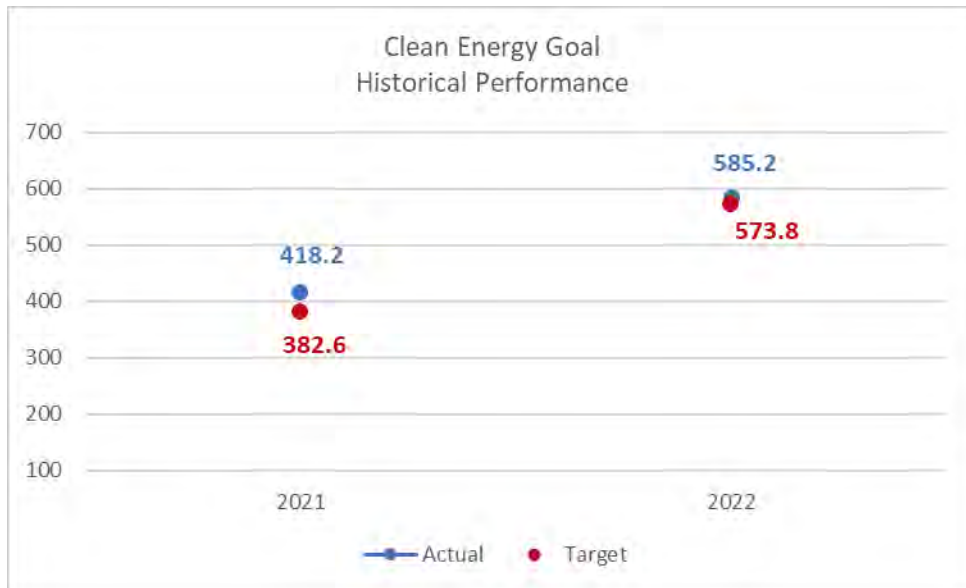
2 **1. Historical Data**

3 Pursuant to the IRP Decisions, procurement obligations began in 2021.
4 The projects pertaining to PG&E’s online date requirements of August 1,
5 2021, and August 1, 2022, have all achieved commercial operation.
6 PG&E’s next online date requirement is for August 1, 2023. However,
7 pursuant to the Commission’s direction to only include historical data
8 through December 31, 2022, in this March 2023 filing, PG&E is not including
9 historical data towards its August 1, 2023, online date requirement that is
10 outside of this timeframe in the historical data table below.¹²

**TABLE 5.1-2
PG&E’S HISTORICAL METRIC PERFORMANCE (MW OF NQC)**

Line No.	Online Date	Total Procurement Obligation	Actual Procured Capacity
1	8/1/2021	382.6	418.2
2	8/1/2022	573.8	585.2

**FIGURE 5.1-1
PG&E’S HISTORICAL METRIC PERFORMANCE (MW OF NQC)**



¹² D.21-11-009, p. 59.

1 PG&E relies upon three main sources of available data to monitor its
2 procurement progress of the IRP Decisions: (1) the baseline list of
3 resources used to establish the procurement targets, (2) Commission rules
4 and guidance on determining the MW of NQC, and (3) PG&E's internal
5 database containing all of its energy procurement contracts approved by the
6 Commission.

- 7 1) Baseline List of Resources: In establishing the procurement targets in
8 the IRP Decisions, the Commission established baseline assumptions of
9 resources available to meet system reliability needs. LSEs must
10 demonstrate that the MW of NQC of the procured resource, new and/or
11 existing, are incremental to the Commission's baseline assumptions.¹³
12 PG&E uses this information to ensure resources are eligible to count
13 towards its procurement obligations.
- 14 2) Commission Rules and Guidance on MW of NQC: As described above,
15 the amount of MW of NQC that can be used to count towards an LSE's
16 procurement obligation is based on the Commission's rules and
17 guidance. PG&E uses this information to determine the amount of MW
18 of NQC that is eligible to count towards its procurement obligations.
- 19 3) PG&E's Internal Database: This database contains PG&E's energy
20 procurement contracts approved by the Commission, including
21 procurement contracts to meet PG&E's procurement obligations under
22 the IRP Decisions. The data contained in this database is consistent
23 with the procurement contracts and respective ALs filed for Commission
24 approval.

