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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 fourth such report and covers the period from January 1 to June 30, 2023. The report is provided as Attachment 1.

To assist in the review of this fourth 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



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1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
2 **CHAPTER 1**  
3 **INTRODUCTION**

4 For this report, Pacific Gas and Electric Company is identifying material changes  
5 from the April 3, 2023, report in blue font. The material updates to this chapter can  
6 be found in Section D concerning performance against target.

7 **A. Introduction**

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

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

22 PG&E has approached each SOM on a metric-by-metric basis. More  
23 specifically, PG&E evaluated our historical and current year (through Q2 2023)  
24 performance and available benchmarking data, and established objectives that  
25 align with our commitment to safety. For example, a metric where PG&E  
26 already performs in the first quartile may not demand dramatic improvement but  
27 could require consistent monitoring to ensure that performance remains at  
28 acceptable levels. For metrics that include Major Event Days (MED), PG&E will  
29 use the information to help ensure that our infrastructure is adaptable to an  
30 environment rapidly changing due to climate change. For some metrics, the  
31 Company has found opportunity to continue to drive safety performance through  
32 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](mailto: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;<sup>1</sup>
- 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

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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.<sup>2</sup>

4 This report outlines PG&E’s January – June 2023 performance and is  
5 organized into 32 individual metric chapters as defined in Attachment A of  
6 D.21-11-009. Each chapter provides discussion on performance and progress  
7 against 1- and 5-year 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.

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<sup>2</sup> 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. The details for  
 10 each metric can be found in each of the metric report chapters that follow.

**TABLE 1-1  
 SUMMARY OF JAN - JUNE 2023 METRIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS**

#	Metric	Jan – June 2023 Performance	2023 Target	2027 Target
<b>Safety</b>				
1.1	Rate of Serious Injury or Fatality (SIF) Actual (Employee)	Rate: 0.052	Rate: 0.070	Rate: 0.060
1.2	Rate of SIF Actual (Contractor)	Rate: 0.118	Rate: 0.100	Rate: 0.100
1.3	SIF Actual (Public)	Confirmed: 0 Pending: 2	0	0
<b>Reliability</b>				
2.1	System Average Interruption Duration (Unplanned)	1.62 hrs.	3.45 – 5.34 hrs.	3.45 – 5.34 hrs.
2.2	System Average Interruption Frequency (Unplanned)	0.595 hrs.	1.426 – 2.205 hrs.	1.426 – 2.205 hrs.
2.3	System Average Outages due to Vegetation and Equipment Damage in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas	610 outages due to 19 MEDs	Maintain	Maintain
2.4	System Average Outages due to Vegetation and Equipment Damage in HFTD Areas (Non-MEDs)	750 CESO	Range: 1,523 – 1,980 CESO	Range: 1,523 – 1,980 CESO

**TABLE 1-1  
SUMMARY OF JAN – JUNE 2023 METRIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS  
(CONTINUED)**

#	Metric	Jan – June 2023 Performance	2023 Target	2027 Target
<b>Electric</b>				
3.1	Wires Down MED in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	10.26 wire down events due to 19 MEDs	Maintain/66.02	Maintain/66.02
3.2	Wires Down Non-MED in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	12.97 WD events/1,000 mi.	41.36	38.15
3.3	Wires Down MED in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	8.092 WD due to 19 MEDs	Maintain/8.433	Maintain/8.433
3.4	Wires Down Non-MED in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	1.287	≤4.400	≤4.440
3.5	Wires Down Red Flag Warning Days in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	0 WD due to 0 RFW Days	Maintain/0.00058	Maintain/0.00058
3.6	Wires Down Red Flag Warning Days in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	0 WD due to 0 RFW Days	Maintain	Maintain
<b>Patrols and Inspections</b>				
3.7	Missed Overhead Distribution Patrols in HFTD Areas	0.09%	0.0% – 0.04%	0.0% – 0.02%
3.8	Missed Overhead Distribution Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas	0.00%	0.0% – 0.04%	0.0% – 0.02%
3.9	Missed Overhead Transmission Patrols in HFTD Areas	0.00%	0.0% – 0.04%	0.0% – 0.02%
3.10	Missed Overhead Transmission Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas	0.00%	0.0% – 0.04%	0.0% – 0.02%
3.11	GO-95 Corrective Actions in HFTDs	65.3%	69.0%	80%
3.12	Electric Emergency Response Time	Average: 34 min  Median: 31 min	Average: 44 min  Median: 43 min	Average: 44 min  Median: 43 min

**TABLE 1-1  
SUMMARY OF JAN – JUNE 2023 METRIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS  
(CONTINUED)**

<b>Ignitions and Wildfire</b>				
3.13	Number of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	22 ignitions	Range: 82 – 94	Range: 82 – 94
3.14	Percentage of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	0.88/1k circuit miles	Range: 3.24 – 3.72	Range: 3.24 – 3.72
3.15	Number of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	2 ignitions	Range: 0 – 10	Range: 0 – 10
3.16	Percentage of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	0.37/1k circuit miles	0 – 1.75	0 – 1.75
<b>Gas</b>				
4.1	Number of Gas Dig-Ins per 1000 USA tickets on Transmission and Distribution pipelines	1.35	≤2.21	≤2.21
4.2	Number of Overpressure Events	5	≤11	≤9
4.3	Time to Respond On-Site to Emergency Notification	Average: 20.1 Median: 18.5	Average: ≤21.5 Median: ≤19.8	Average: ≤21.1 Median: ≤19.4
4.4	Gas Shut-In Times, Mains	80	≤84.9	≤82.9
4.5	Gas Shut-In Times, Services	35.1	≤40.2	≤39.4
4.6	Uncontrolled Release of Gas on Transmission Pipelines	661	≤3,510	≤3,370
4.7	Time to Resolve Hazardous Conditions	144	≤183.	≤181
<b>Clean Energy</b>				
5.1	Clean Energy Goals Compliance Metric	N/A	≥1165 MW	≥3443 MW
<b>Quality of Service</b>				
6.1	Quality of Service Metric	8 sec	15 sec	15 sec

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**CHAPTER 1.1**  
**RATE OF SIF ACTUAL**  
**(EMPLOYEE)**

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4   **RATE OF SIF ACTUAL**  
5   **(EMPLOYEE)**

6           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
7           in Section A, Introduction of Metric; B concerning metric performance; Section D  
8           concerning performance against target, and Section E concerning current and  
9           planned work. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (1.1) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

19 **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

28           As defined by Decision (D.) 21-11-009, the SIF Actual (Employee) SOM  
29           calculation is new in application to PG&E’s existing injury and SIF dataset.  
30           The data were analyzed and reported under this definition beginning with  
31           the first report submitted in March of 2022.

32           The EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria are updated annually based on  
33           additional learnings from injury classification to provide further clarification or  
34           criteria for the following year. [PG&E is using the 2023 OS&HC serious](#)

1 injury criteria found in Appendix 7 of the EEI Safety Classification and  
2 Learning Model guidance.<sup>1</sup> The criteria include:

- 3 1) Fatalities;
- 4 2) Amputations (involving bone);
- 5 3) Concussions and/or cerebral hemorrhages;
- 6 4) Injury or trauma to internal organs;
- 7 5) Bone fractures (certain types);
- 8 6) Complete tendon, ligament, and cartilage tears of the major joints  
9 (e.g., shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle).
- 10 7) Herniated disks (neck or back);
- 11 8) Lacerations resulting in severed tendons and/or a deep wound requiring  
12 internal stitches;
- 13 9) Second- (10 percent body surface) or third-degree burns;
- 14 10) Eye injuries resulting in eye damage or loss of vision;
- 15 11) Injections of foreign materials (e.g., hydraulic fluid);
- 16 12) Severe heat exhaustion and all heat stroke cases;
- 17 13) Dislocation of a major joint (shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle);  
18 and  
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. This  
25 program was established to create consistency and guidance in classifying  
26 and evaluating serious safety incidents for all employees and contractors.  
27 The goal of PG&E's SIF Program is to reduce the number and severity of  
28 safety incidents that result in a SIF. The program objective is to learn from  
29 prior safety incidents by performing cause evaluations on each SIF Actual  
30 (SIF-A) and SIF Potential (SIF-P) incident, implementing corrective actions,  
31 and sharing key findings across the enterprise.

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<sup>1</sup> EEI Safety Classification and Learning (SCL) model guidance. Serious Injury criteria are located in Appendix 7. [SCL model guidance](#).

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

17 The rate of SIF-A (Employee) SOM definition is based on the EEI  
18 OS&HC serious injury criteria,<sup>10</sup> which is different than the EEI SCL Model.  
19 It is suggested by EEI to use the OS&HC criteria in conjunction with the EEI  
20 SCL model. Therefore, using only the OS&HC serious injury criteria creates

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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 Safety Classification and Learning \(SCL\) model guidance. Serious Injury criteria are located in Appendix 7. SCL model guidance.](#)

1 a different result in SIF-A classification from the expectation of using the EEI  
2 SCL model that includes high energy incidents.

### 3 **B. (1.1) Metric Performance**

#### 4 **1. Historical Data (2017 – Q2 2023)**

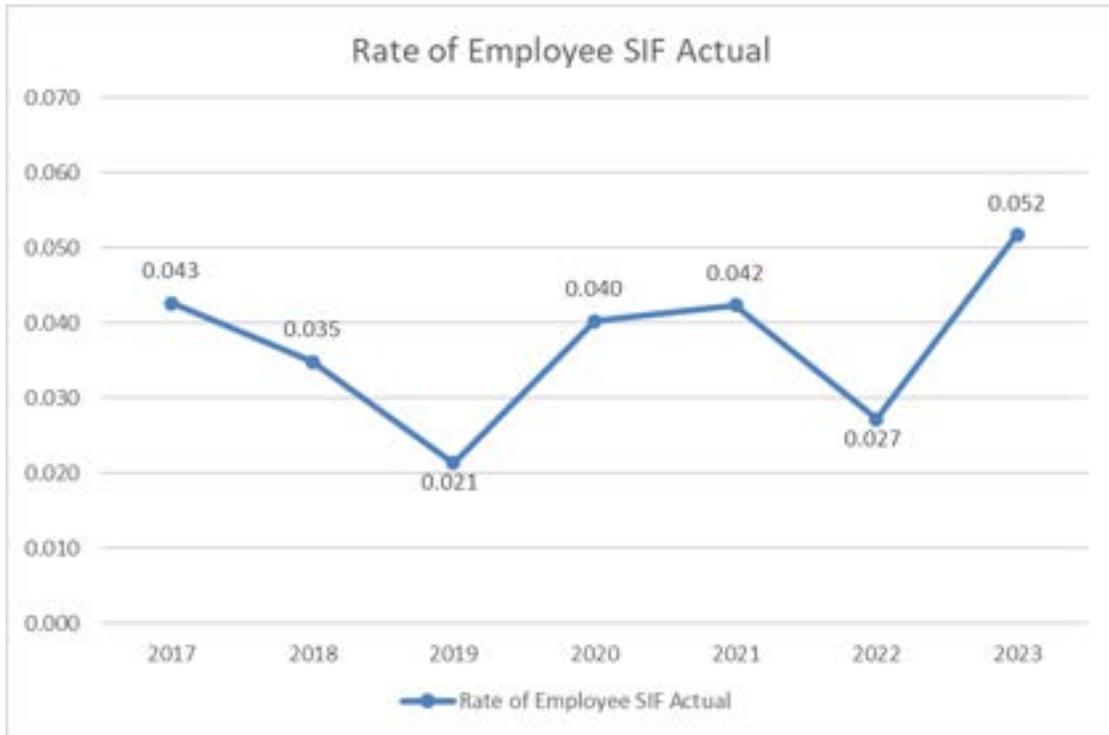
5 PG&E is including historical data for the years 2017 through Q2 2023<sup>11</sup>  
6 in this report. This timeframe is consistent with the implementation of  
7 PG&E's SIF Program. The dataset includes injury type, incident date,  
8 location, and EEI OS&HC injury classification. See accompanying metric  
9 data file (21-11-009.PGE\_SOM\_1-1\_Employee\_SIF\_A\_Q2\_2023) for the  
10 Employee SIF-A SOM list of incidents.

11 Figure 1.1-1 illustrates the rate of employee injuries by year from 2017  
12 through the second quarter of 2023. From 2017 through the second quarter  
13 of 2023 there are a total of 52 injuries that met the EEI OS&HC serious  
14 injury criteria. 56 percent of the injuries met the criteria of bone fracture,  
15 including of the hands and feet. Six of the incidents were fatalities, one  
16 involved a violent act of a third party, three involved operations of motor  
17 vehicles, one involved a pipeline drying (pigging) line of fire incident, and  
18 one involved a tire changing incident.

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<sup>11</sup> 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  
8                referrals. 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 Q2 2023 to determine  
16                if any met one of the 14 EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria as summarized

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

### 8 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

9 For the first half of 2023, bone fractures continue to be the leading  
10 cause of injuries at 43 percent (3 of 7). These included bone fractures of the  
11 ankle, leg, and chest. On January 31, 2023, a Vegetation Management  
12 inspector was fatally injured while changing a tire when the fender  
13 connection where the jack was placed failed.

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

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

16 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
17 last SOMs report filing. Based on historical performance, the 2023 target for  
18 rate of SIF-A (Employee) is to remain below a rate of 0.070, which  
19 represents the second to third quartile threshold (see Figure 1.1-2 below).  
20 The target for 2024 through 2027 is to remain below a rate of 0.060, which is  
21 0.010 below the second to third quartile threshold (Figure 1.1-2). As  
22 previously discussed, this metric calculation is new to PG&E and we are  
23 continuing to monitor the metric's trend and the appropriateness of the  
24 targets.

### 25 **2. Target Methodology**

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

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

- 1 • Benchmarking: In July 2022, PG&E met with EEI leadership and  
2 confirmed that OS&HC serious injury criteria benchmarking is available  
3 for the metric going back to 2017. PG&E used the prior years'  
4 benchmarking data from EEI and compared it to PG&E's performance  
5 going back to 2017. Between 2017 and 2020, PG&E hovered between  
6 the top of 1st quartile and low 2nd quartile. In 2021, PG&E ended the  
7 year in 2nd quartile, 1/100th of a point above the 1st quartile  
8 performance. PG&E's performance for the first half of 2023 is between  
9 the 1st quartile and 2<sup>nd</sup> quartile.
- 10 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 11 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes. The main focus  
12 for driving down injuries is noted below in planned/future work related to  
13 Days Away, Restricted and Transferred (DART) reduction;
- 14 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators: While the performance at or below  
15 the target threshold is sustainable, the more appropriate metric is to  
16 focus on injuries resulting from a high energy incident, which is  
17 consistent with both industry SIF-A monitoring and the SPM; and
- 18 • Other Qualitative Considerations: This target threshold approach was  
19 established to account for all job-related tasks with the potential to  
20 cause injury as defined by the EEI OS&HC criteria.

### 21 **3. 2023 and 2027 Target**

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

1           As discussed in C.1. above, PG&E has modified it's 2023-2027 target  
2 thresholds to be in line with now known available benchmark data from EEI.  
3 Thus, the target thresholds for 2023-2027 have been modified to stay below  
4 the second and third quartile thresholds.

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

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

7           As demonstrated in Figure 1.1-2 below, PG&E saw a decrease in the  
8 Employee SIF Actual rate from 0.046 in 2021 to 0.027 by the end of 2022.  
9 For the first six months of 2023, the Employee SIF Actual rate is trending  
10 upward, but remains below the 2023 target of 0.070.

11           SIF investigations have been completed or are underway for the  
12 incidents including any needed corrective actions and we are continuing to  
13 monitor this trend. In addition, PG&E is implementing the SIF Capacity &  
14 Learning model as described in section E below.

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

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

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



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

- SIF Capacity & Learning Model: PG&E is implementing the SIF Capacity & Learning model which redefines safety as measured by the presence of essential controls and the capacity to experience failures safely. Worksite essential controls directly target the stuff that can kill or seriously injure a co-worker or contract partner. When the controls are installed, verified, and used properly, they are not vulnerable to human error.
- PG&E Safety Excellence Management System (PSEMS): PSEMS is the systematic management of our processes, assets, and occupational health and safety programs to prevent injury and illness, effectively and safely control and govern our assets, and manage the integrity of operating systems and processes. PSEMS is grounded in Organizational Culture and Safety Mindset and drives performance in Asset Management, Occupational Health & Safety and Process Safety. PSEMS is also part of the Performance Playbook along with Breakthrough Thinking and the Lean Operating Model.

- 1 • PG&E's Enterprise Health and Safety organization supports this metric  
2 through focusing on:
  - 3 – Safety Leadership Development and Safety Culture;
  - 4 – Preventing workforce illness and injuries;
  - 5 – Governance, oversight, analytics, and reporting functions, including field  
6 safety support to drive strategy, programs, and continuous  
7 improvement;
  - 8 – SIF prevention and life safety
  - 9 – Safe operation of motor vehicles including regulatory compliance and  
10 governance;
  - 11 – Workforce health programs;
  - 12 – Field observations and inspection;
  - 13 – Assessing safety program impact; and
  - 14 – Incident investigations and human factor analyses.
- 15 • Regional Safety Directors: The regional field safety organization is led by  
16 five Regional Safety Directors who work with the functional areas to advise  
17 on and support health and safety program implementation and sustainability  
18 including:
  - 19 – [Implementation of the SIF Capacity & Learning Model described above.](#)
  - 20 – A 100-day Keys to Life refresher campaign across PG&E including  
21 safety talk tools about one of the Keys to Life listed below each week:
    - 22 1) Conduct pre-job safety briefings prior to performing work activities.
    - 23 2) Follow safe driving principles and equipment operating procedures.
    - 24 3) Use personal protective equipment (PPE) for the task being  
25 performed.
    - 26 4) Follow electrical safety testing and grounding rules.
    - 27 5) Follow clearance and energy lockout/tagout rules.
    - 28 6) Follow confined space rules.
    - 29 7) Follow suspended load rules.
    - 30 8) Follow safety at heights rules.
    - 31 9) Follow excavation procedures.
    - 32 10) Follow hazardous work environment procedures.
  - 33 – Safety Culture Improvements;
  - 34 – Hazards Identification with the goal of reducing risk exposures;

- 1           – Workforce observations and inspections;
- 2           – Incident investigations and corrective actions analysis and follow-up;
- 3           – Safety tailboards and training; and
- 4           – Emergency preparation and response.
- 5       • Injury Management: The SIF-A (Employee) SOM definition includes injuries
- 6           that can occur during any work activity (including low or no energy tasks
- 7           such as lifting, walking, managing tools like knives), which is broader than
- 8           the high energy incidents that a mature SIF Program focuses on. Therefore,
- 9           a significant driver for improvement is within our occupational health
- 10           organization where our OSHA and DART cases are managed. DART cases
- 11           are employee OSHA-recordable injuries that involve Days Away from work
- 12           and/or days on Restricted duty or a job Transfer because the employee is
- 13           no longer able to perform his or her regular job. [Since 2019, there has been](#)
- 14           [a 68 percent decrease in the employee DART rate \(number of DART cases](#)
- 15           [per 100 fulltime employees divided by number of hours worked\)](#). The efforts
- 16           supporting this reduction include the expansion of PG&E’s ergonomic
- 17           programs and increased Industrial Athlete Specialists for job site
- 18           evaluations. A primary goal of the efforts is reduced injury severity through
- 19           injury prevention and early intervention care for employees. In alignment
- 20           with this, we have strengthened the identification of the highest risk work
- 21           groups and tasks for field and vehicle ergonomic injuries. We identify
- 22           high-risk computer users through predictive modeling and provide targeted
- 23           interventions. Additional efforts also include enhanced injury management
- 24           containment for injuries at risk for escalation to DART and providing our
- 25           people leaders with additional injury management training.
- 26       • Safety Leadership Development: PG&E is continuing to improve Safety
- 27           Leadership Development and supervisor coaching by continuing to update
- 28           an impactful, practical training course for front line leaders. The Safety
- 29           Leadership development program provides training for crew leaders
- 30           (i.e., those individuals who lead teams of front-line employees doing field
- 31           operations and maintenance work) so they have the necessary safety skills
- 32           to create trust, set expectations, remove barriers to safety and identify and
- 33           mitigate at risk behaviors.

- 1 • Safety Observations: Safety Observations Program plays a critical role in  
2 helping to reduce employee and contractor injuries and fatalities by  
3 increasing awareness of hazards and exposures in the field, reinforcing  
4 positive work practices, and driving PG&E’s Speak-Up culture. The  
5 Program includes the use of the SafetyNet observation analysis and  
6 reporting tool, and the Safety Observations dashboard to communicate  
7 safety successes and improvement opportunities to leadership. In 2022,  
8 approximately 150,000 safety observations were conducted across PG&E  
9 with at-risk findings communicated to the respective functional areas.

10 Transportation Safety: PG&E Transportation Safety programs are designed to  
11 protect our employees and the public by establishing requirements and  
12 processes to help mitigate risks that can lead to motor vehicle incidents, improve  
13 safety performance, and increase awareness of all PG&E employees related to  
14 the operation of our motor vehicles. This comprehensive program was  
15 established to reduce the number of motor vehicle incidents that have the  
16 potential for serious injury, including fatal injury, to PG&E’s employees, staff  
17 augmentation employees operating vehicles on Company business, and the  
18 public. Driver performance data is used to identify specific risk drivers for  
19 targeted intervention, including driver training, driver action plans and  
20 implementing vehicle safety technology. In addition, PG&E’s Transportation  
21 Safety Department also ensures compliance with both the Federal Department  
22 of Transportation (DOT) and California state regulations. Additional Motor  
23 Vehicle Safety Incident risk reduction programs including cell phone blocking  
24 and in-cab camera technologies were discussed in the PG&E 2020 Risk  
25 Assessment and Mitigation Phase (RAMP) Report.<sup>12</sup> [The cellular phone  
26 blocking program is currently in use with approximately 1,000 active users with  
27 an additional 1,000 users planned for activation. The program has effectively  
28 suppressed over 300 thousand texts and calls. The distraction and fatigue  
29 in-cab camera technology was piloted through March of 2023. A decision has  
30 been made to move forward with it and conduct an RFI/RFP to take advantage  
31 of technology bundling and reduce costs.](#)

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

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6           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
7           in Section A Introduction of Metric; B concerning historical data; Section D  
8           concerning performance against target, and Section E for current and planned work.  
9           Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (1.2) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

19       **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

28           As defined in Decision (D.) 21-11-009, the SIF Actual (Contractor) SOM  
29           calculation is new in application to PG&E’s existing injury and SIF dataset.  
30           The data were analyzed and reported under this definition beginning with  
31           the first report submitted in March of 2022.

32           The EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria are updated annually based on  
33           additional learnings from injury classification to provide further clarification or  
34           criteria for the following year. PG&E is using the 2023 OS&HC serious

1 injury criteria found in Appendix 7 in EEI Safety Classification and Learning  
2 Model guidance.<sup>1</sup>

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

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

29 From 2017 to 2020, PG&E classified SIF Actual (SIF-A) incidents based  
30 on the job task and whether a life altering or life-threatening injury, or fatality  
31 occurred. In August of 2020, PG&E adopted EEI Safety Classification

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<sup>1</sup> EEI Safety Classification and Learning (SCL) model guidance. Serious Injury criteria are in Appendix 7. [SCL model guidance](#).

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

16 The rate of SIF-A (Contractor) SOM definition is based on the EEI  
17 OS&HC serious injury criteria<sup>11</sup> 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

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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 Safety Classification and Learning (SCL) model guidance. Serious Injury criteria are in Appendix 7. [SCL model guidance](#).

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 – Q2 2023)**

6 PG&E is including six and a half years of historical data representing  
7 2017 through the second quarter of 2023. The dataset includes injury type,  
8 incident date, location, and EEI OS&HC injury classification. See the  
9 corresponding Contractor SIF-A SOM data file  
10 ([21-11-009.PGE\\_SOM\\_1-2\\_Contractor\\_SIF\\_A\\_Q2 2023](#)) for a list of  
11 incidents. Following the Kern Order Instituting Investigation (OII) Settlement  
12 Agreement,<sup>12</sup> PG&E deployed the SIF Program to investigate employee  
13 and contractor incidents resulting in life altering, life threatening, or fatal  
14 injuries. Beginning in 2017, PG&E only tracked contractor incidents that  
15 were classified through the SIF Program<sup>13</sup> meeting those criteria. Prior to  
16 the implementation of the Kern OII requirements, contractors were not  
17 required to report SIF incidents. In June 2020, PG&E expanded the SIF  
18 Program to include investigating contractor incidents rising to SIF-P  
19 classification (focusing on incidents that meet the EEI SCL methodology as  
20 described above). This increased the number and types of injuries and  
21 incidents that contractors are required to report<sup>14</sup> compared to prior  
22 years.<sup>15</sup>

23 [Figure 1.2-1 illustrates the rate of contractor injuries by year from](#)  
24 [2017- Q2 2023 based on historical data availability as discussed above. For](#)  
25 [2020 through Q2 2023, the dataset reflects the expanded SIF-P incident](#)

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

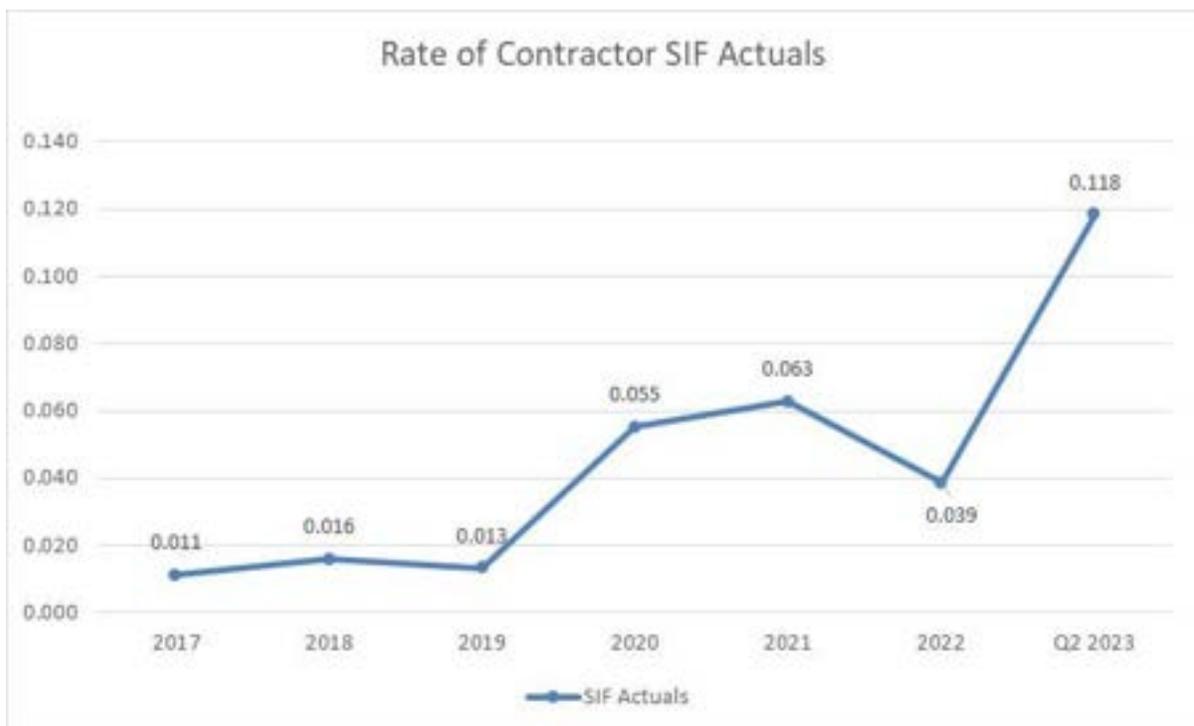
<sup>13</sup> SAFE-1100S Rev. 00 (2017): SIF Program.

<sup>14</sup> SAFE-1100S-B001.

<sup>15</sup> 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.

1 reporting requirements for contractors implemented in June of 2020.<sup>16</sup> The  
2 2017-Q2 2023 dataset includes a total of 69 injuries that met the EEI  
3 OS&HC serious injury criteria. Fifty-two percent of the injuries met the  
4 criteria of bone fracture, including of the hands and feet. Fourteen were  
5 fatalities, where one helicopter crash in 2020 claimed the lives of three  
6 individuals; the other fatalities involved an act of a third party, falls from  
7 trees, electrical pole gas pipe placement, and operations of motor and  
8 powered vehicles.

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



9 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

10 Contractor related Serious Safety Incidents<sup>17</sup> or any SIF-A or SIF-P  
11 incidents are reported to the Safety Helpline at Company number 223-8700,

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

<sup>17</sup> 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.<sup>18</sup> PG&E's SIF Program<sup>19</sup> 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 and the first half of  
14 2023, the same process was used to review Contractor Safety related CAPs  
15 entered on a monthly basis. A total of 368 contractor related CAPs were  
16 reviewed in 2022, and 136 were reviewed for the first half of 2023

### 17 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

18 For the first half of 2023, there were a total of 15 contractor serious  
19 injuries and one contractor fatality. 67 percent of the contractor serious  
20 injuries were due to bone fractures (10 of 15). These included bone  
21 fractures of the fingers, wrist, arms, ribs, and legs.

22 The contractor fatality occurred when two contractors travelling on a  
23 local road in Mendocino County, towards PG&E's base camp at Point Arena  
24 lost control of their bucket truck, and it subsequently rolled over off the  
25 roadway. One passenger was fatally injured. The second passenger was  
26 seriously injured and was transferred to a local hospital where they were  
27 treated. The individual is continuing to receive ongoing care and is showing  
28 positive progress.

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<sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> SAFE-1100S: SIF Standard determined SIF classification and management.

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

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

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

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

##### 12 **2. Target Methodology**

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

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

- 1 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes. The main focus  
2 for driving down injuries is noted below in planned/future work related to  
3 Contractor Safety initiatives;
- 4 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators: While the performance at or below  
5 the target may be sustainable, the more appropriate metric is to focus  
6 on injuries resulting from a high energy incident, which is consistent with  
7 both industry SIF-A monitoring and the SPM; and
- 8 • Other Qualitative Considerations: This target approach was established  
9 to account for all job-related tasks with the potential to cause injury as  
10 defined by the EEI OS&HC criteria.

### 11 **3. 2023 and 2027 Target**

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

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

### 30 **D. (1.2) Performance Against Target**

#### 31 **1. Progress on Sustaining the 1-Year Target**

32 As demonstrated in Figure 1.1-2 below, PG&E experienced an increase  
33 in the Contractor SIF Actual rate during the first half of 2023.

1 SIF investigations have been completed or are underway for the  
2 incidents including corrective actions and we are continuing to monitor this  
3 trend. In addition, PG&E is implementing the SIF Capacity & Learning  
4 model as described in section E below.

## 5 2. Progress on Sustaining the 5-Year Target

6 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is continuing to deploy a  
7 number of programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this  
8 metric to meet the Company's 5-year performance target and will continue  
9 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



## 10 E. (1.2) Current and Planned Work Activities

- 11 • SIF Capacity & Learning Model: PG&E is implementing the SIF Capacity &  
12 Learning model which redefines safety as measured by the presence of  
13 essential controls and the capacity to experience failures safely. Worksite  
14 essential controls directly target the stuff that can kill or seriously injure a

1 co-worker or contract partner. When the controls are installed, verified, and  
2 used properly, they are not vulnerable to human error.

- 3 • Contractor Safety Quality Assurance Reviews (CSQARs): CSQARs are  
4 conducted with selected Contractors with adverse trends in safety  
5 performance and who are at risk of experiencing a Serious Injury or Fatality.  
6 The contractors are invited to participate in a six-week examination of their  
7 safety culture within their company. Opportunities are identified, undergo a  
8 barrier analysis, and corrective actions are designed and implemented.  
9 Following the successful completion of the initial six weeks, PG&E checks in  
10 with contractors every 30 days for a minimum of three months to conduct an  
11 effectiveness review to ensure the corrective actions were implemented as  
12 designed, were effective and self-sustaining, and do not expose employees  
13 to unforeseen hazards. As of September 2023, 19 PG&E Contractors  
14 completed a CSQAR and not one of them has experienced a serious injury  
15 or fatality, and only three have experienced SIF Potential incidents. Each  
16 post CSQAR SIF Potential event is properly evaluated, and controls are  
17 implemented and validated in the field.
- 18 • Contractor Motor Vehicle Programs: PG&E implemented the Slow Your Roll  
19 campaign focused on preventing motor vehicle rollovers and reaching  
20 100 consecutive days rollover free. As of September 13, 2023, PG&E  
21 contractors have gone 86 consecutive days without a motor vehicle rollover  
22 event. This is a 41 percent improvement in the most consecutive days  
23 rollover free compared to last year, and a 169 percent improvement in the  
24 average number of days between rollover events compared to last year.  
25 PG&E attributes this progress to the partnership with high-risk contract  
26 companies in the improvement of their driving safety programs and the  
27 development and implementation of company specific rollover prevention  
28 plans.
- 29 • PG&E's Contractor Safety Program: Programs that support this metric  
30 include PG&E's Enterprise Health and Safety organization and the  
31 Contractor Safety Program. Beginning in 2016, PG&E implemented a  
32 formal Contractor Safety Program to help our contractor partners reduce  
33 illness and injuries when working with PG&E. The program was  
34 implemented as required by the CPUC, Kern Oil Settlement Agreement.

1 PG&E's Contractor Safety Program includes all contractors and  
2 subcontractors (currently over 2,100) performing high and medium-risk work  
3 on behalf of PG&E, on either PG&E owned, or customer owned, sites and  
4 assets. The Contractor Safety Program consists of the following primary  
5 elements:

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

1 investigations and inquiries. Under the enhanced Safety Contract  
2 Terms, PG&E has the right to:

- 3 1) Designate safety precautions in addition to those in use or  
4 proposed by the contractor;
- 5 2) Stop work to ensure compliance with safe work practices and  
6 applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations;
- 7 3) Require the contractor to provide additional safeguards beyond  
8 what the contractor plans to utilize;
- 9 4) Terminate the contractor for cause in the event of a serious incident  
10 or failure to comply with PG&E's safety precautions; and
- 11 5) Review and approve criteria for work plans, which include safety  
12 plans.

- 13 • Contractor Job Safety Planning: Safety must be factored into every job plan  
14 from start to finish. Safety considerations include formal training, job site  
15 work controls, specialized equipment to reduce hazards, and personal  
16 protective equipment. Each of PG&E's functional areas have safety plan  
17 requirements unique to its operations. Prior to commencement of work,  
18 PG&E is required to review the adequacy of the safety plans, including  
19 contractor safety personnel qualifications where applicable, and perform a  
20 safety assessment to evaluate whether additional safety mitigations are  
21 required, including whether to assign PG&E onsite safety personnel. These  
22 reviews must be conducted by PG&E employees that are qualified to perform  
23 such work or PG&E engages third-party experts as appropriate to perform  
24 this safety analysis.
- 25 • Contractor Oversight: Work activities are governed by qualified PG&E  
26 oversight personnel to ensure work follows a PG&E reviewed and approved  
27 safety plan designed for the job. PG&E conducts field safety observations of  
28 the contractor. [For the first half of 2023, approximately 41,396 contractor  
29 observations were conducted.](#) High-risk findings are reviewed daily, and  
30 corrective actions are discussed. Observation data collected by all observers  
31 (e.g., PG&E and contractors) are analyzed to support continuous  
32 improvement.
- 33 • Contractor Safety Performance Evaluation: To maximize and capture  
34 lessons learned, the results of which are shared across the enterprise,

1 as well as providing a means of determining future contract award,  
2 contractor safety performance is evaluated. Evaluations must be  
3 completed at the conclusion of the contracted work or at least once every  
4 calendar year.

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6           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
7           in Section B concerning historical data and metric performance; Section D  
8           concerning performance; and Section E Current and Planned Work Activities.  
9           Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (1.3) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

21       **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

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

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

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

## 23 **B. (1.3) Metric Performance**

### 24 **1. Historical Data (2010 – Q2 2023)**

25 In this report, PG&E is providing thirteen and a half years of historical  
26 data from 2010 through the first half of 2023.<sup>2</sup> The data include a  
27 description of the incident, type of injury, and identification of the authority  
28 with jurisdiction that has determined or may determine that incorrect  
29 operations, malfunction, or failure to meet a standard was the cause of the  
30 SIF. As mentioned above, the data collection and internal reporting

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

2 See Attachment 3 – Public SIF Actual SOM 2010 through Q2 2023 for a detailed list of incidents.

1 processes for public safety serious incidents were improved in 2012.  
2 Historical data for the Public SIF Actual metric are based on this timeframe  
3 and also include available data for the years of 2010 and 2011.

4 Because the metric definition requires a finding from an authority having  
5 jurisdiction, Public SIF Actual incidents in prior years may not appear in the  
6 historical data. For the purposes of this report, PG&E is including incidents  
7 where PG&E may have disputed the finding of an authority with jurisdiction  
8 that the Public SIF Actual was caused by incorrect operation, a malfunction,  
9 or failure to meet a Commission rule or standard, and/or where the incidents  
10 are subject to pending investigation or litigation. These incidents are shown  
11 as “pending” in the corresponding metric data file  
12 ([21-11-009.PGE\\_SOM\\_1-3\\_Publif\\_SIF\\_A\\_Q2 2023](#)). PG&E will continue  
13 to update the historical data in future SOMs reports as appropriate and  
14 identify changes based on new information.

## 15 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

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

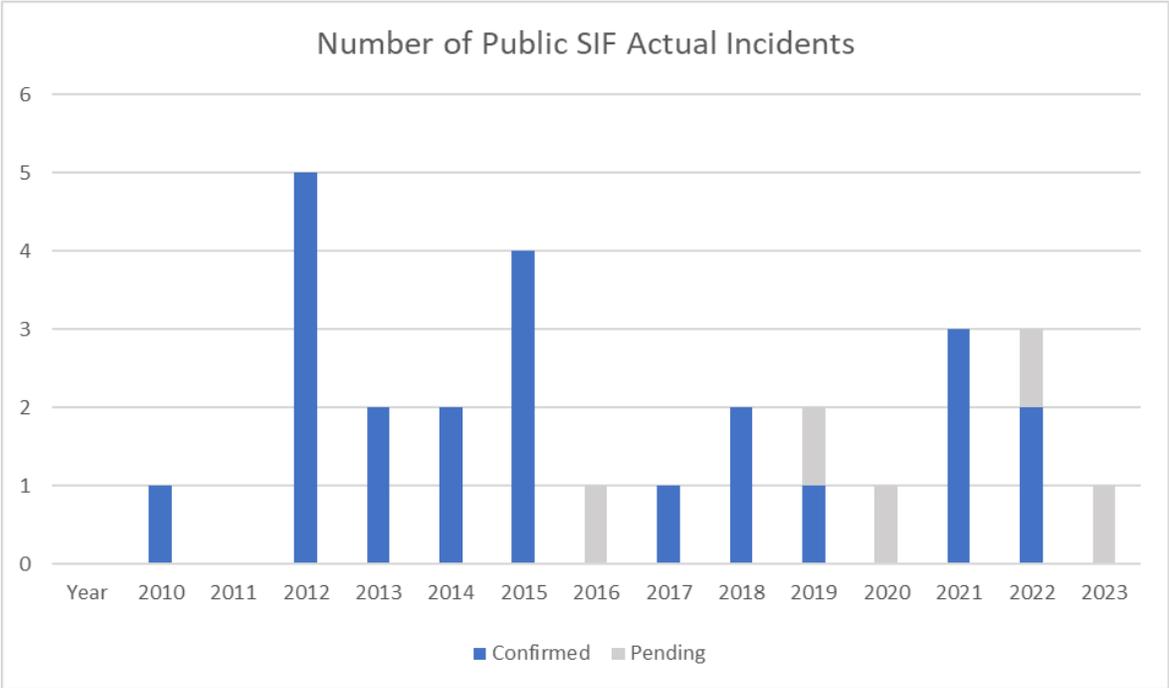
## 28 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

29 The graphs included in Figure 1.3-1 and Figure 1.3-2 below show the  
30 total number of incidents and the total number of serious injuries or fatalities  
31 for each identified incident. [Between 2010 through the first half of 2023,](#)  
32 [there were a total of 23 confirmed incidents where Public SIF Actuals](#)  
33 [occurred \(Figure 1.3-1\), which resulted in a total of 169 public SIFs](#)

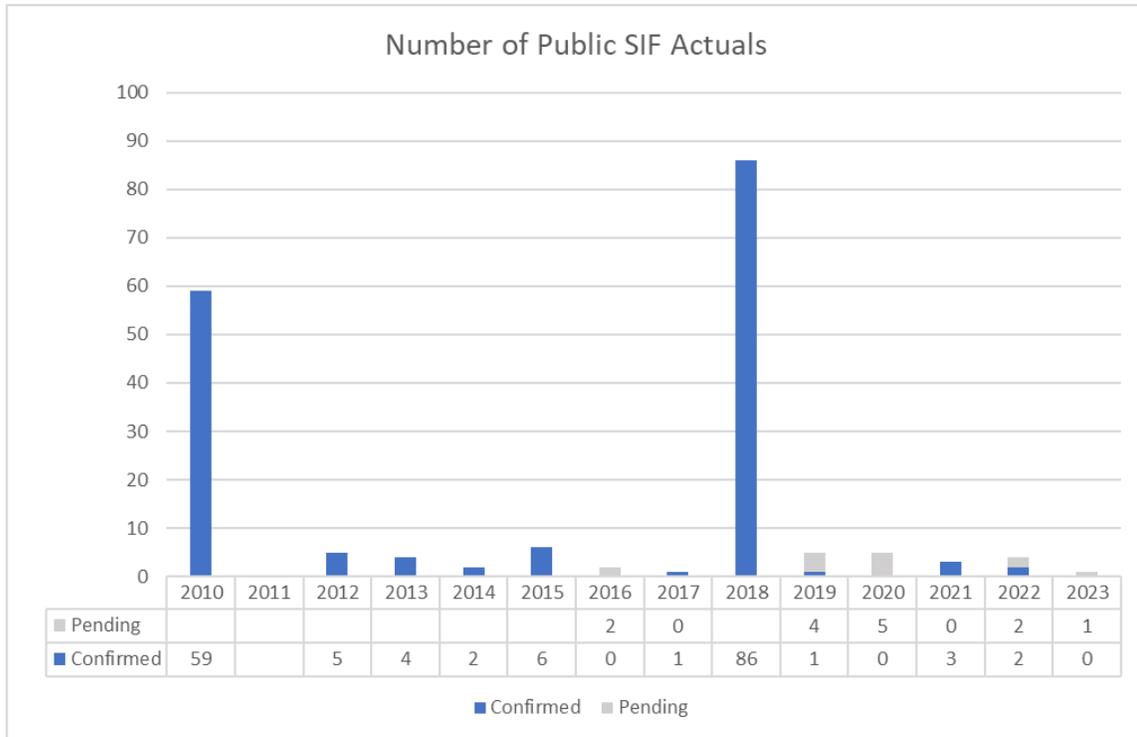
1 (Figure 1.3-2). Five incidents where a serious injury or fatality to a member  
2 of the public occurred are shown as “pending” or “unknown” due to ongoing  
3 investigation and/or litigation. Of these, three incidents are related to  
4 wildfire.

5 For the first six months of 2023, there have been no confirmed Public  
6 SIF incidents. There is one pending incident that involved a third-party  
7 contractor electric contact.

**FIGURE 1.3-1**  
**NUMBER OF PUBLIC SIF ACTUAL INCIDENTS 2010 – Q2 2023**  
**CONFIRMED AND PENDING INVESTIGATION**



**FIGURE 1.3-2  
NUMBER OF PUBLIC SIF ACTUALS 2010 – Q2 2023  
CONFIRMED AND PENDING INVESTIGATION**



1 For the first half of 2023, there were no confirmed Public SIF Actual  
 2 incidents. There is one pending incident that occurred on May 8, 2023,  
 3 involving a third-party contractor electric contact.

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

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

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

11 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
 12 last SOMs report filing, for the Public SIF Actual metric, which is to  
 13 demonstrate progress towards the elimination of serious injuries and  
 14 fatalities (zero Public SIF Actual incidents).

1           **2. Target Methodology**

2           With our stand of Everyone and Everything is Always Safe, our goal is  
3           the elimination of Public SIF Actual incidents resulting directly from incorrect  
4           operation of PG&E equipment, failure, or malfunction of PG&E-owned  
5           equipment, or from PG&E’s failure to comply with any Commission rule or  
6           standard.

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

- 8           • Historical Data and Trends: From 2010 through Q2 2023, there were a  
9           total of 23 confirmed incidents where Public SIF Actuals occurred  
10          (Figure 1.3-1), which resulted in a total of 169 public SIFs (Figure 1.3-2).  
11          Five incidents where a serious injury or fatality occurred are pending  
12          due to ongoing investigation and/or litigation. Historical data will  
13          continue to inform PG&E’s plans and actions to achieve its goal of zero  
14          public safety incidents;
- 15          • Benchmarking: Not available. This is a new metric definition;
- 16          • Regulatory Requirements: CPUC, FERC, and DOT, public safety  
17          reporting requirements;
- 18          • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes. PG&E’s work and  
19          resource plan prioritizes public safety risk reduction. This includes  
20          minimizing the risk of catastrophic wildfires in alignment with the  
21          continued execution of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and  
22          maturation of key wildfire mitigation strategies. It also includes  
23          mitigation of other public safety risks related to the elimination of serious  
24          injuries and fatalities (zero Public SIF Actual incidents);
- 25          • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight  
26          Enforcement: A 1-year goal of zero Public SIF Actuals was established  
27          in 2022 and has not changed for 2023 through 2027 (5-year). The goal  
28          reflects PG&E’s intent to immediately and continuously operate without  
29          creating risk to the public; and
- 30          • Other Qualitative Considerations: PG&E’s approach is aligned to and  
31          anchored on PG&E’s goal and commitment to “always” safe operations.

32           **3. 2023 Target**

33           As discussed above, PG&E’s 1-year target for the Public SIF Actual  
34           metric is to demonstrate progress towards the elimination of serious injuries

1 and fatalities (zero Public SIF Actual incidents) resulting directly from  
2 incorrect operation of PG&E equipment, failure, or malfunction of  
3 PG&E-owned equipment, or PG&E's failure to comply with any Commission  
4 rule or standard.

#### 5 **4. 2027 Target**

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

### 11 **D. (1.3) Performance Against Target**

#### 12 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Directional Target**

13 For the first half of 2023 there are no confirmed Public SIF Actual  
14 incidents that meet the SOMs criteria. There is one pending incident that  
15 occurred on May 8, 2023, involving a third-party contractor electric contact.

#### 16 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Directional Target**

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

### 20 **E. (1.3) Current and Planned Work Activities**

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

- 25 • Gas Distribution Public Safety Enhancements: We have made significant  
26 progress on the safety and reliability programs for our extensive gas  
27 storage, transmission, and distribution systems. The programs are  
28 designed to enhance public and coworker safety and the reliability of our  
29 natural gas system. Continued distribution system enhancements to public  
30 safety programs are forecasted through 2026 and include ongoing gas  
31 pipeline replacement, corrosion detection and mitigation, leak surveys and  
32 repair, and locate and mark services so customers and workers will know  
33 where they can safely dig.

- 1 • Gas Transmission and Storage (GT&S) Safety Improvements: PG&E plans  
2 to increase the safety of our GT&S assets with increased in-line inspections,  
3 direct assessments, strength tests, over pressure protection, and gas  
4 storage well reworks and retrofits. Many of these programs are required by  
5 recent state and federal regulations designed to ensure that natural gas  
6 companies provide safe and reliable service to their customers. In addition  
7 to our own programs, federal and state regulations impacting natural gas  
8 infrastructure, including pipelines and storage facilities, continue to evolve  
9 and add new requirements for our operations.
- 10 • Gas Operations (GO) Public Awareness and Education Programs: GO  
11 public awareness programs reduce the threat of third-party damage to  
12 pipelines through educational outreach regarding safe excavation near  
13 pipelines. PG&E’s gas safety communication efforts use a variety of media  
14 to effectively reach the greatest population possible within PG&E’s service  
15 territory. These efforts include sending bill inserts, e-mails, brochures, or  
16 letters to communicate gas safety information, providing targeted agricultural  
17 excavation safety messaging, and hosting 811 “Call Before You Dig”  
18 workshops.
- 19 • GO Patrols: GO patrols help to identify third-party threats from construction  
20 and excavation activities.
- 21 • GO System Remediation: GO system remediation includes the retirement  
22 of gas gathering facilities, including idle pressurized pipe, and the  
23 replacement and remediation of exposed and shallow pipe to further reduce  
24 the likelihood of third-party contact.  
25 For additional information regarding current and planned work activities  
26 for reducing the risk of gas transmission and distribution system equipment  
27 failure or malfunction, please see Chapters 4.1 through 4.7 of this report.
- 28 • Electric Asset Inspections Improvements: The continuous improvement of  
29 detailed asset inspections to enable proactive identification of any potential  
30 equipment issues that may lead to failures.
- 31 • EO Public Awareness Programs: EO Public awareness programs to  
32 educate non-PG&E contractors and the public about power line safety and  
33 the hazards associated with wire down events and are intended to reduce  
34 the number of third-party electrical contacts. Outreach efforts include social

1 media campaigns focused on increasing customer awareness of overhead  
2 lines, representation at local fire safe councils and community events and  
3 the automated customer notification system. Security improvements can  
4 include proactive equipment replacement, security measures and intrusion  
5 detection devices.

6 For additional information regarding current and planned work activities  
7 for reducing the risk of electric transmission and distribution system  
8 equipment failure or malfunction please see Chapters 2.1 through 2.4, and  
9 Chapters 3.1 through 3.16 of this report. In addition, PG&E's 2023 Wildfire  
10 Mitigation Plan<sup>3</sup> also includes information regarding grid system hardening  
11 and enhancements to reduce the risk of wildfire.

- 12 • Power Generations Hydroelectric Programs: Hydroelectric programs  
13 include procedures for planning for unusual water releases, along with their  
14 associated safety warnings.
- 15 • Power Generation Compliance Programs: Public Safety Plans are  
16 published and routinely updated as required by PG&E hydroelectric facility  
17 FERC licenses. FERC required Emergency Action Plans exist for all  
18 significant and high hazards dams. The Plans are exercised annually with a  
19 seminar and phone drill.
- 20 • Hydro Facility Unusual Water Releases and Water Safety Warning Standard  
21 and accompanying procedure: Hydroelectric facility Unusual Water  
22 Releases and Water Safety Warning documentation establishes Hydro  
23 facility requirements for planning and making unusual water releases or high  
24 flow events and their associated safety warnings.
- 25 • PG&E Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Program: This program  
26 establishes and defines PG&E's Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring  
27 Program for the continued long-term safe and reliable operation of PG&E's  
28 dams. Dam surveillance involves the collection of data by various means,  
29 including inspections and instrumentation, whereas monitoring involves the  
30 review of the collected data as obtained and over time for any adverse  
31 trends.

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3 [PG&E's 2023 Wildfire Mitigation Plan.](#)

- 1 • Canals and Waterways Safety: In 2022, PG&E Power Generation and  
2 external public safety representatives successfully tested a new rope system  
3 designed to enable members of the public who might accidentally fall into a  
4 hydro canal to pull themselves out of danger. Since 2019, an additional 8.3  
5 miles of barrier fencing has been installed along with 139 newly designed  
6 escape ladders. In addition, 327 warning signs have been posted,  
7 identifying the canal and specific GPS location. [Power Generation has also](#)  
8 [distributed safety information to property owners with canals that bisect their](#)  
9 [property](#). A canal entry emergency response plan has been published to  
10 guide efficient and timely communications between PG&E personnel and  
11 local first responders when responding to emergencies resulting from public  
12 entry into PG&E-owned water conveyance systems.
- 13 • Transportation Safety: PG&E Transportation Safety programs protect our  
14 employees and the public by establishing requirements and processes to  
15 control risks that can lead to motor vehicle accidents, improve safety  
16 performance, and increase awareness of all PG&E employees related to the  
17 operation of motor vehicles. This comprehensive program was established  
18 to reduce the number of motor vehicle incidents that have the potential for  
19 serious injury, including fatal injury, to PG&E's employees, staff  
20 augmentation employees operating vehicles on Company business, and the  
21 public. Driver performance data is used to identify specific risk drivers for  
22 targeted intervention, including driver training and implementing vehicle  
23 safety technology.
- 24 PG&E's Transportation Safety Department also ensures compliance  
25 with federal Department of Transportation and California state regulations  
26 and requirements which emphasize public and employee safety.
- 27 • Contractor Safety Programs: Pre-qualification requirements for the PG&E  
28 Contractor Safety Program include a review of the 3-year history of Serious  
29 Safety Incidents (Life Altering/Life Threatening) affecting the public. This  
30 information must be updated annually. Additional information on the  
31 Contractor Safety program can be found in Chapter 1.2 of this report.

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7           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
8           in Section B metric performance and Section D concerning performance against  
9           target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

10   **A. (2.1) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

20       **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

2 **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2023)**

3 PG&E has measured unplanned SAIDI for over 20 years; however, this  
4 report uses 2013-Q2 2023 unplanned SAIDI values for target analysis to  
5 align with the same timeframe used for the wire down SOMs metrics. 2013  
6 was 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).

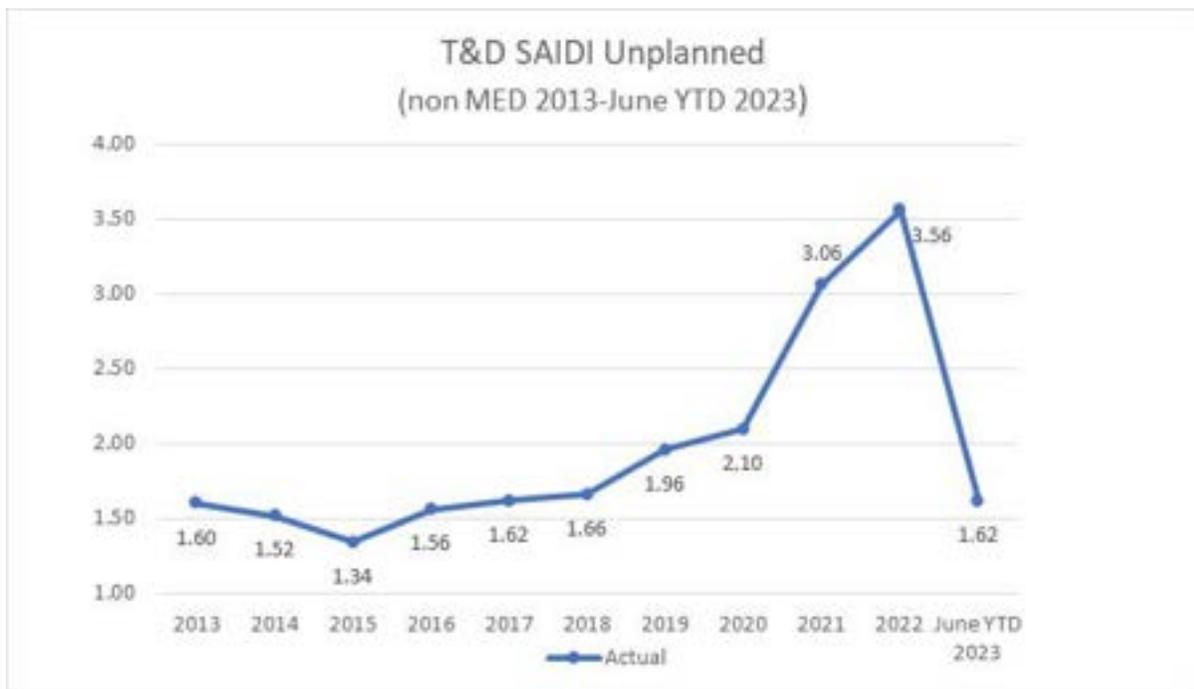
25 Reliability performance has consistently degraded since 2017 as  
26 PG&E's focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation, with a  
27 45 percent unplanned SAIDI increase occurring in 2021 from 2020.

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-JUNE 2023 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

1 upgraded its outage reporting tools in 2015 and integrated SmartMeter  
2 information to identify potential outage reporting errors and to initiate a  
3 subsequent review and correction.

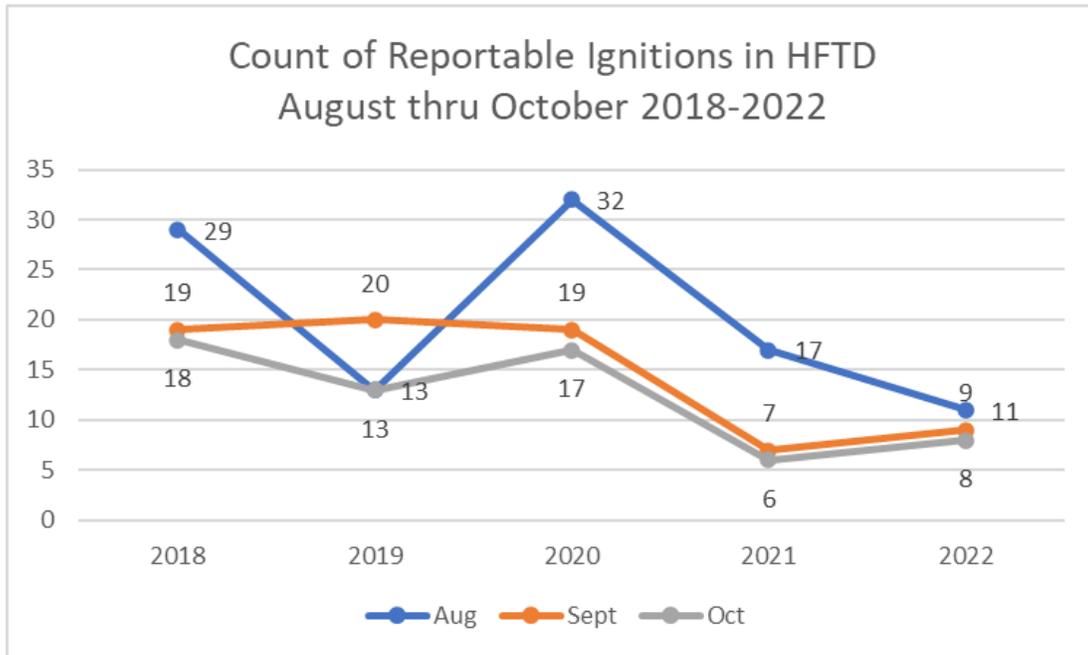
4 PG&E uses the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers  
5 (IEEE) 1366 Standard titled IEEE Guide for Electric Power Distribution  
6 Reliability Indices to define and apply excludable MED to measure the  
7 performance of its electric system under normally expected operating  
8 conditions.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

### 14 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

15 As of June 2023, the unplanned SAIDI metric performance was  
16 1.62 hours and finished the mid-year higher than the 1.52 hours  
17 performance for the first half of 2022. This is largely due to the following  
18 factors:

- 19 • Weather between January and March has seen significant storms  
20 causing outages across PG&E territory and exhausted restoration  
21 resources to bring customers back online.
- 22 • To reduce ignition risk, PG&E implemented the Enhanced Powerline  
23 Safety Shutoff (EPSS) program in July 2021. This program enabled  
24 higher sensitivity settings on targeted circuits in High Fire Threat  
25 Districts (HFTD) to deenergize when tripped. In 2022, PG&E observed  
26 a 65 percent reduction in CPUC reportable ignitions on EPSS-enabled  
27 circuit when compared to the previous three years. As Figure 2-1.3  
28 shows below, the implementation of EPSS has significantly reduced  
29 ignitions in highest-risk wildfire months.

**FIGURE 2.1-3  
2018-2022 COUNT OF CPUC-REPORTABLE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION IGNITIONS  
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- 1           • In addition to EPSS, the unplanned SAIDI metric has been impacted as

2           PG&E shifted away from traditional system reliability improvement work

3           and toward other wildfire risk reduction efforts, with reclose disablement

4           beginning in 2018. As such, 2022 performance is not directly

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           There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the

10          last SOMs report filing. With the conclusion of 2022, the 1 and 5-year

11          targets have been adjusted to reflect a year’s worth of results from the

12          EPSS program (and a complete fire season), as well as to account for any

13          efficiencies that may be gained. As year-over-year weather variables shift,

14          targets will continue to be adjusted in each subsequent report filing as

15          PG&E continues to be able to quantify the impacts of EPSS on Reliability

16          performance.

17                 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.

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.

Finally, unpredictable variability in weather from year to year is also a consideration in target setting. For example, as of March 1, 2023, PG&E has experienced 29 storm days. Although 14 of the storm days are excluded in MEDs, 15 of the storms are not, and the widespread outages that occur before or after such storms can delay the response time of our crews. PG&E has not had such severe weather occur since 2008.

The following factors were also considered in establishing targets:

- 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; and

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

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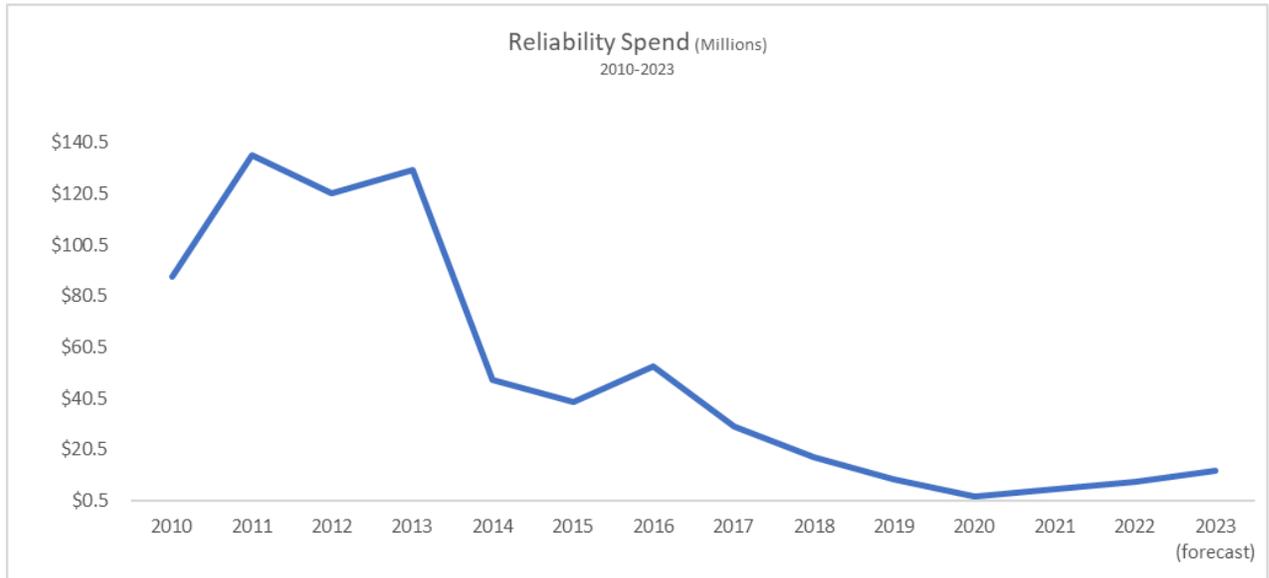
6 As Figure 2.1-4 below demonstrates, PG&E’s work plan and resource priority of minimizing the risk of catastrophic wildfires is the driving factor of reliability performance. This risk prioritized work plan does not support an improvement of the unplanned SAIDI metric.

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



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

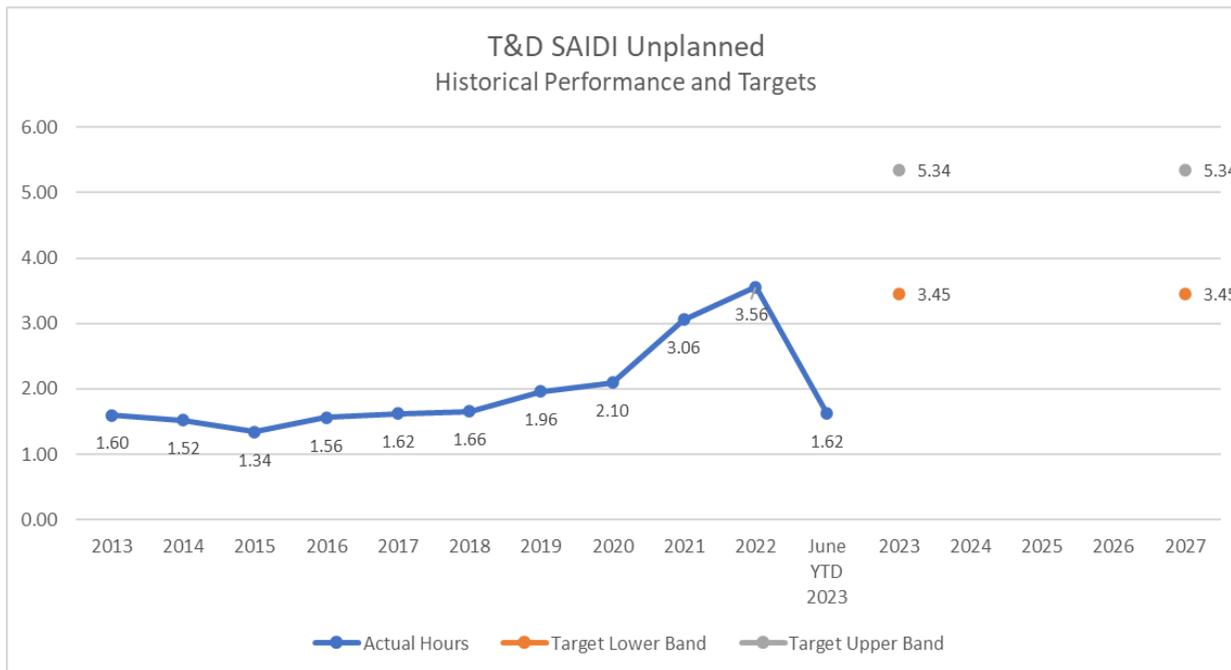
12      **1. Progress Towards 1-Year Target**

13              As demonstrated in Figure 2.1-5 below, PG&E saw an unplanned  
14      SAIDI result of 1.62 hours for mid-2023 results which is still within the  
15      Company's 1-year target range. This is currently higher than 2022  
16      performance of 1.52 hour for reasons mentioned above in Section B.2.3.

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

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

**FIGURE 2.1-5  
TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION SAIDI UNPLANNED HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS**



**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.<sup>1</sup>  
26 Please see Chapter 11 Overhead and Underground Distribution  
27 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

**TABLE 2.1-3  
ANNUAL EPSS CIRCUIT SAIDI SUMMARY (2018-Q2 2023)**

Line No.	SAIDI	Non-EPSS Circuit	EPSS Circuit
1	2018	40.8	50.1
2	2019	42.8	60.3
3	2020	50.2	62.7
4	2021	58.5	101.5
5	2022	63.3	121.1
6	2023	36.2	61.2

Note: PG&E provides a monthly EPSS report to the CPUC that includes Customer Minutes (CMIN) and customers experiencing sustained outage (CESO) that can calculate SAIDI/CAIDI/SAIFI.

**TABLE 2.1-4  
JAN-JUNE EPSS CIRCUIT SAIDI SUMMARY (2018-Q2 2023)**

Line No.	SAIDI	Non-EPSS Circuit	EPSS Circuit
1	2018	19.6	24.1
2	2019	20.6	30.3
3	2020	22.2	25.7
4	2021	27.0	26.5
5	2022	30.3	45.5
6	2023	36.2	61.2

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2                                   **SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:**  
3   **CHAPTER 2.2**  
4                                   **SYSTEM AVERAGE INTERRUPTION FREQUENCY (SAIFI)**  
5   **(UNPLANNED)**

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7 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
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9   **A. (2.2) Overview**

10       **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

18       **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

30   **B. (2.2) Metric Performance**

31       **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2023)**

32           PG&E has measured unplanned SAIFI for over 20 years; however, this  
33 report uses 2013 to Q2 2023 unplanned SAIFI values for target analysis to

1 align with the same timeframe used for the wire down SOMs metrics. 2013  
2 was the first full year PG&E uniformly began measuring wire down events.

3 The Cornerstone program investments in 2013 involved both capacity  
4 and reliability projects, and PG&E experienced its best reliability  
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6 second quartile when benchmarking with peer utilities.

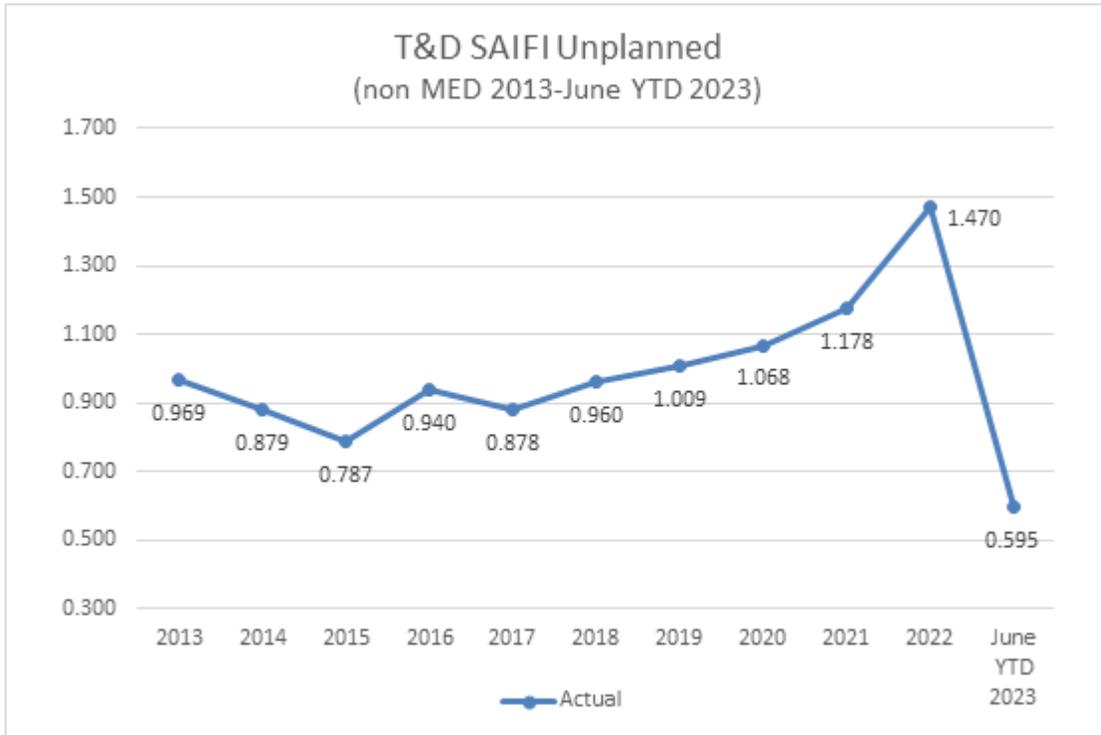
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8 Isolation and Service Restoration (FLISR), which automatically isolates  
9 faulted line sections and then restores all other non-faulted sections in less  
10 than 5 minutes typically in urban/suburban areas. Of note, FLISR does not  
11 prevent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

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

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

21 Reliability performance has consistently degraded since 2017 as  
22 PG&E's focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation, with a  
23 25 percent unplanned SAIFI increase occurring in 2022 from 2021.

**FIGURE 2.2-1  
TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION HISTORICAL UNPLANNED SAIFI PERFORMANCE  
(2013-JUNE 2023 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  
12       information to identify potential outage reporting errors and to initiate a  
13       subsequent review and correction.

14                PG&E uses the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)  
15        1366 Standard titled IEEE Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability  
16        Indices to define and apply excludable MEDs to measure the performance

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

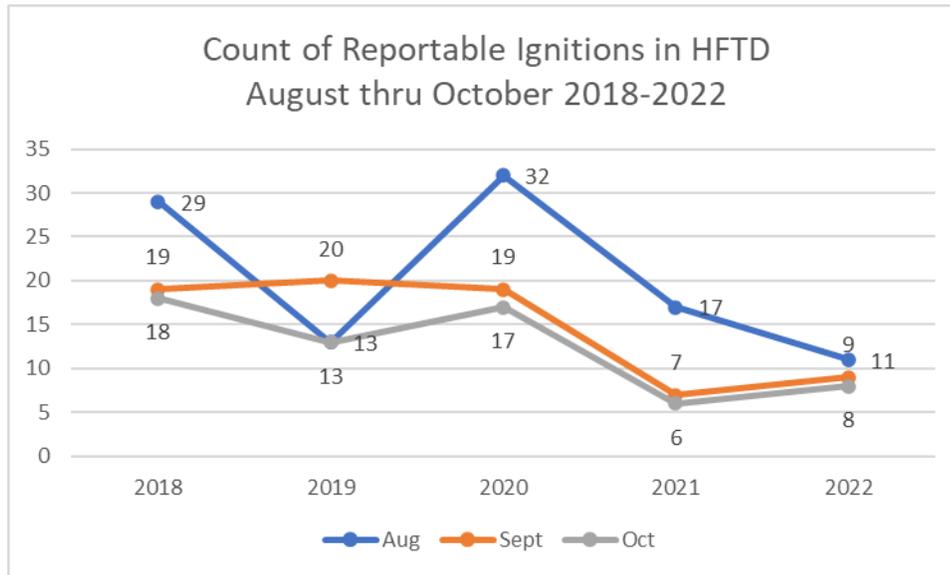
### 9 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

10 As of June 2023, the unplanned SAIFI metric performance was 0.595  
11 and finished the mid-year slightly lower than the performance of 0.642 for  
12 the first six months of 2022. However, the mid-year performance result is  
13 still higher than previous years.

14 As stated in the March 2023 report, the full-year 2022 performance was  
15 better than the 2022 one-year target largely due to the following factors:

- 16 • To reduce ignition risk, PG&E implemented the Enhanced Powerline  
17 Safety Shutoff (EPSS) program in July 2021. This program enabled  
18 higher sensitivity settings on targeted circuits in High Fire Threat  
19 Districts (HFTD) to deenergize when tripped. In 2022, PG&E observed  
20 a 65 percent reduction in CPUC reportable ignitions on EPSS-enabled  
21 circuit when compared to the previous 3 years. PG&E is continuing to  
22 implement EPSS in 2023 where wildfire risk high and reliability impacts  
23 are expected.
- 24 • As Figure 2-2.2 shows below, the implementation of EPSS has  
25 significantly reduced ignitions in highest-risk wildfire months.

**FIGURE 2.2-2  
2018-2022 COUNT OF CPUC-REPORTABLE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION IGNITIONS  
AUG-OCT**



- 1       • In addition to EPSS, the unplanned SAIFI metric has been impacted as  
2       PG&E shifted away from traditional system reliability improvement work  
3       and more toward other wildfire risk reduction efforts, starting with  
4       recloser disablement in 2018. As such 2022 performance is not directly  
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. (2.2) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

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

9       There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
10      last SOMs report filing. With the conclusion of 2022, the 1- and 5-Year  
11      targets have been adjusted to reflect a year’s worth of results from the  
12      EPSS program (and a complete fire season), as well as to account for any  
13      efficiencies that may be gained. As year-over-year weather variables shift,  
14      we expect that targets will be adjusted in subsequent reports as PG&E  
15      continues to be able to quantify the impacts of EPSS on Reliability  
16      performance.

17      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.

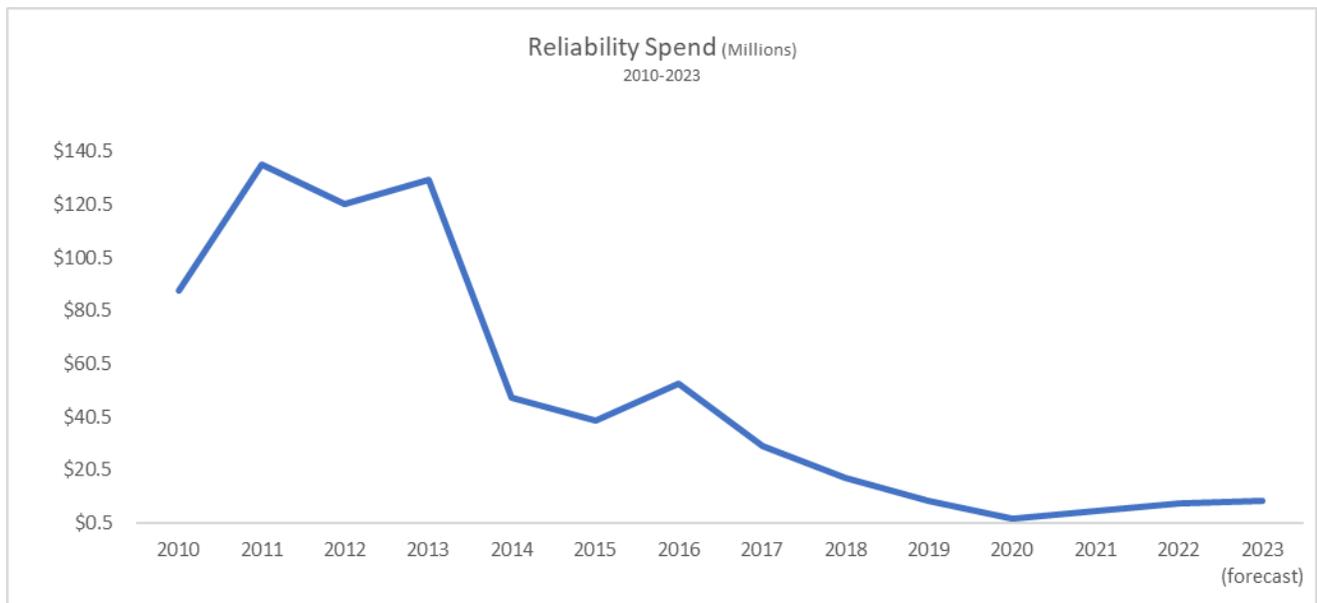
Finally, unpredictable variability in weather from year to year is also a consideration in target setting. For example, as of March 1, 2023, PG&E has experienced 29 storm days. Although 14 of the storm days are excluded in MEDs, 15 of the storms are not, and the widespread outages that occur before or after such storms can delay the response time of our crews. PG&E has not had such severe weather occur since 2008.

The following factors were also considered in establishing targets:

- 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 third 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 and
- 2 2023 work plan, PG&E expects performance to fall within the proposed
- 3 target range. The lower limit of PG&E’s proposed SOMs target (1.426)
- 4 reflects a 3 percent improvement from our 2022 result (1.470):
- 5 – PG&E’s top financial and resource priority of minimizing the risk of
- 6 catastrophic wildfires has led to declining reliability performance and
- 7 does not support an improvement of the unplanned SAIFI metric;

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



- 8 – The GRC in 2017-20 allocated budget for reliability, but the work
- 9 continues to be re-prioritized to focus on wildfire mitigation, compliance,
- 10 pole replacement and tags;
- 11 – The most significant driver of reliability performance is Equipment
- 12 Failure, specifically Overhead Conductor;
- 13 – Current replacement rates from 2017-2022 have been on average
- 14 32 miles/year. This is significantly below the Overhead Conductor
- 15 Asset Management Plan, which cites third-party recommendations for
- 16 replacement rates at approximately 1,200 miles per year to sustain
- 17 2016 levels of reliability performance;

- 1 – Current investment profile in the GRC for OH Conductor is  
2 ~70 miles/year. Alternative funding scenarios or internal prioritization  
3 would be needed to increase replacement miles per year;
- 4 – Conductor replacement under the System Hardening program for  
5 wildfire risk reduction is forecasted through the GRC period but  
6 provides limited additional benefit, at approximately 1 percent (due to  
7 the rural HFTD geography in which this work takes place);
- 8 – Current assigned 2022 GRC spending amount for targeted Reliability  
9 improvements (MAT Code 49X) is \$9 million, which equates to an  
10 approximate unplanned SAIFI reduction of 0.004 minutes;
- 11 – Prior to the implementation of EPSS in July 2021, current levels of  
12 investment and assuming the GRC forecast through 2026, SAIDI/SAIFI  
13 performance was expected to remain in the third quartile and sustained  
14 improvement trending not expected until 2023. However, with the  
15 EPSS implementation, performance fell and is expected to remain in  
16 the fourth quartile; and
- 17 • Other Considerations: PG&E expanded their EPSS program in 2022 (as  
18 described earlier in this chapter) and began enablement on high-risk circuits  
19 in January-representing and expanded fire season—all of which significantly  
20 impact SAIDI and SAIFI performance.

### 21 **3. 2023 Target**

22 Range: 1.426-2.205

23 The 2023 target reflects a range of a 3 percent improvement from 2022  
24 (1.426) to a 50 percent increased unplanned SAIFI performance from 2022  
25 adjusted result to account for the factors listed above (2.205).

### 26 **4. 2027 Target**

27 Range: 1.426-2.205

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

32 The other major consideration to this 2027 target is that weather similar  
33 to 2023 may occur again. PG&E will generally be striving to make

1 year-over-year improvements; however, atmospheric storms will be  
2 unpredictable and will have overwhelming impacts to the results.

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

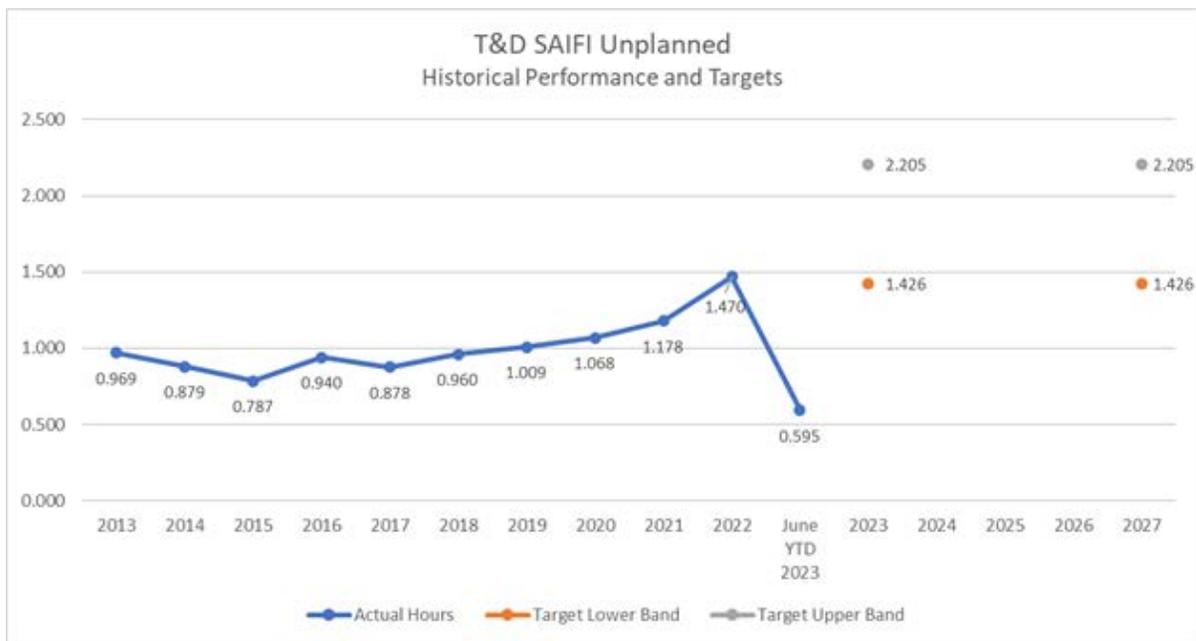
4 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

5 As demonstrated in Figure 2.2-4 below, PG&E saw an unplanned  
6 SAIFI result of 0.595 for mid-2023 which is still within the Company's 2023  
7 target range of 1.681 – 2.017. This performance is slightly better than 2022  
8 mid-year performance of 0.642.

9 **2. Progress Towards 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 2.2-4  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SAIFI  
UNPLANNED HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS



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

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

- 1 • Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM): 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 VM work with CPUC mandated clearances. PG&E's  
4 VM program, components of which exceed regulatory requirements, is  
5 critical to mitigating wildfire risk. Our VM team inspects and identifies  
6 needed vegetation maintenance on all distribution and transmission circuit  
7 miles in PG&E's service area on a recurring cycle through Routine and Tree  
8 Mortality Patrols, as well as Pole Clearing. Our EVM program goes above  
9 and beyond regulatory requirements for distribution lines by expanding  
10 minimum clearances and removing overhang in HFTD areas. In 2022, EVM  
11 passed through our work verification process ~1,923 miles. Due to the  
12 emergence of other wildfire mitigation programs (namely EPSS and  
13 Undergrounding), the program will not be executed in 2023. The trees that  
14 were identified as part of the program and previous iterations and scopes  
15 will be worked down over the next nine years, risk ranked by our latest  
16 wildfire distribution risk model. The WMP has commitments for this program  
17 of the removal of 15K trees in 2023, 20K trees in 2024, and 25K trees in  
18 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 a number of 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 • Animal Abatement: The installation of new equipment or retrofitting of  
14 existing equipment with protection measures intended to reduce animal  
15 contacts. This includes avian protection on distribution and transmission  
16 poles such as jumper covers, perch guards, or perching platforms.

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

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

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<sup>1</sup> Information on COE equipment can be provided upon request.

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

<b>SAIFI SUMMARY</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>5-Yr Ave</b>	<b>%</b>
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.

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13 Due to Vegetation and Equipment Damage in HFTD Areas (Major Event  
14 Days) is defined as:

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

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.

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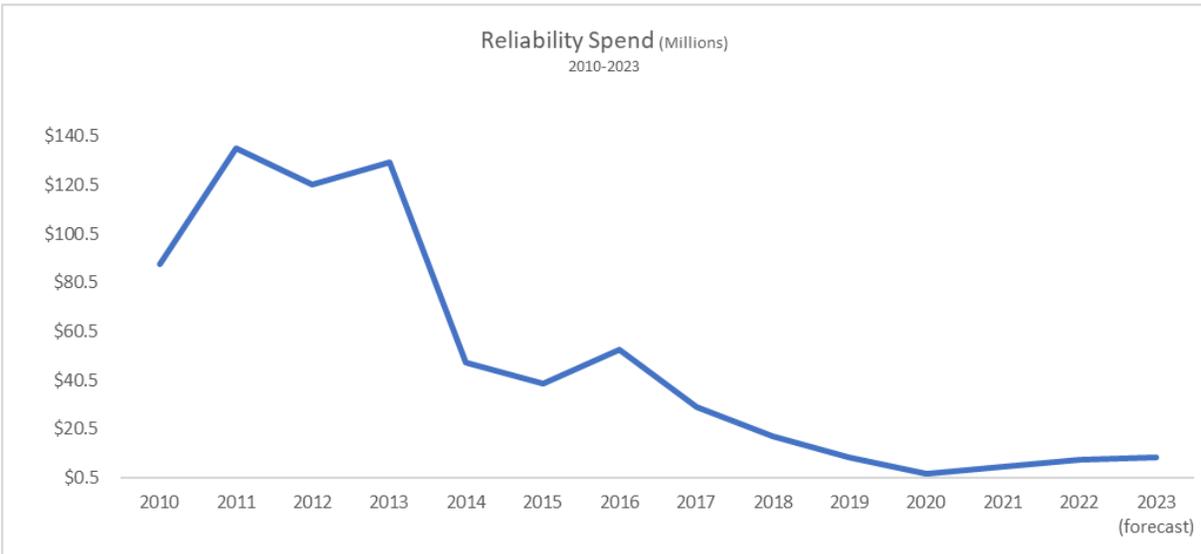
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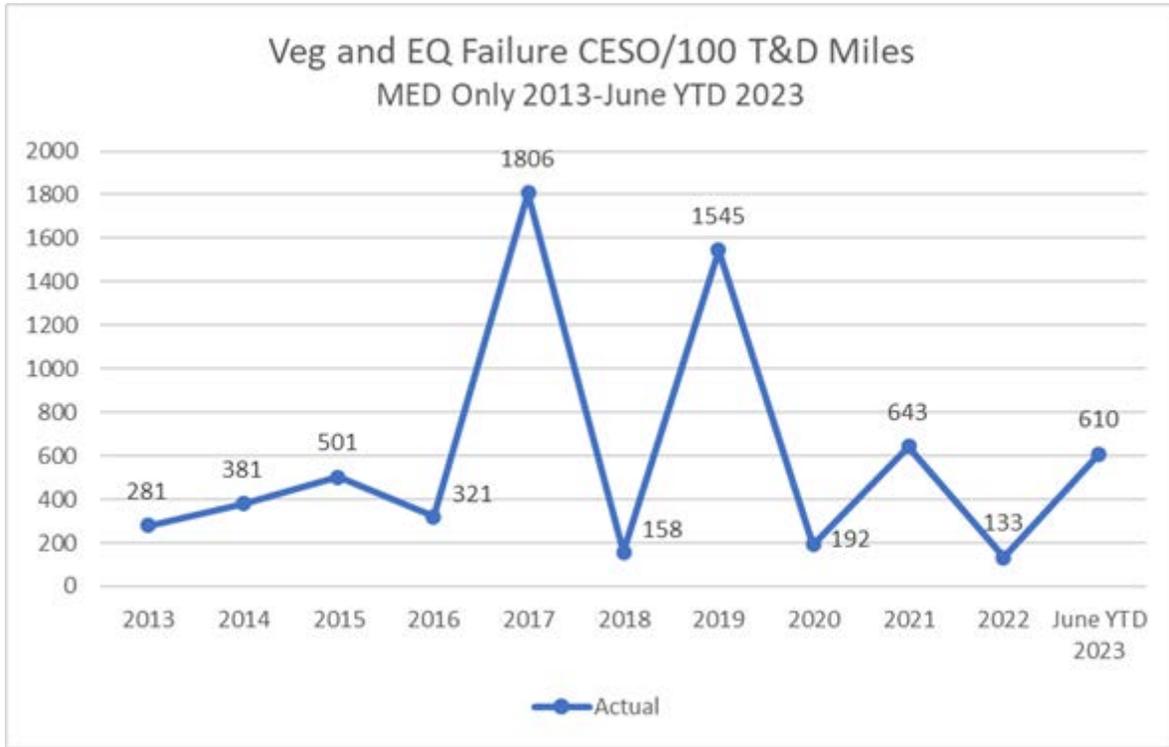
18 The current investment/work plan is heavily weighted towards wildfire  
19 mitigation and is not weighted towards improving reliability performance.  
20 While the 2017 and 2020 General Rate Case (GRC) allocated budget for  
21 reliability, the work was re-prioritized to focus on wildfire mitigation,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

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



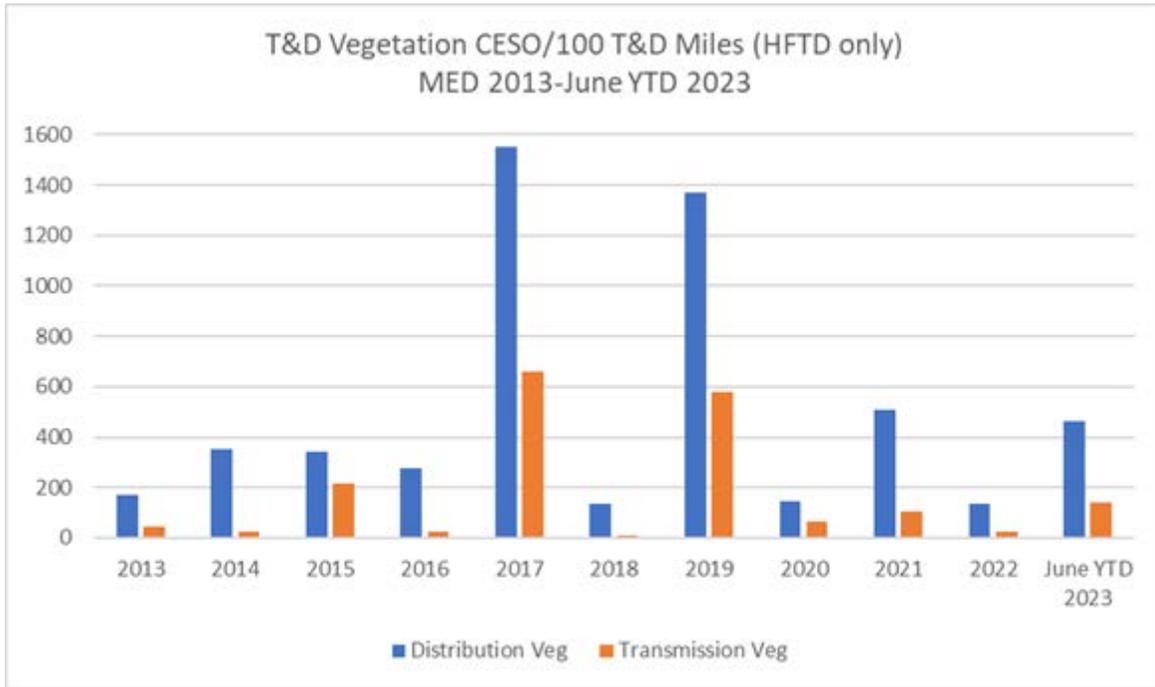
- 1 Reliability performance has consistently degraded since 2017 as
- 2 PG&E's focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation.