¹³ See the Commission's baseline assumptions at: https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energy-division/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-plan-irp-ltpp/20200103_procurement_baseline_list.xlsx (D.19-11-016) and https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energy-division/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-plan-irp-ltpp/d2106035_baseline_gen_list_20220902.xlsx (D.21-06-035).

1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 As described above, PG&E uses the baseline list of resources and the
3 Commission’s rules and guidance on MW of NQC to monitor its
4 procurement progress.¹⁴

5 **3. Metric Performance for Reporting Period**

6 As outlined in Table 5.1-3 below, PG&E has procured sufficient
7 incremental MW of NQC to exceed its procurement obligations pursuant to
8 D.19-11-016 and D.21-06-035.¹⁵ PG&E notes that the Commission stated
9 that procurement:

10 ...amounts [that] are in excess of [an] LSE’s obligation under
11 D.19-11-016...may be counted toward the capacity requirements [in
12 D.21-06-035] if they otherwise qualify.¹⁶

13 Moreover, D.21-06-035 stated that the Commission:

14 ...will allow LSEs to show procurement that they have conducted to
15 support the Commission’s orders or requirements in the context of the
16 RPS program, as well as for emergency reliability purposes in
17 R.20-11-003, as compliance toward the requirements herein.¹⁷

18 Accordingly, PG&E estimates that approximately 262 MW of NQC of its
19 procurement from both D.19-11-016 and R.20-11-003 that have been
20 approved by the Commission may be applied towards its procurement
21 obligations under D.21-06-035.¹⁸

22 On January 21, 2022, PG&E filed AL 6477-E requesting Commission
23 approval of nine agreements resulting from PG&E’s Mid-Term Reliability
24 Phase 1 solicitation to meet its procurement obligations under D.21-06-035.
25 These agreements total 1,434 MW of NQC and have been approved by the
26 Commission.¹⁹ *Subsequently, unprecedented market upheavals affected*

14 See the information maintained by the Commission at:
<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/electrical-energy/electric-power-procurement/long-term-procurement-planning/more-information-on-authorizing-procurement/irp-procurement-track>.

15 PG&E’s AL 5826-E, 6033-E, 6289-E, and 6477-E.

16 D.21-06-035, p. 80.

17 *Id.*

18 PG&E’s AL 6289-E.

19 On April 21, 2022, the Commission adopted Resolution E-5202 approving the nine agreements without modification as filed in PG&E’s AL 6477-E.

1 the economics of several of the projects comprising of these nine
2 agreements.²⁰ PG&E negotiated four amendments which it submitted for
3 Commission approval on September 23, 2022. The Commission approved
4 these amendments on December 1, 2022.²¹

5 On January 13, 2023, PG&E filed AL 6825-E, and on February 14,
6 2023, PG&E filed AL 6861-E, requesting Commission approval of three
7 additional agreements resulting from PG&E's Mid-Term Reliability Phase 2
8 solicitation to further meet its procurement obligations under D.21-06-035.
9 Commission approval of these three additional agreements is pending.²²

10 Collectively, and as outlined in Table 5.1-3 below, PG&E has made
11 steady progress towards achieving its procurement obligations under
12 D.21-06-035. As stated above, D.21-06-035 requires that 900 MW of NQC
13 (of PG&E's 2,302 MW of NQC) have specific operational characteristics.
14 Specifically, PG&E is directed to procure 500 MW of NQC of firm
15 zero-emitting resources by June 1, 2025, and 400 MW of NQC of long
16 lead-time resources by June 1, 2028.²³ PG&E also issued its Mid-Term
17 Reliability Phase 3 solicitation on February 7, 2023, seeking to further satisfy
18 its procurement obligation under D.21-06-035.²⁴

19 C. (5.1) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

20 1. Updates to 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target Since Last Report

21 The 1-year target has been updated to reflect PG&E's required
22 procurement for 2023 under the IRP Decisions which is to procure 1,165
23 MW of NQC by August 1, 2023, as outlined in Table 5.1-1. The 5-year

²⁰ For example, on July 20, 2022, PG&E filed AL 6658-E, requesting approval of contract amendments for the AMCOR and the North Central Valley projects after each developer described external barriers to completing their projects in line with their existing contract obligations.