**FIGURE 2.3-2  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION  
VEGETATION AND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL DATA  
(MED ONLY, 2013 – JUNE 2023)**



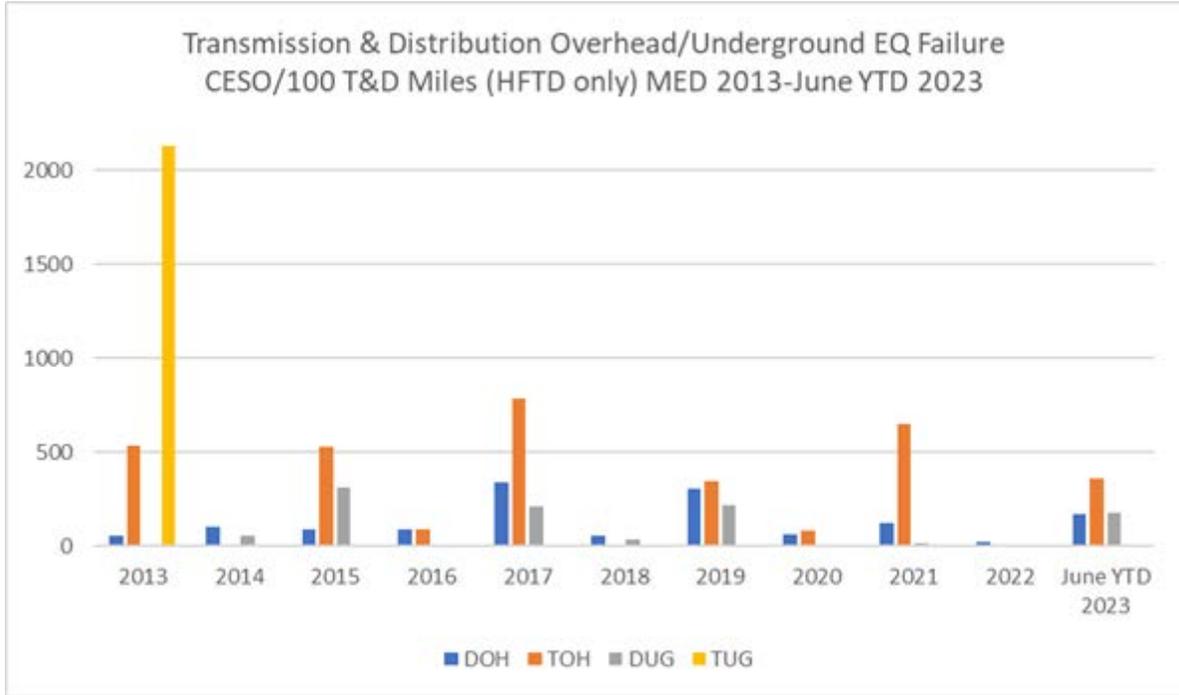
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**FIGURE 2.3-3  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION VEGETATION CESO HISTORICAL DATA  
(MED ONLY 2013-JUNE 2023)**



**Note:** 2022 Transmission Vegetation graph data has been corrected from the graph data shown in Figure 2.3-3 of PG&E’s March 2023 SOM report. The data was correctly reflected in the data files, but incorrectly reflected in the graph. The data in this figure is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period information. Any changes will be reflected in PG&E’s March 2024 report.

**FIGURE 2.3-4  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION  
OVERHEAD/UNDERGROUND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL DATA  
(MED ONLY 2013-JUNE 2023)**



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**TABLE 2.3-1  
ANNUAL MAJOR EVENT DAYS (2013-JUNE YTD 2023)**

Line No.	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	June YTD 2023
1	4	5	10	3	30	7	31	14	25	5	19

**Note:** The data in this table is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes will be reflected in PG&E's March 2024 report.

**2. Data Collection Methodology**

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1 database includes distribution transformer level and above outages that  
2 impact both metered customers and a smaller number of unmetered  
3 customers. Outage information is entered into ILIS by distribution operators  
4 based on information from field personnel and devices such as SCADA  
5 alarms and SmartMeter™ devices. PG&E last upgraded its outage  
6 reporting tools in 2015 and integrated SmartMeter™ information to identify  
7 potential outage reporting errors and to initiate a subsequent review and  
8 correction.

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

21 There are a total of approximately 33,600<sup>1</sup> transmission and distribution  
22 (overhead and underground) circuit miles located in the Tier 2 and Tier 3  
23 HFTD areas. PG&E's databases reflect the circuit miles that currently exist  
24 and do not maintain the historical values specifically in the Tier 2/3 HFTD  
25 areas. *As such, we assumed the circuit miles have remained the same for  
26 all years from 2013 through mid-2023 and going forward PG&E will report  
27 the nominally updated circuit mileage total annually.*

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

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

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

2 The number of vegetation and equipment failure related customer  
3 outages per 100 transmission and distribution line miles during MEDs has  
4 varied each year and has been heavily driven by not just the number, but by  
5 the severity of the MED experienced in that specific year (refer to table  
6 above). 2021 performance increased by 235 percent from 2020, and  
7 experienced nine more MEDs largely due to historic snowstorms that  
8 occurred in December. Due to the increase in the MED threshold, 2022  
9 experienced 20 fewer MEDs than 2021. Other performance spikes were  
10 experienced in 2017 and 2019, with both years also experiencing a high  
11 number of MEDs. Lastly, the number of MED in 2023 has risen from 2022  
12 and 2023 weather was more similar to 2019 and 2021. Given the  
13 randomness of weather patterns, no discernable trends can be learned from  
14 historical performance results.

15 The performance for the metric is 610 for mid-2023 results. This is  
16 higher than mid-2022 results because 2022 did not have any MEDs the first  
17 half of the year.

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

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

20 There have been no changes to the directional 1 and 5-Year Targets  
21 since the SOMs report filing.

22 **2. Target Methodology**

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

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

30 In addition, the MED threshold increased from a daily SAIDI value of  
31 3.50 in 2021 to 5.04 in 2022. In 2023, the MED threshold maintains at 5.03.  
32 This new threshold equates to 20 fewer MEDs in 2022 compared to that  
33 experienced in 2021 or 5 MEDs in total for 2022.

1 The following factors were also considered in establishing targets:

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

## 21 D. (2.3) Performance Against Target

### 22 1. Deviation From the 1-Year Target

23 As demonstrated in Figure 2.3-2 above, PG&E experienced 19 Major  
24 Event Days in 2023 so far and 2023 performance remains in historical  
25 bounds. The performance result for mid-2023 was 610, which is higher than  
26 mid-2022 results only because the 2022 year did not have any MED for the  
27 first half of the year. Year-end results are not expected to be similar to 2022  
28 because of the number of MED in 2023 so far.

### 29 2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target

30 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of  
31 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to  
32 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  
7 clearances. PG&E's Vegetation Management program, components of  
8 which exceed regulatory requirements, is critical to mitigating wildfire risk.  
9 Our vegetation management team inspects and identifies needed vegetation  
10 maintenance on all distribution and transmission circuit miles in PG&E's  
11 service area on a recurring cycle through Routine and Tree Mortality Patrols,  
12 as well as Pole Clearing. Our EVM program goes above and beyond  
13 regulatory requirements for distribution lines by expanding minimum  
14 clearances and removing overhang in HFTD areas. In 2022, EVM passed  
15 through our work verification process ~1,923 miles. Due to the emergence  
16 of other wildfire mitigation programs (namely EPSS and Undergrounding),  
17 the program will not be executed in 2023. The trees that were identified as  
18 part of the program and previous iterations and scopes will be worked down  
19 over the next 9 years, risk ranked by our latest wildfire distribution risk  
20 model. The WMP has commitments for this program of the removal of 15K  
21 trees in 2023, 20K trees in 2024, and 25K trees in 2025.

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

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

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

- 30 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E's broader grid design program  
31 covers a number of significant programs, called out in detail in PG&E's 2022  
32 WMP. The largest of these programs is the System Hardening Program  
33 which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic wildfire risk caused  
34 by distribution overhead assets. In 2022, we had rapidly expanded our

1 system hardening efforts by: completing 483 circuit miles of system  
2 hardening work which includes overhead system hardening, undergrounding  
3 and removal of overhead lines in HFTD or buffer zone areas; completing at  
4 least 179 circuit miles of undergrounding work, including Butte County  
5 Rebuild efforts and other distribution system hardening work; replacing  
6 equipment in HFTD areas that creates ignition risks, such as non-exempt  
7 fuses (3,000) and surge arresters (~4,500, all known, remaining in HFTD  
8 areas). As we look beyond 2022, PG&E is targeting 2,100 miles of  
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.

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

- 16 • Animal Abatement: The installation of new equipment or retrofitting of  
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.

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

- 22 • Overhead/Underground Critical Operating Equipment (COE) Replacement  
23 Work: The Overhead COE Program is comprised of corrective maintenance  
24 of certain defined equipment—including Protective Devices (Reclosers,  
25 Cutouts, Sectionalizers), Voltage Devices (Regulators, Boosters), Switches  
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.<sup>2</sup>

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

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<sup>2</sup> Information on COE equipment can be provided upon request.

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**CHAPTER 2.4**

**SYSTEM AVERAGE OUTAGES DUE TO VEGETATION AND  
EQUIPMENT DAMAGE IN HFTD AREAS  
(NON-MAJOR EVENT DAYS)**

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4                                   **EQUIPMENT DAMAGE IN HFTD AREAS**  
5   **(NON-MAJOR EVENT DAYS)**

6           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
7           in Section B concerning metric performance and section D concerning performance  
8           against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9           **A. (2.4) Overview**

10           **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

18           **2. Introduction of Metric**

19                   The measurement of System Average Outages due to Vegetation and  
20                   Equipment Damage in HFTD areas is tied to the public safety risk of Asset  
21                   Failure. Customers Experiencing Sustained Outages (CESO) is an  
22                   important industry-standard measure of reliability performance as it a direct  
23                   measure of outage frequency.

24           **B. (2.4) Metric Performance**

25           **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2023)**

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

31                   The Cornerstone program investments in 2013 involved both capacity  
32                   and reliability projects, and PG&E experienced its best reliability  
33                   performance in 2015. While this metric is not benchmarkable, in

1 2015 System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) (unplanned and  
2 planned) was in second quartile when benchmarking with peer utilities.

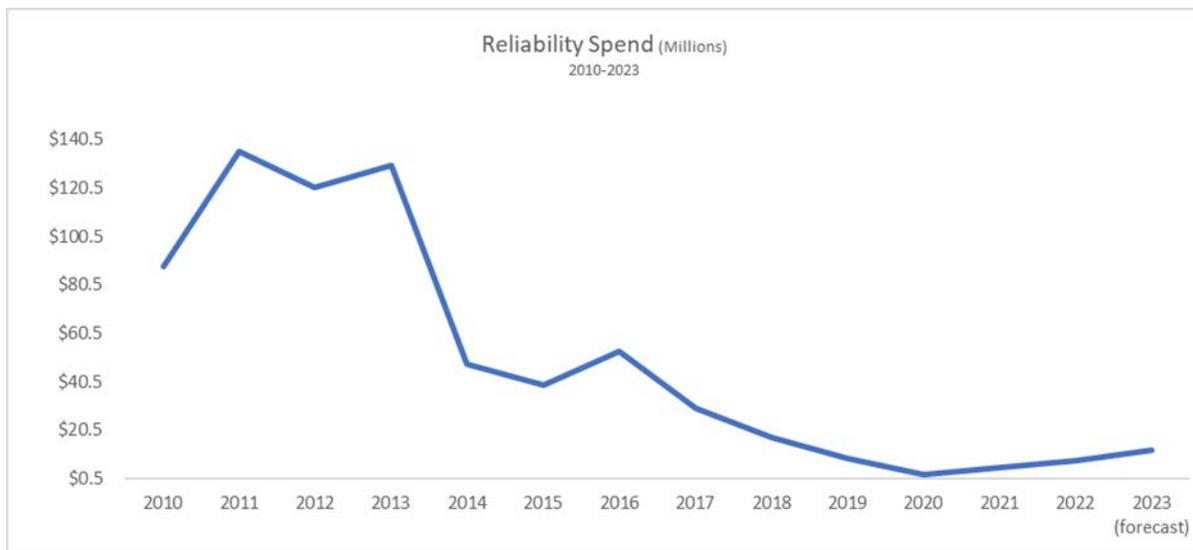
3 The majority of the 2017-2020 investment was on Fault Location  
4 Isolation and Restoration (FLISR), which automatically isolates faulted line  
5 sections and then restores all other non-faulted sections in less than  
6 five minutes) typically in urban/suburban areas. Of note, FLISR does not  
7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

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

12 Many factors influence reliability performance, including (but not limited  
13 to) reliability project investments and project execution, favorable weather  
14 conditions, outage response time, asset lifecycle and health, switching  
15 device locations and function (including disablement of reclosers to mitigate  
16 fire risk).

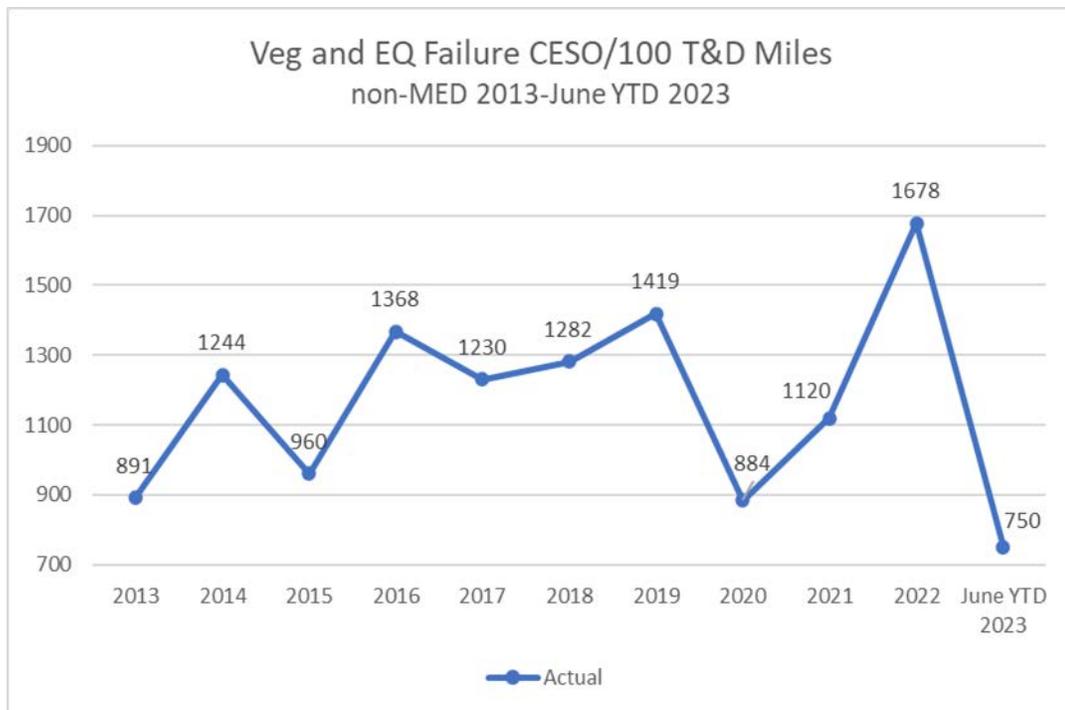
17 The current investment/work plan is heavily weighted towards wildfire  
18 mitigation and is not targeted towards improving reliability performance.

**FIGURE 2.4-1  
HISTORICAL RELIABILITY SPEND: 2010 – 2022**

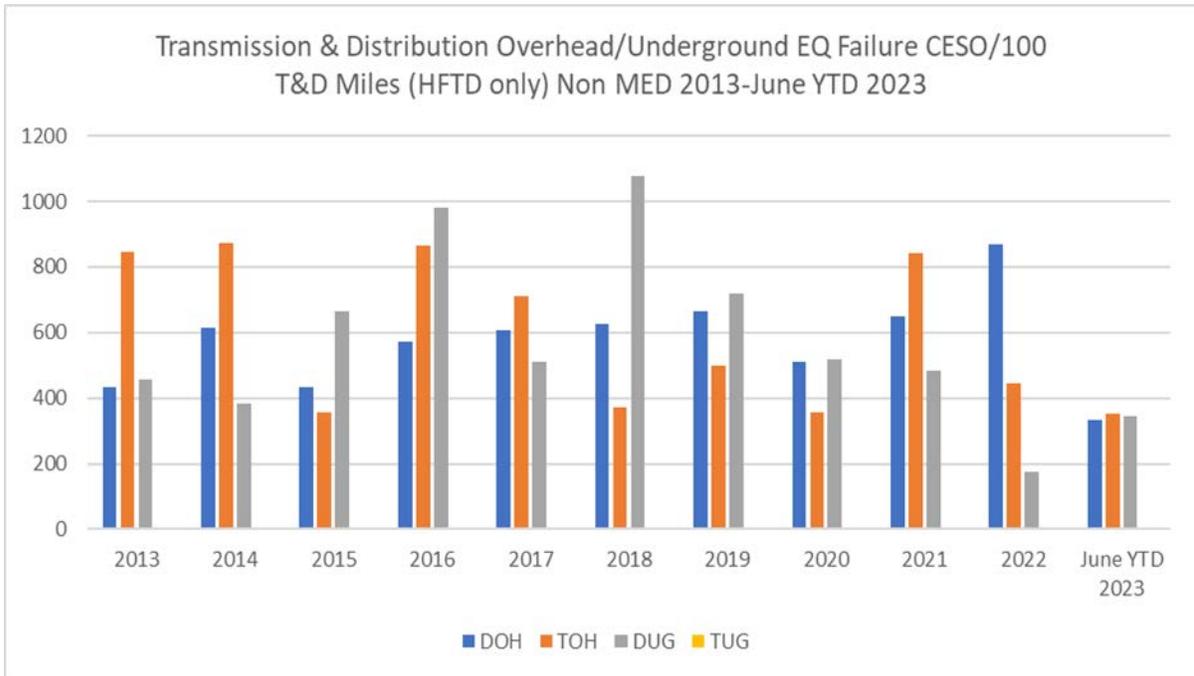


1 Reliability performance has consistently degraded since 2017 as  
2 PG&E's focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation, with a  
3 50 percent CESO increase occurring in 2022 from 2021.

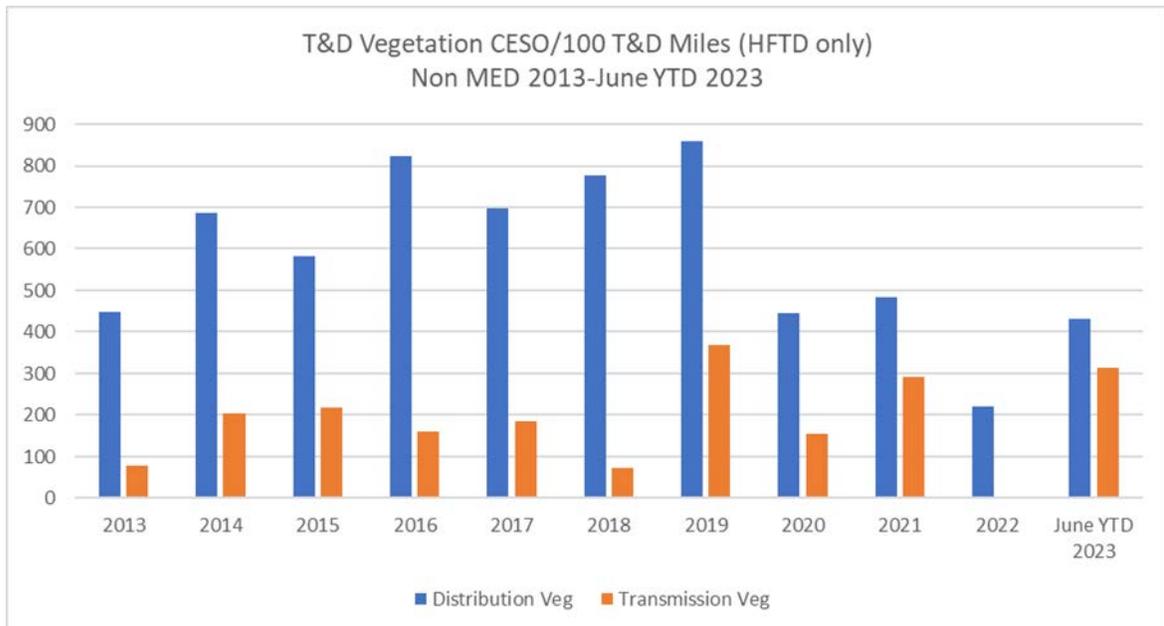
**FIGURE 2.4-2**  
**TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION**  
**VEGETATION AND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL DATA**  
**(HFTD ONLY, NON-MED 2013-JUNE 2023)**



**FIGURE 2.4-3  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION  
OVERHEAD/UNDERGROUND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL DATA  
(NON-MED 2013 – JUNE 2023)**



**FIGURE 2.4-4  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION  
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(NON-MED 2013-JUNE 2023)**



## 2. Data Collection Methodology

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

### 4 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

5 The number of vegetation and equipment failure related customer  
6 outages occurring per 100 T&D line miles on Non-MEDs has varied each  
7 year but was generally declining since 2016. [More recently, the CESO](#)  
8 [increased 27 percent from 2020 to 2021, and 50 percent from 2021 to 2022.](#)  
9 [2023 mid-year performance 750 is seemingly very similar to 2022 mid-year](#)  
10 [performance 768. The year-end results are expected to be very close to](#)  
11 [2022 results. In general, the increased CESO is due to the following](#)  
12 [reasons:](#)

- 13 • To reduce ignition risk, PG&E implemented the EPSS program in  
14 July 2021. This program enabled higher sensitivity settings on targeted  
15 circuits in HFTD to deenergize when tripped. It should be noted that as  
16 of December 2022, the number of California Public Utilities Commission  
17 (CPUC) reportable ignitions in HFTD decreased by 65 percent from the  
18 previous 3-year average upon deployment of EPSS; and
- 19 • In addition to the impact of EPSS, the metrics tied to CESO have been  
20 impacted as PG&E shifted away from traditional system reliability  
21 improvement work and more toward wildfire risk reduction, from reclose  
22 disablement in 2018 forward. As such, 2022 performance is not directly  
23 comparable to prior years as the operating conditions have changed  
24 significantly and resulted in large year-over-year changes.

### 25 **C. (2.4) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

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

27 [There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the](#)  
28 [last SOMs report filing.](#)

- 29 • PG&E proposes a 1- and 5-Year target range for this metric, similar to  
30 the SAIDI (2.1) and SAIFI (2.2) metrics as it is experiencing the same  
31 unknowns within the EPSS environment. Customer outages of all  
32 causes are increasing in the HFTD areas due to EPSS, and the full  
33 annual impact is currently unknown. Due to the increase in threshold,

1 there are also less excludable MEDs thus resulting in more vegetation  
2 and equipment failure related outages that occur during large  
3 (non-MED) storm events, such as in January 2022. 25 MEDs occurred  
4 in 2021, compared to 5 in 2022.

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

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

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

20 Until the metric data can be more accurately measured, a target  
21 range for this metric will be established to account for the variances  
22 mentioned above.

## 23 **2. Target Methodology**

- 24 • For 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E is proposing a range of CESO  
25 due to Vegetation and Equipment Failure in HFTD of 1,523-1,980. This  
26 range mirrors last year range and performance due to the increase in  
27 significant expansion of the EPSS program in 2022:
  - 28 – EPSS settings has been added to an additional 848 circuits in 2022  
29 (compared to 170 in 2021) for a total of approximately 1,018<sup>2</sup>  
30 circuits;

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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           – The upper range of the target range represents a 18 percent buffer,  
2           as 2022 performance may not have seen the full range of weather  
3           events; and
- 4           – The MED threshold will maintain a daily SAIDI value of 5.03 which  
5           is still up from 3.50 in 2021. This threshold only allowed for 5 MED  
6           exclusions in 2022 whereas in the previous year, there were 25.  
7           The increased threshold will cause more days that would previously  
8           have been MEDs to be accounted for in this metric instead.

9           The following factors were also considered in establishing targets:

- 10          • Historical Data and Trends: As 2021 was the first year of EPSS  
11          deployment and given the expansion of the program in 2022, there had  
12          been no historical data to help guide in target setting. PG&E has  
13          undertaken an effort to re-baseline the 2022 EPSS/MED threshold  
14          environment.
- 15          • Benchmarking: While this metric is not benchmarkable, PG&E is  
16          currently in the third quartile in SAIFI performance;
- 17          • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 18          • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
19          Enforcement: The target for this metric is suitable for EOE as it aligns  
20          with unplanned SAIFI target range and accounts for our current work  
21          plan and the unknowns of EPSS;
- 22          • Attainable With Known Resources/Work Plan: Based on 2022 results  
23          and 2023 work plan, PG&E does not expect degradation that would  
24          prevent us from meeting proposed target;
- 25          • PG&E's top financial and resource priority of minimizing the risk of  
26          catastrophic wildfires has led to declining reliability performance and  
27          does not support an improvement of outage performance:
  - 28               – The General Rate Case (GRC) in 2017-20 allocated budget for  
29               reliability, but the work was re-prioritized to focus on wildfire  
30               mitigation, compliance, pole replacement and tags;
  - 31               – The most significant driver of reliability performance is Equipment  
32               Failure, specifically Overhead Conductor;
  - 33               – Conductor replacement under the System Hardening program for  
34               wildfire risk reduction is forecasted through the GRC period, but

1 provides limited additional benefit, at approximately 1 percent  
2 (due to the rural HFTD geography in which this work takes place);

- 3 – Current allocated 2022 GRC spending amount for targeted  
4 reliability improvements (MAT Code 49x) is \$9 million;
- 5 – Prior to the implementation of EPSS in July 2021, current levels of  
6 investment and assuming the GRC forecast through 2026,  
7 SAIDI/SAIFI performance was expected to remain in the  
8 third quartile and sustained improvement trending not expected  
9 until 2023. However, with the EPSS implementation performance  
10 fell and is expected to remain in the fourth quartile; and

- 11 • Other Considerations: PG&E expanded their EPSS program (as  
12 described earlier in this chapter) and began enablement on high-risk  
13 circuits in January—representing and expanded fire season—all of which  
14 significantly impact SAIDI, SAIFI and CESO performance.

### 15 **3. 2023 Target**

16 Range: 1,523 – 1,980

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

### 20 **4. 2027 Target (Amended)**

21 Range: 1,523 – 1,980

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

## 24 **D. (2.4) Performance Against Target**

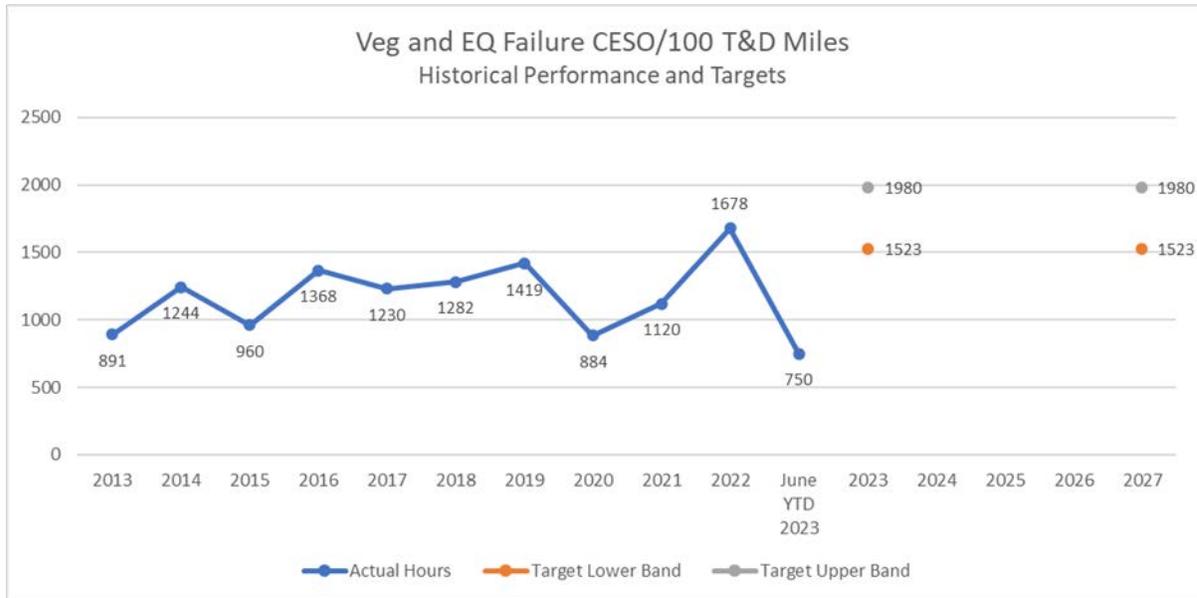
### 25 **1. Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

26 The 2023 mid-year performance was 750 which is forecasted to within  
27 the target range of 1523 – 1980 for end of year. This result is similar to  
28 2022 mid-year performance of 768.

### 29 **2. Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

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

**FIGURE 2.4-6  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION  
VEGETATION AND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS  
(2013 – JUNE 2023)**



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

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

- Enhanced Vegetation Management:** The EVM program is targeted at overhead distribution lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplements PG&E's annual routine vegetation management work with CPUC mandated clearances. PG&E's Vegetation Management program, components of which exceed regulatory requirements, is critical to mitigating wildfire risk. Our vegetation management 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

1 over the next 9 years, risk ranked by our latest wildfire distribution risk  
2 model. The WMP has commitments for this program of the removal of  
3 15K trees in 2023, 20K trees in 2024, and 25K trees in 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

- 32 • Downed Conductor Detection: To further mitigate high impedance faults  
33 that can lead to ignitions, PG&E is piloting specific distribution line reclosers  
34 utilizing advanced methods to detect and isolate previously undetectable

1 faults. This innovative solution is called Down Conductor Detection (DCD)  
2 and has been implemented on over 200 reclosing devices as of  
3 September 1, 2022. This technology uses sophisticated algorithms to  
4 determine when a line-to-ground arc is present (i.e., electrical current  
5 flowing from one conductive point to another) and the recloser will  
6 immediately de-energize the line once detected. Although this technology is  
7 new, it has already proven successful in detecting faults that would have  
8 otherwise been undetectable. PG&E learned from these pilot installations  
9 through the 2022 wildfire season and expects to implement more of this  
10 technology on an additional 1000 devices to address system risks in 2023.

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

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

- 17 • Overhead/Underground Critical Operating Equipment (COE) Replacement  
18 Work: The Overhead COE Program is comprised of corrective maintenance  
19 of certain defined equipment—including Protective Devices (Reclosers,  
20 Cutouts, Sectionalizers), Voltage Devices (Regulators, Boosters), Switches  
21 (Switches, Disconnects), Capacitors, and Conductors—that plays an  
22 important role in preventing customer interruptions. Since COE Program is  
23 expected to address equipment as quickly as possible, numbers for each  
24 device may change quickly upon reporting.<sup>3</sup>

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

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<sup>3</sup> Information on COE equipment can be provided upon request.

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6 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
7 against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

8 **A. (3.1) Overview**

9       **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

16       **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

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

25       **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2023)**

26           We have ten years of historical data that includes the years 2013- Q2  
27 2023. Although we started measuring distribution wire down incidents in  
28 2012, 2013 was the first full year we uniformly measured the number of  
29 distribution wire down incidents. Over this historical reporting period,  
30 performance is largely influenced by external factors such as weather and  
31 third-party contact with our OH electric facilities. These historical results are  
32 plotted in 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 25,060<sup>1</sup>](#) 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.

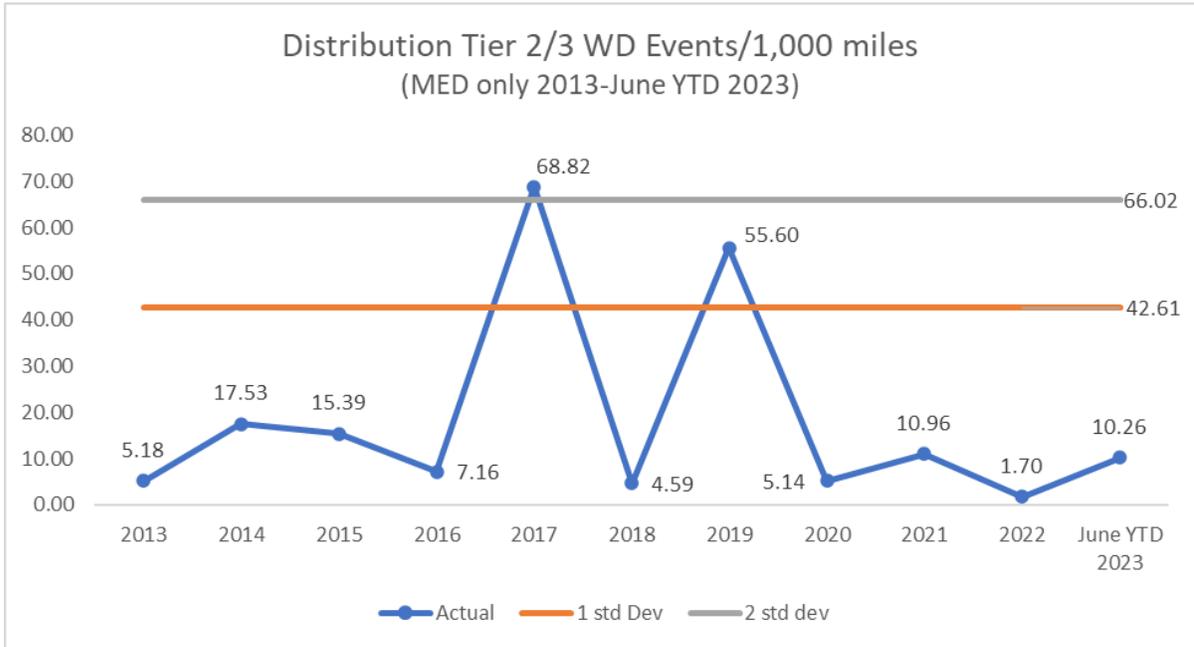
14 In addition, our vegetation management (VM) teams conduct site visits  
15 of vegetation caused wires down incidents as part of its standard  
16 tree-caused service interruption investigation process. The data obtained  
17 from site visits supports efforts to reduce future vegetation-caused wires  
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.

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<sup>1</sup> For purposes of computing 2022 performance, PG&E used the end of year 2021, [which was 25,270 miles](#). For 2023 performance, PG&E is using the end of year 2022, [which is 25,060 miles](#).

**FIGURE 3.1-1  
DISTRIBUTION PRIMARY WIRES DOWN INCIDENTS PER 1,000 CIRCUIT MILES TIER 2/3,  
OCCURRING ON MEDS (2013-JUNE 2023)**



Note: The data in this figure is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes will be reflected in PG&E’s March 2024 report.

**TABLE 3.1-1  
ANNUAL MAJOR EVENT DAYS (2013–JUNE 2023)**

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	June YTD 2023
4	5	10	3	30	7	31	14	25	5	19

Note: The data in this table is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes will be reflected in PG&E’s March 2024 report.

**2. Data Collection Methodology**

PG&E uses the Integrated Logging Information System (ILIS) – Operations Database, to track and count the number of wires down incidents as well as our electric distribution geographical information systems (EDGIS) to determine if the wire down incident was in an HFTD locations. Although our outage database does not specifically identify precise location of the downed wire, we use the Latitude and Longitude (e.g., Lat/Long) of the device used to isolate the involved electric power line

1 Section as a proxy. We also use our electric distribution geographic  
2 information system (EDGIS) application to determine if that device (via:  
3 Lat/Long information) is in the HFTD (e.g., Tier 2 or Tier 3 location). Outage  
4 information is entered into ILIS by our electric distribution operators based  
5 on information from field personnel and devices such as Supervisory Control  
6 and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeter™<sup>2</sup> devices. We last upgraded  
7 our outage reporting tools in 2015 and integrated SmartMeter information to  
8 identify potential outage reporting errors and to initiate a subsequent review  
9 and correction.

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

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

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

25 [As can be seen from the 2013 to Q 2 2023 distribution wire down event](#)  
26 [and number of MEDs per year data, the number of Tier 2 and Tier 3 wire](#)  
27 [down events were significantly impacted by the number of MEDs](#)  
28 [experienced in 2017, 2019 and the first half of 2023.](#) The average number  
29 of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD distribution wire down events per 1,000 miles per  
30 MED was 0.342 in 2022, compared to 2.294 in 2017 and 1.794 in 2019.

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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 ™ symbol, consistent with legally-acceptable practice.

1 The average number of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD distribution wire down  
2 events per 1,000 miles per MED for the first half of 2023 is 0.540.

3 In the first half of 2022, PG&E had experienced zero MEDs and thus  
4 had a metric of 0.0. In the first half of 2023, PG&E has experienced 19  
5 MEDs and has a current metric of 10.26.

## 6 C. (3.1) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

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

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

### 10 2. Target Methodology

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

13 Based on the historical performance of this metric, PG&E's  
14 "Maintain" designation as staying within 2 standard deviations from the  
15 10-year average. This equates to an upper limit of 66.02 (as shown in  
16 Figure 3.1-1);

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

#### 30 1. 2023 Target

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

#### 32 2. 2027 Target

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

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

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

3 As demonstrated in Figure 3.1-1 and Table 3.1-1 above, PG&E  
4 experienced 19 MEDs from January through June 2023, resulting in a  
5 performance of 10.26. This increase in events was driven by extreme  
6 weather that occurred January through March, including the numerous  
7 atmospheric river events. The weather that occurred April through June was  
8 much more moderate and did not result in any MEDs. As a result, the  
9 overall performance in 2023 remains on track to be within the 2023 target  
10 of 66.02.

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

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

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

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

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

27 PG&E updated its prioritization process for OH conductor replacements  
28 to include consideration of the RAMP risk tranches with Safety  
29 Consequence Zones. The three focused tranches are: (1) corrosive  
30 regions with specific materials (Aluminum Conductor Steel-Reinforced  
31 (ACSR)), (2) elevated wires down (small copper conductors), and (3) poor  
32 reliability performance. The Safety Consequence Zones take the following  
33 attributes of conductor into consideration: within buffer zones near Major

1 Transportation Infrastructure, Public Assembly Areas, and Public Safety  
2 Entities.

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

- 5 • Patrols and Inspections: PG&E monitors the condition of primary OH  
6 conductor through patrols and inspections consistent with GO 165. Tags  
7 are created for abnormal conditions, including those that can lead to a wire  
8 down. Work is prioritized in a risk-informed manner to address the issues  
9 identified in the tags.
- 10 • Failure Analysis: PG&E conducts post-event investigations of targeted  
11 equipment failures (i.e., wires down events involving conductor or splice  
12 failure). Replacement plans are developed using failure rates obtained  
13 through wires down analysis and conductor-splice data. These  
14 investigations collect physical and environmental attributes to determine  
15 conductor replacement justification and priority as well as to determine  
16 failure trends. The information collected is entered into the “Engineer  
17 Investigation Wires Down Database.” Analysis of this data has informed  
18 PG&E’s strategy to focus replacement work on conductor types with  
19 elevated wires down rates, including small (#4 and #6 gauge) copper  
20 conductors and #4 ACSR conductors located in corrosion areas.
- 21 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E’s broader grid design program  
22 covers several significant programs, called out in detail in PG&E’s 2022  
23 WMP. The largest of these programs is the System Hardening Program  
24 which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic wildfire risk caused  
25 by distribution OH assets. In 2022, we had rapidly expanded our system  
26 hardening efforts by: completing 483 circuit miles of system hardening  
27 work, which includes: OH system hardening, undergrounding, and removal  
28 of OH lines in HFTD or buffer zone areas; completing at least 179 circuit  
29 miles of undergrounding work, including Butte County Rebuild efforts and  
30 other distribution system hardening work; replacing equipment in HFTD  
31 areas that creates ignition risks, such as non-exempt fuses (3,000) and  
32 surge arresters (~4,500, all known, remaining in HFTD areas). As we look  
33 beyond 2022, PG&E is targeting 2,100 miles of Undergrounding to be  
34 completed between 2023 and 2026 as part of the 10,000 Mile

1           Undergrounding Program. Even though this program will provide wire down  
2 mitigation benefit, note that PG&E’s approach to wildfire mitigations in the  
3 HFTD locations is based on a risk informed prioritization of work in the areas  
4 where wildfire risk is evaluated as highest, as opposed to where wires down  
5 incidents have a high likelihood of occurrence if they are in areas where  
6 wildfire risk is relatively lower within the HFTD.

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

- 9       • Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM): The EVM Program is targeted  
10 at OH distribution lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplements  
11 PG&E’s annual routine VM work with California Public Utilities Commission  
12 mandated clearances. PG&E’s EVM Program, components of which  
13 exceed regulatory requirements, is critical to mitigating wildfire risk. Our  
14 EVM team inspects and identifies needed vegetation maintenance on all  
15 distribution and transmission circuit miles in PG&E’s service area on a  
16 recurring cycle through Routine and Tree Mortality Patrols, as well as Pole  
17 Clearing. Our EVM Program goes above and beyond regulatory  
18 requirements for distribution lines by expanding minimum clearances and  
19 removing overhang in HFTD areas. In 2022, EVM passed through our work  
20 verification process ~1,923 miles. Due to the emergence of other wildfire  
21 mitigation programs (namely EPSS and Undergrounding), the program will  
22 not be executed in 2023. The trees that were identified as part of the  
23 program and previous iterations and scopes will be worked down over the  
24 next nine years, risk ranked by our latest wildfire distribution risk model. The  
25 WMP has commitments for this program of the removal of 15K trees in  
26 2023, 20K trees in 2024, and 25K trees in 2025.

27           Please see Section 7.3.5, Vegetation Management and Inspections in  
28 PG&E’s WMP for additional details.

- 1 • Other Advancements: There are several technologies that PG&E is piloting
- 2 to better identify and/or prevent conductor to ground faults. This includes:
- 3 – SmartMeter-based methods;
- 4 – Distribution Falling Wire Detection Method;
- 5 – Distribution Fault Anticipation;
- 6 – Early Fault Detection; and
- 7 – Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter.

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9   **A. (3.2) Overview**

10   **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

18   **2. Introduction to the Metric**

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

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

27   **B. (3.2) Metric Performance**

28   **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q 2 2023)**

29           There are 10 years of historical data available from the years 2013- Q2  
30 2023. Although PG&E started measuring distribution wire down incidents in  
31 2012, 2013 was the first full year uniformly measuring the number of  
32 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 25,060 miles](#)<sup>1</sup>  
7 of our OH electric primary distribution lines traverse in the HFTD areas.

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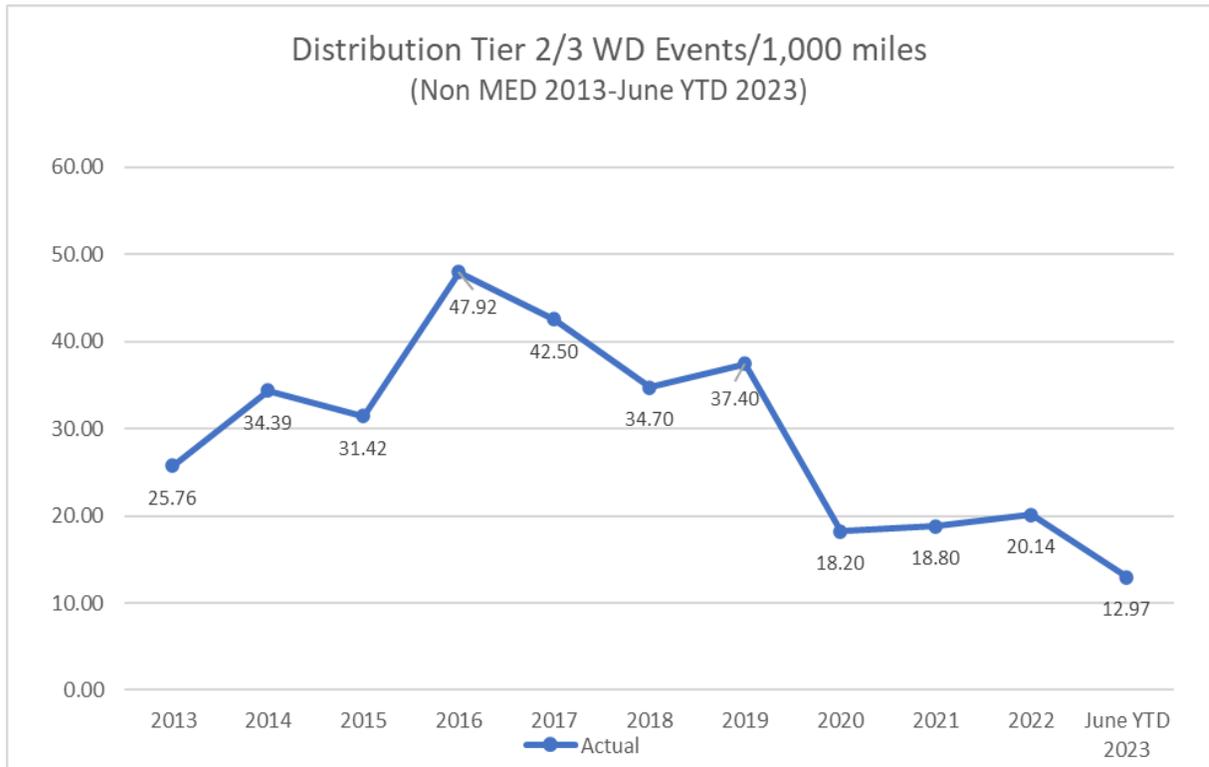
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- 17 • Hardening of OH electric power systems with more resilient equipment.

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

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**FIGURE 3.2-1  
DISTRIBUTION PRIMARY WIRES DOWN INCIDENTS PER 1,000 CIRCUIT MILES  
(TIER 2/3 NON-MED ONLY 2013- JUNE 2023)**



Note: The data in this figure is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes will be reflected in PG&E's March 2024 report.

**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.<sup>2</sup> 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 509 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.

27 In the first half of 2022, PG&E had a metric of 9.30. In the first half of  
28 2023, PG&E has a current metric of 12.97.

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<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>TM</sup> 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 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
4 last SOMs report filing. Given the significant variability performance  
5 observed in the last 10 years, driven by weather, PG&E is adjusting the  
6 target setting methodology to leverage a 10-year average + 1 standard  
7 deviation, instead of using a 5-year average +1 standard deviation. This  
8 allows us to better account for the variability.

9 **2. Target Methodology**

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

- 12 • Historical Data and Trends:
  - 13 – The past 10 years were used in PG&E’s target setting  
14 methodology. These 10 years (2013-2022) are being used for this  
15 report because this longer period allows PG&E to better account for  
16 the weather-driven variability in the year-over-year performance,  
17 compared to the 5-year approach used for previous target-setting.
  - 18 – Target methodology now leverages a 10-year average + 1 Standard  
19 deviation approach, so that targeted performance maintains the  
20 improvement achieved over the past years while accounting for the  
21 variability observed in the results of this metric, typically caused by  
22 weather;
  - 23 – Target methodology also accounts for PG&E’s wildfire mitigation  
24 strategies, with work in HFTD areas being targeted for wildfire risk  
25 reduction, which is not fully consistent with a work prioritization  
26 approach targeting wires down count reduction only;
- 27 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 28 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 29 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
30 Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they  
31 account for the variability experienced by this metric;
- 32 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Targets are attainable  
33 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 percent reduction year over year, at 38.15 Wires  
16 Down Events per 1,000 miles.

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

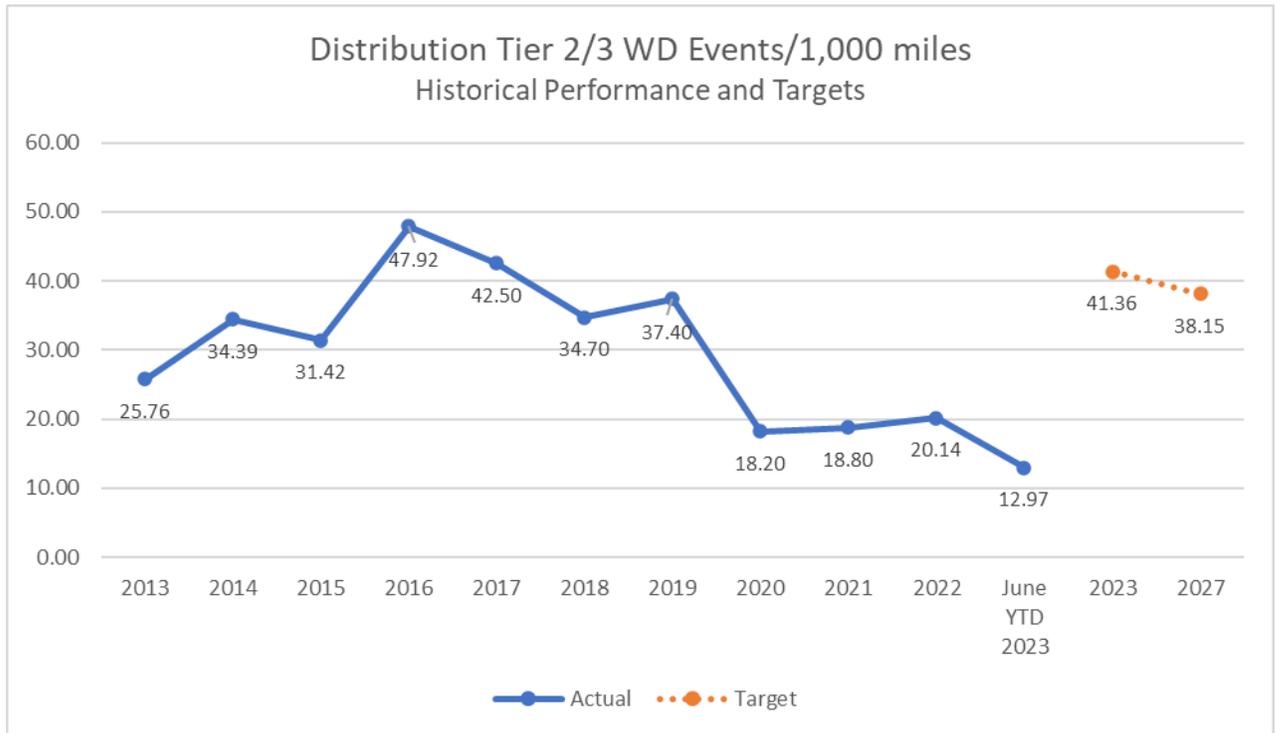
18 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

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. For January through  
22 June 2023, the metric is 12.97 which is on track to be within the 2023 target  
23 of 41.36. Although there were a historically high number of wire down  
24 events in 2023 thus far, most have occurred on MEDs. There was a  
25 significant increase in MEDs in 2023, as compared to 2022, driven by  
26 extreme weather that occurred January through March of 2023, including  
27 the atmospheric river events.

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



Note: The data in this figure is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes will be reflected in PG&E’s March 2024 report.

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

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

- Patrols and Inspections:** PG&E monitors the condition of primary OH conductor through patrols and inspections consistent with GO 165. Tags are created for abnormal conditions, including those that can lead to a wire down. Work is prioritized in a risk-informed manner to address the issues identified in the tags.
- Failure Analysis:** PG&E conducts post-event investigations of targeted equipment failures (i.e., wires down events involving conductor or splice failure). These investigations collect physical and environmental attributes to determine failure trends. The information collected is entered into the “Engineer Investigation Wires Down Database.” Analysis of this data has informed PG&E’s Conductor Wildfire Risk modeling.

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

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

23 • Enhanced Vegetation Management: The EVM program is targeted at OH  
24 distribution lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplements PG&E’s  
25 annual routine VM work with CPUC mandated clearances. PG&E’s VM  
26 program, components of which exceed regulatory requirements, is critical to  
27 mitigating wildfire risk. PG&E’s VM team inspects and identifies needed  
28 vegetation maintenance on all distribution and transmission circuit miles in  
29 PG&E’s service area on a recurring cycle through Routine and Tree  
30 Mortality Patrols, as well as Pole Clearing. Our EVM program goes above  
31 and beyond regulatory requirements for distribution lines by expanding  
32 minimum clearances and removing overhang in HFTD areas. In 2022, EVM  
33 passed approximately 1,923 miles through our work verification process.  
34 Due to the emergence of other wildfire mitigation programs (namely EPSS

1 and Undergrounding), the program will not be executed in 2023. The trees  
2 that were identified as part of the program and previous iterations and  
3 scopes will be worked down over the next 9 years, risk ranked by our latest  
4 wildfire distribution risk model. The WMP has commitments for this program  
5 of the removal of 15,000 trees in 2023, 20,000 trees in 2024, and 25,000  
6 trees in 2025.

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

- 9 • Other Advancements: In addition, there are several technologies that PG&E  
10 is piloting to better identify and/or prevent conductor to ground faults. This  
11 includes:
  - 12 – SmartMeter-based methods;
  - 13 – Distribution Falling Wire Detection Method;
  - 14 – Distribution Fault Anticipation;
  - 15 – Early Fault Detection; and
  - 16 – Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter.

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4   **(TRANSMISSION)**

5           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
6 in; B concerning metric performance; and Section D concerning performance against  
7 target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

8   **A. (3.3) Overview**

9       **1. Metric Definition**

10           Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.3 – Wires Down Major Event  
11 Days in HFTD Areas (Transmission) is defined as:

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

16       **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

25   **B. (3.3) Metric Performance**

26       **1. Data Collection**

27           Unplanned ET outages are documented by PG&E’s Transmission  
28 Operations Department using its Transmission Operations Tracking &  
29 Logging (TOTL) application. If distribution-served customers are affected by  
30 a particular transmission wire down event, the data captured in TOTL are  
31 merged in a separate data set with respective data from PG&E’s distribution  
32 outage reporting application Integrated Logging Information System. Follow  
33 up is usually required to validate cause of the wire down event, including

1 daily outage review calls with various stakeholder departments to clarify the  
2 details of the wire down event. Results are consolidated and regularly  
3 communicated internally to keep stakeholders informed of progress.

## 4 **2. Historical Data**

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

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

14 This metric is normalized by the transmission circuit miles within Tier 2  
15 and Tier 3 HFTDs. The HFTD boundaries are recent development and were  
16 not defined for several years as shown in Figure 3.3-1 below. Hence, for all  
17 years prior to and including 2022, PG&E uses 5,525.9 overhead  
18 transmission circuit miles in Tier 2/3 HFTD areas and assumes any  
19 variances in prior years are negligible. [Moving forward, HFTD mileage will  
20 be refreshed at the beginning of each year. For 2023, the actual overhead  
21 transmission circuit mile count in Tier 2/3 HFTD areas is 5,437.7, as of  
22 January 1, 2023.](#)

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

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

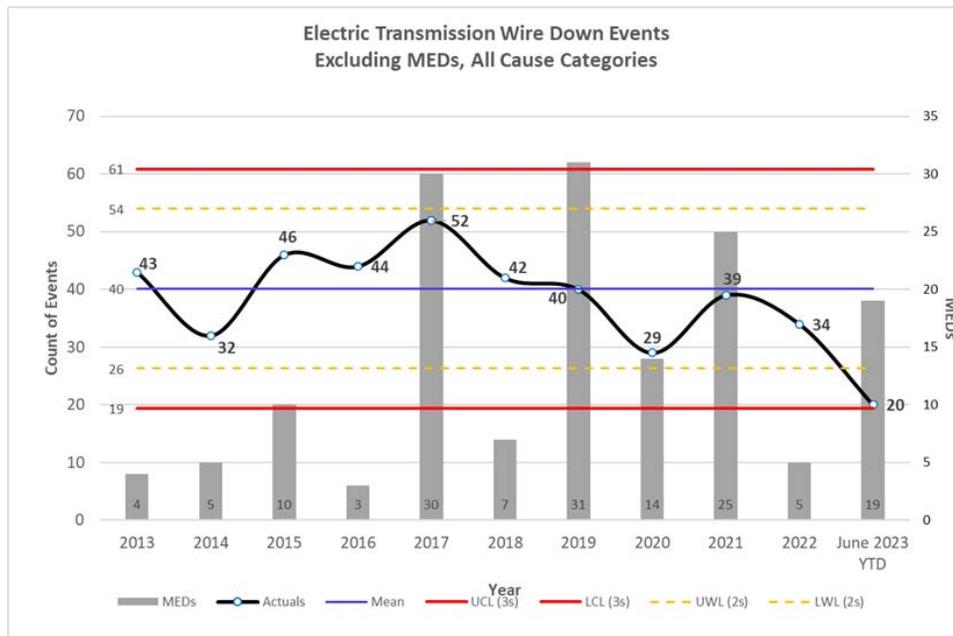
31 The probability that a point falls above the Upper Control Limit (UCL)  
32 which for most control chart designs is an indicator of significant process  
33 degradation) or below the lower control limit (LCL), an indicator of significant

process improvement) if only common causes are operating is approximately 0.00135. It is therefore unlikely to have measures fall beyond the control limits when no special cause is operating. False alarms are possible, but the placement of the control limits at 3 standard deviations (+/-) from the process average is thought to control the number of false alarms adequately in most situations. The simplest rule for detecting presence of a special cause is one or more points that fall beyond upper or lower limits of the chart.

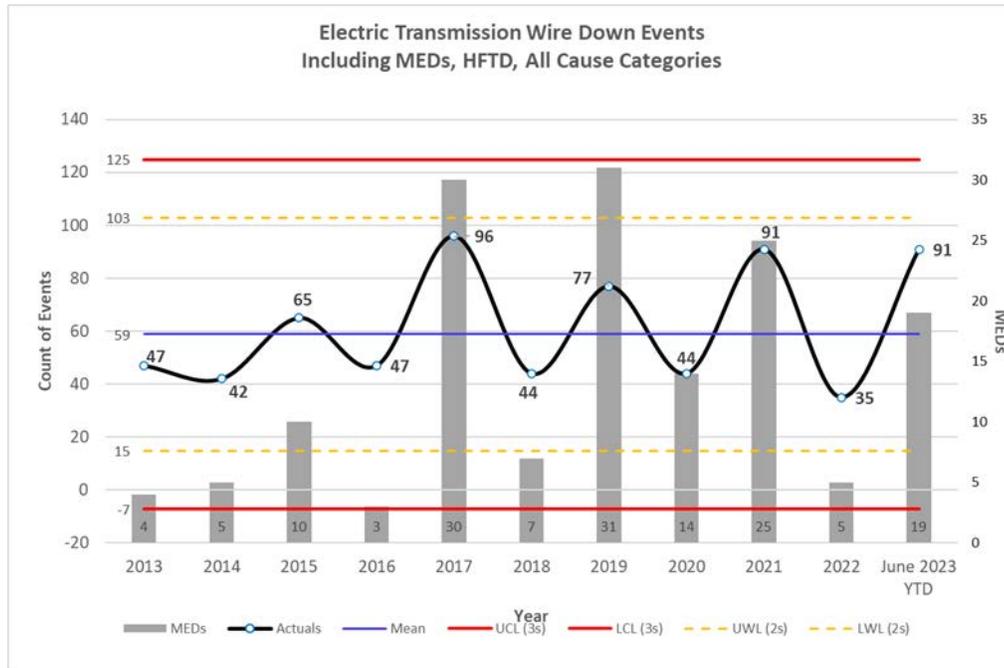
Control charts can further illustrate an expected range of performance based on historical data. They can assist with discrete observations of recent performance improvement or decline or stability.

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

**FIGURE 3.3-1  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS, EXCLUDING MEDS  
(2013-JUNE 2023)**



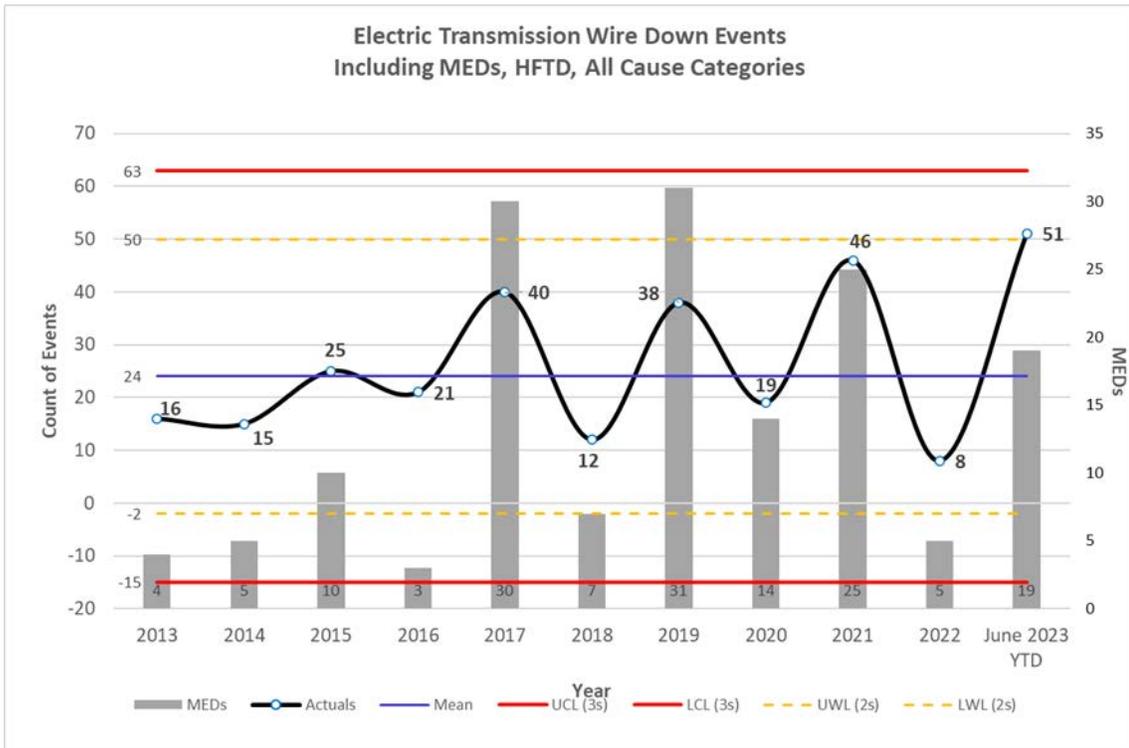
**FIGURE 3.3-2  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS, INCLUDING MEDS  
(2013-JUNE 2023)**



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.

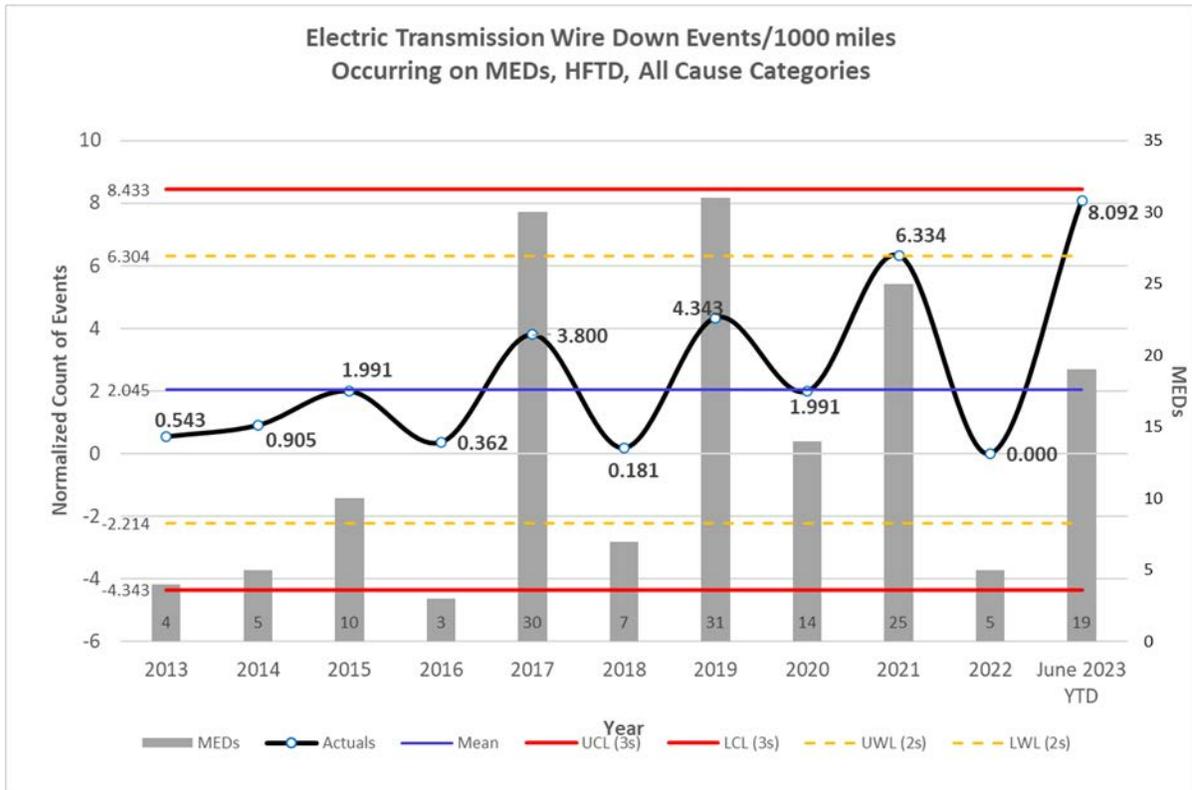
7           Figure 3.3-3 below is analogous to Figure 3.3-2 above but restricts the  
 8           count of transmission wire down events to those occurring within Tier 2 or  
 9           Tier 3 HFTDs. All categories related to cause are included. The bars in the  
 10          chart show congruence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

**FIGURE 3.3-3  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS,  
INCLUDING MEDS, TIER 2/3 (2013-JUNE 2023)**



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

**TABLE 3.3-4  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS OCCURRING ON MEDS, TIER 2/3  
(2013-JUNE 2023)**



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. We will likely  
 5 exceed the UCL by end-of-year as discussed in Section D.1 below.

6 **2. Target Methodology**

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

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

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

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

#### 13 **D. (3.3) Performance Against Target**

##### 14 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

15 PG&E experienced 51 wire down events in HFTDs on 19 MEDs from  
16 January through June of 2023 resulting in a performance of 8.092. This  
17 increase in events was driven by extreme weather that occurred January  
18 through April, including the numerous atmospheric river events. Through  
19 the first six months, performance is already close to the UCL (see  
20 Table 3.3-4) and is expected to exceed that level by EOY. 2022, in  
21 comparison, had 0 wires down events in HFTDs on MEDs because of a  
22 more moderate weather year which led to fewer MEDs and fewer wire down  
23 events.

##### 24 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

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

#### 28 **E. (3.3) Current and Planned Work Activities**

29 Wire down events can be caused by a variety of factors, including, but not  
30 limited to asset failure, third-party contact, or vegetation contact. The following  
31 work activities may provide future resiliency for certain wire down event causes,  
32 though the effectiveness of the work is dependent upon the circumstances of the

1 wire down event (e.g., new assets may still be prone to a wire down event that  
2 occur due to extreme weather events outside of standard design guidance).

- 3 • Asset Inspection: Detailed inspections of overhead transmission assets  
4 seek to proactively identify potential failure modes of asset components  
5 which could create future wire down, outage, and/or safety events if left  
6 unresolved or allowed to “run to failure.” Detailed inspections for  
7 transmission assets involve at least two detailed inspection methods per  
8 structure (ground and aerial), though not necessarily in the same calendar  
9 year which allows for staggered inspection methods across multiple years.  
10 Aerial inspections may be completed either by drone, helicopter, or aerial lift.  
11 In addition to the ground and aerial inspections, climbing inspections are  
12 also required for 500 kilovolt structures or as triggered. All these inspection  
13 methods involve detailed, visual examinations of the assets with use of  
14 inspection checklists that are in accordance with the ET Preventive  
15 Maintenance standards, as well as the Failure Modes and Effects Analysis.
- 16 • Asset Repair and Replacement: Completing repair, replacement, removal  
17 or life extension to transmission assets provides the benefit of reduced  
18 probability of failure for components that could potentially result in a wire  
19 down event. Idle asset de-energization and removal eliminates wires down  
20 event risk by removing the energized electrical components.

21 Many improvements are identified through corrective maintenance  
22 notifications. These notifications are typically identified as a result of  
23 transmission asset inspections and patrols. Prioritization of maintenance tags  
24 are based on severity of the issues found and fire ignition potential  
25 (i.e., asset-conditions impacting issues associated with HFTD areas and High  
26 Fire Risk Area). Execution of the prioritized work plan would also have to  
27 address other factors such as clearance availability, access, work efficiency, etc.

- 28 • Vegetation Management (VM): Trees or other vegetation that make contact  
29 or cross within flash-over distance of high voltage transmission lines can  
30 cause phase to phase or phase to ground electrical arcing, fire ignition or  
31 local, regional or cascading, grid-level service interruption. Dense  
32 vegetation growing within the right-of-way (ROW) can act as a fuel bed for  
33 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 ET corridors that are home to vast amounts of  
4           vegetation. This vegetation ranges from sparse to extremely dense. Our  
5           transmission lines also pass through urban, agricultural, and forested settings.  
6           The corridor environment is dynamic and requires focused attention to ensure  
7           vegetation stays clear of energized conductors and other equipment. Vegetation  
8           inspection is a required operational step in an overall VM Program. Accordingly,  
9           PG&E has developed an annual inspection cycle program as part of our overall  
10          Transmission VM Program to respond to the diverse and dynamic environment  
11          of our service territory. The Routine North American Electric Reliability  
12          Corporation (NERC) and Routine Non-NERC Programs are annually recurring.  
13          The Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Program maintains cleared  
14          ROWs on a recurs every three-to-5-year cycles. The frequency and  
15          prioritization for each of these programs is described in more detail below.

- 16          • Routine NERC: The Routine NERC Program includes Light Detection and  
17          Ranging (LiDAR) inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of  
18          vegetation encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on  
19          approximately 6,800 miles of NERC Critical lines. 100 percent inspection  
20          and work plan completion are required by NERC Standard FAC-003-4.  
21          Work is prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs  
22          annually.
- 23          • Non-Routine NERC: The Non-Routine NERC Program includes LiDAR  
24          inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of vegetation  
25          encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on approximately  
26          11,400 miles of transmission lines not designated as critical by NERC.  
27          Work is prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs  
28          annually.

- 1           •     Integrated Vegetation Management: The IVM Program is an ongoing
- 2 maintenance program designed to maintain cleared rights-of-way in a
- 3 sustainable and compatible condition by eliminating tall-growing and
- 4 fire-prone vegetation and promoting low-growing, compatible vegetation.
- 5 Prioritization is based on aging of work cycles and evaluation of vegetation
- 6 re-growth. After initial work is performed, the rights-of-ways are reassessed
- 7 every two to five years.

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

17   **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

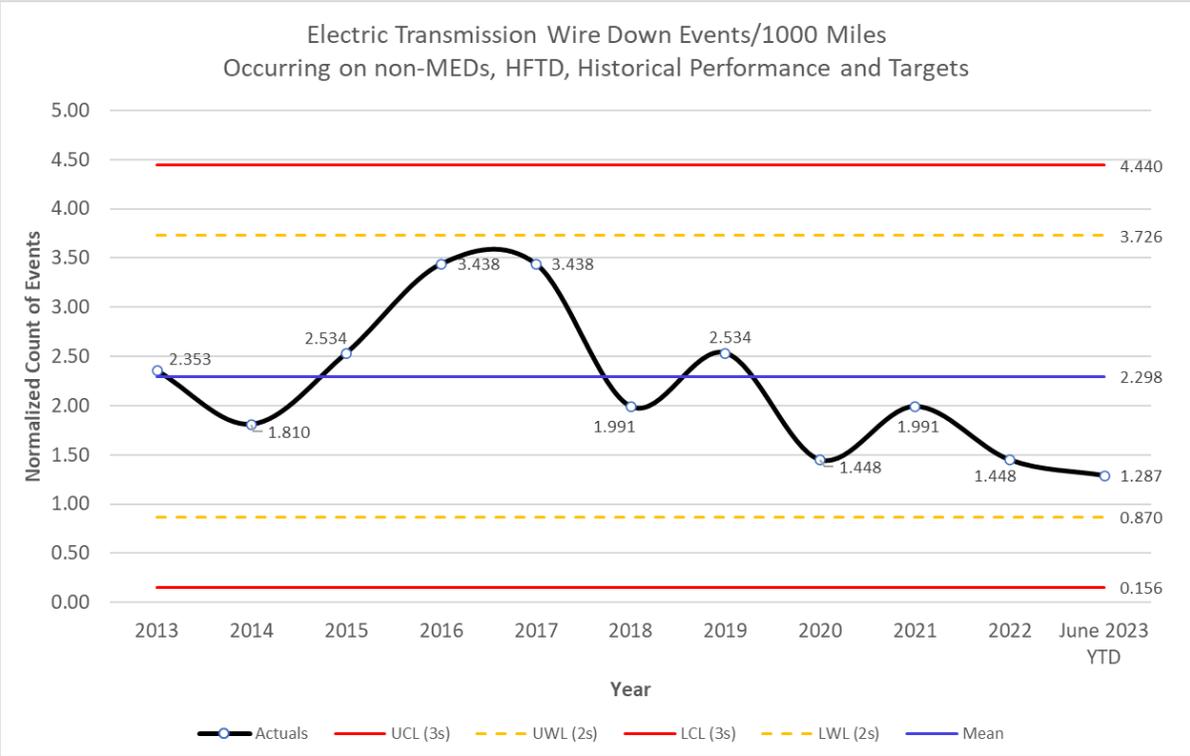
26   **B. (3.4) Metric Performance**

27   **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2023)**

28           There are 10 years of historical data available from the years 2013-Q2  
29 2023. Although PG&E started measuring wire down incidents in the 2012,  
30 2013 was the first full year uniformly measuring the number of transmission  
31 wire down incidents. This metric is normalized by the transmission circuit  
32 miles within Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs. The HFTD boundaries are a recent  
33 development and were not defined for several years within the historical

1 data timeframe. Hence, for all years prior to and including 2022, PG&E  
 2 uses 5,525.9 overhead transmission circuit miles in Tier 2/3 HFTD areas  
 3 and assumes any variances in prior years are negligible. Moving forward,  
 4 HFTD mileage will be refreshed at the beginning of each year. For 2023,  
 5 the actual overhead transmission circuit mile count in Tier 2/3 HFTD areas is  
 6 5,437.7, as of January 1, 2023.

**FIGURE 3.4-1  
 ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS  
 OCCURRING ON NON-MEDS PER 1,000 CIRCUIT MILES (2013-JUNE 2023)**



7 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

8 Unplanned electric transmission outages are documented by PG&E's  
 9 Transmission Operations Department using its Transmission Operations  
 10 Tracking & Logging (TOTL) application. If distribution-served customers are  
 11 affected by a particular transmission wire down event, the data captured in  
 12 TOTL are merged in a separate data set with respective data from PG&E's  
 13 distribution outage reporting application (integrated logging information  
 14 system). Follow up is usually required to validate cause of the wire down  
 15 event, including daily outage review calls with various stakeholder

1 departments to clarify the details of the wire down event. Results are  
2 consolidated and regularly communicated internally to keep stakeholders  
3 informed of progress Metric performance.

### 4 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

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

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

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

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

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

30 ...shall submit an annual report...describing its Availability Measures  
31 performance. This annual report shall be based on Forced Outage  
32 records...and shall include the date, start time, end time affected  
33 Transmission Facility, and the probable cause(s) if known.

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

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

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

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

## 16 C. (3.4) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

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

18 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
19 last SOMs report filing.

### 20 2. Target Methodology

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

- 22 • Historical Data and Trends: 1-Year and 5-Year Targets are set to  
23 maintain performance within a 3 standard deviation range using the  
24 available historical data. As discussed above in the interpretations of  
25 control charts related to this metric—and absent any “special” cause(s)  
26 that would result in deviation above the current 3 standard deviations—it  
27 is reasonable to expect that future transmission wire down results would  
28 remain within the historical performance levels. Such results will vary  
29 based on the number of MEDs experienced in a year; however, end of  
30 year actuals should remain centered around the mean and below the  
31 upper control limit (UCL) shown in Figure 3.4-1. Changes in MED  
32 thresholds from year to year can skew the UCL;
- 33 • Benchmarking: Not available;

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

### 12 **3. 2023 Target**

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

### 16 **4. 2027 Target**

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

## 20 **D. (3.4) Performance Against Target**

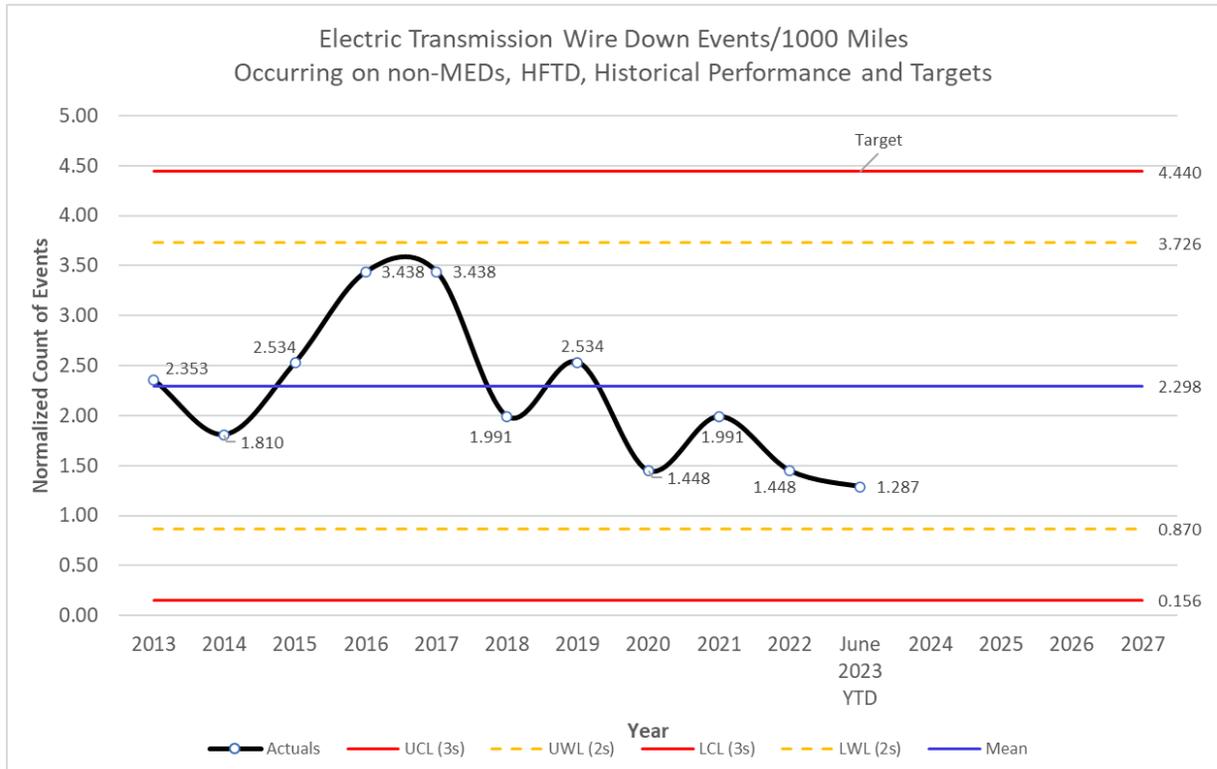
### 21 **1. Progress Towards the 1-year Target**

22 As demonstrated in Figure 3.4-2 below, PG&E saw a performance of  
23 1.448 (January-June 2022: 0.724) Transmission Wires Down Events per  
24 1,000 circuit miles in 2022 which is consistent with Company's 1-year target.  
25 We are projecting to meet our EOY target for 2023 with our January-June  
26 YTD value of 1.287. Although there were a historically high number of  
27 overall wire down events in 2023 thus far, most have occurred on MEDs.  
28 There was a significant increase in MEDs in 2023, as compared to 2022,  
29 driven by extreme weather that occurred January through April of 2023,  
30 including the atmospheric river events.

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

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

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



5       **E. (3.4) Current and Planned Work Activities**

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

- 12       • Asset Inspection: Detailed inspections of overhead transmission assets  
13 seek to proactively identify potential failure modes of asset components  
14 which could create future wire down, outage, and/or safety events if left  
15 unresolved or allowed to “run to failure.” Detailed inspections for

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

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

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

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

33 PG&E operates our lines in ET corridors that are home to vast amounts of  
34 vegetation. This vegetation ranges from sparse to extremely dense. Our

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

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

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**CHAPTER 3.5**

**WIRES DOWN RED FLAG WARNING DAYS IN HFTD AREAS  
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3                                   **WIRES DOWN RED FLAG WARNING DAYS IN HFTD AREAS**  
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5           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
6 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
7 against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

8 **A. (3.5) Overview**

9       **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

16       **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

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

30       **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2023)**

31           There are 10 years of historical data available from 2013 to Q2 2023.  
32 Although PG&E started measuring distribution wire down incidents in the

1 2012, 2013 was the first full year uniformly measuring the number of  
2 distribution wire down incidents.

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

6 PG&E's overhead electric primary distribution system consists of  
7 approximately 80,200 circuit miles of overhead conductor and associated  
8 assets that could contribute to a wires down incident. Approximately  
9 25,060 miles of our overhead electric primary distribution lines traverse in  
10 the HFTD areas.

11 Over the last several years, we have completed significant work and  
12 launched various initiatives targeted at reducing wires down incidents,  
13 including:

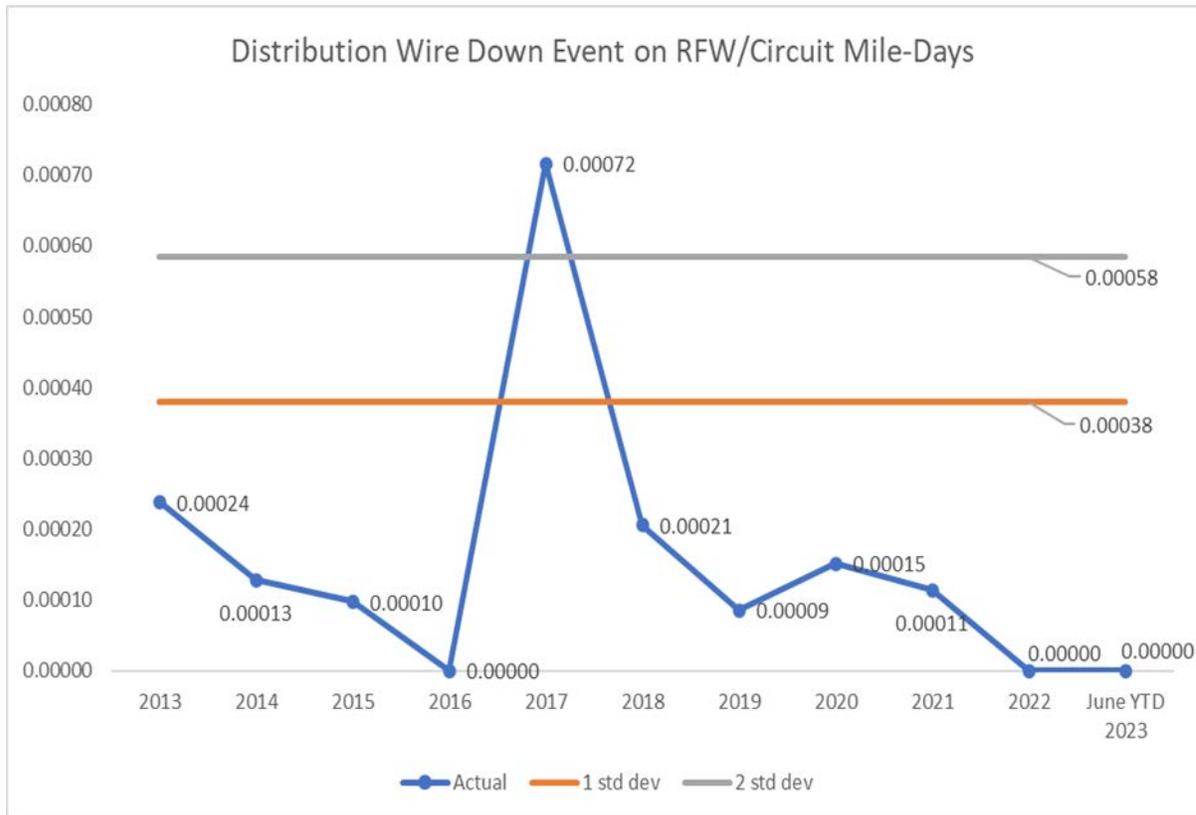
- 14 • Investigating wire down incidents and implementing learnings and  
15 corrective actions;
- 16 • Performing infrared inspections of overhead electric power lines to  
17 identify and repair hot spots;
- 18 • Clearing of vegetation hazards posing risks to our overhead electric  
19 facilities;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

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

28 There are a total of approximately 25,060 overhead distribution circuit  
29 lines miles located in HFTD areas. PG&E's databases reflect the circuit  
30 miles that currently exist and do not maintain the historical values  
31 specifically in the HFTD areas. We have assumed the circuit miles have  
32 remained the same for all years from 2013-2022. Going forward, PG&E will  
33 report the nominally updated circuit mileage total annually.

1 For the calculation of this metric, both the HFTD overhead line miles and  
 2 number of wires down events are measured based on the area subjected by  
 3 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-JUNE 2023)**



4 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

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

1 operators based on information from field personnel and devices such as  
2 Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeter™<sup>1</sup>  
3 devices. We last upgraded our outage reporting tools in year 2015 and  
4 integrated SmartMeter information to identify potential outage reporting  
5 errors and to initiate a subsequent review and correction.

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

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

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

21 As shown in Figure 3.5-1 above, the distribution wire down events on  
22 RFW days per circuit mile day has varied each year but has generally  
23 declined since 2017. [In 2022 PG&E experienced zero wires down events](#)  
24 [on RFWs. Similarly, in the first half of 2023, no distribution wires down](#)  
25 [events on RFW days were experienced.](#) 2021 experienced 13 wires down  
26 events on RFWs compared to 34 in 2020. Performance is attributed to  
27 ongoing efforts in reducing wires down events, in particular vegetation  
28 management and hardening. However, because the number of events is  
29 very minimal, and the metric is highly weather dependent in areas that are

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<sup>1</sup> 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 more susceptible to wire down events, it can be expected to see variance  
2 from a year-to-year basis.

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

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

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

#### 10 **2. Target Methodology**

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

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

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

#### 30 **3. 2023 Target**

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

#### 32 **4. 2027 Target**

33 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 or during  
5 the first half of 2023. Thus, the metric was 0.0 for 2022 and remains 0.0 for  
6 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 • Patrols and Inspections: PG&E monitors the condition of primary overhead  
2 conductor through patrols and inspections consistent with General  
3 Office 165. Tags are created for abnormal conditions, including those that  
4 can lead to a wire down. Work is prioritized in a risk-informed manner to  
5 address the issues identified in the tags.
- 6 • Failure Analysis: PG&E conducts post-event investigations of targeted  
7 equipment failures (i.e., wires down events involving conductor or splice  
8 failure). Replacement plans are developed using failure rates obtained  
9 through wires down analysis and conductor-splice data. These  
10 investigations collect physical and environmental attributes to determine  
11 conductor replacement justification and priority, as well as to determine  
12 failure trends. The information collected is entered into the “Engineer  
13 Investigation Wires Down Database.” Analysis of this data has informed  
14 PG&E’s strategy to focus replacement work on conductor types with  
15 elevated wires down rates, including small (#4 and #6 gauge) copper  
16 conductors and #4 ACSR conductors located in corrosion areas.
- 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 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). The largest of these programs is the  
20 System Hardening Program which focuses on the mitigation of potential  
21 catastrophic wildfire risk caused by distribution overhead assets. In 2022,  
22 we had rapidly expanded our system hardening efforts by: completing  
23 483 circuit miles of system hardening work which includes overhead system  
24 hardening, undergrounding and removal of overhead lines in HFTD or buffer  
25 zone areas; completing at least 179 circuit miles of undergrounding work,  
26 including Butte County Rebuild efforts and other distribution system  
27 hardening work; replacing equipment in HFTD areas that creates ignition  
28 risks, such as non-exempt fuses (3,000) and surge arresters (~4,500, all  
29 known, remaining in HFTD areas). As we look beyond 2022, PG&E is  
30 targeting 2,100 miles of Undergrounding to be completed between 2023 and  
31 2026 as part of the 10,000 Mile Undergrounding program. Even though this  
32 program will provide wire down mitigation benefit, note that PG&E’s  
33 approach to wildfire mitigations in the HFTD locations is based on a risk  
34 informed prioritization of work in the areas where wildfire risk is evaluated as

1 highest, as opposed to where wires down incidents have a high likelihood of  
2 occurrence if they are in areas where wildfire risk is relatively lower within  
3 the HFTD.

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

- 6 • Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM): The EVM Program is targeted  
7 at OH lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplements PG&E's annual  
8 routine VM work with California Public Utilities Commission-mandated  
9 clearances. PG&E's VM Program, components of which exceed regulatory  
10 requirements, is critical to mitigating wildfire risk. PG&E's VM team inspects  
11 and identifies needed vegetation maintenance on all distribution and  
12 transmission circuit miles in PG&E's service area on a recurring cycle  
13 through Routine and Tree Mortality Patrols, as well as Pole Clearing. Our  
14 EVM Program goes above and beyond regulatory requirements for  
15 distribution lines by expanding minimum clearances and removing overhang  
16 in HFTD areas. In 2022, EVM passed through our work verification process  
17 ~1,923 miles. Due to the emergence of other wildfire mitigation programs  
18 (namely EPSS and Undergrounding), the program will not be executed in  
19 2023. The trees that were identified as part of the program and previous  
20 iterations and scopes will be worked down over the next nine years, risk  
21 ranked by our latest wildfire distribution risk model. The WMP has  
22 commitments for this program of the removal of 15 thousand trees in 2023,  
23 20 thousand trees in 2024, and 25 thousand trees in 2025.

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

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

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9   **A. (3.6) Overview**

10   **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

17   **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

25   **B. (3.6) Metric Performance**

26   **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2023)**

27           PG&E used nine years of historical data that includes the years  
28 2013-Q2 2022 for target analysis. In 2012, PG&E initiated the Electric Wires  
29 Down Program, including introduction of the electric wires down metric, to  
30 address increased focus on public safety by reducing the number of electric  
31 wire conductors that fail and result in contact with the ground, a vehicle, or  
32 other object.