²¹ PG&E's AL 6711-E.

²² PG&E's AL 6825-E and AL 6861-E.

²³ The long lead-time (LLT) resources are comprised of: (1) firm zero-emitting generation with a capacity factor of at least 80 percent and (2) long-duration storage resources defined as having at least eight hours of duration.

²⁴ See PG&E's Mid-Term Reliability Request for Offers Phase 3 Solicitation Protocol at https://www.pge.com/en_US/for-our-business-partners/energy-supply/electric-rfo/wholesale-electric-power-procurement/midtermrfo-phasethree.page?WT.mc_id=Vanity_rfo-midtermrfo-phasethree.

1 target has also been updated to reflect PG&E’s new procurement
2 requirements, as outlined in the Commission’s recent decision –
3 D.23-02-040 – issued in February 2023.²⁵ The new 5-year target for 2027
4 is to procure 3,444.1 MW of NQC by June 1, 2027, as is also summarized in
5 Table 5.1-1.

6 **2. Target Methodology**

7 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the
8 following factors:

- 9 • Historical Data and Trends: One year of historical data;
- 10 • Benchmarking: Not applicable;
- 11 • Regulatory Requirements: The targets are set to match the cumulative
12 procurement obligations set forth in the IRP Decisions;
- 13 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;
- 14 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
15 Enforcement: Yes; and
- 16 • Other Considerations:
 - 17 – The target approach was established to meet the Commission’s
18 current procurement obligations. PG&E’s procurement obligation
19 may increase if other LSEs fail to meet their procurement
20 obligations and PG&E is required to procure on their behalf;²⁶ and
 - 21 – The ability for procured capacity to actually come online by
22 established contractual online dates can be impacted by external
23 factors, as has occurred recently due to impacts of the COVID-19
24 pandemic, supply chain disruptions and the Department of
25 Commerce’s investigation into potential solar module tariff
26 circumvention.²⁷

²⁵ D.23-02-040, p.31.

²⁶ D.19-11-016, p. 67.

²⁷ Erne, David, Mark Kootstra. 2023. Final Draft Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant Extension – CEC Analysis of Need to Support Reliability. California Energy Commission. Publication Number: CEC-200-2023-004.

1 **3. 2023 Target**

2 The 1-year target for the CEG Metric is to procure an incremental 1,165
3 MW of NQC with online dates by August 1, 2023, which is equal to the
4 cumulative procurement obligations for 2021, 2022 and 2023 as outlined in
5 Table 5.1-1.

6 **4. 2027 Target**

7 The 5-year target for the CEG Metric is to procure an incremental
8 3,444.1 MW of NQC with online dates by June 1, 2027, which is equal to the
9 cumulative procurement obligations for 2021-2027 as outlined in
10 Table 5.1-1. The IRP Decisions continue to allow for the possibility of PG&E
11 to be ordered by the Commission to perform backstop procurement on
12 behalf of non-IOU LSEs, which could increase the 5-year target in the future.
13 PG&E is not making any assumptions on this specific item and is continuing
14 to set its 5-year target for 2027 to be the cumulative procurement of 3,444.1
15 MW of NQC from incremental resources, as updated in D.23-02-040.
16 Importantly, D.23-02-040 established a new online date of June 1, 2028, for
17 LLT resources and, as such, the 400 MW of this category previously ordered
18 to come online in 2026 is now updated to 2028.