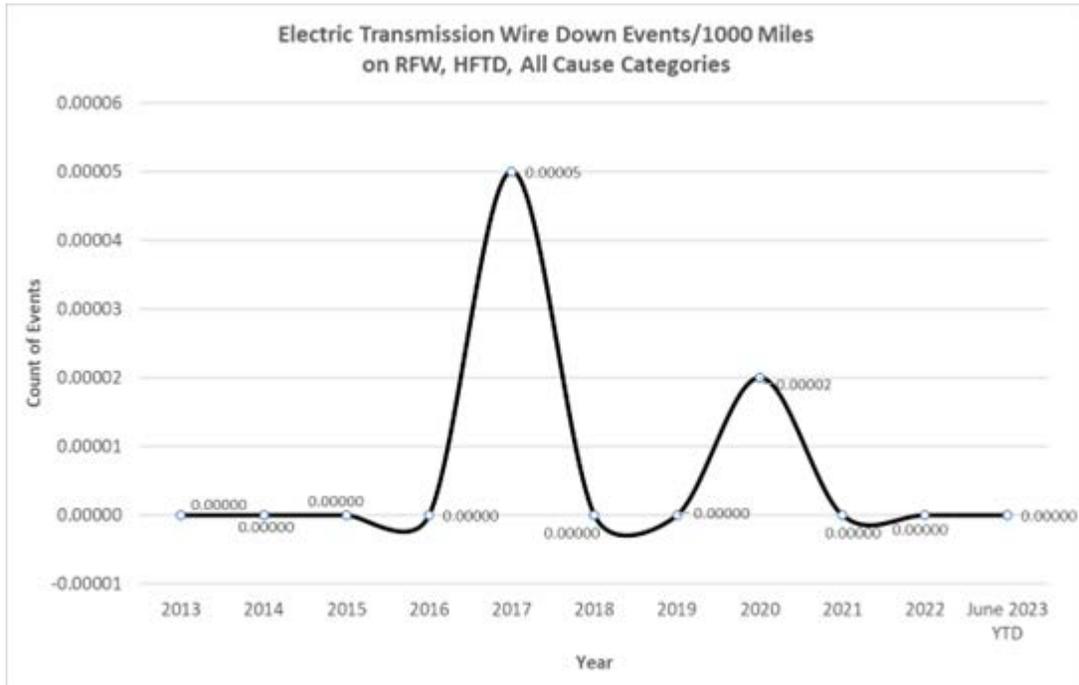
1           Initially the internal definition focused on wires down on the ground and  
2 in 2014 the definition was augmented to include wires down on foreign  
3 objects.

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.

13           This metric is normalized by the transmission circuit miles within Tier 2  
14 and Tier 3 HFTDs. The HFTD boundaries are a recent development and  
15 were not defined for several years. Hence, for all years prior to and  
16 including 2022, PG&E uses 5,525.9 overhead transmission circuit miles in  
17 Tier 2/3 HFTD areas and assumes any variances in prior years are  
18 negligible. Moving forward, HFTD mileage will be refreshed at the beginning  
19 of each year. For 2023, the actual overhead transmission circuit mile count  
20 in Tier 2/3 HFTD areas is 5,437.7, as of January 1, 2023.

**FIGURE 3.6-1  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION  
WIRES DOWN INCIDENTS PER RFW/CIRCUIT MILE-DAYS (2013-JUNE 2023)**



**2. Data Collection Methodology**

PG&E used its transmission outage database, typically referred to as Transmission Operations Tracking & Logging to count the number of these events. Although PG&E’s outage database does not specifically identify the precise location of the downed wire, PG&E uses the Lat/Long of the device used to operate/isolate the involved line Section as a proxy and then uses its Electric Transmission Geographic Information System application to determine if that point is in a Tier 2 or Tier 3 HFTD area. Although PG&E maintains historical line miles of its entire transmission system, it does not have the ability to identify the line miles specifically located within Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD in prior years. As such, these annual metrics all use the same current transmission and distribution Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD line miles as of the end of 2022.

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

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

### 3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period

As shown in Figure 3.6-1, the transmission wire down events on RFW days per circuit mile day is a very small subset of wire down events, making it difficult to identify any trending information. [Zero events occurred in 2022. Similarly, there have been no transmission wire down events on Red Flag Warning days in 2023.](#) 2020 experienced one such event. Since 2013, only two years have experienced any Transmission Wire Down events on RFWs; 2017 (3) and 2020 (1), respectively.

## C. (3.6) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

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

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

### 2. Target Methodology

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

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

- Benchmarking: Not available to best of our knowledge;
- Regulatory Requirements: None;

- 1 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
2 Enforcement: The directional target for this metric is suitable for EOE as  
3 it suggests performance will remain within the historical range;
- 4 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Unknown, however this  
5 metric is impacted by the variability in conditions outside of PG&E's  
6 control, such as the severity of weather on RFWs; and
- 7 • Other Considerations: None.

#### 8 **D. (3.6) Performance Against Target**

##### 9 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

10 As demonstrated in Figure 3.6-1 above, PG&E experienced zero  
11 transmission wires down events on Red Flag Warning Days in which is  
12 consistent with Company's 1-year directional target. *There has been no*  
13 *transmission wire down events on Red Flag Warning days in 2023.*

##### 14 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

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

#### 18 **E. (3.6) Current and Planned Work Activities**

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

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

1 required for 500 kilovolt 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. For example, by replacing or improving aged, degraded assets  
10 and providing more robust, up-to-standard designs. Asset removal  
11 eliminates wire-down event risk by removing the energized electrical  
12 components. Many improvements are identified through corrective  
13 maintenance notifications. These notifications are typically identified as a  
14 result of transmission asset inspections and patrols.

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

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

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

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

- 11 • Routine NERC: The Routine NERC Program includes Light Detection and  
12 Ranging (LiDAR) inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of  
13 vegetation encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on  
14 approximately 6,800 miles of NERC Critical lines. 100 percent inspection and  
15 work plan completion are required by NERC Standard FAC-003-4. Work is  
16 prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs annually.
- 17 • Routine Non-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 ROWs in a sustainable  
25 and compatible condition by eliminating tall-growing and fire-prone  
26 vegetation and promoting low-growing, compatible vegetation. Prioritization  
27 is based on aging of work cycles and evaluation of vegetation re-growth.  
28 After initial work is performed, the ROWs are reassessed every two to  
29 five years.

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8           **A. (3.7) Overview**

9                   **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

19                   **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

28                          Starting in 2015 and through 2019, Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
29                          (PG&E) implemented the new GO 165 requirement to complete patrols each  
30                          year within a prescribed timeframe, based on the date of the last patrol or  
31                          inspection. PG&E’s interpretation and implementation of this new language  
32                          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 – Q2 2023)**

23 To be consistent with the implementation of new GO 165 requirements,  
24 historical data begins in 2015.<sup>1</sup> The 2015-2019 data includes systemwide  
25 results. The 2020- Q2 2023, 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

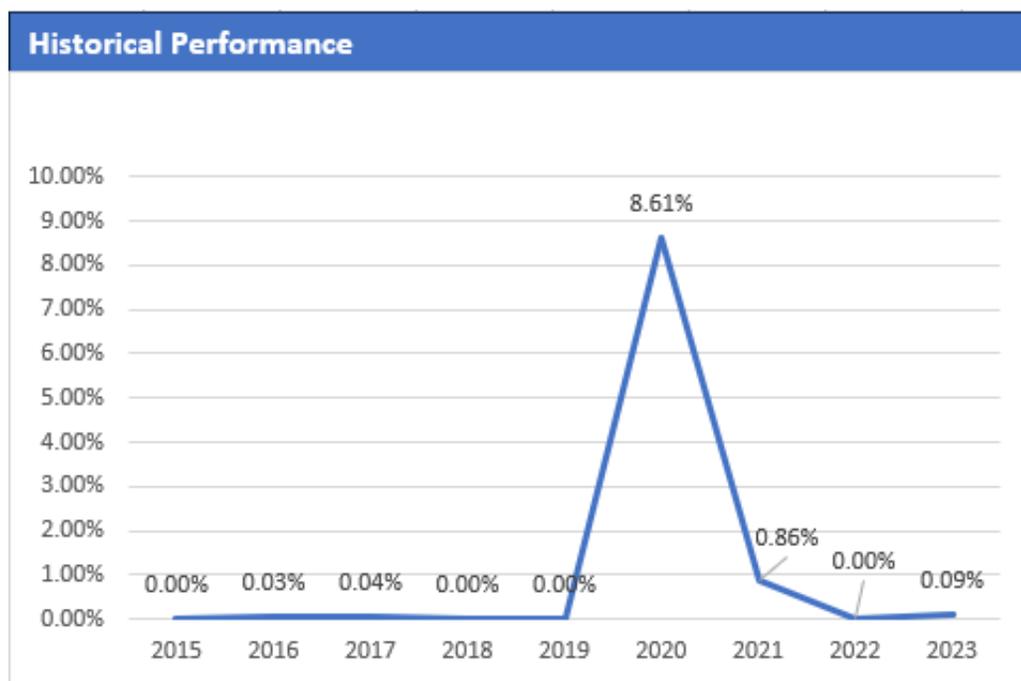
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<sup>1</sup> Historical patrol data is at plat map level vs. structure level. We are further validating plat-based results for HFTD vs. NHFTD units, we may see slight changes to volumes completed late vs. on time, or vice-versa.

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 – Q2 2023)**



Note: Actual performance as follows between 2015-2019: 2015: 0.0003 percent, 2016: 0.0003 percent, 2017: 0.0000 percent, 2018: 0.0002 percent, 2019: 0.0015 percent. 2020: 8.61 percent, 2021: 0.86 percent, 2022: 0.00 percent [January -June 2023: 0.09 percent](#).

## 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.

1 PG&E also shifted its maintenance plan structure in SAP from purely  
2 plat-map based to circuit/risk based, tracking performance at *structure-level*.

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

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

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

12 For the years 2020 and 2021, with the shift to a wildfire risk reduction  
13 focused approach and away from completing overhead patrols by the “12+3”  
14 calculated due date, PG&E’s on-time performance lowered to 8.61 percent  
15 completed late in 2020, 0.86 percent completed late in 2021 and  
16 zero percent were completed late in January through June of 2022. For  
17 January through June of 2023, 0.09 percent were completed late.

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

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

20 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
21 last SOMs report filing.

### 22 **2. Target Methodology**

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

- 25 • Historical Data and Trends: Based on historical performance of  
26 0.01 percent completed late (2015-2019) and the results of the more  
27 recently used wildfire risk reduction approach (2020-2021). In 2022  
28 PG&E intends to improve performance by completing overhead patrols  
29 to (1) be in compliance with GO 165, with a target range of  
30 0.00 percent-0.05 percent completed late, and (2) incorporate Asset  
31 Strategy risk models.
- 32 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 33 • 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**

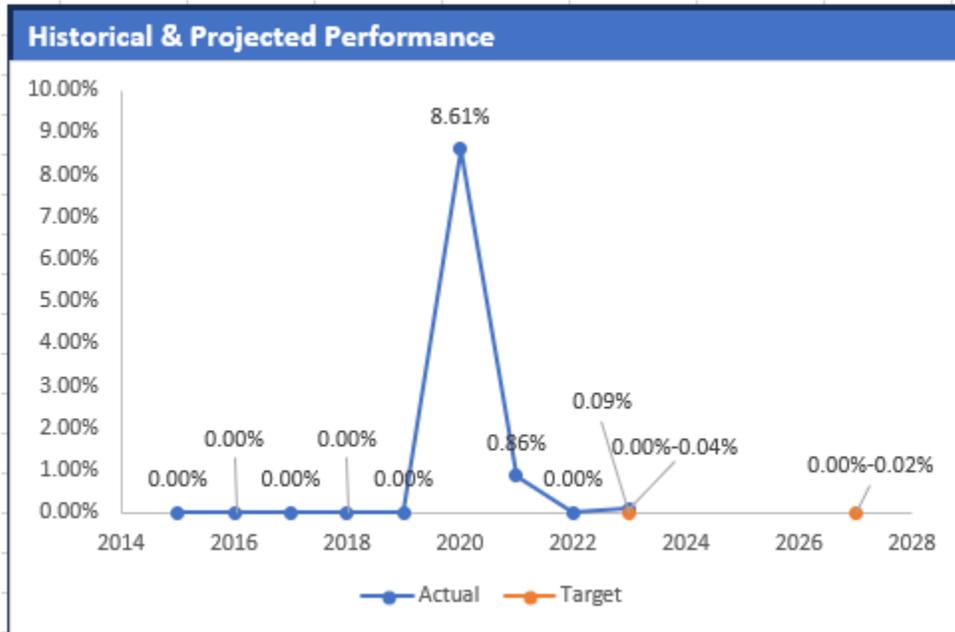
17 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

18 As demonstrated in Figure 3.7-2 below, PG&E saw a slight increase in  
19 missed overhead Distribution patrols in the first half of 2023. PG&E saw  
20 2 missed patrols due to human error in calculation of due date. This will  
21 cause PG&E to exceed the target for 2023.

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

23 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has a number of programs to  
24 improve the long-term performance of this metric and to meet the company’s  
25 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.7-2  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015-Q2 2023) 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.

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

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9   **A. (3.8) Overview**

10   **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

21   **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

30           Starting in 2015 and through 2019, PG&E implemented the new GO 165  
31 requirement to complete inspections each year within a prescribed  
32 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 – Q2 2023)**

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 data<sup>1</sup> 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”

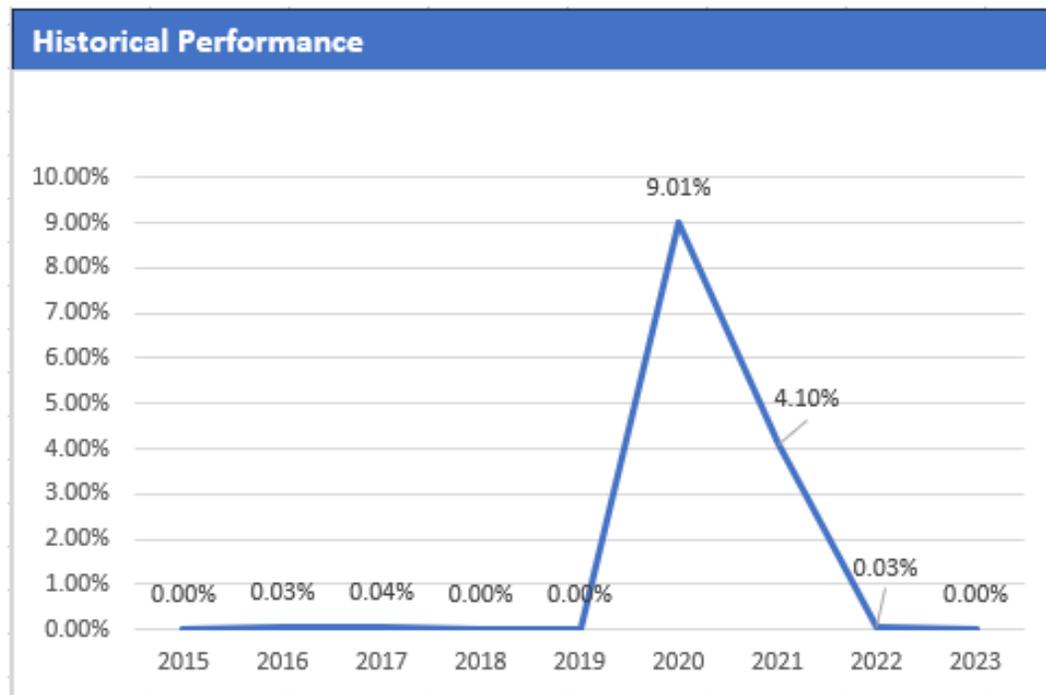
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<sup>1</sup> Historical inspection data <2020 is at plat map level vs. structure level. We are further validating plat map-based results for HFTD vs. NHFTD units, we may see slight changes to volumes completed late vs. on time, or vice-versa.

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- Q2 2023)**



14 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

15 The currently used data collection methodology was implemented in  
 16 2020. It uses a mobile platform for completing Overhead inspections,  
 17 recorded at structure (pole) level using a detailed inspection checklist.

1 PG&E also shifted its maintenance plan structure in SAP from purely  
2 plat-map based to circuit/risk based, tracking performance at *structure-level*.

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

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

7 Between 2015-2019, PG&E’s annual performance for completing  
8 inspections by the CPUC “12+3” due date was 0.01-0.04 percent completed  
9 late. These results demonstrate our commitment to meet GO 165 CPUC  
10 “12+3” due dates.

11 For the years 2020 and 2021, with the shift to a wildfire risk reduction  
12 focused approach and away from completing overhead inspections by the  
13 “12+3” calculated due date, PG&E performance worsened to 9.01 percent  
14 completed late in 2020, 4.10 percent completed late in 2021. *January  
15 through June of 2022 saw one late overhead inspection of the 247,840  
16 performed which equates to a percentage of 0.00 percent. For January  
17 through June of 2023, there was 1 late overhead inspection of the 77,138  
18 performed which equates to a percentage of 0.00 percent.*

19 *\*Note: Lot Inspection User Status "CGIO" are validated annually thus will display a  
20 status of "Pend" during the mid-year SOMs submission.*

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

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

23 *There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
24 last SOMs report filing.* Target Methodology

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

- 27 • Historical Data and Trends: Based on historical performance of  
28 0.01-0.04 percent completed late (2015-2019) and the results of the  
29 more recently used wildfire risk reduction approach (2020-2021), in  
30 2022 PG&E intends to improve performance by completing overhead  
31 inspections to: (1) be in compliance with GO 165, with a target range of  
32 0.00 percent-0.05 percent completed late, and (2) incorporate Asset  
33 Strategy risk models;

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

11 **2. 2023 Target**

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

14 **3. 2027 Target**

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

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

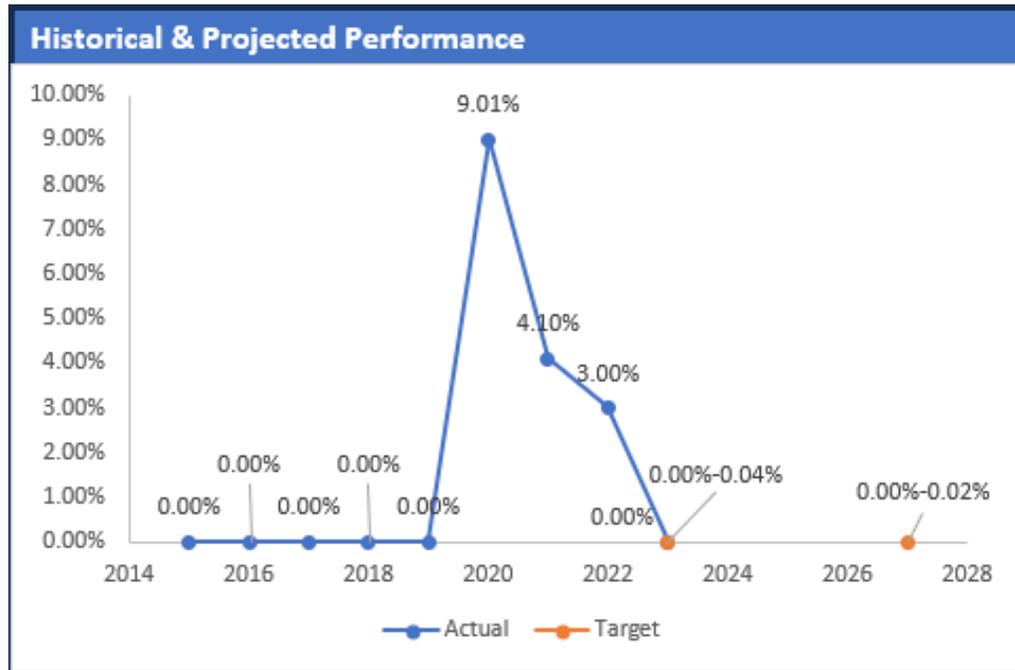
19 **1. Progress Towards/Deviation From the 1-Year Target**

20 As demonstrated in Figure 3.8-2 below, PG&E saw 0.00 percent missed  
21 overhead Distribution inspections in the 2022 which was within the  
22 company's 1-year target.

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

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

**FIGURE 3.8-2  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015- Q2 2023) 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 to the INSPECT application, inspection checklists, and associated Inspector job aids.

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

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**MISSED OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION PATROLS IN**  
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6           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
7 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
8 against target. Material 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)

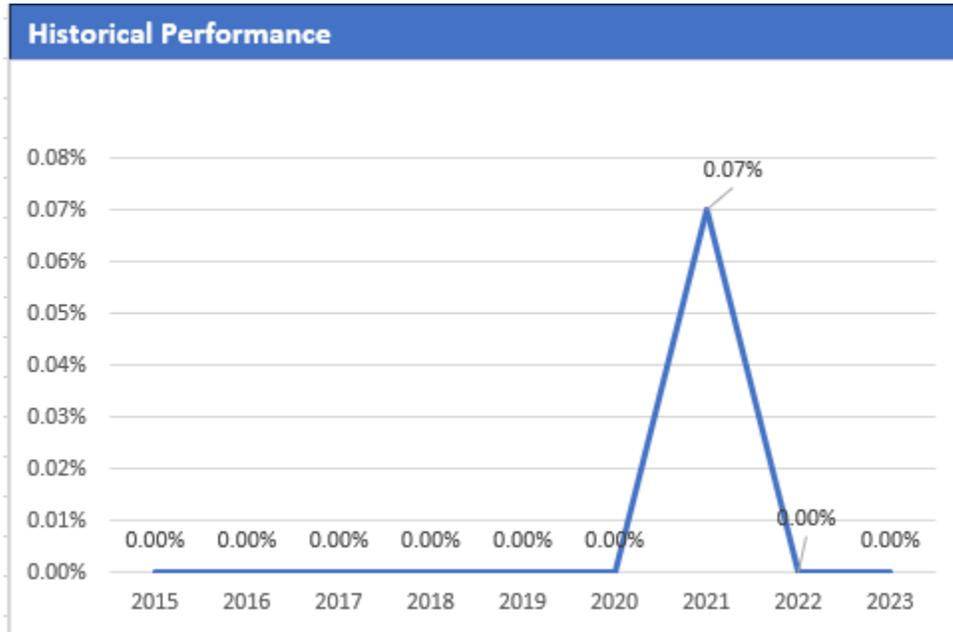
1 or ground (walking or driving). Compared to transmission detailed  
2 inspections, the transmission OH patrol program has not undergone  
3 significant changes over the reporting period from 2015-present. Starting in  
4 2021, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) imposed an in-year  
5 deadline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

## 14 **B. (3.9) Metric Performance**

### 15 **1. Historical Data (2015 – Q2 2023)**

16 Historical data is provided from 2015 – Q2 2023. Data provided for  
17 2015-2019 reflects systemwide performance. HFTD-specific performance is  
18 not available prior to 2020. The percentage of missed patrols is calculated  
19 as the number of patrols not performed by the required deadline divided by  
20 the total number of patrols performed for that year. Through 2020, there  
21 was not a specific in-year deadline for patrols, so the deadline was  
22 considered December 31. The July 31 deadline for HFTD patrols in 2021  
23 allowed exceptions due to access issues and weather that may have  
24 prevented a helicopter to fly, or where access issues may have prevented a  
25 ground patrol. In 2021, HFTD structures added to the asset registry after  
26 July 31 and inspected after the July 31 deadline were counted as missed  
27 inspections, as well as instances where the asset location was corrected  
28 from non-HFTD to HFTD after July 31.

**FIGURE 3.9-1  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – Q2 2023)**



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 are no missed patrols January through June 2023 with a total of  
7                38,071 patrols completed – 25,527 in Tier 2 HFTD areas and 12,544 in Tier  
8                3 HFTD areas. This is consistent with January through June 2022  
9                performance where there were no missed patrols of the 55,275 in total.

10       **C. (3.9) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

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

12                There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
13                last SOMs report filing.

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: The July 31 deadline for HFTD patrols was  
18                first applied in 2021 and is still in practice. Therefore, targets use 2021

1 performance as a baseline with incremental improvement for the  
2 reasons described below;

- 3 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 4 • Regulatory Requirements: Relevant items include: (1) General Order  
5 165 requirements to follow internal maintenance procedures, and  
6 (2) Wildfire Mitigation Plan targets to perform HFTD inspections and  
7 patrols by July 31;
- 8 • Attainable Within known Resources/Work Plan: Targets are attainable  
9 within currently known resources;
- 10 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
11 Enforcement: Targets are suitable indicators for EOE as historical driver  
12 of worsening performance (asset registry changes after July 31) will  
13 have an allowance to be counted as on time if inspected within 90 days  
14 of the addition to the registry or HFTD change at the beginning of 2022.  
15 This update ensures that the metric is an appropriate indicator of  
16 performance by focusing the measure on timely action to complete  
17 inspections as opposed to asset registry completeness; and
- 18 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The issue of patrols on both sides of  
19 double-circuit structures was considered in the development of the  
20 2022 Inspection and Patrol plan. If an inspection validation in 2022  
21 concludes that a structure needs to have a patrol added, the validation  
22 will call for a patrol on all circuits on the structure (alternately, the  
23 structure may receive a detailed inspection, which includes inspection of  
24 all circuits on the structure).

### 25 **3. 2023 Target**

26 The 2023 target is to improve performance to 0.00 percent-0.04 percent,  
27 based on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes and consideration  
28 of double circuits described in the methodology above.

### 29 **4. 2027 Target**

30 The 2027 target is to improve performance to 0.00 percent-0.02 percent,  
31 based on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes and consideration  
32 of double circuits described in the methodology above, as well as a

1 reduction over time in the number of asset registry additions from assets  
2 being discovered in the field.

3 **D. (3.9) Performance Against Target**

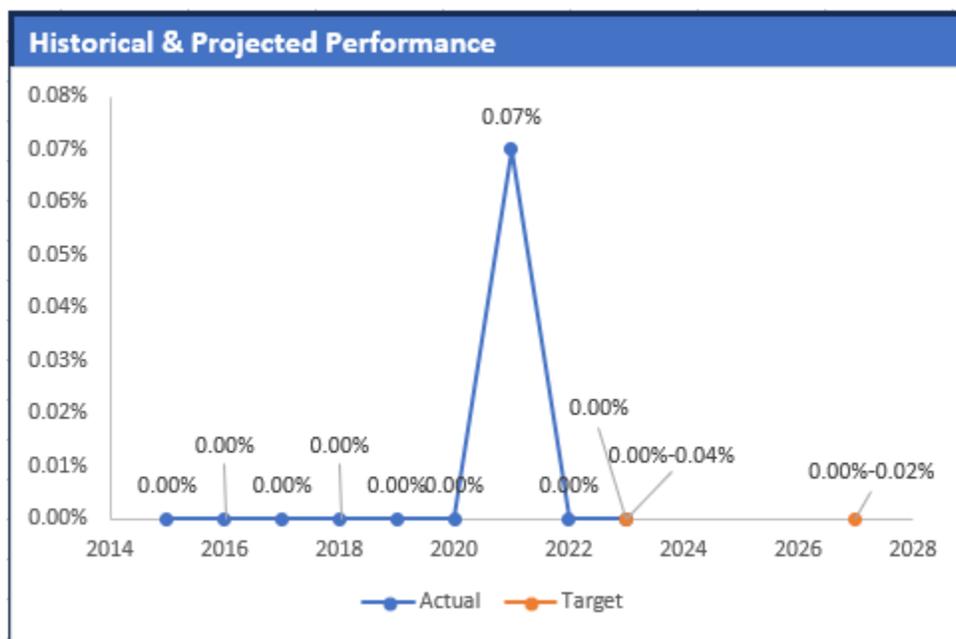
4 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

5 As demonstrated in Figure 3.9-2 below, PG&E saw 0.00 percent missed  
6 overhead Transmission patrols in the first half of 2023 which is consistent  
7 with company's 1-year target.

8 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

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

FIGURE 3.9-2  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – Q2 2023) AND TARGET (2027)



12 **E. (3.9) Current and Planned Work Activities**

13 Below is a summary description of the key activities that are tied to  
14 performance and their description of that tie:

- 15 • 2022 Inspection and Patrol Plan: The 2022 Inspection and Patrol plan has  
16 been created, which defines the initial scope of the HFTD patrols that fall  
17 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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6           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
7 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
8 against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9 **A. (3.10) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11           Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.10 – Missed Overhead  
12 Transmission Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas is defined as:

13           *Overhead (OH) Transmission Detailed Inspections in High Fire Threat*  
14 *District (HFTD): Total number of structures that fell below the minimum*  
15 *inspection frequency requirements divided by the total number of structures*  
16 *that required inspection, in HFTD area in past calendar year where,*  
17 *“Minimum inspection frequency” refers to the frequency of scheduled*  
18 *inspections requirements, as applicable. “Structures” refers to electric*  
19 *assets such as transformers, switching protective devices, capacitors, lines,*  
20 *poles, etc.*

21 **2. Introduction of Metric**

22           Detailed inspections are performed using several methods (ground,  
23 aerial, and climbing) to identify non-conformances affecting safety or  
24 reliability. Within HFTD areas, non-conformances identified by inspections  
25 can involve conditions that represent a wildfire ignition risk. Performing  
26 inspections on time allows non-conformances to be identified in a timely  
27 manner so that they can be prioritized for repair in accordance with the risk  
28 of the condition.

29           Due to the importance of detailed inspections in identifying conditions  
30 that affect wildfire, other safety, and reliability risks, the OH transmission  
31 detailed inspection program has undergone significant evolution over the  
32 reporting period for the metric, 2015-present. Prior to 2019, detailed ground  
33 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.

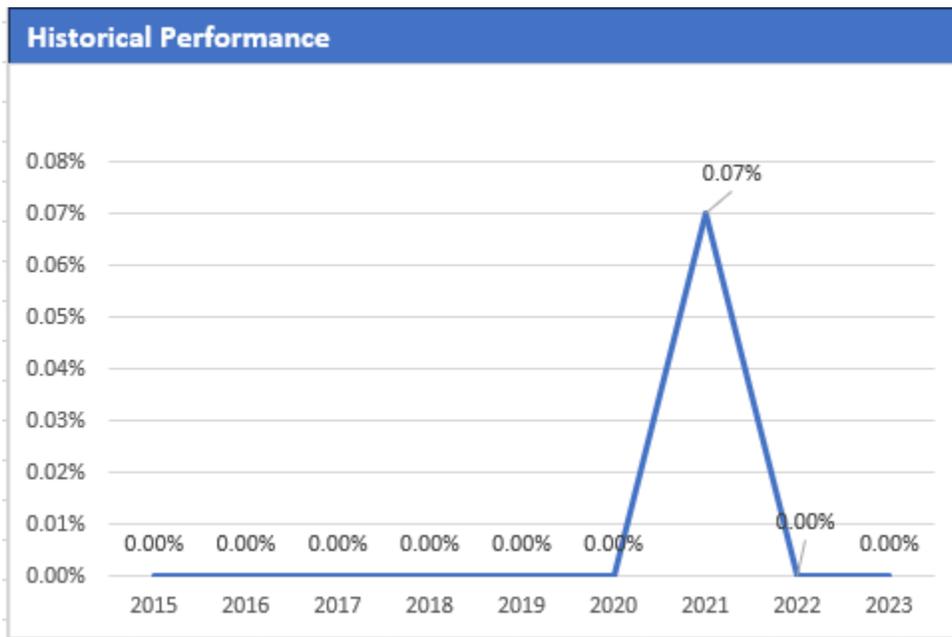
26 The 2022 inspection scope introduced the use of wildfire risk and  
27 consequence scores at the structure level to inform the selection of assets  
28 to be inspected. At the beginning of 2022, assets were added to the registry  
29 after July 31 or whose HFTD changes after July 31 will not be considered  
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 – Q2 2023)**

3 Historical data is provided from 2015 – Q2 2023. 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 – Q2 2023)**



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 January through June of 2023 with a  
7               total of 52,003 inspections completed – 40,342 in Tier 2 HFTD areas and  
8               11,661 in Tier 3 HFTD areas. In January through June 2022, there were  
9               also no missed inspections with a total of 75,603 patrols completed  
10              on time.

11      **C. (3.10) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

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

13              There have been no changes to the one-and-five-year targets since the  
14              last report.

15       **2. Target Methodology**

16              To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the  
17              following factors:

- 18              • Historical Data and Trends: The July 31 deadline for HFTD patrols was  
19              first applied in 2021 and is still in practice. Therefore, targets use 2021  
20              performance as a baseline with incremental improvement for the  
21              reasons described below;
- 22              • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 23              • Regulatory Requirements: Relevant items include: (1) General  
24              Order 165 requirements to follow internal maintenance procedures, and  
25              (2) Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) targets to perform certain HFTD  
26              inspections and patrols by July 31;
- 27              • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Targets are attainable  
28              within currently known resources;
- 29              • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
30              Enforcement: Targets are suitable indicators for EOE as historical driver  
31              of worsening performance (asset registry changes after July 31) will  
32              have an allowance to be counted as on time for any assets discovered  
33              after January 1 of the given year and due for a baseline frequency

1 inspection based on installation date (via the created date in SAP), will  
2 be inspected within 90 days of when added to the asset registry or by  
3 July 31 or the given year, whichever is later. Structures in scope for the  
4 given year with HFTD tier changes from Non-HFTD to HFTD after  
5 January 1st are also given an allowance for inspection within 90 days of  
6 the change or July 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever is later. This update beginning in  
7 2022 ensures that the metric is an appropriate indicator of performance  
8 by focusing the measure on timely action to complete inspections as  
9 opposed to asset registry completeness.

- 10 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

### 11 **3. 2023 Target**

12 The 2023 target is to improve performance to 0.00 percent-0.04 percent,  
13 based on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes described in the  
14 methodology above.

### 15 **4. 2027 Target**

16 The 2027 target is to improve performance to 0.00 percent-0.02 percent,  
17 based on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes described in the  
18 methodology above, as well as a reduction over time in the number of asset  
19 registry additions from assets being discovered in the field.

## 20 **D. (3.10) Performance Against Target**

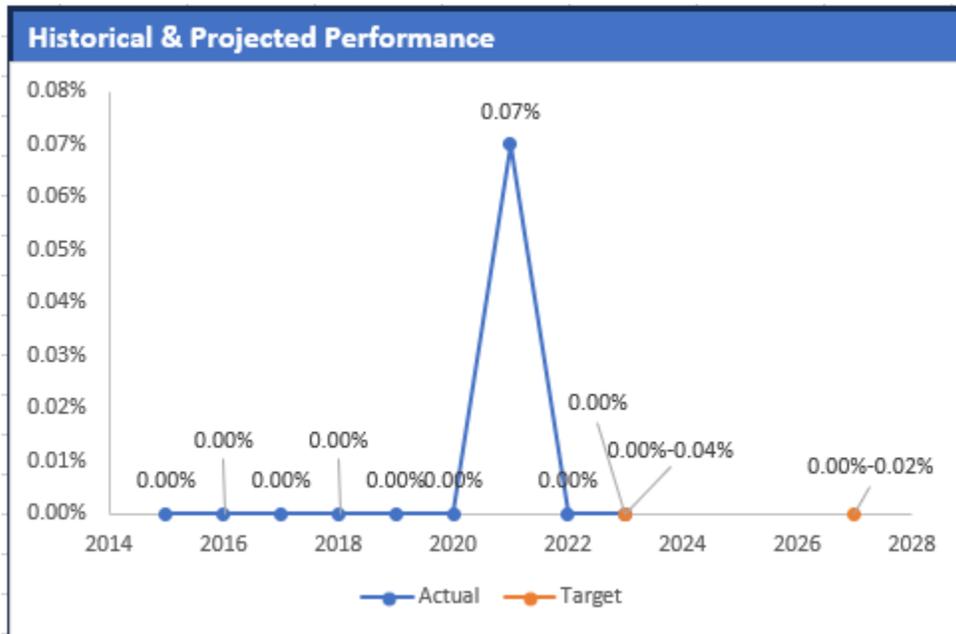
### 21 **1. Progress Towards the 1-year Target**

22 As demonstrated in Figure 3.10-2 below, PG&E saw 0.00 percent  
23 missed overhead Transmission detailed inspections in the first half of 2023  
24 which is consistent with company's 1-year target.

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

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

FIGURE 3.10-2  
 HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015- Q2 2023) AND TARGETS (2023 & 2027)



1 **E. (3.10) 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 • 2023 Inspection and Patrol Plan: The 2023 inspection plan has been  
 5 created and contains Tier 3 and Tier 2 structures totaling approximately  
 6 26,000 receiving ground inspection, 24,000 aerial inspections, and  
 7 approximately 1,700 structures that also will receive a climbing inspection.
- 8 • Monthly Inspection Validations: Monthly inspection validations will continue  
 9 to identify required additions to the original plan arising from additions or  
 10 changes to the asset registry. Changes in HFTD may affect the scope of  
 11 inspections covered by this metric
- 12 • In-Year Deadline Requirements: The in-year deadline of July 31 introduced  
 13 in 2021 for inspections in HFTD will continue to be used in 2023, with the  
 14 same provisions for CGI access issues as in 2021 and the addition of the  
 15 90-day requirement described above for additions and changes to the asset  
 16 registry. The deadline is tracked with the inspection and patrol orders so  
 17 that each HFTD inspection is identified as having the July 31 compliance  
 18 requirement.

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5           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
6 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
7 against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

8 **A. (3.11) Overview**

9       **1. Metric Definition**

10           Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.11 – General Order (GO) 95  
11 Corrective Actions in High Fire Threat Districts (HFTD) is defined as:

12           *The number of Priority Level 2 notifications that were completed on time*  
13 *divided by the total number of Priority Level 2 notifications that were due in*  
14 *the calendar year in HFTDs. Consistent with General Order (GO) 95*  
15 *Rule 18 provisions, the proposed metric should exclude notifications that*  
16 *qualify for extensions under reasonable circumstances.*<sup>1</sup>

17           GO 95, Rule 18, Priority Level 2 has four relevant timeframes for  
18 corrective action: (1) six months for potential violations that create a fire risk  
19 in Tier 3 of HFTD; (2) 12 months for potential violations that create a fire risk  
20 in Tier 2 of HFTD; (3) 12 months for potential violations that compromise  
21 worker safety; and (4) 36 months for all other Level 2 potential violations.<sup>2</sup>

22           This metric is also reported as Metric 29 in the annual Safety  
23 Performance Metrics Report.

24       **2. Introduction to the Metric**

25           The GO 95 Corrective Actions in HFTD metric measures the number of  
26 Priority Level 2 corrective notifications (tags) in HFTD that are completed in  
27 accordance with the GO 95 Rule 18 timelines. This metric is associated  
28 with our Failure of Electric Distribution Overhead Asset Risk and our Wildfire  
29 Risk, which are part of our 2020 Risk Assessment and Mitigation Phase

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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 Report filing. Vegetation Management (VM) work generally follows wildfire  
2 risk priorities. Priority notifications are tracked to completion against  
3 procedural timelines that are consistent with the underlying risk of the work.

### 4 **3. Background**

5 This metric consists of two major activities: corrective notification  
6 repairs and VM. The Section below describes the work, including  
7 risk-informed prioritization and associated activities. We also compare  
8 Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E or the Company) priority  
9 classifications against GO 95 Rule 18's classification and timelines for  
10 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  
16 electric assets are designed to meet GO 95, 165, and 174 requirements.  
17 Regarding our equipment inspections process, when an inspector  
18 identifies a maintenance condition, the inspector may immediately  
19 correct the condition (e.g., performs minor repair work) and records the  
20 correction or records the uncorrected condition, which is also reviewed  
21 by a centralized inspection review team (CIRT). This additional review  
22 performed by the CIRT is to drive consistency in inspection results by  
23 having a centralized team review all field findings prior to recording the  
24 finding as a tag.

25 If the condition is not immediately corrected, the inspector fills out  
26 the initial tag. The centralized review team approves and prioritizes the  
27 corrective notification tag in our Work Management system. These tags  
28 are prioritized based on the risk posed by the condition and urgency of  
29 repairs. We also inspect vegetation in the vicinity of our facilities and  
30 apply a similar process, described below.

31 Regarding Priority Level 2 electric notifications pertaining to our  
32 equipment inspections, we have subdivided Priority Level 2 into two  
33 categories: Priority "B" and Priority "E". Priority "B" notifications are  
34 scheduled to be addressed within 3 months for Tiers 2 and 3. Priority

1 “E” are scheduled to be completed within 6 months for Tier 3 and 12  
2 months for Tier 2.

- 3 • Vegetation Management: Regarding our VM Program, we routinely  
4 inspect clearances between our electric assets and adjacent vegetation  
5 through a variety of methods, including observations during annual  
6 patrols, targeted program inspections, and aerial light detection and  
7 ranging flights. These inspections are conducted by our VM personnel  
8 and are designed to meet or, in some cases, exceed GO 95 Rule 35  
9 requirements and fire safety regulations that require a minimum  
10 clearance of 4 feet year-round for high-voltage power lines in the  
11 California Public Utilities Commission-designated HFTD areas. GO 95  
12 Rule 35 also requires the removal of dead, diseased, defective, and  
13 dying trees that could fall into the lines.

14 When an inspector identifies a clearance condition or a potential  
15 tree hazard, they record an abatement prescription (tree work) within  
16 VM’s data systems. This tree work is assigned to tree crews unless  
17 there are constraints that require prior resolution (e.g., customer access,  
18 city or agency permits). Once the constraint has been resolved, the tree  
19 work is addressed within 30 days or within the initial timeline based on  
20 HFTD Tier from the date it was inspected, which is either 180 days for  
21 Tier 3 or 365 days for Tier 2. Tree crews confirm the completion of tree  
22 work within the VM data systems. VM tree work identified in this way  
23 does not follow the Electric Corrective notifications (EC for Distribution)  
24 and Line Corrective notifications (LC for Transmission) priority  
25 assignments. Our VM timeline to complete this tree work generally  
26 aligns with the risk presented by the vegetation and the risk reduction  
27 objectives of the VM Program. It is important to note that this data is  
28 classified into two categories: (i) Vegetation Dead and Dying and (ii)  
29 Vegetation Priority 2, where each record reflects work completed on a  
30 tree.

- 31 • Priority Classifications and Timelines for Completion: We manage our  
32 corrective actions in HFTDs with a risk-informed prioritization of our  
33 work plans. Our strategy focuses on reducing wildfire risk associated  
34 with open corrective notifications. To accomplish this, we address the

1 highest risk Level 2 corrective notifications first. After that, we manage  
2 the inventory of Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications in a  
3 risk-informed manner, where the highest risk Level 2 Priority “E”  
4 corrective notifications are targeted first, while deploying safety controls  
5 to manage the lower risk Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications.  
6 This approach allows strategic and targeted wildfire risk reductions,  
7 informed by customer impact and risk spend efficiencies, to continue to  
8 be our primary focus.

9 We recognize that our electric Priority “B” notifications, which we  
10 consider having a higher likelihood of creating an equipment failure than  
11 other Level 2 Priority notifications, have a more aggressive timeline to  
12 address than GO 95 Rule 18 Priority Level 2. However, consistent with  
13 the safety and operational metric definitions provided in  
14 Decision 21-11-009, we are reporting our performance against the  
15 timelines set forth in GO 95 Rule 18 and can provide, upon request,  
16 additional information as to how we are performing against our more  
17 aggressive internal timelines for our electric Priority “B” notifications.  
18 Furthermore, we are including all EC and LC notifications, as well as all  
19 inspection-identified vegetation safety hazards that meet the definition of  
20 GO 95 Rule 18 Level 2.

21 At the end of 2022, Priority “B” was eliminated for newly created  
22 transmission (LC) notifications so that priority “E” LC notifications now  
23 directly align to Rule 18 Level 2. Priority “E” notifications may have  
24 timelines shorter than the maximum allowable Level 2 timelines, so  
25 3-month notifications still can be created as priority “E.” Although new  
26 “B” priority LC notifications will not be created, the existing population of  
27 “B” priority notifications will continue to be closed in 2023.

28 The following table summarizes the priority classifications we use to  
29 comply with GO 95 Rule 18. The changes to transmission’s priority  
30 levels 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 a 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. <sup>(a)</sup>	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.

1 **B. (3.11) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2020 – Q2 2023)**

3 We are reporting historical data from the years 2020 through Q2 2023.

4 Our history of available data, which is recorded in our electric work  
5 management systems (e.g., SAP) goes back to 2010. However, we are  
6 focusing our historical reporting for this metric starting at 2020 due to  
7 various changes that occurred prior to 2020, which reshaped GO 95 and  
8 GO 165 to include boundaries for HFTD, as well as informed our current  
9 inspection methods to be more enhanced towards identifying ignition risks.

10 Reported timelines generally align with VM adoption of updated internal  
11 timeliness for Priority Tag mitigation and additional ‘Dead & Dying’ tree  
12 abatement identified through the implementation of PG&E Enhanced VM  
13 Program in 2019. The VM Program’s work management system tracking  
14 these corrective actions is tracked in two separate databases; the  
15 Vegetation Management Database (VMD) and OneVM to track work  
16 identified through its annual inspection programs.

17 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

18 Data collected prior to year 2020 is excluded due to the various GO 165  
19 and GO 95 Rule 18 changes mentioned above.

20 We are including all EC (Distribution) and LC (Transmission)  
21 notifications, as well as all inspection-identified vegetation safety hazards  
22 that meet the definition of GO 95 Rule 18 Level 2. Note that due dates must  
23 be manually adjusted in our data to align with the GO 95 Rule 18 timelines  
24 which vary from our internal timelines as previously mentioned.

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

26 Metric performance is comprised of an aggregated performance for  
27 electric distribution and electric transmission corrective notifications, as well  
28 as vegetation safety hazards.

29 As described in earlier sections, we are reporting and setting targets  
30 against the timeframes identified in GO 95 Rule 18 rather than the timelines  
31 articulated in our internal electric Priority “B” and “E” notifications, and  
32 internal VM Priority 2 and Dead and Dying Tree abatement corrective  
33 notifications.

1 To address the unprecedented wildfire risk in our service territory, in  
2 2019 we launched our Wildfire Safety Inspection Program (WSIP) as part of  
3 our Wildfire Safety Plan. The intent of that program was to expand our  
4 focus during inspections to include fire ignition risk posed by failure modes  
5 on our electric assets and accelerate the inspections to be complete by the  
6 beginning of the 2019 wildfire season. The WSIP generated a volume much  
7 greater than what we have typically experienced for our annual electric  
8 corrective notification volume, with the majority of electric corrective  
9 notifications being of lower risk (e.g., Level 2 Priority “E” & Level 3).

10 Given the high volume (e.g., approximately 4x the volume from prior  
11 years) of identified electric distribution and transmission corrective  
12 notifications in the 2019 WSIP, we pivoted from managing our electric  
13 corrective notifications based on due date to focusing our priority through a  
14 wildfire risk informed approach. This means we would complete Level 1 and  
15 Level 2 Priority “B” corrective notifications first and manage the inventory of  
16 Level 2 Priority “E” and 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,  
20 and (2) permanently remove electric lines out of service that have multiple  
21 corrective notifications and serve small numbers of customers, where  
22 service can be provided via alternate line interconnections or remote grid  
23 solutions, as well as individual corrective work execution for those Level 2  
24 Priority “E” notifications that were of high wildfire risk informed priority.

25 January through June 2023 saw a performance of 65.3 percent as  
26 shown in Figure 3.11-1 below. This performance is below the 2023  
27 one-year target of 69 percent. By comparison, January through June of  
28 2022 saw a performance of 71.1 percent which was consistent with the  
29 company’s one-year target in 2022. Our recent 2022 experience in  
30 managing our Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications in this manner  
31 resulted in a 0.866 percent relative risk reduction of open corrective  
32 notifications on electric distribution facilities located in HFTD Tiers 2 and 3.

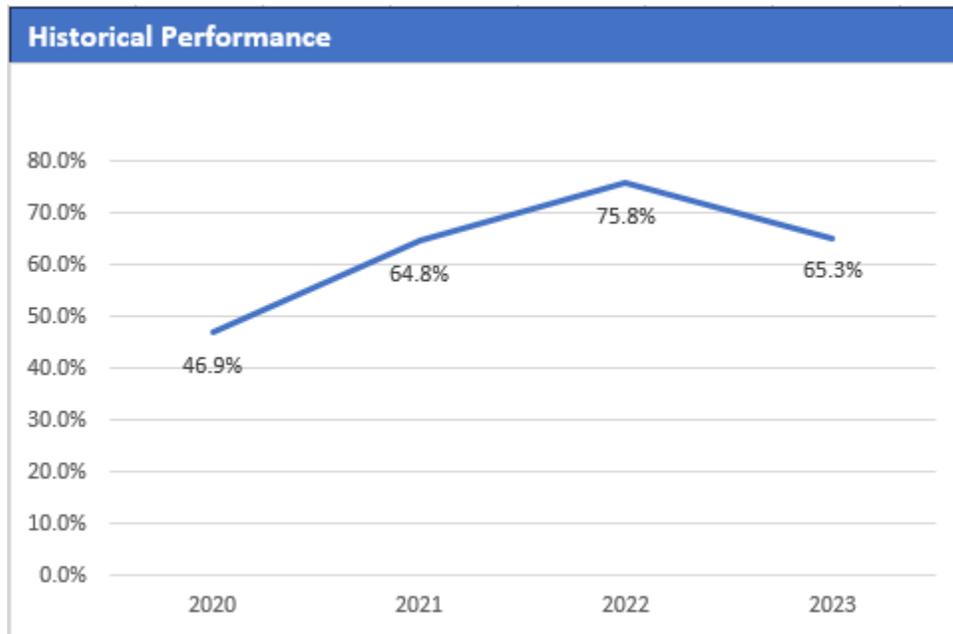
33 For those electric corrective Level 2 Priority “E” notifications that were  
34 going to remain open past their original due date, and that had the potential

1 to degrade over time, we performed Field Safety Reassessments (FSR) of  
2 those open Level 2 Priority “E” electric notifications to determine if the  
3 conditions of the electric asset had degraded. If they had, we would  
4 accelerate those corrective notifications for repair.

5 We are also currently completing available vegetation priority corrective  
6 notifications within our internal timelines, limiting inventory to corrective  
7 notifications where we have access issues, such as customer property  
8 access issues or related permitting concerns, which are worked as  
9 dependencies are resolved. This is consistent with our Dead and Dying  
10 Tree Abatements.

11 The following figure plots our historical performance for GO 95 Rule 18  
12 Level 2 HFTD Corrective Notifications.

**FIGURE 3.11-1**  
**GO 95 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN HFTDS – HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2020 – Q2 2023)**



**TABLE 3.11-2  
GO 95 RULE 18 PRIORITY LEVEL 2 ACTUAL Q2 2023  
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	763	98,122	112	98,997
2	Past Due	43,714	8,884	33	52,631
3	% On Time	2%	92%	77%	65.3%

**TABLE 3.11-3  
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 ACTUAL Q2 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	763	2,274	112	3,149
2	Past Due	43,714	485	33	44,232
3	% On Time	1.7%	82.4%	77.2%	6.6%

**TABLE 3.11-4  
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 ACTUAL Q2 2023  
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET  
(ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION 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				5,041
2	Past Due				7,539
3	% On Time				40.1%

Note: Per PG&E Utility Procedure TD-8123P-103, effective 1/03/2023, all Level 2 Transmission tags are considered priority "E" which aligns with GO 95, Rule 18 Levels 1, 2, and 3. Tag priority categorization will no longer be provided for Transmission tags.

**TABLE 3.11-5  
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 ACTUAL Q2 2023  
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	52,787	12,464	25,556	90,807
2	Past Due	637	5	218	860
3	% On Time	98.8%	100.0%	99.2%	99.1%

1 **C. (3.11) 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 5-year targets since the last  
4 report.

5 **2. Target Methodology**

6 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, we considered the following  
7 factors:

- 8 • Historical Data and Trends: The targets are based on the projected  
9 volume of GO 95 Rule 18 Priority Level 2 notifications, which consider  
10 existing open tags and forecasted new tags that are due for each year;
- 11 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 12 • Regulatory Requirements: GO 95 Rule 18 requirements;
- 13 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Attainability is subject  
14 to other emerging higher risk priorities that may influence our ability to  
15 meet projected targets. If emerging higher risk priorities emerge  
16 throughout the course of the year, we may need to prioritize our  
17 available resources to address these higher risk priorities and adjust our  
18 work plan accordingly;
- 19 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
20 Enforcement: Yes, performance at projected levels is sustainable,  
21 subject to other emerging higher risk priorities may influence ability to  
22 meet projected targets. If emerging higher risk priorities emerge  
23 throughout the course of the year, we may need to prioritize our  
24 available resources to address these higher risk priorities and adjust our  
25 work plan accordingly; and

- Other Qualitative Considerations: This target was established with the consideration of our risk informed strategy, as opposed to a corrective notification due date prioritization approach.

### 3. 2023 Target

Our target for Priority Level 2 corrective maintenance notifications on time completion rates is 69 percent for the year 2023. This metric performance is comprised of an aggregated score combining performance of electric distribution, electric transmission and Vegetation Management. In 2022, the corrective actions in these three areas were 16,352; 8,828; and 148,000, respectively.

For year 2023, electric distribution notifications completed on time percentage is projected at approximately 23 percent and electric transmission notifications completed on time percentage is projected at approximately 52 percent. The projected forecast for Vegetation Management is approximately 96 percent. As the volume of Vegetation Management decreases in 2023 we expect the aggregated score of this metric to correspondingly decline.

Our corrective notifications strategy will continue to focus on reducing wildfire risk associated with our open corrective notifications by working the highest risk Level 2 corrective notifications first versus managing corrective notification due dates. Using this approach in 2023, we are forecasting to reduce the relative wildfire risk associated with open electric distribution corrective maintenance notifications in HFTD Tiers 2 and 3 by as much as 31 percent for tags due in 2023.

Also, it is important to note that within this aggregated year 2022 performance, we are forecasting that our electric Level 2 Priority “B” notifications performance to achieve completed on time percentages of 95 percent for electric distribution notifications. As described earlier, we consider electric Level 2 Priority “B” notifications to have a higher likelihood of creating an equipment failure than other electric Level 2 Priority notifications.

The following tables summarize PG&E’s Year 2023 Target for Priority Level 2 notifications completed on time percentage, as well as a breakdown between the electric distribution, electric transmission and VM Priority

1 Level 2 notifications performance. Since the “B” priority will no longer be  
 2 assigned to transmission notifications, as described above, transmission  
 3 projections are not separated by “B” and “E” priority levels. Table 3.11-6  
 4 has been updated only to reflect Level 2 results due to the priority level  
 5 changes in transmission.

6 Table 3.11-9 Vegetation Management 2023 forecast is lower than 2022,  
 7 based upon an anticipated reduction in the volume of D&D tree work.  
 8 Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM) Program concluded at the end of  
 9 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  
3        notifications on time is 80 percent. This metric performance is comprised of  
4        an aggregated performance where the projected year 2027 volume of  
5        corrective notifications for electric distribution, electric transmission and  
6        vegetation are at 28,406; 8,654; and 150,700, respectively.

7                For year 2027, we are projecting an on-time percentage of  
8        approximately 39 percent, 99 percent, 98 percent for electric distribution,  
9        electric transmission, and vegetation notifications performance, respectively.

10               Our corrective notifications strategy will continue to focus on reducing  
11        wildfire risk associated with our open corrective notifications by working the  
12        highest risk Level 2 corrective notifications first versus managing corrective  
13        notification due dates. Furthermore, we are also revisiting opportunities to  
14        further align our distribution electric corrective action Priority levels (e.g., A,  
15        B, E, F, and H) with that of GO 95 Rule 18 (e.g., Levels 1, 2, and 3), which  
16        we expect will improve our performance in the long-term.

17               The following tables summarize our Year 2027 Target for Priority  
18        Level 2 notifications completed on time percentages, as well as a  
19        breakdown between the electric distribution, electric transmission and  
20        vegetation Priority Level 2 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  
2                   projected performance for GO 95 Rule 18 Level 2 HFTD Corrective  
3                   Notifications.

4   **D. (3.11) Performance Against Target**

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

6                   As demonstrated in Figure 3.11-2 below, PG&E saw a performance of  
7                   65.3 percent in the first half of 2023, which is below the Company's one-year  
8                   target of 69 percent.

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

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

FIGURE 3.11-2  
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  
3 performance and their description.

- 4 • System Hardening: System Hardening Program focuses on mitigating  
5 wildfire risk posed by distribution overhead assets in and near Tier 2 and  
6 3 HFTDs in our service territory. This program targets high wildfire risk  
7 miles and applies various mitigation activities, including: (1) line removal,  
8 (2) conversion of distribution lines from overhead to underground,  
9 (3) application of Remote Grid alternatives, (4) mitigation of exposure  
10 through relocation of overhead facilities, and (5) in-place overhead system  
11 hardening.
- 12 • Overhead Preventative Maintenance and Equipment Repair: Focuses on  
13 repair of electric equipment identified with corrective notifications. Our  
14 corrective notifications strategy will continue to focus on reducing wildfire  
15 risk associated with our open corrective notifications by working the highest  
16 risk Level 2 corrective notifications first versus managing corrective  
17 notification due dates. We plan to accomplish this by continuing to complete  
18 Level 1 and Level 2 Priority “B” corrective notifications first and manage the

1 inventory of Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications in a risk informed  
2 manner, where the highest risk Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications  
3 are targeted first, while deploying safety controls to manage the lower risk  
4 Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications. The approach allows strategic  
5 and targeted wildfire risk reductions, informed by customer impact and risk  
6 spend efficiencies, to continue to be our primary focus. Using this approach  
7 in 2023, we are forecasting to reduce the relative wildfire risk associated  
8 with open electric distribution corrective maintenance notifications in HFTD  
9 Tiers 2 and 3 by as much as 31 percent for tags due in 2023.

10 Furthermore, we are also revisiting opportunities to further align our  
11 electric corrective action Priority levels (e.g., A, B, E, F, and H) with that of  
12 GO 95 Rule 18 (e.g., Levels 1, 2, and 3).

13 See Exhibit (PG&E-4), Chapters 4.3, 9, and 11 in PG&E’s 2023 General  
14 Rate Case for more information.

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6 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
7 against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

8 **A. (3.12) Overview**

9       **1. Metric Definition**

10           Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.12 – Electric Emergency  
11 Response Time is defined as:

12           *Average time and median time in minutes to respond on-site to an*  
13 *electric-related emergency notification from the time of notification to the*  
14 *time a representative (or qualified first responder) arrived onsite.*  
15 *Emergency notification includes all notifications originating from 911 calls*  
16 *and calls made directly to the utilities’ safety hotlines. The data used to*  
17 *determine the average time and median time shall be provided in*  
18 *increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c) as supplemental*  
19 *information, not as a metric.*

20       **2. Introduction of Metric**

21           This metric measures the average and median time for Pacific Gas and  
22 Electric Company (PG&E) to respond on-site to an electric emergency once  
23 a notification is received. Measuring response to 911 calls within  
24 60 minutes has been a long-standing top public safety measure for PG&E  
25 and within the industry, and this metric, although calculated differently, is  
26 similar in its intent for responding quickly to our customers and any  
27 potentially unsafe conditions reported.

28 **B. (3.12) Metric Performance**

29       **1. Historical Data (2015 – Q2 2023)**

30           Historical data is provided from 2015 through Q2 2023. Although  
31 emergency response data exists prior to 2015 (as mentioned below), current  
32 validation practices were not in place until 2015 and therefore only data from  
33 2015 is reported here for consistency and comparability.

1 Over the timeframe of 2015-2021, total average response time across  
2 all years is 35 minutes, and the median for across all years is 30 minutes.

3 Since 2015, PG&E's historical performance has been within the first  
4 quartile and has been in the first decile for several years when  
5 measuring percentage of response times within 60 minutes, which is the  
6 industry benchmarkable definition.

7 Metric performance has been driven by accurately predicting when large  
8 volumes of calls will occur (based on weather forecasts), proactive  
9 scheduling of resources for 911 response, cross-functional coordination  
10 across PG&E to train non-traditional stand-by staff, availability of resources  
11 for weather days and improved understanding of shifts in storm fronts and  
12 impacts on the system.

**FIGURE 3.12-1**  
**ELECTRIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME HISTORICAL DATA (2015 – Q2 2023)**



## 13 2. Data Collection Methodology

14 The metric performance data is captured and stored in the Outage  
15 Information System (OIS) database. Each 911 call has a time stamp. The  
16 start time of a 911 call involves receipt by utility personnel and entry into the  
17 OIS database (creation of a tag). The tag is created in the OIS database

1 when the PG&E personnel is on the phone with the 911 dispatch agency  
2 (there is a direct 911 stand-by line into Gas Dispatch, where all 911 stand by  
3 calls are routed). This process removes the delay between the time the call  
4 is received and entered into the system, and the raw data is then reviewed  
5 for duplicate entries, which are cancelled (if found). The timestamp of when  
6 PG&E personnel responds on site is when they select the “onsite” button on  
7 their mobile data terminals, which marks the completion of the response. If  
8 there is a discrepancy or uncertainty, our Electric Dispatch team will validate  
9 the exact arrival time by leveraging GPS data from our employee’s vehicles  
10 and/or mobile data terminals. The response time in minutes is calculated by  
11 the difference between the two timestamps. From each call’s response  
12 time, the average and median time is calculated for all calls.

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

14 In January to June of 2023, average response time was 34 minutes and  
15 median response time was 31 minutes. In context of the historic volume of  
16 atmospheric river events experienced across PG&E’s service territory, these  
17 results are considered a strong performance as: (1) weather severity and  
18 timing are known uncontrollable variables, and (2) the corresponding  
19 benchmarkable calculation, percent response time within 60 minutes,  
20 remains at the top of industry performance. Even with dramatically  
21 increased volumes of emergency calls during the first quarter, PG&E still  
22 performed very well in its average electric emergency response time. This  
23 average time performance is continuing to improve month over month in  
24 2023 and remains well below the 2023 SOM threshold.

### 25 **C. (3.12) 1-Year and 5-Year Target**

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

27 There have been no changes to 1- and 5-Year targets since the last  
28 report filing.

## 2. Target Methodology

To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the following factors:<sup>1</sup>

- 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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**

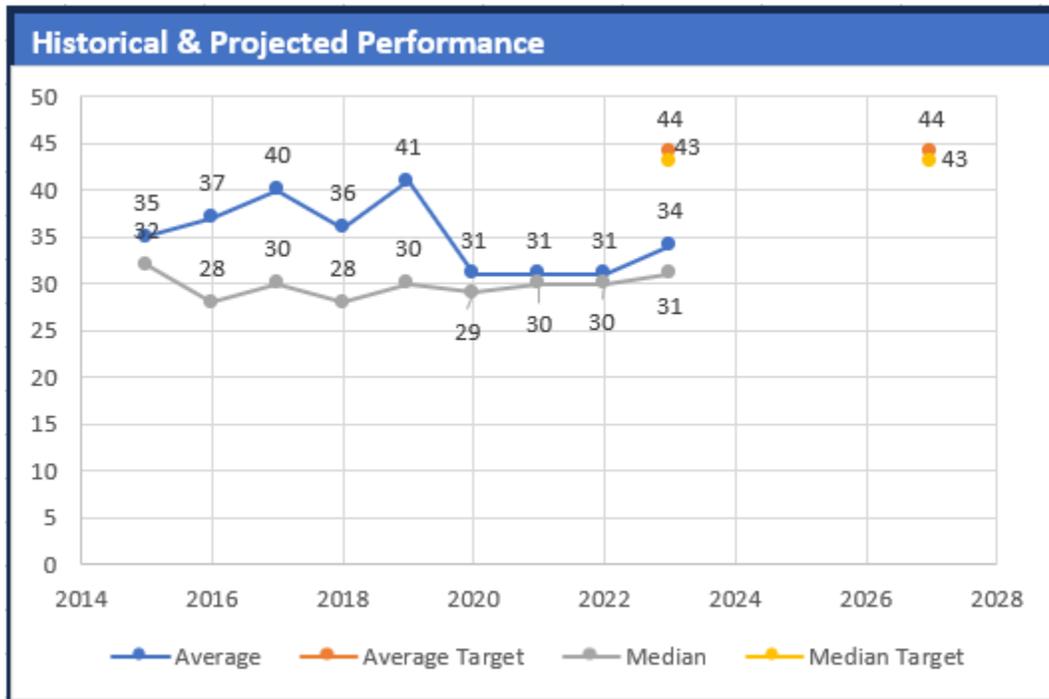
### 26 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

27 As demonstrated in Figure 3.12-2 below, PG&E saw an average of 34  
28 response minutes and a median of 31 response minutes YTD in 2023 which  
29 is consistent with the Company's 1-year target.

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

31 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has deployed two programs to  
32 maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to meet the  
33 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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7 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
8 against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9 **A. (3.13) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11           Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.13 – the Number of California  
12 Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat  
13 Districts (HFTD) Areas (Distribution) is defined as:

14           *The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead*  
15 *distribution circuits in HFTD Areas.*

16           *A CPUC-Reportable Ignition refers to a fire incident where the following*  
17 *three criteria are met: (1) ignition is associated with Pacific Gas and Electric*  
18 *Company (PG&E) electrical assets, (2) something other than PG&E facilities*  
19 *burned, and (3) the resulting fire travelled more than one linear meter from*  
20 *the ignition point.<sup>1</sup>*

21           For this SOM, reporting is specific to Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs.

22           PG&E provides the CPUC with annual ignition data in the Fire Incident  
23 Data Collection Plan, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety  
24 quarterly via quarterly geographic information system, data reporting, in  
25 quarterly Wildfire Mitigation Plan updates, and the Safety Performance  
26 Metrics Report.

27 **2. Introduction of Metric**

28           The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions in HFTDs provides one way to  
29 gauge the level of wildfire risk that customers and communities are exposed

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1   Please see CPUC Decision (D.) 14-02-015, issued February 5, 2014 for additional details.

1 to from overhead distribution assets. PG&E’s objective is to reduce the  
 2 number of CPUC reportable ignitions that may trigger a catastrophic wildfire.

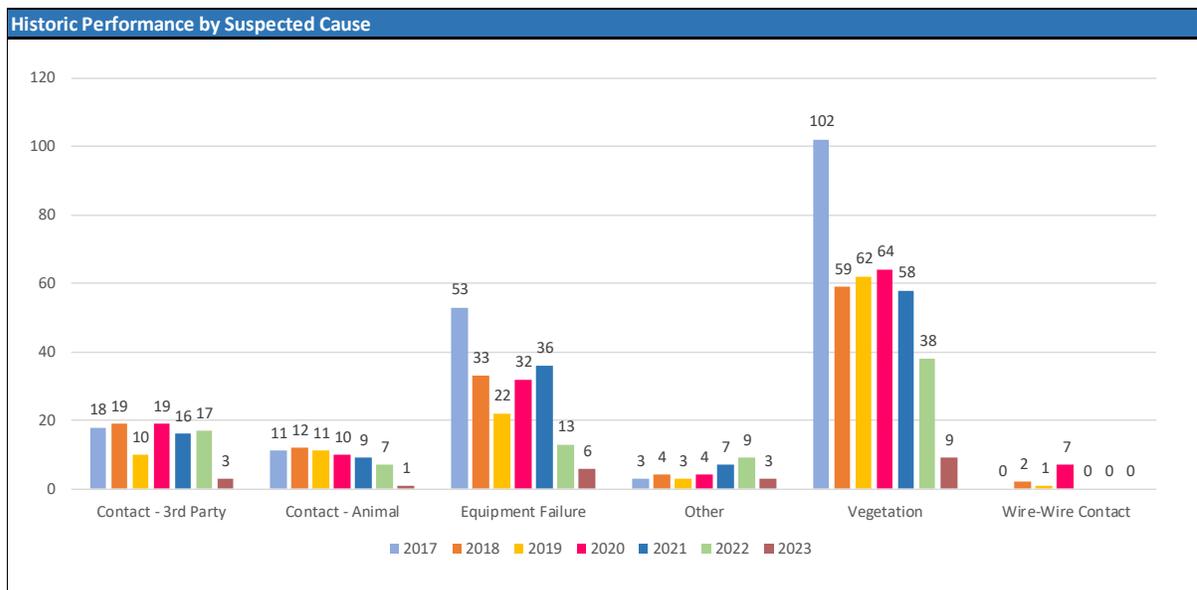
3 **B. (3.13) Metric Performance**

4 **1. Historical Data (2015 – Q2 2023)**

5 PG&E implemented the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan in response  
 6 to D.14-02-015 in June 2014. PG&E’s Ignitions Tracker includes all  
 7 CPUC-reportable ignitions from June 2014 to present. The 2014 data does  
 8 not represent a complete year and is excluded in this analysis.

9 PG&E’s overhead distribution circuits traverse approximately  
 10 25,500 miles of terrain in the HFTD areas where the overhead conductor is  
 11 primarily bare wire, supported by structures consisting of poles, cross arms,  
 12 associated insulators, and operating equipment such as transformers, fuses  
 13 and reclosers. The main causes of CPUC-reportable ignitions have been  
 14 collected and classified. These fall into six broad categories: vegetation  
 15 contact, equipment failure, third party contact, animal contact, wire to wire  
 16 contact, and other causes. The counts for 2017 to Q2 2023, are shown in  
 17 the graph below, highlighting the degree of variability that occurs from year  
 18 to 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 Q2 2023.

**FIGURE 3.13-2  
 HISTORIC PERFORMANCE BY YEAR/MONTH**

Distribution Historic Performance by Year/Month							
Month	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	2	1	1	0	19	2	0
February	0	4	0	7	2	5	8
March	1	6	2	3	5	4	2
April	6	5	4	3	6	9	6
May	9	4	8	9	17	11	4
June	19	19	14	25	22	14	2
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	
<b>Total</b>	187	129	109	136	126	84	22

4                    **2. Data Collection Methodology**

5                    Data will be collected per PG&E’s Fire Incident Data Collection Plan  
 6 (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P). Results will be inclusive of  
 7 unique HFTD CPUC-reportable ignitions attributable to the distribution asset  
 8 class with overhead construction types.

9                    The following ignition events captured by PG&E’s Fire Incident Data  
 10 Collection Plan will be excluded 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                    • Transmission ignitions; and
- 15                    • Ignitions attributable to underground or pad-mounted assets as these  
 16 are not associated overhead assets. (Ignitions caused by non-overhead  
 17 assets in HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the  
 18 asset, pose less of a wildfire risk.)

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

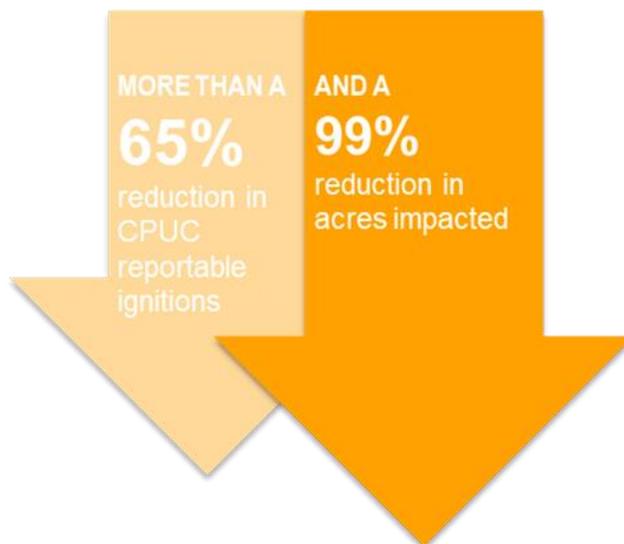
2               PG&E finished Q2 2023 with 22 CPUC reportable ignitions in HFTD  
3       attributable to overhead distribution assets. These results were lower than  
4       last year (see section 3.13) and PG&E expects to end the year within the  
5       target range of 82-94 ignitions, or better. This range represents an  
6       approximately 65 percent reduction from the 2018 – 2020 annual average of  
7       130 ignitions, before EPSS was deployed.

8               Most importantly, PG&E has observed 0 ignitions where the Fire  
9       Potential Index Rating was in R3 or greater conditions. This is compared to  
10       10 in 2022, and a 3-year previous average of 18 ignitions in R3 or greater  
11       conditions. This is aligned with PG&E’s strategy of reducing ignition when  
12       and where they matter, to reach our goal of stopping catastrophic wildfires.

13               Please see the Target Methodology section for an overview of our Fire  
14       Potential Index (FPI) model and our strategy to focus operational  
15       mitigations, like EPSS, on reducing ignitions where consequences are more  
16       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:**



1 **C. (3.13) 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-year and 5-year targets since the  
4 last SOMs report filing. PG&E ended 2022 favorable to our projection (84 vs  
5 a projection of 88 ignitions), and year-end results were within the target  
6 range.

7 However, ignition counts, occurring in consequential and  
8 non-consequential environmental conditions, are highly variable and subject  
9 to a variety of causes such as migratory bird patterns, red flag warning days,  
10 and contact from external parties. This existing range will continue to  
11 challenge the organization to reduce ignitions of consequence.

12 PG&E remains focused on reducing those ignitions in R3+ conditions  
13 and, as future strategies with direct ignition impact emerge, these targets will  
14 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.

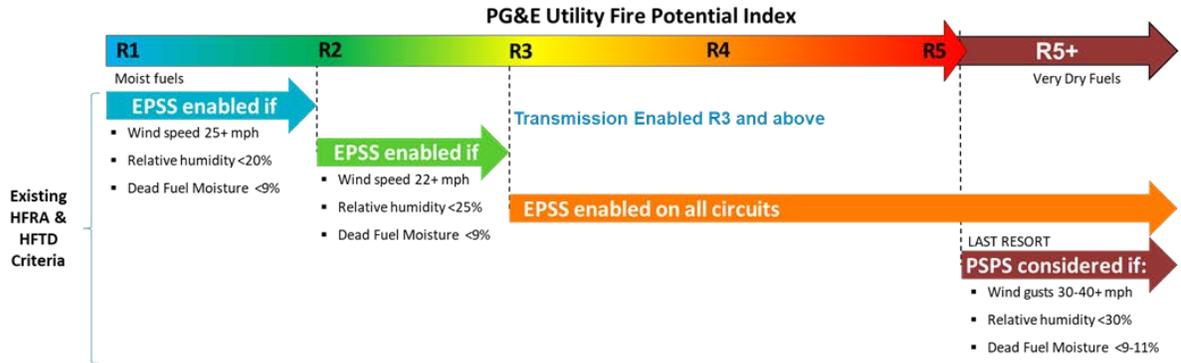
6 As mentioned in the metric performance section, PG&E has observed  
7 success with EPSS in terms of mitigating ignitions in R3+ FPI conditions.  
8 These ignitions in R3+ conditions represent all historical reportable ignitions  
9 resulting in a fatality, all ignitions over 100 acres in size, and 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 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 3.13-5 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.

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32 have experienced vegetation caused outages. Scope of work will be  
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34 failure from the WDRM v3 risk model. EPSS-enabled devices

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2           additional tree work.

3           – Tree Removal Inventory: This is a long-term program intended to  
4           systematically work down trees that were previously identified through  
5           EVM inspections. We will develop annual risk-ranked work plans and  
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10 **A. (3.14) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12           Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.14 – The number of California  
13 Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat  
14 Districts (HFTD) areas (Distribution) is defined as:

15           *The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead (OH)*  
16 *distribution circuits in HFTD areas divided by circuit miles of OH distribution*  
17 *lines in HFTD multiplied by 1000 miles (ignitions per 1000 HFTD circuit*  
18 *miles).*

19           *A CPUC-Reportable Ignition refers to a fire incident where the following*  
20 *three criteria are met: (1) Ignition is associated with PG&E electrical assets,*  
21 *(2) something other than PG&E facilities burned, and (3) the resulting fire*  
22 *travelled more than one linear meter from the ignition point.<sup>1</sup>*

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  
26 quarterly via quarterly geographic information system, data reporting, in  
27 quarterly Wildfire Mitigation Plan updates, and the Safety Performance  
28 Metrics Report.

29       **2. Introduction of Metric**

30           The number of CPUC-reportable Ignitions in HFTDs, normalized by  
31 circuit mileage, provides one way to gauge the level of wildfire risk that

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1   Please CPUC Decision (D.) 14-02-015, issued February 5, 2014, for additional details.

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2 PG&E’s objective is to reduce the number of CPUC reportable ignitions that  
3 may trigger a catastrophic wildfire.

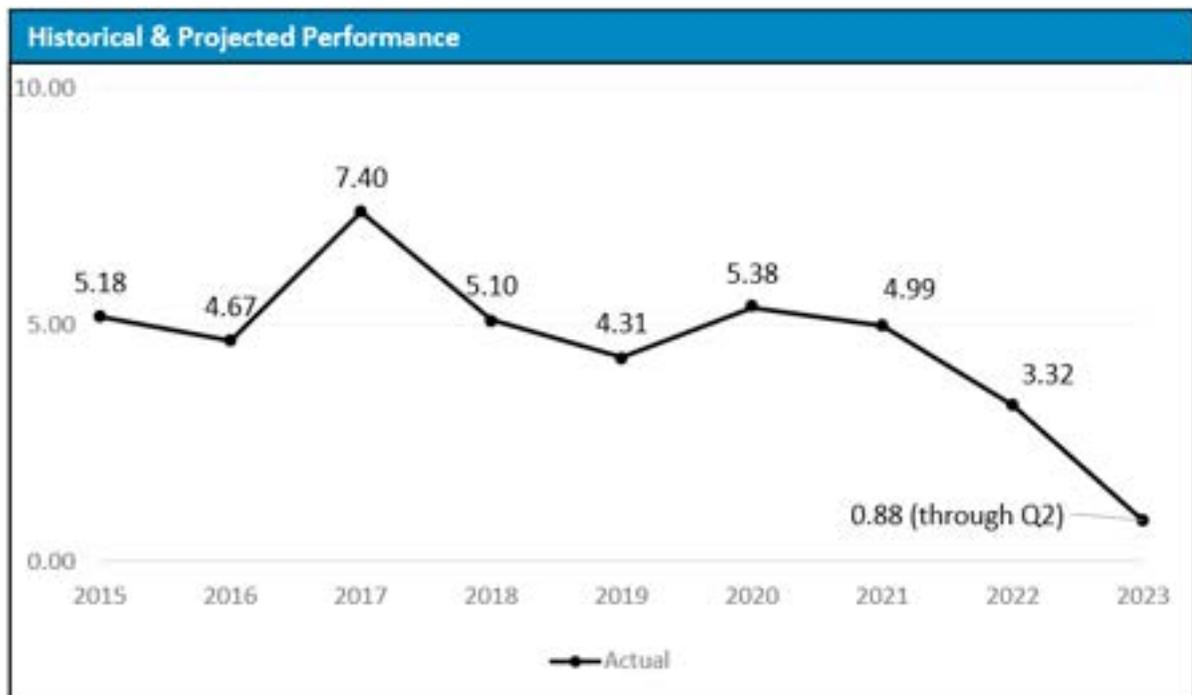
4 **B. (3.14) Metric Performance**

5 **1. Historical Data (2015– Q2 2023)**

6 PG&E implemented the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan, in response  
7 to D.14-02-015, in June 2014 and our record, the Ignitions Tracker, includes  
8 all CPUC-reportable ignitions from June 2014 to present. The 2014 data  
9 does not represent a complete year and is excluded in this analysis.

10 PG&E’s OH distribution circuits traverse approximately 25,500 miles of  
11 terrain in the HFTD areas where the OH conductor is primarily bare wire,  
12 supported by structures consisting of poles, cross arms, associated  
13 insulators, and operating equipment such as transformer, fuses and  
14 reclosers. Given the volume of equipment within the 25,500 miles of HFTD,  
15 the annual number of CPUC-reportable ignitions is too low to detect any  
16 statistical pattern.

**FIGURE 3.14-1**  
**HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – Q2 2023)**



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  
18              mileage data from 2015 – 2018 is unavailable and PG&E used results from  
19              December 2022 to calculate this metric for all years for consistency.

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

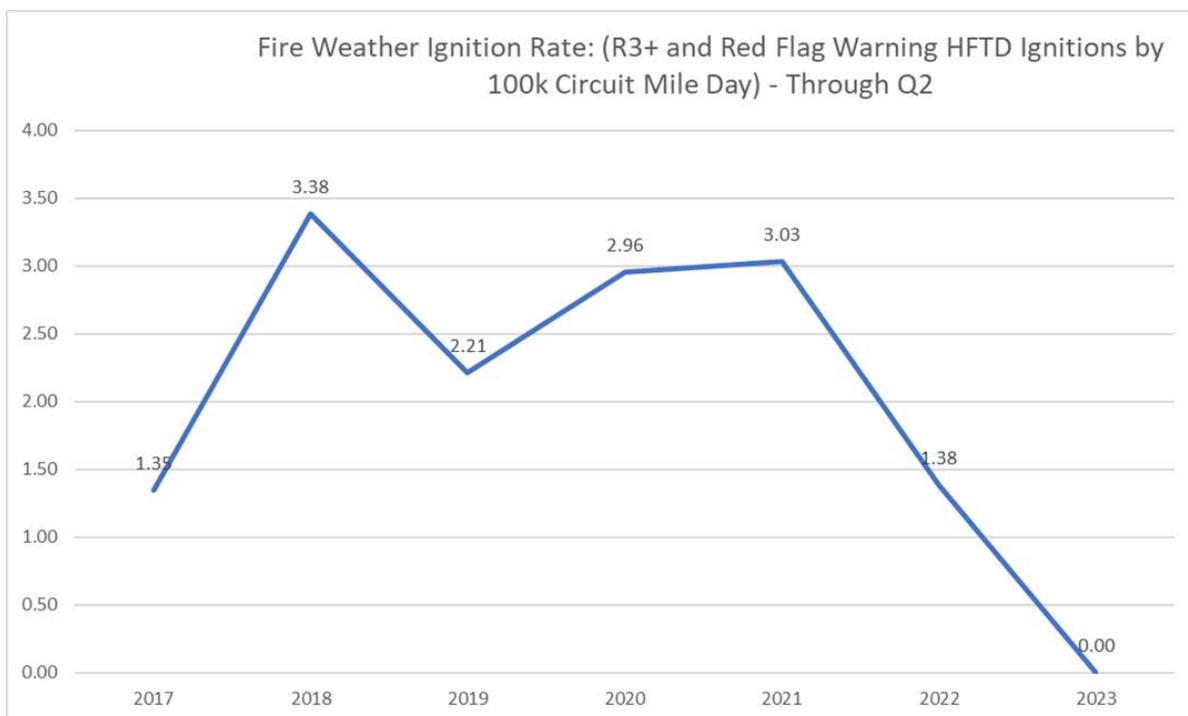
21              PG&E finished 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2023 with 22 CPUC reportable ignitions in  
22              HFTD attributable to overhead distribution assets (corresponding to a rate of  
23              0.88 ignitions per 1,000 circuit miles). These results were lower than last  
24              year and PG&E expects to end the year within the target range of 82-94  
25              ignitions, or better. This range represents an approximately 65 percent  
26              reduction from the 2018 – 2020 annual average of 130 ignitions, before  
27              EPSS was deployed as a strategy.

28              Most importantly, PG&E has observed 0 ignitions where the Fire  
29              Potential Index Rating was in R3 or greater conditions. This compared to 10  
30              in 2022, and a 3-year previous average of 18 ignitions in R3 or greater  
31              conditions. This is aligned with PG&E’s strategy of reducing ignition when  
32              and where they matter, to reach our goal of stopping catastrophic wildfires.

33              Normalizing the count of reportable ignitions in R3+ conditions by the  
34              exposure, in terms of the volume of circuit mileage in those same condition,

1 provides a rate of where risk actualized vs the opportunity for risk to  
2 actualize. The figure below shows the rate of R3+ ignitions divided by 100k  
3 circuit miles in HFTD in R3+ conditions through quarter 2 since 2017. This  
4 rate can serve as a barometer on how effective PG&E is at reducing  
5 wildfires where and when they matter the most.

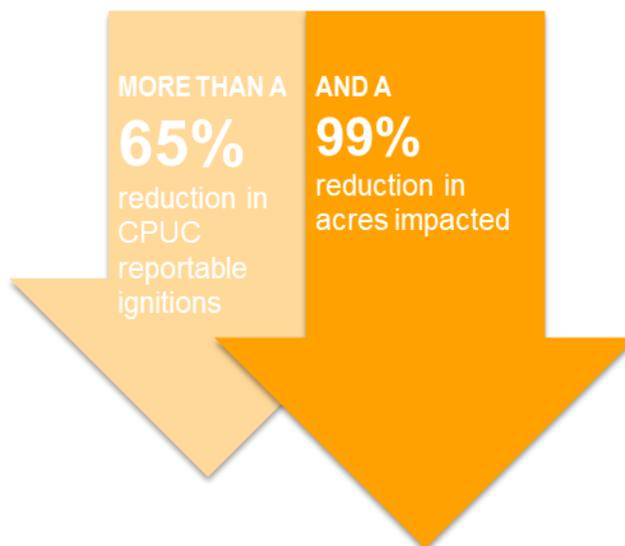
**FIGURE 3.14-2**



6 Please see the Target Methodology section for an overview of our Fire  
7 Potential Index (FPI) model and our strategy to focus operational  
8 mitigations, like EPSS, on reducing ignitions where consequences are more  
9 likely.

FIGURE 3.14-3  
REDUCTION OF REPORTABLE IGNITIONS AND ACRES IMPACTED ON EPSS CIRCUITS

**Compared to 2018-2020 on  
EPSS-enabled circuits  
throughout our Service Area, in  
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1 **C. (3.14) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

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3 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
4 last SOMs report filing. PG&E ended 2022 favorable to our projection (84 vs  
5 a projection of 88 ignitions) and year-end results were within the target  
6 range.

7 However, ignition counts, occurring in consequential and  
8 non-consequential environmental conditions, are highly variable and subject  
9 to environmental conditions outside of the utilities control (i.e., migratory bird  
10 patterns, red flag warning days, contact from external parties). We feel that  
11 this existing range will continue to challenge the organization to remain  
12 focused on reducing ignitions of consequence while allowing for flexibility for  
13 those variables.

14 PG&E remains focused on reducing those ignitions in R3+ conditions  
15 and, as future strategies with direct ignition impact emerge, these targets  
16 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  
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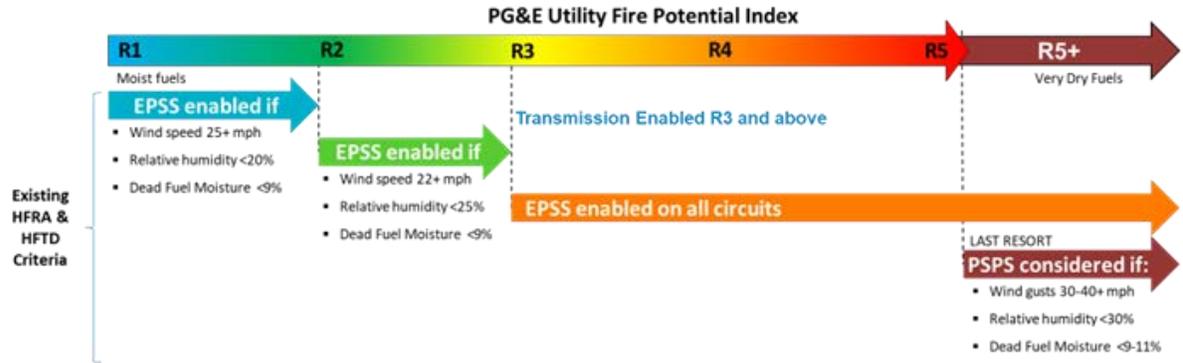
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9 resulting in a fatality, all ignitions over 100 acres in size, and 99 percent of  
10 reportable ignitions where a structure was destroyed. See Figure 3.13-3 for  
11 fire statistics by FPI rating.

**FIGURE 3.14-4  
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	R2+	R3+
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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 3.13-5  
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  
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 5 low and potentially high consequence environments) are dependent on  
 6 weather conditions and are highly variable. As a result, PG&E forecasts a  
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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 reduce  
28 outages and potential ignitions using a risk informed, targeted plan to  
29 mitigate potential vegetation contacts based on historic vegetation  
30 caused outages on EPSS-enabled circuits. We will initially focus on  
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.

3           – Tree Removal Inventory: This is a long-term program intended to  
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.  
8           Please see Section 8.2.2, Vegetation Management and Inspections in  
9           PG&E's 2023 WMP for additional details.

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6           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
7 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
8 against targets. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9   **A. (3.15) Overview**

10   **1. Metric Definition**

11           Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.15 – Number of California  
12 Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)-Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat  
13 District (HFTD) areas (Transmission) is defined as:

14           *Number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead transmission*  
15 *circuits in HFTD Areas.*

16           *A CPUC-Reportable Ignition refers to a fire incident where the following*  
17 *three criteria are met: (1) Ignition is associated with Pacific Gas and Electric*  
18 *Company (PG&E) electrical assets, (2) something other than PG&E facilities*  
19 *burned, and (3) the resulting fire travelled more than one linear meter from*  
20 *the ignition point.*<sup>1</sup>

21           For this SOM, reporting is specific to Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs.

22           PG&E provides the CPUC with annual ignition data in the Fire Incident  
23 Data Collection Plan, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety  
24 quarterly via quarterly geographic information system, data reporting, in  
25 quarterly Wildfire Mitigation Plan updates, and the Safety Performance  
26 Metrics Report.

27   **2. Introduction of Metric**

28           The number of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTDs provides one way  
29 to gauge the level of wildfire risk that customers and communities are  
30 exposed to from overhead transmission assets. PG&E’s objective is to

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1   Please CPUC Decision (D.) 14-02-015, issued February 5, 2014 for additional details.

1 minimize the number of CPUC-Reportable ignitions in the right locations  
2 during the right conditions that may trigger a catastrophic wildfire.

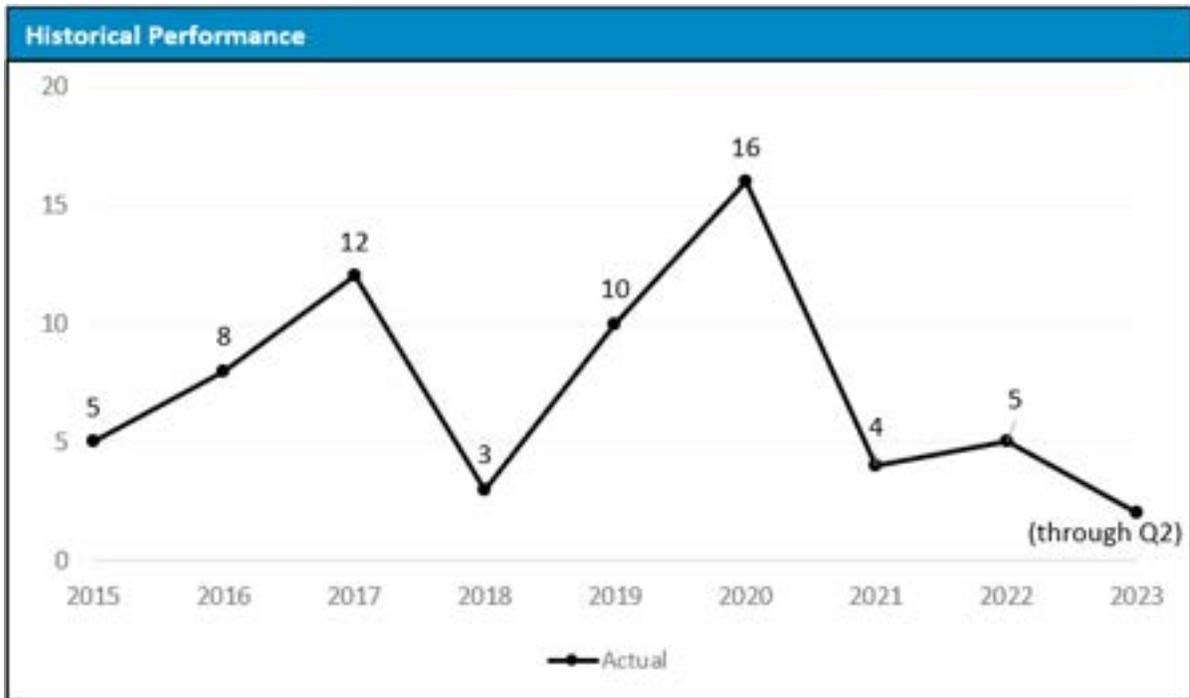
3 **B. (3.15) Metric Performance**

4 **1. Historical Data (2015 – Q2 2023)**

5 PG&E implemented the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan, in response  
6 to D.14-02-015, in June 2014 and our record, the Ignitions Tracker, includes  
7 all CPUC-Reportable ignitions from June 2014 to present. The 2014 data  
8 does not represent a complete year and is excluded in this analysis.