19 **D. (5.1) Performance Against Target**

20 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

21 PG&E has 16 approved contracts to count towards the 1-year target,
22 totaling 1,393 MW of nameplate capacity, of which 1,353 MW of NQC is
23 eligible to count towards the 1-year target of 1,165 MW.²⁸

24 Counterparties have cited ongoing supply chain disruptions,
25 interconnection delays, and permitting delays as impacting project

²⁸ On May 18, 2020, PG&E filed AL 5826-E requesting Commission approval of seven agreements to meet its procurement targets under D.19-11-016. On December 22, 2020, PG&E filed AL 6033-E requesting Commission approval of six additional agreements to meet its procurement targets under D.19-11-016. The Commission approved these ALs in Res. E-5100 (August 27, 2020) and Res. E-5140 (April 15, 2021), respectively. On August 6, 2021, PG&E filed AL 6289 E requesting Commission approval of four agreements to meet procurement targets from R.20-11-003. The Commission approved these agreements in a non-standard disposition letter on August 26, 2021. On January 21, 2022, PG&E filed AL 6477-E requesting Commission approval of nine agreements to meet its procurement targets under D.21-06-035. The Commission approved this AL in Res. E-5202 on April 21, 2022.

1 development schedules and their ability to meet contractual online dates.²⁹
2 PG&E also notes two contract terminations: 1) Nexus Renewables U.S. Inc.
3 Energy Storage, which was a 27 MW project, and 2) Pomona Energy
4 Storage 2 LLC, which was a 10 MW project. Importantly, these contract
5 terminations will not impact PG&E’s ability to meet its 1-year target of 1,165
6 MW of NQC in 2023.

7 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

8 PG&E has 24 approved contracts to count towards the 5-year target,
9 totaling 2,592 MW of nameplate capacity, of which 2,428 MW of NQC is
10 eligible to count towards the 5-year target. Of note, PG&E has yet to
11 procure contracts for 900 MW of NQC with specific operational
12 characteristics and the recently adopted Commission decision for
13 supplemental mid-term procurement as outlined above.

14 PG&E reiterates, and as outlined above, that developers and LSEs have
15 experienced significant increases in component prices, continued supply
16 chain constraints, and industry-wide inflation on total project costs that have
17 hindered the ability for developers to bring projects online by their
18 contractual online dates.³⁰ In recognition of these challenges, the
19 Commission has provided mitigation tools in D.23-02-040 for LSEs to
20 continue making progress towards their procurement obligations to ensure
21 system reliability in the mid-term. These mitigation tools include extending
22 the online date of long lead-time resources from 2026 to 2028 for all LSEs
23 and allowing the use of import energy to serve as a bridge resource for up to
24 three years.³¹ PG&E will continue to work with developers and the
25 Commission to address the challenges noted above in order to meet the

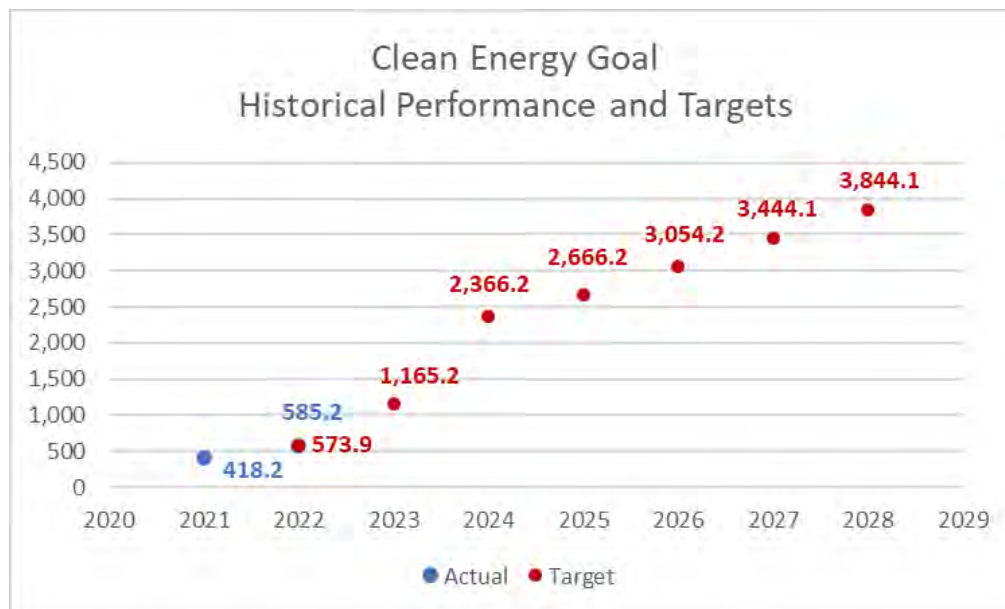
²⁹ As of December 2022, all projects eligible to count towards the prior year’s 1-year target (2022) achieved commercial operations; See also Erne, David, Mark Kootstra. 2023. Final Draft Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant Extension – CEC Analysis of Need to Support Reliability. California Energy Commission. Publication Number: CEC-200-2023-004.

³⁰ Erne, David, Mark Kootstra. 2023. Final Draft Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant Extension – CEC Analysis of Need to Support Reliability. California Energy Commission. Publication Number: CEC-200-2023-004.

³¹ D.23-02-040, Conclusions of Law 7 and 12.

1 current 5-year target, and any additional procurement requirements in
2 support of the state’s reliability needs.

FIGURE 5.1-2
PG&E’S CLEAN ENERGY GOAL HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS (MW OF NQC)



3 **E. (5.1) Current and Planned Work Activities**

4 Below is a summary description of the key activities that are tied to
5 performance and their description of that tie.

- 6 • Solicitation: As noted above, PG&E launched its Mid-Term Reliability
7 Phase 2 and Phase 3 solicitations in April 2022 and February 2023,
8 respectively, seeking to satisfy its remaining procurement obligations under
9 the IRP Decisions, specifically to procure 500 MW of NQC of zero-emitting
10 resources by June 1, 2025, and 400 MW of NQC of LLT resources by
11 June 1, 2028. These solicitations are scheduled for completion in 2023.
- 12 • Supplemental Procurement Order: As described earlier, on February 23,
13 2023, the Commission issued D.23-02-040 increasing PG&E’s procurement
14 requirements through 2028. Accordingly, PG&E plans to incorporate the
15 newly-issued procurement order into its current and planned work activities.

**TABLE 5.1-3
PROGRESS TOWARDS PG&E'S CUMULATIVE PROCUREMENT OBLIGATION,
PURSUANT TO THE IRP DECISIONS (PRESENTED AS MW OF NQC)**

Line No.	Description	8/1/2023	6/1/2024	6/1/2025	6/1/2026	6/1/2027	6/1/2028
1	<u>D.19-11-016 – Total Procurement Obligation</u>						
2	Total Procurement Obligation	765.1					
3	Incremental NQC Procured by PG&E ^(a)	<u>778.2</u>					
4	Excess/(Remaining)	13.1 ^(b)					
5	<u>D.21-06-035 – Total Procurement Obligation</u>						
6	Total Procurement Obligation	400	1,601				
7	Incremental NQC Procured by PG&E	<u>587.7</u>	<u>1,601</u>				
8	Excess/(Remaining)	187.7 ^(c)	–				
9	<u>D.21-06-035 – Zero-Emitting Resources</u>						
10	Zero-Emitting Resources			500			
11	Incremental NQC Procured by PG&E			<u>–</u>			
12	Excess/(Remaining)			(500)			
13	<u>D.21-06-035 – LLT Resources</u>						
14	LLT Resources						400
15	Incremental NQC Procured by PG&E						<u>–</u>
16	Excess/(Remaining)						(400)
17	<u>D.23-02-040 – Total Procurement Obligation</u>						
18	Total Procurement Obligation				388	777	
19	Incremental NQC Procured by PG&E				<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	
20	Excess/(Remaining)				(388)	(777)	

(a) PG&E is required to procure 765.1 MW with the following online dates: 50 percent (382.6 MW) by August 1, 2021, 25 percent (191.3 MW) by August 1, 2022, and 25 percent (191.3 MW) by August 1, 2023. For purposes of brevity, PG&E is only displaying the cumulative targets. The procurement progress for 2021 and 2022 can be found in Table 5.1-2. The excess capacity from 2021 and 2022 will be counted towards the 2023 target.