9 PG&E’s overhead transmission circuits traverse approximately  
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.  
12 The annual number of CPUC-Reportable ignitions is too low to detect any  
13 statistical pattern.

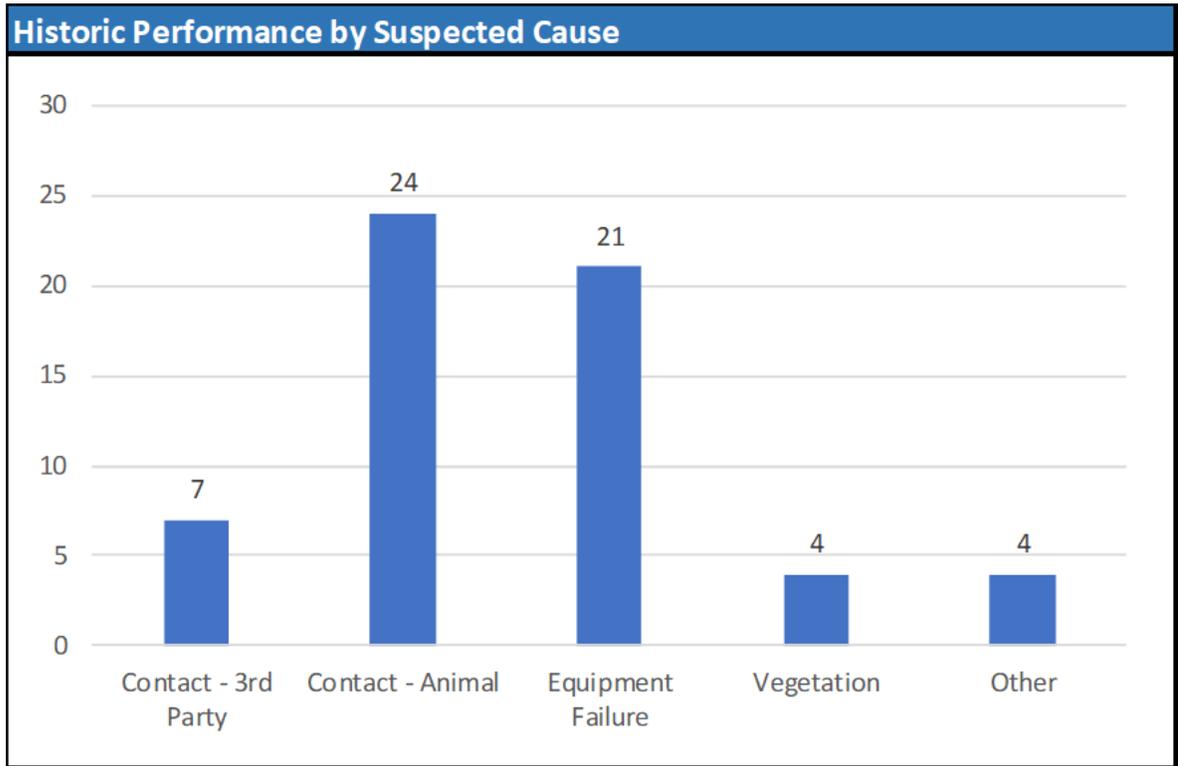
**FIGURE 3.15-1**  
**HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – Q2 2023)**



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 Q2 2023 are shown in the graph below.

FIGURE 3.15-2  
HISTORIC (2015 – Q2 2023) 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

- Ignitions attributable to underground or pad mounted assets as these are not overhead assets. Ignitions caused by non-overhead assets in HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the asset, pose less of a wildfire risk.

### 3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period

Historically, reportable transmission ignitions in HFTD are low in volume with variability year-to-year, which complicates the detection of significant trends. PG&E observed two CPUC reportable ignitions on overhead transmission assets through Q2 in 2023; one caused by 3<sup>rd</sup> party vehicle contact, and one caused by a raptor strike.

#### C. (3.15) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

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

There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the last SOMs report filing.

##### 2. Target Methodology

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

- Historical Data and Trends: Target ranges are based on both PG&E's stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop and historical performance. The bottom end of the range is 0 in both 2023 and 2027, which reflects our stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is 10 in both 2023 and 2027, which is based on our average performance over the last three years. The upper end of the range stays at 10 for 2026 because the volume of transmission ignitions is low, while variability year-to-year remains high;
- Benchmarking: None;
- Regulatory Requirements: CPUC D.14-02-015;
- 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.

### 3. 2023 Target

PG&E's target for 2023 is 0-10. The bottom end of the range is 0 in 2023, which reflects our stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is 10 in 2023, which is based on our average performance over the last three years. The upper end of the range stays at 10 in 2022 and 2027 because the volume of transmission ignitions is low, while variability year-to-year remains high.

### 4. 2027 Target

PG&E's target for 2027 is 0-10. The bottom end of the range is 0 in 2027, which reflects our stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is 10 in 2027, which is based on our average performance over the last three years. The volume of reportable ignitions caused by transmission assets is so low and highly variable.

## D. (3.15) Performance Against Target

### 1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target

As demonstrated in Figure 3.15-3 below, PG&E observed two CPUC reportable ignitions on overhead transmission assets through Q2 in 2023, within our 2022 target range of 0 – 10 ignitions and aligned with 2022 results through Q2

Both of the 2023 overhead transmission ignitions were caused by external force contact; one incident was caused by a raptor strike, and one was caused by car strike.

### 2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target

As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is continuing to deploy several programs to keep metric performance within the Company's target range. PG&E expects no deviation from delivering the 2027 goal for this metric.

FIGURE 3.15-3  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – Q2 2023) AND  
TARGETS (2023 AND 2027)



1 **E. (3.15) 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:

- 4 • Utility Defensible Space Program: In 2023, PG&E is expanding on  
5 Defensible Space Requirements in Public Resources Code Section 4292.  
6 Defensible Space is defined by three primary zones of clearance whereas in  
7 2022 there were two zones. Starting in 2023 the first zone (0-5 feet (ft.))  
8 from energized equipment or building is referred to as one 0 or the “Ember  
9 – Resistant one” and is intended to be void of any combustibles. The  
10 second zone (5-30 ft.) surrounding energized equipment and building is  
11 called the “Clean one” and in most cases (with minimal exceptions) is clear  
12 of trees and most vegetation. The third and final zone of clearance  
13 (30-100 ft.) is the “Reduced Fuel one” where vegetation is permitted if it is  
14 reduced or thinned and maintained regularly and within the requirements  
15 listed within PG&E’s hardening procedures.

16 Please see Section 8.2.3.5, Substation Defensible Space (Mitigation) in  
17 PG&E’s 2022 WMP for additional details.

- 1 • Conductor Replacement and Removal: In 2021, PG&E completed  
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.

7 Please see Section 8.1.2.5.1, Traditional Overhead Hardening –  
8 Transmission Conductor in PG&E’s 2023 WMP for additional details.

- 9 • Dispersed Conductor Component (Splice) Hardening: A conductor splice is  
10 a point of failure within a conductor span, due to factors such as corrosion,  
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.

17 Please see Section 8.1.2.5.1, Traditional Overhead Hardening –  
18 Transmission Conductor in PG&E’s 2023 WMP for additional details.

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7           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
8 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
9 against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (3.16) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12               Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.16 – percentage of California  
13 Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)-Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat  
14 District (HFTD) Areas (Transmission) is defined as:

15               *The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead*  
16 *transmission circuits in HFTD divided by circuit miles of overhead*  
17 *transmission lines in HFTD multiplied by 1,000 miles (ignitions per*  
18 *1,000 HFTD circuit mile).*

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.<sup>1</sup>

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 GIS data reporting, in quarterly Wildfire Mitigation  
28 Plan (WMP) updates, and the Safety Performance Metrics Report.

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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.

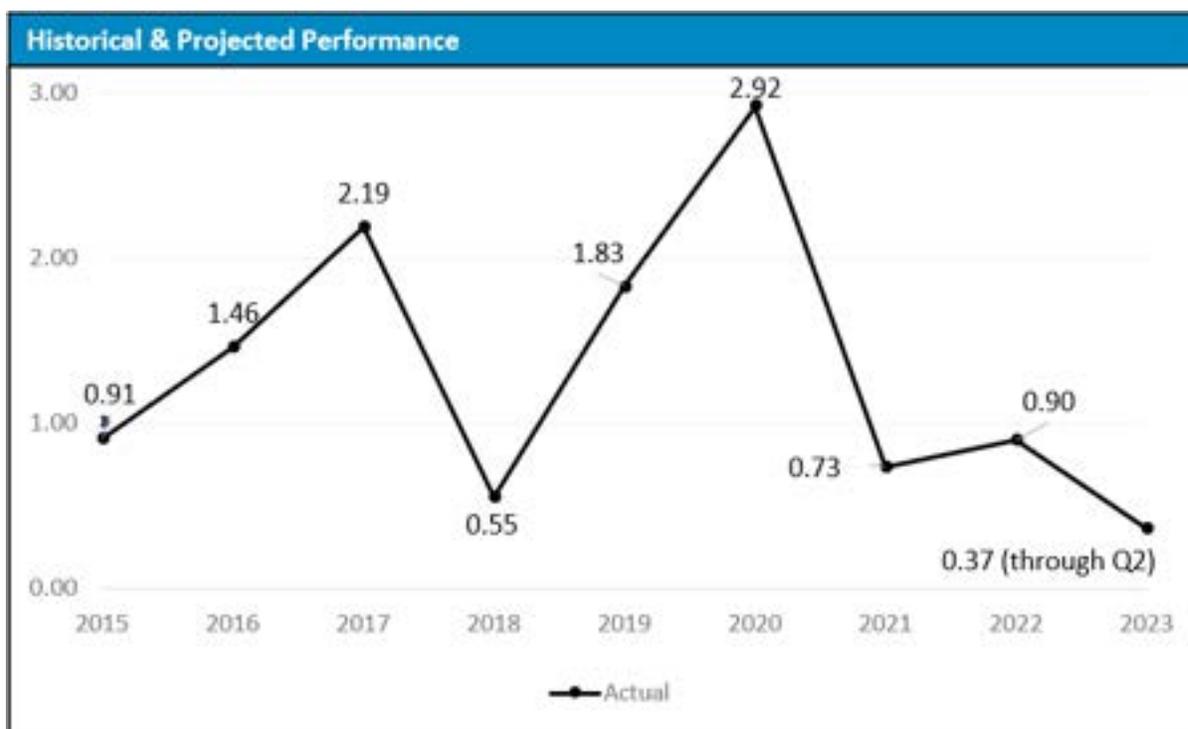
8       **B. (3.16) Metric Performance**

9       **1. Historical Data (2015 – Q2 2023)**

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 – Q2 2023)



## 2. Data Collection Methodology

Data will be collected per PG&E's Fire Incident Data Collection Plan (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P). Results will be inclusive of unique HFTD CPUC-reportable ignitions attributable to the transmission asset class with overhead construction types.

The following ignition events captured by PG&E's Fire Incident Data Collection Plan (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P) will be excluded for this metric:

- Duplicate events;
- Ignitions that do not meet CPUC reporting criteria;
- Ignition events outside of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD;
- Distribution Ignitions; and
- Ignitions attributable to underground or pad mounted assets, as these are not overhead assets. Ignitions caused by non-overhead assets in HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the asset, pose 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 two CPUC reportable ignitions on overhead  
9 transmission assets in 2023, through Q2 (corresponding to a rate of 0.37  
10 ignitions per 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 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
14 last SOMs report filing.

### 15 **2. Target Methodology**

16 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the  
17 following factors:

- 18 • Historical Data and Trends: Target ranges are based on both PG&E's  
19 stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop and historical performance.  
20 The bottom end of the range is 0 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles  
21 in both 2023 and 2027, which reflects our stand that catastrophic  
22 wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is 1.75 ignitions per  
23 1,000 HFTD circuit miles in both 2023 and 2027, which is based on our  
24 average performance over the last three years. The upper end of the  
25 range stays at 1.75 for 2027 because the volume of transmission  
26 ignitions is low, as variability year-to-year remains high;
- 27 • Benchmarking: None;
- 28 • Regulatory Requirements: CPUC D.14-02-015;
- 29 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
30 Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they  
31 consider the potential for an increase in severe weather events due to  
32 climate change; and

- 1           • Other Qualitative Considerations: The target range takes consideration  
2           for some variability in weather.

3           **3. 2023 Target**

4           PG&E's target for 2023 is 0-1.75 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles.  
5           The bottom end of the range is 0 in 2023, which reflects our stand that  
6           catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is  
7           1.75 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles in 2023, which is based on our  
8           average performance over the last three years.

9           **4. 2027 Target**

10          PG&E's target for 2027 is 0-1.75 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles.  
11          The bottom end of the range is 0 in 2027, which reflects our stand that  
12          catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is  
13          1.75 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles in 2027, which is based on our  
14          average performance over the last three years. The volume of reportable  
15          ignitions caused by transmission assets is so low and highly variable.

16         **D. (3.16) Performance Against Target**

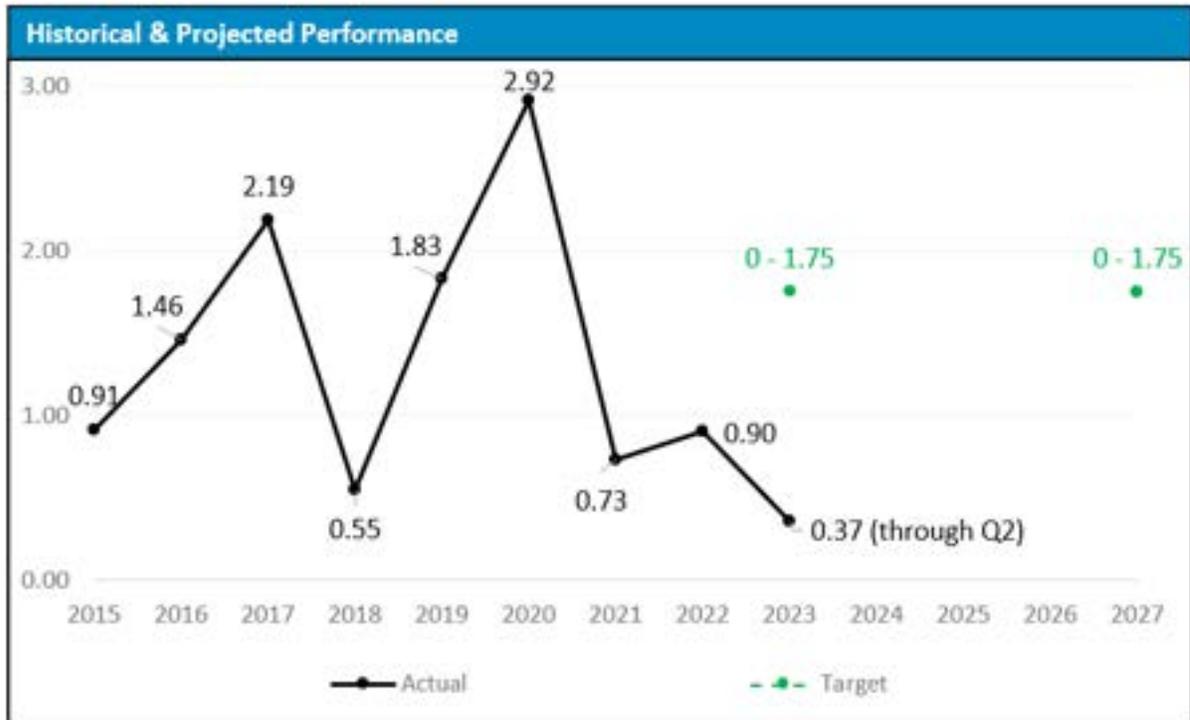
17           **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

18           As demonstrated in Figure 3.16-2 below, PG&E has observed two  
19           CPUC reportable transmission overhead ignitions to through Q2 2023 which  
20           is a rate of 0.37 per 1,000 circuit miles.

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

22           As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is continuing to deploy several  
23           programs to keep metric performance within the Company's target range.  
24           PG&E expects no deviation from delivering the 2027 goal for this metric.

FIGURE 3.16-2  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015- Q2 2023) 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:

- 4 • Utility Defensible Space Program: In 2023, PG&E is expanding on  
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  
9 or the “Ember – Resistant one” and is intended to be void of any  
10 combustibles. The second zone (5-30 ft.) surrounding energized equipment  
11 and building is called the “Clean one” and in most cases (with minimal  
12 exceptions) is clear of trees and most vegetation. The third and final zone of  
13 clearance (30-100 ft.) is the “Reduced Fuel one” where vegetation is  
14 permitted if it is reduced or thinned and maintained regularly and within the  
15 requirements listed within PG&E’s hardening procedures.

16 Please see Section 8.2.3.5, Substation Defensible Space (Mitigation) in  
17 PG&E’s 2022 WMP for additional details.

1 • Conductor Replacement and Removal: In 2021, PG&E completed  
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.

7 Please see Section 8.1.2.5.1, Traditional Overhead Hardening –  
8 Transmission Conductor in PG&E’s 2023 WMP for additional details.

9 • Dispersed Conductor Component (Splice) Hardening: A conductor splice is  
10 a point of failure within a conductor span, due to factors such as corrosion,  
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.

17 Please see Section 8.1.2.5.1, Traditional Overhead Hardening –  
18 Transmission Conductor in PG&E’s 2023 WMP for additional details.

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**NUMBER OF GAS DIG-INS PER 1,000 UNDERGROUND  
SERVICE ALERT (USA) TICKETS ON  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION PIPELINES**

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6   **TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION PIPELINES**

7           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
8 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
9 against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (4.1) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metric 4.1 – Number of Gas Dig-Ins per  
13 1,000 tickets on Transmission and Distribution Pipelines is defined as:

14                   *The number of gas dig-ins per 1,000 Underground Service Alert (USA)*  
15 *tickets received for gas. A gas dig-in refers to damage (impact or exposure)*  
16 *which occurs during excavation activities and results in a repair or*  
17 *replacement of an underground gas facility. Excludes fiber and electric*  
18 *tickets. Also excludes tickets originated by the utility itself or by utility*  
19 *contractors.*

20       **2. Introduction of Metric**

21                   Reducing gas dig-ins increases public safety and improves reliability. It  
22 is therefore important to take reasonable steps reduce this risk because gas  
23 dig-ins represent a potential risk to people, property, and the environment.

24                   If ignited, gas from a dig-in could produce a fire or explosion, either of  
25 which, could result property damage, injury or even death. Release of gas  
26 from a dig-in also produces a possible health hazard from inhalation of  
27 natural gas. Finally, dig-ins typically produce a disruption or loss of service  
28 to one or more customers.

29                   For all these reasons, fewer dig-ins reduces risk to public safety and  
30 minimizes interruption to the gas business and customers.

**B. (4.1) Metric Performance**

**1. Historical Data (2018 – June 2023)**

For this metric, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has five years 6 months of historic data available, which includes 2018-June 2023. The past five years were used for analysis in target setting. Over the historical reporting period, performance improved as demonstrated by both an increase in USA tickets and a decrease in gas dig-ins.

**FIGURE 4.1-1  
THIRD-PARTY TICKETS AND TOTAL DIG-IN COUNTS 2018 – Q2 2023**

	3rd Party Ticket Counts					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	66,605	66,900	74,736	69,544	83,536	60,314
February	62,387	58,586	70,016	74,323	80,127	61,733
March	66,538	74,563	69,991	95,177	93,432	68,744
April	71,514	85,215	67,071	93,335	83,657	73,186
May	75,794	86,339	71,786	87,432	87,005	83,866
June	69,824	81,989	80,614	93,008	88,319	80,980
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	428,823

	Dig-In Count					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	100	89	93	118	118	79
February	131	78	119	116	106	79
March	103	103	98	126	143	66
April	147	140	117	147	120	111
May	209	140	128	139	150	124
June	176	176	170	183	149	121
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	580

**2. Data Collection Methodology**

The data used for this metric reporting is maintained in two files. Together, these databases identify the number of dig-ins and the 811 tickets, respectively. To ensure accuracy of the Master Dig-In File data, three data sources are reviewed:

- 1) The repair data file recorded in SAP-(Obtained using Business Objects GCM058 Quarterly GQI Extract Report);
- 2) The Event Management (EM) Tool obtained from Gas Dispatch, data file; and
- 3) The Dig-In Reduction Teams (DiRT) Pronto download file, obtained from the DiRT team data download report.

Events that meet the definition of dig-in are recorded as a ratio of total dig-ins (count) divided by the third-party USA tickets (count) multiplied by 1,000. This metric does not include tickets originated by the utility itself or by utility contractors.

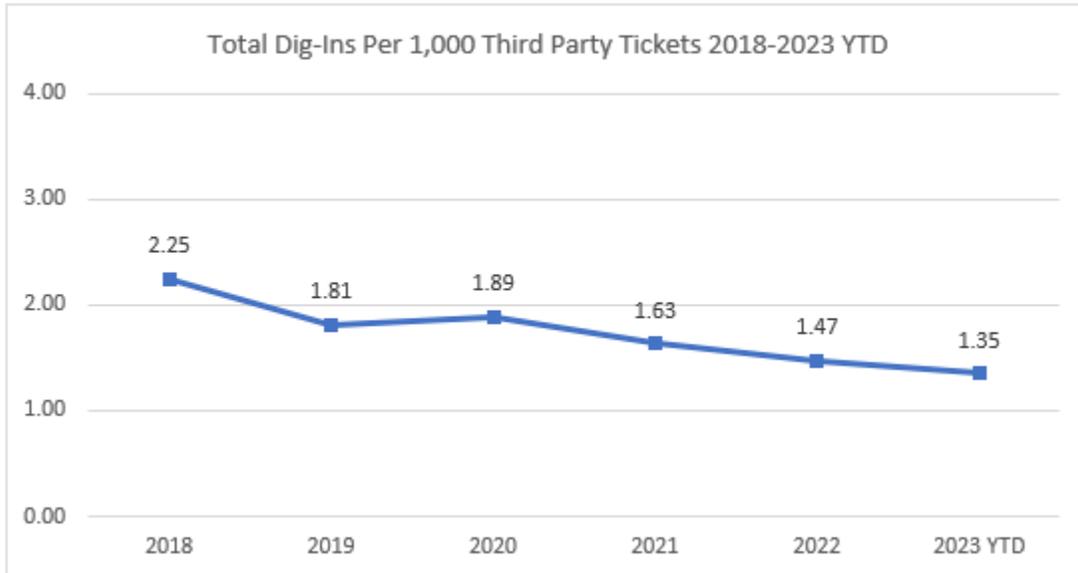
1            This metric also does not include PG&E dig-ins to third parties  
2 (e.g., sewer, water, telecommunications). Dig-ins are reported in real-time,  
3 so they should be captured for the reporting period. However, in the event  
4 dig-ins are reported after the reporting cycle is closed, the dig-in would be  
5 captured in the next reporting cycle (i.e., the next quarter of the current year  
6 or the first quarter of the next year). Electric and Fiber dig-ins are also  
7 excluded from the dig-in count. Also excluded from the dig-in count are the  
8 following (since damages are not from excavation activity):

- 9            • Damages to above-ground infrastructure, such as meters and risers, or  
10            overbuilds;
- 11            • Pre-existing damages (e.g., due to corrosion or old wrap);
- 12            • Any intentional damage to a pipeline (e.g., drilling or cutting);
- 13            • Damage caused by driving over a covered facility (heavy vehicles  
14            damage gas pipe, non-excavation);
- 15            • Damage to abandoned facilities;
- 16            • Damage due to materials failure (e.g., Aldyl-A pipe); and
- 17            • Damage caused to gas or electric lines by trench collapse or soldering  
18            work.

### 19            **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

20            There has been an overall downward trend in the number of dig-ins per  
21 1,000 third-party USA tickets. PG&E attributes the reduction to current and  
22 planned Damage Prevention activities. Overall, PG&E has worked to  
23 increase knowledge of the requirement to call 811 before digging through  
24 Public Awareness Campaigns and by providing training and education to  
25 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 – Q2 2023



1 **C. (4.1) 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-year and 5-year targets since the  
4 last SOMs report filing.

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 2018-2023;
- 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**

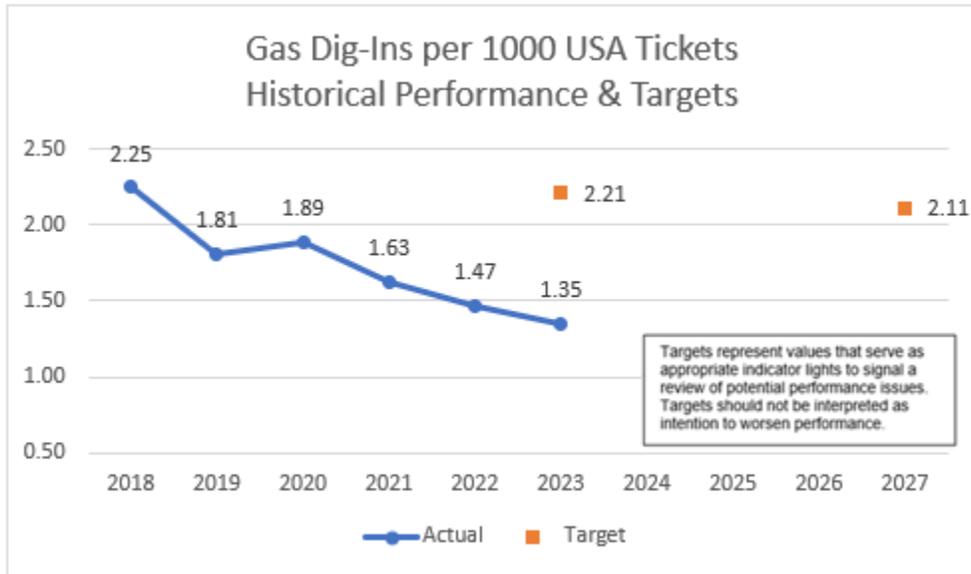
### 16 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-year Target**

17 As demonstrated in Figure 4.1-3, PG&E saw a 1.35 Gas Dig-In rate in  
18 the first half of 2023, which is better than the Company's 1-year target of  
19 2.21 and remains consistent with the company's objective of maintaining  
20 first quartile performance. 2023 YTD June Performance of 1.35 Gas Dig-in  
21 rate also exceeded the 2022 YTD June Performance of 1.53.

### 22 **2. Maintaining Performance against the 5-year Target**

23 As discussed in Section E, PG&E continues to use the Damage  
24 Prevention and DiRT programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward  
25 the Company's 5-year target.

**FIGURE 4.1-3  
TOTAL DIG-INS PER 1,000 THIRD-PARTY TICKETS 2018 – Q2 2023  
AND TARGETS THROUGH 2027**



1 **E. (4.1) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 PG&E’s Damage Prevention team is responsible for the overall  
 3 management of PG&E’s Damage Prevention Program, by managing the risks  
 4 associated with excavations around PG&E’s facilities and conducting  
 5 investigations. As an additional control to manage the Damage Prevention  
 6 Program, PG&E has its DiRT). DiRT consists of 25 people (18 PG&E  
 7 Employees and 7 Contractors) deployed systemwide to investigate dig-ins.  
 8 Team members work closely with various local PG&E operations personnel and  
 9 respond to referrals from those employees when they observe excavations  
 10 potentially not in compliance with the requirements of California Government  
 11 Code Section 4216. DiRT personnel also assist the Ground Patrol team when  
 12 they respond to immediate threats identified in the air by the Aerial Patrol team  
 13 and other PG&E groups, in order to intervene in unsafe digging activities by third  
 14 parties and follow-up to educate excavators as necessary.

15 PG&E’s Damage Prevention activities include educational outreach activities  
 16 for professional excavators, local public officials, emergency responders, and  
 17 the general public who lives and works within PG&E’s service territory. The  
 18 program communicates safe excavation practices, required actions prior to  
 19 excavating near underground pipelines, availability of pipeline location

1 information, and other gas safety information through a variety of methods  
2 throughout the year. These efforts are aimed at increasing public awareness  
3 about the importance of utilizing the 811 Program before an excavation project is  
4 started, understanding the markings that have been placed, and following safe  
5 excavation practices after subsurface installations have been marked. Specific  
6 activities aimed at preventing dig-ins include:

- 7 • Updating the Locate and Mark Field Guide to provide clear instruction  
8 around critical processes for locating underground assets, including  
9 troubleshooting of difficult to locate facilities;
- 10 • Continued participation in the Gold Shovel Standard (GSS). PG&E began  
11 this program that is now run by a third-party and available to utilities and  
12 excavators across the nation. The program sets safety criteria that PG&E  
13 contractors are required to meet to be eligible to do work on behalf of the  
14 Utility. The GSS became an internationally-recognized program, with  
15 companies in Canada adopting and implementing its certification  
16 requirements. The GSS Program is a way that PG&E is making its own  
17 communities safer, and also bringing best safety practices to the industry;  
18 and
- 19 • An 811 Ambassador program, which utilizes all PG&E employees to  
20 properly identify unsafe excavation activities where employees learn how to  
21 identify excavation-related delineations and utility operator markings.

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6 in Section B concerning metric performance; Section D concerning performance  
7 against target and Section E concerning current and planned work activities.  
8           Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

9   **A. (4.2) Overview**

10   **1. Metric Definition**

11           Safety and Operational Metric 4.2 – Number of Overpressure (OP)  
12 events is defined as:

13           *OP events as reportable under General Order (GO) 112-F 122.2(d)(5).*

14   **2. Introduction of Metric**

15           An OP event occurs when the gas pressure exceeds the Maximum  
16 Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of the pipeline, plus the build ups, set  
17 forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) – 49 CFR 192.201.

18           This metric tracks the occurrence of OP events, which includes:

- 19   1) High pressure Gas Distribution (GD):  
20       a) (MAOP 1 pound per square inch gauge (psig) to 12 psig) greater  
21           than 50 percent above MAOP;  
22       b) (MAOP 12 psig to 60 psig) greater than 6 psig above MAOP; and  
23   2) Gas Transmission (GT) pipelines greater than 10 percent above MAOP  
24       (or the pressure produces a hoop stress of  $\geq 75$  percent Specified  
25       Minimum Yield Strength, whichever is lower).

26           OP events on low pressure systems are excluded from this metric  
27 because they are not defined in federal code 49 CFR 192.201.

28           OP events have the potential to overstress pipelines which pose  
29 significant safety and operational risks to Pacific Gas and Electric  
30 Company's (PG&E) gas system. PG&E has implemented multiple controls  
31 and mitigations to reduce OP events.

32           Following the San Bruno event in 2010, an Overpressure Elimination  
33 (OPE) task force was established to identify the root causes of OP events  
34 and develop corrective actions.

1 In 2011, several decisions were made in response to San Bruno  
2 incident. One of the most important corrective actions was to lower the  
3 normal operating pressure below the MAOP across the system, which  
4 resulted in a significant drop-off of OP events from 2011-2012.

5 Beginning in 2013, causal evaluations were conducted on all OP events.  
6 Corrective actions from these evaluations included: equipment and design  
7 review, training, fatigue management, improved Gas Event Reporting, and  
8 improved work procedures.

9 In 2015, several benchmarking studies and industry evaluations were  
10 conducted to learn OP elimination best practice. The benchmarking studies  
11 and analyses helped influence the development and strategies of the OPE  
12 Program.

13 In 2017, after the Folsom OP event,<sup>1</sup> the OPE Program was stood up  
14 under one sponsor with dedicated resources. The OPE Program formalized  
15 a two-pronged strategy to mitigate the risk of large OP events, while  
16 reducing operational risk: (1) Human (HU) Performance Strategy, and  
17 (2) Equipment (EQ)-Related Strategy.

18 In 2020, PG&E retooled an effort to reduce the number of HU  
19 Performance-related events. PG&E contracted with Exponent to perform an  
20 analysis on the OP and near hit events using the Human Factors Analysis  
21 and Classification System to drive focused actions to improve. This effort  
22 helped the team to develop the HU Performance tools to: identify and  
23 control risk, improve efficiency, avoid delays, reduce errors, prevent events,  
24 and promote excellent performance at every facility.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 – June 2023)**

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 June 2023, that number has grown  
15 to 6,865.

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. The Gas OP metric reporting process flow is as  
23 follows:

- 24 1) Control Room Alarm/3<sup>rd</sup> Party Notification of abnormal pressure reading  
25 or GPOM finds abnormal pressure reading during maintenance.
- 26 2) GPOM performs on-site investigation (validates pressure reading and  
27 compares onsite pressure with Scada pressure upon arrival).  
28 “As-found” and “as-left” pressures are recorded on maintenance form.
- 29 3) Gas Control Room creates Abnormal Incident Report and issues  
30 e-page. FIMP reviews the e-page, creates a CAP, and prepares a  
31 Quick Hit.

1 4) OP event is recorded on OP Master List, and Apparent Cause  
2 Evaluation is conducted to determine root cause and any corrective  
3 actions as applicable.

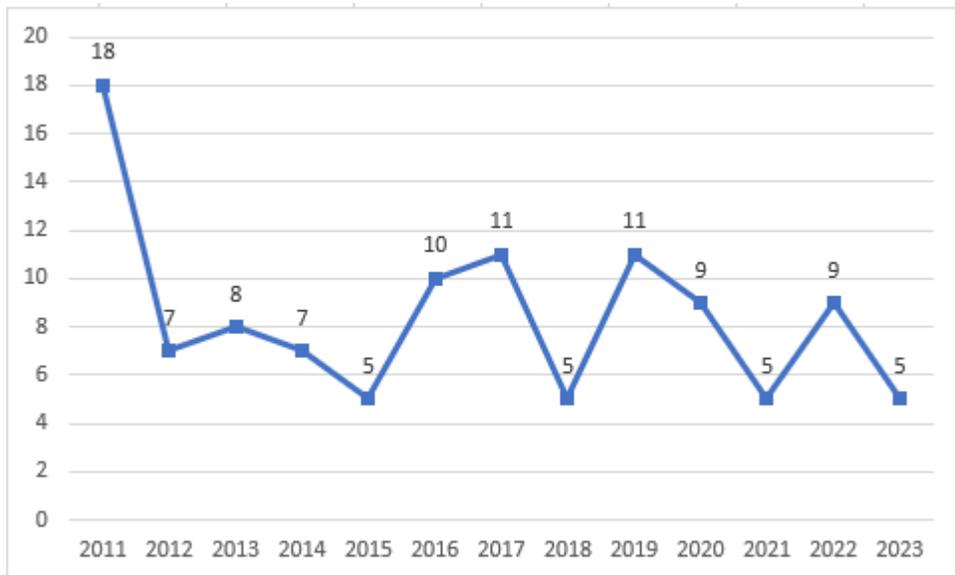
4 Several controls are in place for this metric:

- 5 1) Each OP event is entered into our system of record SAP system CAP to  
6 ensure retention of record history.
- 7 2) Each OP event's datasets (location, CAP number, date, cause,  
8 corrective action etc.) are reviewed by Facility Integrity Management  
9 Program team to ensure accuracy and are logged in the OP master list  
10 which is viewable by all PG&E employees; and
- 11 3) Each OP event is distributed to stakeholders by an electronic page  
12 (e-page) and an e-mail (Quick Hit), reviewed on the next Daily  
13 Operations Briefing with leadership.

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

15 In the first six months of 2023, 5 overpressure events occurred in the  
16 PG&E gas system compared to 4 overpressure events that occurred in the  
17 same period of 2022.

**FIGURE 4.2-1  
OVERPRESSURE EVENTS 2011- Q2 2023**



1 **C. (4.2) 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-year and 5-year targets since the  
4 last SOMs report filing.

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: OP events have ranged from 5 to 11 events  
9 per year since 2012. The target is based on the maximum number of  
10 events in the past eight years.
- 11 • Benchmarking: This metric is not traditionally benchmarkable; however,  
12 PG&E has contracted with third parties to conduct international and  
13 North American industry evaluations. The benchmarking studies  
14 indicated that PG&E has demonstrated strong performance in this area.
- 15 • Regulatory Requirements: OP events as reportable under California  
16 Public Utilities Commission GO No.112-F, 122.2(d)(5).
- 17 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Workplan: Yes.
- 18 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
19 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the maximum of the past  
20 eight years is a sustainable assumption for maintaining metric  
21 performance, plus room for non-significant variability; and
- 22 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The approach of using the maximum  
23 of the past eight years includes the consideration of the expected impact  
24 of ongoing SCADA device installations—improved system visibility and  
25 monitoring points may result in a higher number of observed OP events.  
26 Additionally, as the OP Program has expanded, there has been an  
27 increase in pressure monitoring devices throughout the system, which  
28 allows more OP events to be identified and recorded.

29 **3. 2023 Target**

30 The 2023 target is to maintain performance at or better than 11 events,  
31 based on the factors described above. This target represents an  
32 appropriate indicator light to signal a review of potential performance issues.  
33 Target should not be interpreted as intention to worsen performance.

1 **4. 2027 Target**

2 The 2027 target is to maintain performance at or better than 9 events,  
3 based on the factors described above, along with stepped-improvement of  
4 one event every two years. This target demonstrates continued focus on  
5 improvement year-over-year. PG&E continues to review operations and  
6 look for opportunities to perform work to further reduce OP events and  
7 contribute to system safety.

8 **D. (4.2) Performance Against Target**

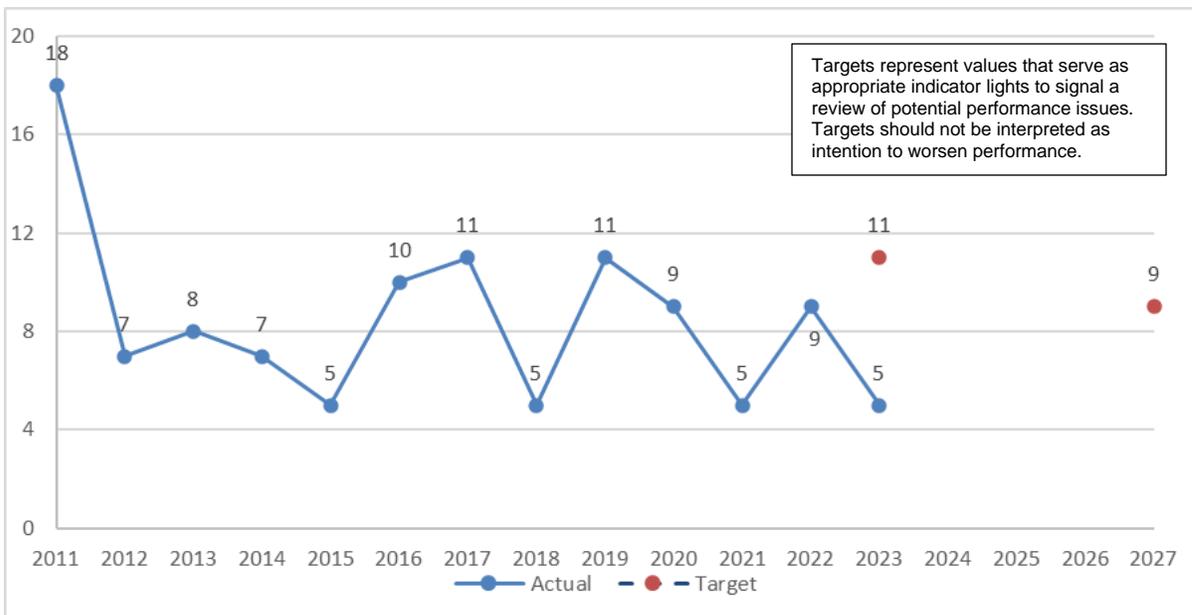
9 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

10 In the first half of 2023, 5 overpressure events occurred in PG&E's gas  
11 system which is consistent with the Company's 1-year target of equal to or  
12 less than 11.

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

14 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying several programs  
15 to maintain or improve the long-term performance of the Over Pressure  
16 metric to meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 4.2-2  
OVERPRESSURE EVENTS 2011- Q2 2023 AND TARGETS THROUGH 2027**



1 **E. (4.2) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 PG&E’s strategic objective includes plans to execute the secondary  
3 Overpressure Protection Program (OPP) to mitigate common failure mode  
4 failure OP events for both GT and GD over a 10-year period (2018-2027).

- 5 • Gas Distribution: From 2019-June 2023, PG&E has retrofitted  
6 approximately 883 GD pilot-operation stations. By end of June 2023, PG&E  
7 has exceeded the goal of retrofitting 50% of GD pilot-operated stations.  
8 PG&E will continue the effort of retrofitting GD pilot-operation stations to  
9 mitigate the common failure mode OP events in the Gas Distribution  
10 System. This plan will have installed secondary OPP at all GD  
11 pilot-operated stations (which carry the common failure mode risk) by 2027.
- 12 • Gas Transmission: In 2019, PG&E started rebuilding and retrofitting Large  
13 Volume Customer Regulators (LVCR) sets specifically to address OP risks,  
14 and started rebuilding and retrofitting Large Volume Customer Meter  
15 (LVCM) sets in 2023. From 2019-June 2023, PG&E has rebuilt and  
16 retrofitted approximately 53 Large LVCRs/LVCMs. PG&E will continue the  
17 effort of rebuilding GT LVCRs/LVCMs to mitigate the common failure mode  
18 OP events in the Gas Transmission System.

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5           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023 , report can be found  
6 in Section B concerning metric performance; and Section D concerning performance  
7 against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

8 **A. (4.3) Overview**

9       **1. Metric Definition**

10           Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 4.3 – Time to Respond On-Site to  
11 Emergency Notification is defined as:

12           *Average time and median time to respond on-site to a gas-related*  
13 *emergency notification from the time of notification to the time a Gas Service*  
14 *Representative (GSR) (or qualified first responder) arrived onsite.*  
15 *Emergency notification includes all notifications originating from 911 calls*  
16 *and calls made directly to the utilities’ safety hotlines.*

17           The data used to determine the average time and median time shall be  
18 provided in increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c) as  
19 supplemental information, not as a metric.

20 **2. Introduction of Metric**

21           Gas emergency response measures Pacific Gas and Electric  
22 Company’s (PG&E) ability to respond with urgency to hazardous or unsafe  
23 situations that may be a threat to customer and public safety. In some  
24 situations, GSRs respond to emergency situations as first responders.  
25 Responding to emergency situations is PG&E’s highest priority so that  
26 PG&E can prevent or ameliorate hazardous situations. PG&E’s goal is to  
27 have a GSR on-site as quickly as possible for customer generated gas odor  
28 calls. Faster response time to Emergency Notifications reduces the length  
29 of emergent situations.

30           PG&E’s GSRs respond to approximately 500,000 gas service customer  
31 requests annually. These requests include: investigating reports of possible  
32 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 – June 2023)**

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:

- 1 • Level 2 and above emergencies;<sup>1</sup>
- 2 • If the source is a non-planned release of PG&E gas, the original call is
- 3 included—the gas emergency itself—and all subsequent related orders
- 4 are excluded;
- 5 • If the source is either a planned release of PG&E gas or another
- 6 non-leak-related event, all related orders from the metric are excluded,
- 7 including the original call;
- 8 • Duplicate orders for assistance;
- 9 • Cancelled orders;
- 10 • For multiple leak calls from the same Multi-Meter Manifold;<sup>2</sup>
- 11 • Unknown premise tag with no nearby gas facility; and
- 12 • If the FAS system is unavailable—such as during a tech down event—
- 13 the jobs cannot be created in our system, and are therefore, an
- 14 exception (not available to be included in the volume).

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

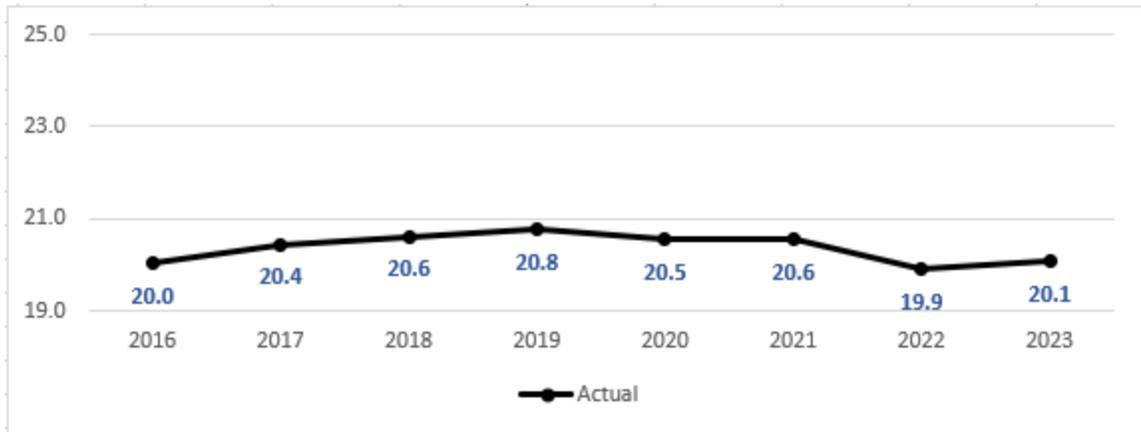
16 Since 2011, PG&E has improved and maintained strong performance in  
17 this metric. During the first 6 months in 2023, we have achieved an average  
18 response time of 20.1 minutes and a recorded median response time of  
19 18.5 minutes, compared to 19.8 minutes of average response time and  
20 18.23 median response time for the same period in 2022. Our performance  
21 for first 6 months in 2023 deteriorated slightly compared to first six months of  
22 2022 due to the early year storm impact.