(b) The excess capacity from D.19-11-016 will be counted towards the D.21-06-035 target.

(c) The excess capacity from 2023 will be counted towards the 2024 target.

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2 **CHAPTER 6.1**
3 **SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:**
4 **QUALITY OF SERVICE**

5 The material updates to this chapter since the September 30, 2022, report can
6 be found in Section B.1, B.3 concerning metric performance; C.1, C.3, C.4
7 concerning metric targets; and Section D concerning performance against target.
8 Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9 **A. (6.1) Overview**

10 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 6.1 – The Quality of Service Metric
11 which is defined as:

12 *The Average Speed of Answer (ASA) for Emergencies metric is a safety*
13 *measure related to multiple risks, as well as quality of service and management*
14 *measure, and is defined as follows: ASA in seconds for Emergencies calls*
15 *handled in Contact Center Operations (CCO).¹ The metric is calculated daily for*
16 *weekly, monthly, and yearly reporting.*

17 **1. Introduction of Metric**

18 A call is classified as an emergency when a caller selects the option of
19 an emergency or hazard situation through the Interactive Voice Response
20 (IVR) system. Once this option is selected the call is routed to an agent to
21 receive the highest priority attention possible.

22 Not only is Emergency ASA a quality measurement of how efficiently we
23 are able to answer customers calling us to report an emergency, but it is
24 also a safety measurement. Answering the call is the first step ensuring the
25 customer is safe.

26 The metric is calculated by determining the average amount of time it
27 took to connect customers to a service representative for calls where the
28 customer identifies via IVR that they are calling to report a hazardous or
29 emergency situation, such as a suspected natural gas leak or downed
30 power line.

1 D.21-11-019, Appendix A, p. 12.

1 **2. Background**

2 On an annual basis, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) handles
3 between 5 to 6 million customer calls. Between 2017 and 2021,
4 emergency-related calls averaged nine percent of total call volume;
5 however, in the 2020 and 2021 years, emergencies calls have increased
6 due to weather-related storms events, rotating outages, Public Safety
7 Shutoffs (PSPS), and Enhanced Power Safety Settings (EPSS). In 2020
8 and 2021 emergency calls handled were 10 percent and 11 percent of total
9 call volume, respectively.

10 Historically, PG&E has been able to successfully manage staffing needs
11 to ensure emergency calls are answered quickly. The metric and
12 associated targets are designed to maintain our performance.

13 **B. (6.1) Metric Performance**

14 **1. Historical Data (2015 – 2022)**

15 PG&E has eight years of historical data representing 2015-2022 to
16 include the total emergency calls handled and ASA by month.

17 The historical data for this metric provided with this report provides total
18 emergency calls handled and the ASA performance by month and year.

19 PG&E is amending several months and end of year actuals from 2015 to
20 2018 due to rounding by Microsoft’s Management Studio. The changes
21 were an increase of 1 second each. Please see historical data file for
22 details: [21-11-009.PGE_SOM_6-1_Quality_of_Service_2015-2022](#)

23 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

24 The performance data is gathered from PG&E’s telephony system,
25 Cisco Unified Contact Center Enterprise (UCCE). The data includes the
26 number of emergency calls handled and the total wait times (in seconds).
27 Data is compiled each day for daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly reporting.

28 Historical data is collected using Microsoft’s Management Studio
29 application via a Structured Query Language (SQL) server owned by the
30 Workforce Management Reporting team.

31 The data is gathered by extracting summarized data for emergency
32 specific call types. The call types are created by the Workforce

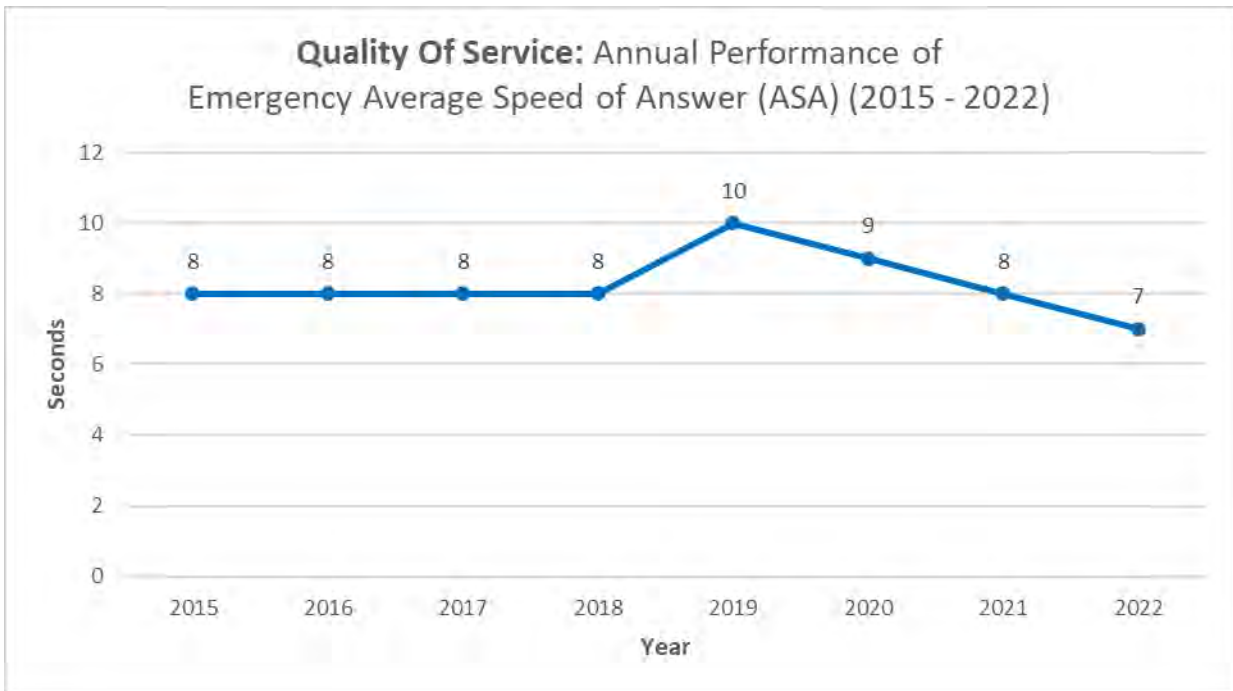
1 Management Routing Team, to categorize the types of calls that are
2 entering the phone system, Cisco UCCE.

3 PG&E began archiving historical call data in 2015 once it was identified
4 that Cisco UCCE system was truncating historical data as it was running out
5 of storage.

6 **3. Metric Performance for Reporting Period**

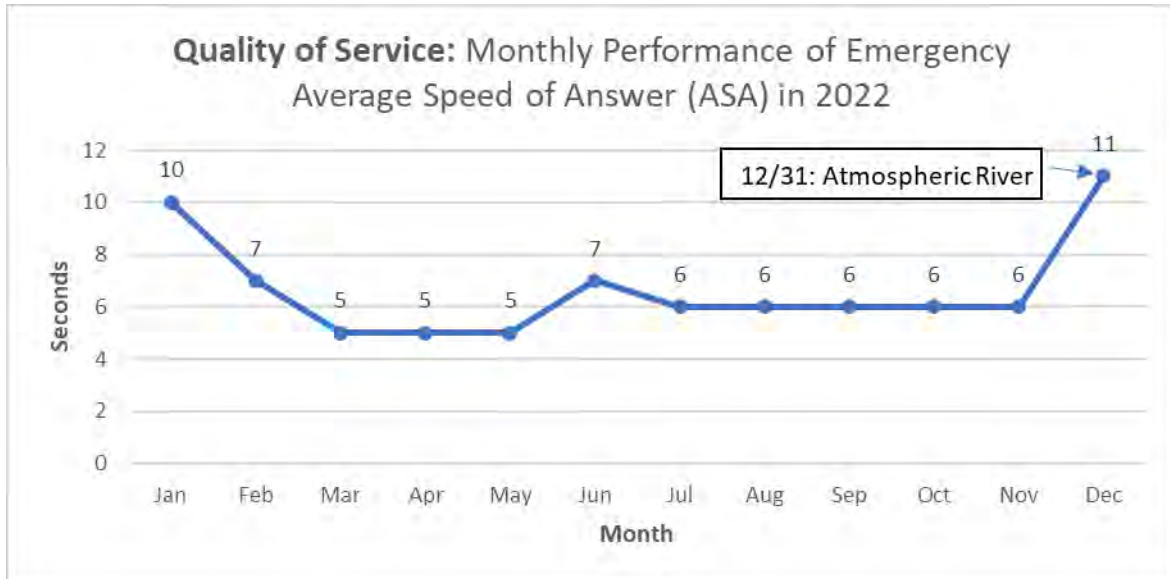
7 Between 2015 and 2022, the performance of Emergency ASA ranged
8 between seven and 10 seconds, with a median performance of
9 eight seconds (see Figure 6.1-1). In 2019, PG&E's call handle time was
10 highest (10 seconds) primarily due to the increased scope of PSPS events,
11 and the website failure, in the fall of 2019.

FIGURE 6.1-1
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF EMERGENCY ASA BETWEEN 2015 AND 2022



12 In 2022, the Emergency ASA performance was seven seconds.
13 Throughout the year, monthly performance ranged between five seconds
14 and eleven seconds (see Figure 6.1-2). The primary drivers to the
15 performance were based on unanticipated incidents (e.g., weather incidents
16 impacting power outages, unplanned power outages) and call center
17 representative staffing availability.

**FIGURE 6.1-2
MONTHLY PERFORMANCE OF EMERGENCY ASA IN 2022**



1 **C. (6.1) 1 Year Target and 5 Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 *There are no changes to the 1- or 5-year targets.*

4 **2. Target Methodology**

5 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the
6 following factors:

- 7 • Historical Data and Trends: The target is based on the average of years
8 2015 to 2019 historical data. These years were utilized as they are
9 most consistent with current operational practices, including the
10 expansion of PSPS, EPSS, and Rotating outage programs. The
11 average of this period is used as a reasonable indicator for sustaining
12 and maintaining the performance going forward;
- 13 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 14 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 15 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes, performance at or
16 below the set target is sustainable; and
- 17 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

1 **3. 2023 Target**

2 The 2022 target is at 15 seconds for the year to maintain performance
3 based on the factors described above.

4 **4. 2027 Target**

5 The 2027 target is 15 seconds for the year to maintain performance
6 based on the factors described above.

7 **D. (6.1) Performance Against Target**

8 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

9 As demonstrated in figure 6.1-2 above, PG&E saw an average
10 performance of 7 seconds a month for 2022, which is consistent with the
11 Company's 1-year target.

12 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

13 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has implemented a number of
14 processes to maintain longer-term performance of this metric to meet the
15 Company's 5-year target.

16 **E. (6.1) Current and Planned Work Activities**

17 The performance of this metric is significantly driven by Contact Center
18 Representative resourcing. The CCO are staffed to handle forecasted volume
19 based on historical trends. As staffing needs change due to upcoming events
20 (e.g., PSPS, weather impacts, storm, or heat-related outages) overtime is
21 offered and planned in advance to increase staffing needs. Mandatory overtime
22 (employees are required to stay on shift) and Emergency overtime (PG&E's
23 Workforce Management team will send out notifications to offer Emergency
24 overtime to employees currently not on shift) are available options during
25 same-day operations to support additional staffing needs. PG&E is forecasting
26 to maintain the current level of staffing for 2023-2026.

27 Additionally, providing customers upfront messages of extended wait times
28 via IVR can be used to set expectations and advise customers to call back
29 unless there is an emergency.