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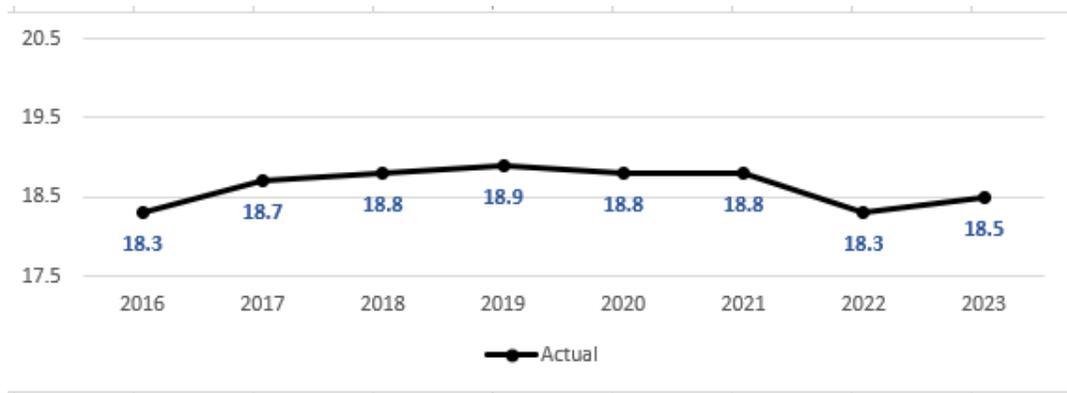
1 Defined in the Gas Emergency Response Plan as a region-wide emergency event that may require 1-2 days for service restoration.

2 The first order is included, and all subsequent orders are excluded.

**FIGURE 4.3-1  
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME 2016- Q2 2023**



**FIGURE 4.3-2  
MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2016- Q2 2023**



1 **C. (4.3) 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-year and 5-year targets since  
4 the last SOMs report filing.

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 2015. Performance has been consistent from 2015-2023 and maintains  
10 top quartile;

- 1 • Benchmarking: The targets for average response time and median  
2 response time are informed by available benchmarking data and targets  
3 are set at a level consistent with strong performance;
- 4 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 5 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;
- 6 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
7 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the set targets is a  
8 sustainable assumption for maintaining average and median response  
9 time performance, plus room for non-significant variability; and
- 10 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

### 11 **3. 2023 Target**

12 The 2023 target is to maintain performance better than or equal to  
13 21.5 minutes for average response time and 19.8 minutes for median  
14 response time, based on the factors described above. These targets  
15 represent values that serve as appropriate indicator lights to signal a review  
16 of potential performance issues. Targets should not be interpreted as  
17 intention to worsen performance.

### 18 **4. 2027 Target**

19 The 2027 target is to maintain performance better than or equal to  
20 21.1 minutes for average response time and 19.4 minutes for median  
21 response time, based on the factors described above. Annual targets  
22 should continue to be informed by available benchmarking data.

## 23 **D. (4.3) Performance Against Target**

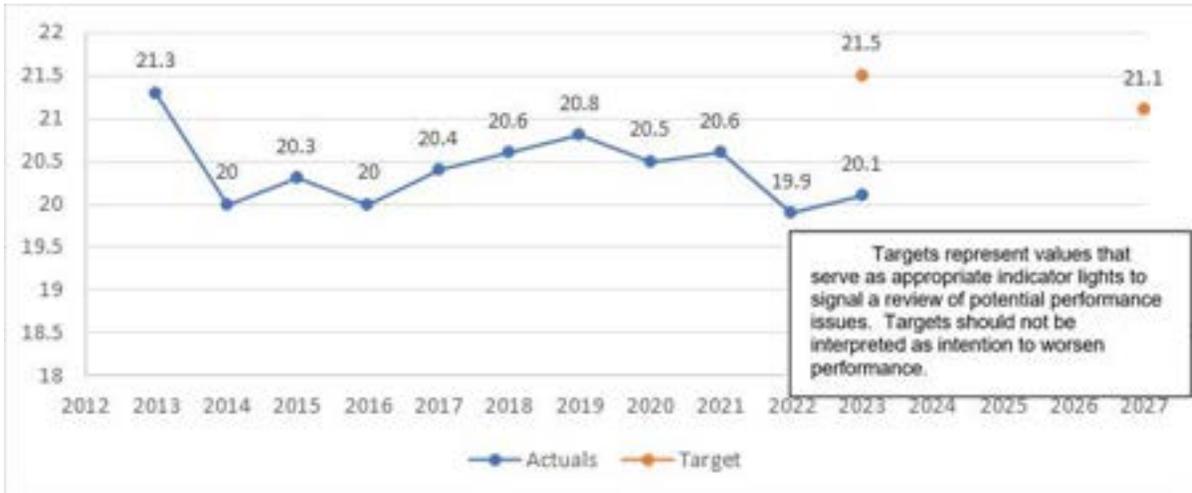
### 24 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

25 As demonstrated in Figure 4.3-3 and 4.3-4, PG&E saw an average  
26 response time of 20.1 minutes and a median response time of 18.5 minutes  
27 in 2023 which exceeded the Company's 2023 target of 21.5 and  
28 19.8 minutes respectively.

### 29 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

30 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E continues to employ thorough  
31 review, auditing, and cross-functional programs to maintain performance in  
32 pursuit of the Company's 5-year target.

**FIGURE 4.3-3  
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME 2013- Q2 2023 AND TARGETS THROUGH 2027**



**FIGURE 4.3-4  
MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2013-Q2 2023 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.

- 1       • Monitoring Controls: Activities which help us to maintain our Gas  
2       Emergency Response include: continued focus and visibility in our Daily  
3       Operating Reviews, Weekly Operating Reviews, and Cross Functional  
4       Reviews. These help to illustrate several key drivers, including: Dispatch  
5       Handle Time, Drive Time, and Wrap Time.
- 6       • Audits: PG&E performs audits on Emergency calls to identify opportunities.
- 7       • Data Analysis: Staffing and historical Gas Emergency Response volume  
8       are reviewed to help drive decisions. We utilize Best Practice of Dispatching  
9       to the closest resource. In addition, Dispatcher Ride Alongs with GSRs  
10      have been implemented to drive cross-functional understanding.

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5           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
6 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
7 against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

8 **A. (4.4) Introduction**

9       **1. Metric Definition**

10           Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 4.4 – Gas Shut-In Time, Mains is  
11 defined as:

12           *Median time to shut-in gas when an uncontrolled or unplanned gas*  
13 *release occurs on a main. The data used to determine the median time*  
14 *shall be provided in increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c)*  
15 *as supplemental information, not as a metric.*

16       **2. Introduction of Metric**

17           The measurement of Gas Shut in Time captures the median duration of  
18 time required to respond to and mitigate potentially hazardous gas leak  
19 conditions. These leak conditions are associated with the public safety risk  
20 of loss of containment on Gas Distribution Main or Service. The term “shut  
21 in” refers to the act of stopping the gas flow. It is important for the flow of  
22 gas to be stopped to avoid consequences such as overpressure events or  
23 explosions and so that work can be safely performed to make repairs in a  
24 timely manner. Performance aims for faster response times as a measure  
25 of prevention resulting in lower risk of an incident impacting public safety  
26 and minimized interruption to the gas business and customers. It is  
27 imperative that we promptly and effectively resolve any hazardous  
28 conditions on our distribution network while balancing timeliness, customer  
29 outages, and employee safety.

30           The timing for the response starts when the Pacific Gas and Electric  
31 Company (PG&E or the Utility) first receives the report of a potential gas  
32 leak and ends when the Utility’s qualified representative determines, per the  
33 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 – June 2023)**

12 Historical data for shut-in the gas (SITG) Main metric is available for the  
13 period 2014 through June 2023. The data captures the median time that a  
14 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.

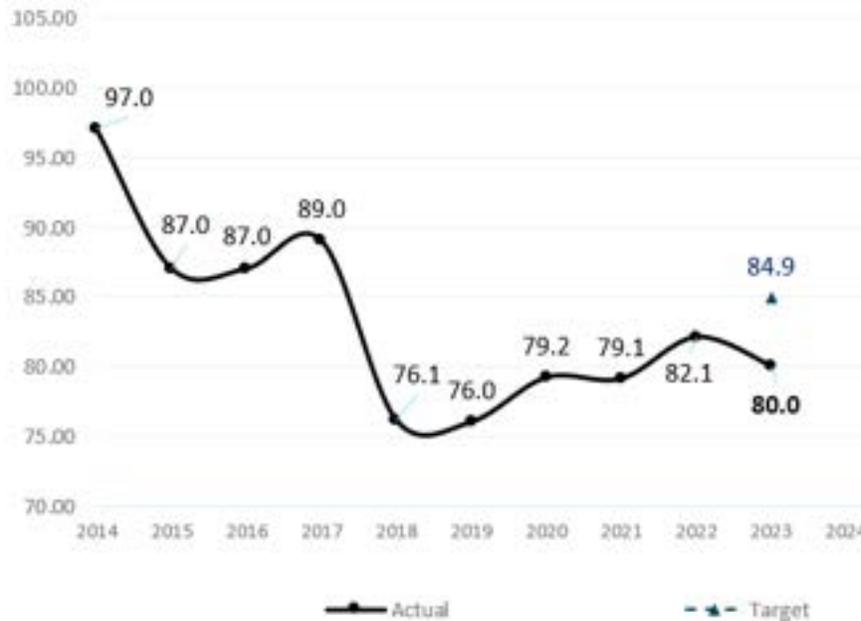
### 3 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

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 June 2023. Over this reporting  
20 period, performance improved, decreasing from 97 minutes in 2014 to  
21 80.0 minutes median time in 2023. However, this Mains median response  
22 time June 2023 YTD has increased by 5 percent compared to June 2022  
23 YTD performance of 76.4 minutes. This increase is due to 1st Quarter  
24 storm events that impacted overall response times with Bay Area Region  
25 being impacted the most.

**FIGURE 4.4-1  
GAS SHUT IN TIME, MAINS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014- Q2 2023**



1 **C. (4.4) 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-year and 5-year targets since  
4 the last SOMs report filing.

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.
- 17 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
18 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the past

1 four years annual median response time plus 10 percent is a  
2 sustainable assumption for maintaining the improvement from  
3 2018-2021-time frame plus room for non-significant variability; and

- 4 • Other Qualitative Considerations: Reducing shut in time to the lowest  
5 possible result is not necessarily the best approach from a public safety  
6 standpoint, and there is consideration of risk in various situations. In  
7 some instances, the safest decision for our employees and the public is  
8 to allow the gas to escape before crews shut it off.

### 9 **3. 2023 Target**

10 The 2023 target is to maintain performance at or lower than  
11 84.9 minutes based on the factors described above. This target was  
12 established to account for the consideration of risk in various situations and  
13 aligns with our commitment to the safe operations of our assets. This target  
14 represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a review of potential  
15 performance issues. Target should not be interpreted as intention to worsen  
16 performance.

### 17 **4. 2027 Target**

18 The 2027 target is to maintain performance at or lower than  
19 82.9 minutes, based on the factors described above, along with stepped  
20 improvement of 0.5 minutes forecast year-over-year.

## 21 **D. (4.4) Performance Against Target**

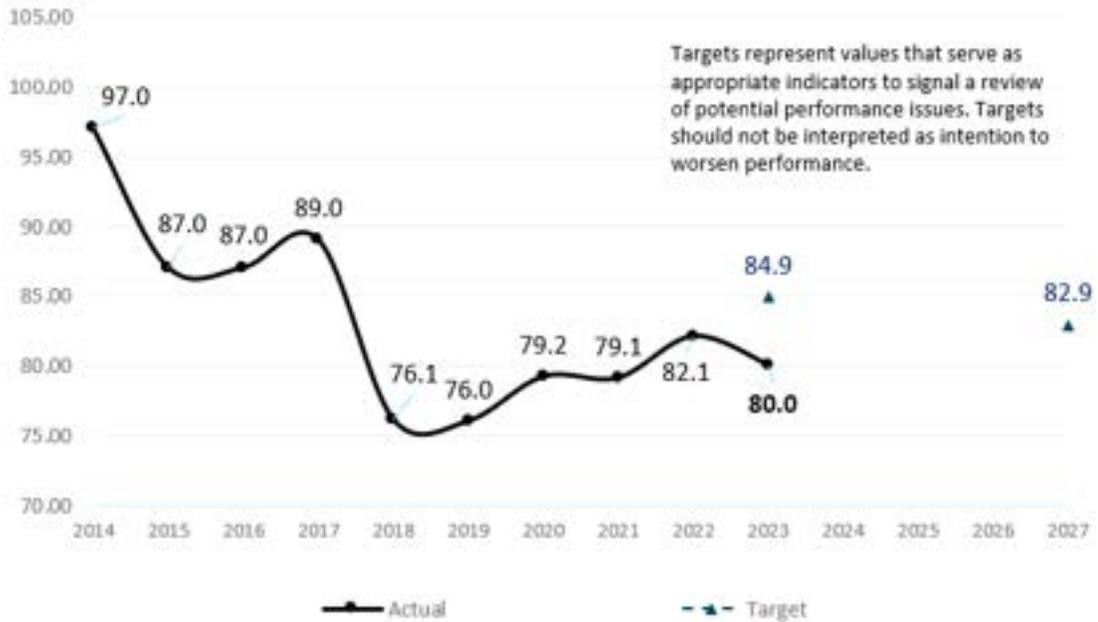
### 22 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

23 As demonstrated in Figure 4.4-2, PG&E saw a median response time  
24 of 80.0 minutes in 2023 which is better than the Company's 1-year target.

### 25 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

26 As discussed in Section E, PG&E will continue mitigating the risk of loss  
27 of containment on Gas Distribution Mains and Services and employing its  
28 various programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward its 5-year  
29 target.

**FIGURE 4.4-2  
GAS SHUT IN TIME, MAINS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014- Q2 2023 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:

- 1 • Enhanced plastic squeeze capability from approximately 50 percent to all  
2 GSRs for < 1.5” plastic pipe.
- 3 • Purchased and implemented emergency trailers in every division, allowing  
4 for emergency equipment to be accessed quickly and easily.
- 5 • Purchased additional steel squeezers for 2-8” steel pipe (housed on  
6 emergency trailers).
- 7 • Implemented Emergency Management tool (EM tool) to alert maintenance  
8 and construction (M&C) of SITG events when notified by third-party  
9 emergency organizations.
- 10 • Established concurrent response protocol (dispatch M&C and Field Service  
11 resources) when notified by emergency agencies. Utility Procedure  
12 TD-6100P-03 Major Gas Event Response: Fire, Explosion, and Gas Pipeline  
13 Rupture was updated in 2021 to align with PG&E’s response and  
14 communication protocols.
- 15 • Implemented 30-60-90-120+ minute communication protocols between Gas  
16 Distribution Control Center and Incident Commander to ensure consistent  
17 communication and issue escalation during events; and  
18 The following process improvement initiatives are on-going to help achieve  
19 metric results:
  - 20 • Tier 3 incident review meetings monthly to share best practices and review  
21 long duration events.
  - 22 • Provide yearly plastic squeeze training for all Field Service employees as  
23 part of Operator Qualification refresher.

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5           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
6 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
7 against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

8 **A. (4.5) Overview**

9       **1. Metric Definition**

10           Safety and Operational Metric 4.5 – Gas Shut-In Time, Services is  
11 defined as:

12           *Median time to shut-in gas when an uncontrolled or unplanned gas*  
13 *release occurs on a service. The data used to determine the median time*  
14 *shall be provided in increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c)*  
15 *as supplemental information, not as a metric.*

16       **2. Introduction of Metric**

17           The measurement of Gas Shut-In Time captures the median duration of  
18 time required to respond to and mitigate potentially hazardous gas leak  
19 conditions. These leak conditions are associated with the public safety risk  
20 of loss of containment on Gas Distribution Main or Service. The term  
21 “shut-in” refers to the act of stopping the gas flow. It is important for the flow  
22 of gas to be stopped to avoid consequences such as overpressure events or  
23 explosions and so that work can be safely performed to make repairs in a  
24 timely manner. Performance aims for faster response times as a measure  
25 of prevention resulting in lower risk of an incident impacting public safety  
26 and minimized interruption to the gas business and customers. It is  
27 imperative that we promptly and effectively resolve any hazardous  
28 conditions on our distribution network while balancing timeliness, customer  
29 outages, and employee safety.

30           The timing for the response starts when Pacific Gas and Electric  
31 Company (PG&E or the Utility) first receives the report of a potential gas  
32 leak and ends when the Utility’s qualified representative determines, per the  
33 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 – June 2023)**

12 Historical data for Shut-In the gas (SITG) Services metric is available for  
13 the period 2014 – June 2023. The data captures the median time that a  
14 qualified first responder is required to respond and stop gas flow during  
15 incidents involving an unplanned and uncontrolled release of gas on  
16 services. This data includes incidents related to distribution services and  
17 related 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.

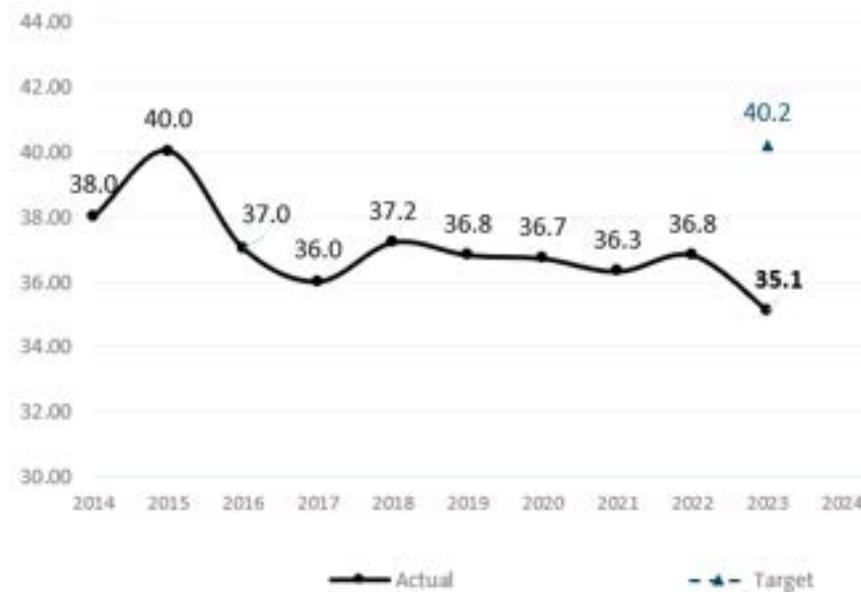
### 3 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

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 June 2023. Over this reporting period,  
17 performance improved, decreasing from 38.0 minutes in 2014 to 35.1  
18 minutes YTD through June 2023. This response time in the first six months  
19 of 2023 has also improved by 5 percent compared to same period in 2022.

**FIGURE 4.5-1  
GAS SHUT IN TIME, SERVICES MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014-Q2 2023**



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 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since  
4 the last SOMs report filing.

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;
- 17 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
18 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the past  
19 four years annual median response time plus 10 percent is a

1 sustainable assumption for maintaining the improvement from  
2 2018-2021 time-frame plus room for non-significant variability; and

- 3 • Other Qualitative Considerations: Reducing shut in time to the lowest  
4 possible result is not necessarily the best approach from a public safety  
5 standpoint, and there is consideration of risk in various situations. In  
6 some instances, the safest decision for our employees and the public is  
7 to allow the gas to escape before crews shut it off.

### 8 **3. 2023 Target**

9 The 2023 target is to maintain performance at or lower than  
10 40.2 minutes based on the factors described above. This target was  
11 established to account for the consideration of risk in various situations and  
12 aligns with our commitment to the safe operations of our assets. This target  
13 represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a review of potential  
14 performance issues. Target should not be interpreted as intention to worsen  
15 performance.

### 16 **4. 2027 Target**

17 The 2027 target is to maintain performance at or lower than  
18 39.4 minutes based on the factors described above along with stepped  
19 improvement of 0.2 minutes year-over-year.

## 20 **D. (4.5) Performance Against Target**

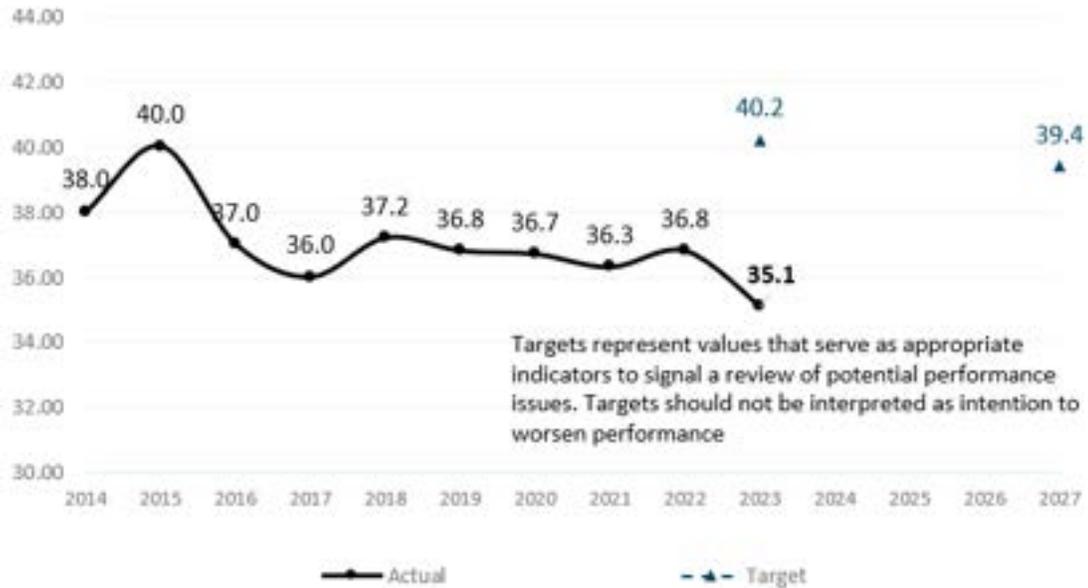
### 21 **1. Maintain Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

22 As demonstrated in Figure 4.5-2, PG&E saw a median response time of  
23 35.1 minutes in 2023 which is better than the Company's 1-year target.

### 24 **2. Maintain Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

25 As discussed in Section E, PG&E will continue mitigating the risk of loss  
26 of containment on Gas Distribution Mains and Services and employing its  
27 various programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward its 5-year  
28 target.

**FIGURE 4.5-2  
GAS SHUT IN TIME, SERVICES MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014- Q2 2023 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.
- 14       • Gas M&C: Gas M&C performs routine maintenance of PG&E’s gas  
15 distribution facilities, which includes emergency response due to dig-ins,  
16 as well as leak repairs.

17               The following process improvement initiatives have been implemented  
18 to help achieve metric results:

- 1 • Enhanced plastic squeeze capability from approximately 50 percent to
- 2 all GSRs for < 1.5” plastic pipe;
- 3 • Purchased and implemented emergency trailers in every division,
- 4 allowing for emergency equipment to be accessed quickly and easily.
- 5 • Purchased additional steel squeezers for 2-8” steel pipe (housed on
- 6 emergency trailers);
- 7 • Implemented Emergency Management tool (EM tool) to alert M&C of
- 8 SITG events when notified by third-party emergency organizations;
- 9 • Established concurrent response protocol (dispatch M&C and Field
- 10 Service resources) when notified by emergency agencies. Utility
- 11 Procedure TD-6100P-03 Major Gas Event Response: Fire, Explosion,
- 12 and Gas Pipeline Rupture was updated in 2021 to align with PG&E’s
- 13 response and communication protocols; and
- 14 • Implemented 30-60-90-120+ minute communication protocols between
- 15 GDCC and Incident Commander to ensure consistent communication
- 16 and issue escalation during events.
- 17 The following process improvement initiatives are on-going to help
- 18 achieve metric results:
- 19 • Tier 3 incident review meetings monthly to share best practices and
- 20 review long duration events; and
- 21 • Provide yearly plastic squeeze training for all Field Service employees
- 22 as part of Operator Qualification refresher.

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7           in Section B concerning metric performance; Section D concerning performance;  
8           Section E concerning current and planned work activities. Material changes from  
9           the prior report are identified in blue font.

10 **A. (4.6) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12               Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 4.6 – Uncontrolled Release of  
13               Gas on Transmission Pipelines is defined as:

14               *The number of leaks, ruptures, or other loss of containment on*  
15               *transmission lines for the reporting period, including gas releases reported*  
16               *under Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 191.3.*

17       **2. Introduction of Metric**

18               This metric tracks the total number of Grade 1, 2, and 3 leaks, as well as  
19               ruptures and other losses of containment on gas transmission (GT)  
20               pipelines. Leaks are an important indicator because each leak's  
21               uncontrolled flow of gas into the surrounding area can increase the  
22               consequence of incidents and cause disruption to our customers' gas  
23               service. Leaks are also an important indicator in evaluating the likelihood for  
24               where other incidents could occur due to similar criteria or conditions.

25 **B. (4.6) Metric Performance**

26       **1. Historical Data (2016 – June 2023)**

27               Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) started by reviewing seven  
28               years of historical data, comprising the years 2016 through 2022. In  
29               evaluating the data, PG&E noted changes in detection capabilities and  
30               frequency of surveys for the years after 2018. For this reason, the data  
31               used to develop these metrics is focused on 2019-2023.

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.

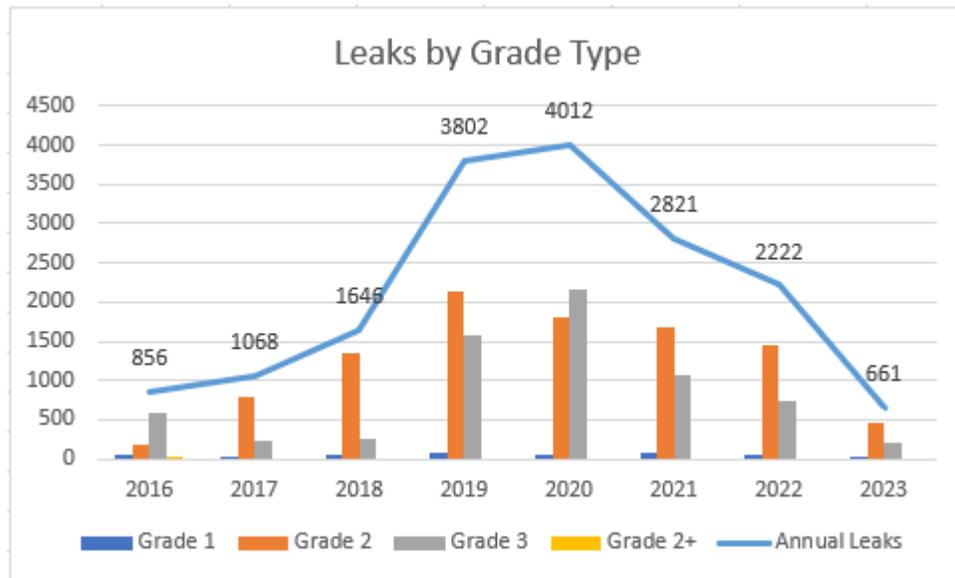
8               In addition, transmission incidents reported to Pipeline and Hazardous  
9 Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) that meet the incident reporting  
10 definition in CFR 191.3 are considered for metric inclusion. These events  
11 may be leaks, ruptures, or other incidents. For each 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. [The 661 year-to-date \(YTD\) leaks for first six months of 2023 is](#)  
32 [trending down compared to 1268 YTD leaks for the same period in 2022.](#)  
33 [The proactive maintenance performed and replacement of components as](#)

1 required by CARB Oil and Gas Rule have contributed to the overall decline  
2 in transmission leaks recorded in 2023.

FIGURE 4.6-1  
LEAKS BY GRADE TYPE 2016- Q2 2023



3 **C. (4.6) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

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

5 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
6 last SOMs report filing.

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: The targets are based on annual 1 percent  
11 reduction starting with the average of the four years of historical data  
12 between 2019-2022. Those four years were used as the timeframe  
13 most representative of current leak survey practices.
- 14 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 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 average of the past

1 three years (2019 – 2022) is a sustainable assumption and allows for  
2 non-significant variability; and

- 3 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The target also takes into  
4 consideration that the results for this metric may fluctuate based on  
5 miles of leak surveys performed. The number of leaks found has a  
6 correlative relationship to the miles of leak surveys performed. While  
7 this is a positive impact for risk visibility and mitigation, it can be a driver  
8 of varying trends appearing in the results.

### 9 **3. 2023 Target**

10 The 2023 target is to maintain performance at or lower than 3,510 leaks,  
11 ruptures, or other loss of containment on GT pipelines. This target, which is  
12 based on an annual 1 percent reduction from the average of performance  
13 over the years 2019-2022, could be impacted by the factors described  
14 above, see Figure 4.6.2. This target aligns with our commitment to the safe  
15 operations of our assets. This target represents an appropriate indicator  
16 light to signal a review of potential performance issues. Even though the  
17 target is set at a performance level worse than 2022 performance, it should  
18 not be interpreted as intention to worsen performance. [In fact, the 2023](#)  
19 [YTD performance is 52 percent of the leaks at this time in 2022.](#)

### 20 **4. 2027 Target**

21 The 2027 target is to maintain performance at or lower than  
22 3,370 events, which reflects a 1 percent reduction annually from the goal set  
23 in 2022 and is based on the factors described above.

## 24 **D. (4.6) Performance Against Target**

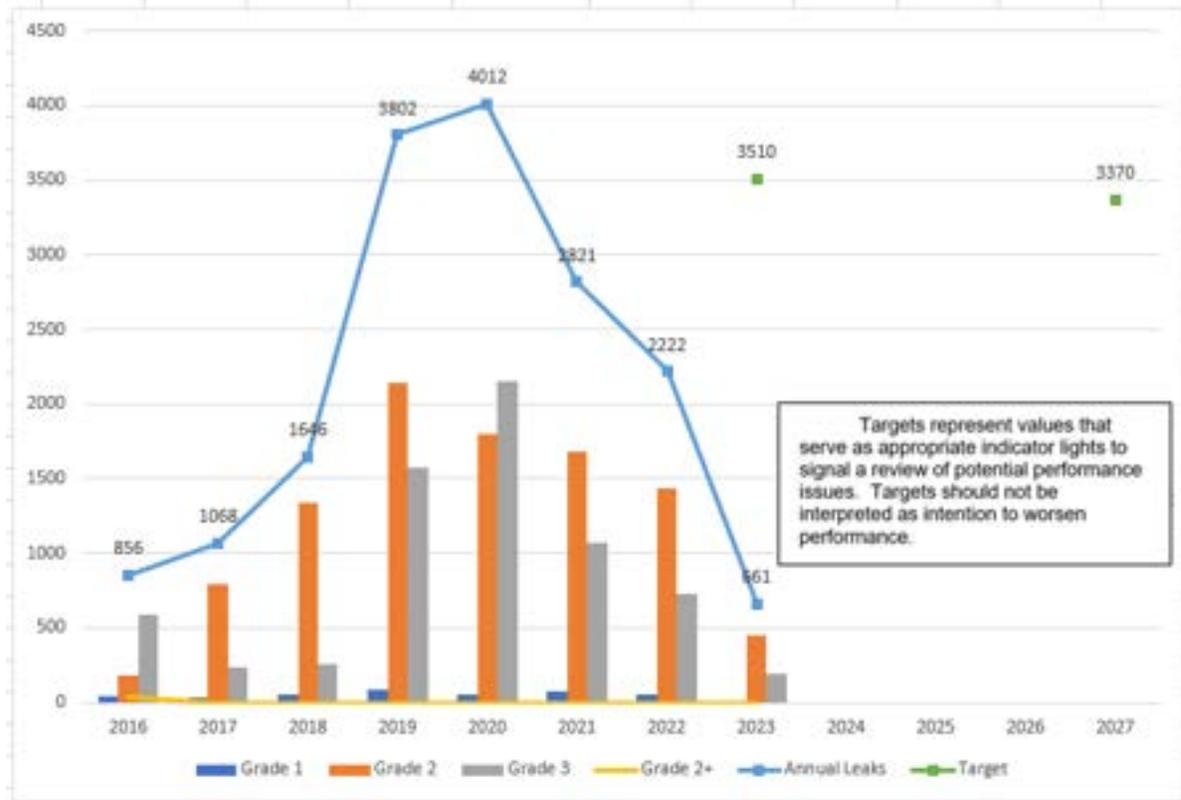
### 25 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

26 [Figure 4.6-3 demonstrates that PG&E saw 661 leaks in first half of 2023](#)  
27 [2023, which is 81 percent less than the Company's 1-year target of 3,510](#)  
28 [leaks.](#)

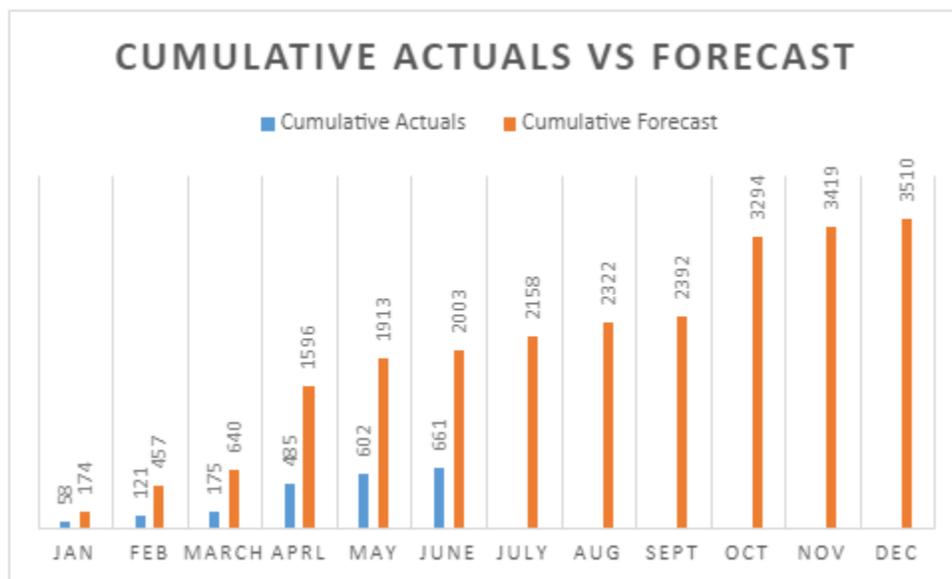
### 29 **2. Progress Towards/Deviation From the 5-Year Target**

30 As discussed in Section E, PG&E continues using surveys and  
31 assessments, risk mitigation, and its programs to achieve the Company's  
32 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 4.6-2**  
LEAKS BY GRADE TYPE 2016- Q2 2023 AND TARGETS THROUGH 2027



**FIGURE 4.6-3**  
UNCONTROLLED RELEASE OF GAS INCIDENTS IN 2023



1 **E. (4.6) Current and Planned Work Activities**

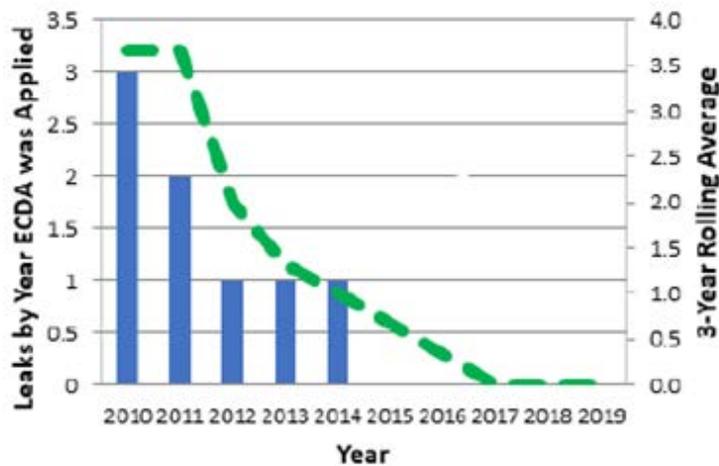
2 The primary programs that support the risk reduction goals of this metric are  
3 Transmission Integrity Management and Leak Management.

- 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, mobile leak quantification, and replacing/removing  
28 high bleed pneumatic devices at its compressor stations and storage  
29 facilities.
- 30 • In-line Inspection (ILI): *In-line inspection is the most effective integrity  
31 assessment tool for identifying and repairing pipe anomalies whose  
32 continued growth could result in loss of containment. To utilize ILI, a  
33 pipeline must be upgraded to allow the passage of the ILI tools. PG&E  
34 plans on performing ILI upgrades at a pace of 6-12 upgrades per year. At*

1 the end of 2022, PG&E has 49.5 percent of the system capable of ILI. Work  
2 during the rate case will contribute to PG&E's overall goal of upgrading the  
3 system so that 69 percent of PG&E's GT pipeline miles, are capable of ILI  
4 by end of 2036.

- 5 • External Corrosion Direct Assessment (ECDA): PG&E has assessed the  
6 effectiveness of its ECDA Program by evaluating the leak rates on pipe  
7 where ECDA has previously been applied, and by tracking the number of  
8 immediate indications found during the ECDA surveys. Both indicators are  
9 trending down over time. Figure 5-4 shows the leaks found over time in  
10 locations where ECDA was previously applied. The significant decline over  
11 time, indicates that the ECDA Program is reducing leaks. PG&E expects to  
12 conduct ECDA indirect inspections on approximately 268 miles of  
13 transmission pipeline in HCAs during the rate case period.

**FIGURE 4.6-4  
LEAK REDUCTION OVER TIME BY ECDA**



- 14 • Close Interval Survey: PG&E also has a Close Interval Survey (CIS)  
15 Program targeted at monitoring the effectiveness of the transmission  
16 pipelines' cathodic protection (CP) systems by reading the CP levels  
17 between the annual monitoring locations. This program annually assesses  
18 8-10 percent of PG&E's gas transmission pipelines. Assessing the levels of  
19 CP between test points provides increased confidence that the readings  
20 obtained at test stations reflect conditions along the entire system and

1 enable PG&E to make CP adjustments where CIS indicates additional CP is  
2 warranted. CIS is recognized as a best practice to assess CP along the  
3 entire pipeline, verify electrical isolation, and identify potential interference  
4 gradients that may compromise the integrity of the system.

- 5 • Strength Testing: Strength tests reduce leaks by confirming the integrity of  
6 a pipeline at its Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP). They are  
7 conducted as a qualifying test for MAOP reconfirmation and for integrity  
8 assessments when:
  - 9 – Class location changes;
  - 10 – A Section of pipe lacks a Traceable, Verifiable, and Complete (TVC)  
11 record of a test that supports the MAOP; or
  - 12 – Strength test is the preferred Subpart O integrity assessment to verify  
13 that pipeline threats will not compromise pipeline integrity.

14 Currently more than 82 percent of PG&E's GT pipelines have a strength  
15 test. PG&E's plan is to continue to perform strength tests on all HCA pipe  
16 that lack a TVC test record, and where the pipeline requires MAOP  
17 reconfirmation under the new federal regulations. Locations operating over  
18 30 percent specified minimum yield strength will be the highest priority. This  
19 work will also enable PG&E to confirm the MAOP of all gas transmission  
20 lines in HCAs, Class 3 and 4 locations and MCAs requiring assessment by  
21 July 2035.

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6 in Section B concerning metric performance and Section D concerning performance  
7 against target. Material changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

8 **A. (4.7) Overview**

9       **1. Metric Definition**

10           Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 4.7 – Time to Resolve Hazardous  
11 Conditions (TRHC) is described as:

12           *Median response time to resolve Grade 1 leaks. Time starts when the*  
13 *utility first receives the report and ends when a utility’s qualified*  
14 *representative determines, per the utility’s emergency standards, that the*  
15 *reported leak is not hazardous or the utility’s representative completes*  
16 *actions to mitigate a hazardous leak and render it as being non-hazardous*  
17 *(i.e., by shutting-off gas supply, eliminating subsurface leak migration,*  
18 *repair, etc.) per the utility’s standards.*

19           The data used to determine the Median Time shall be provided in  
20 increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c) as supplemental  
21 information, not as a metric.

22 **2. Introduction of Metric**

23           The measurement of TRHC captures the duration of time required to  
24 mitigate hazardous gas leak conditions. These leak conditions are  
25 associated with the public safety risk of loss of containment on Gas  
26 Distribution Main or Service. Performance aims for faster resolution times  
27 as a measure of prevention resulting in lower risk of an incident impacting  
28 public safety and minimized interruption to the gas business and customers.  
29 It is imperative that we promptly and effectively resolve any hazardous  
30 conditions on our distribution network while balancing timeliness, customer  
31 outages, and employee safety. Long duration blowing gas events have the  
32 potential to negatively impact public safety if an ignition source is present, as  
33 well as it poses a risk if migration into sub-surface structures occurs.

1 **B. (4.7) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2018 – June 2023)**

3 Historical data for TRHC Grade 1 Leaks metric is available for  
4 2018- June 2023. 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

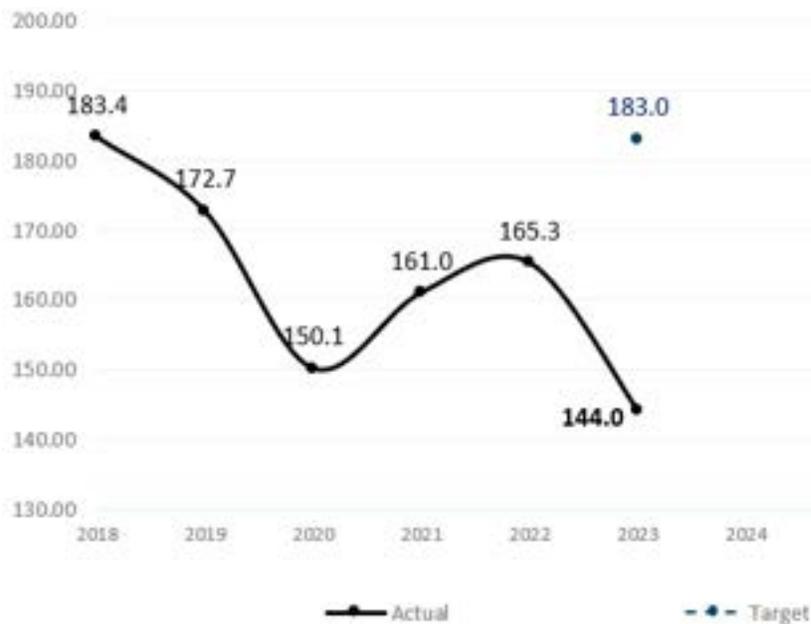
1 information on an incident. All emergency data is consolidated and stored in  
2 one place.

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 June 2023. In this timeframe, performance improved  
14 significantly, decreasing from 183.4 minutes in 2018 to 144.0 minutes in the  
15 first six months of 2023. The performance in the first six months of 2023  
16 represents a 9 percent improvement over the performance of 159 minutes  
17 for the first six months of 2022.

FIGURE 4.7-1  
TIME TO RESOLVE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2018-Q2 2023



1 **C. (4.7) 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-year and 5-year targets since  
4 the last SOMs report filing.

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;
- 16 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;
- 17 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
18 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the past  
19 four years, plus 10 percent, is a sustainable assumption for maintaining  
20 the improvement from 2018-2022 time-frame, plus room for  
21 non-significant variability and other unknown variables; and
- 22 • Other Qualitative Considerations: This is a new metric to PG&E that  
23 has not yet been closely tracked or well understood.

24 **3. 2023 Target**

25 The 2023 target is to maintain performance at or lower than  
26 183.0 minutes based on the factors described above.

27 This target aligns with our commitment to the safe operations of our  
28 assets. This target represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a  
29 review of potential performance issues. Target should not be interpreted as  
30 intention to worsen performance.

1 **4. 2027 Target**

2 The 2027 Target is to maintain performance at or lower than  
3 181.0 minutes based on the factors described above along with stepped  
4 improvement of 0.5 minutes year-over-year.

5 **D. (4.7) Performance Against Target**

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

7 As demonstrated in Figure 4.7-2, PG&E saw a median response time of  
8 144.0 minutes in 2023 which is better than the Company's one-year target.

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

10 As discussed in Section E, PG&E will continue mitigating the risk of loss of  
11 containment on Gas Distribution Mains and Services and employing its  
12 various programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward its five-year  
13 target.

**FIGURE 4.7-2**  
**TIME TO RESOLVE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2018-Q2 2023 AND**  
**TARGETS THROUGH 2027**



14 **E. (4.7) Current and Planned Work Activities**

15 Starting in 2022, PG&E is applying the definition as stated in  
16 Decision 21-11-009 to existing data for further visibility. There are on-going

1 efforts in place to ensure traceable and verifiable data. PG&E plans to  
2 implement SAP controls to ensure that Field Service and Maintenance and  
3 Construction (M&C) personnel are capturing this data at each occurrence. This  
4 will drive visibility into the metric to allow for performance management. This  
5 metric will continue to mitigate the risk of loss of containment on Gas Distribution  
6 Main or Service by reducing distribution pipeline rupture with ignition.

7 The metric is supported by the following programs which focus on improving  
8 public safety: Field Services and Gas M&C.

- 9 • Gas Field Service: Field Service responds to gas service requests, which  
10 include investigation reports of possible gas leaks, carbon monoxide  
11 monitoring, customer requests for starts and stops of gas service, appliance  
12 pilot re-lights, appliance safety checks, as well as emergency situations as  
13 first responders.
- 14 • Gas M&C: Gas M&C performs routine maintenance of PG&E's gas  
15 distribution facilities, which includes emergency response due to dig-ins, as  
16 well as leak repairs.

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**CLEAN ENERGY GOALS COMPLIANCE METRIC**

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5           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
6 in Section A concerning the introduction to the metric; Section B concerning metric  
7 performance; C concerning metric targets; Section D concerning performance  
8 against the targets; Section E concerning current and planned work. Material  
9 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 meeting the procurement obligations in the  
21 following 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).<sup>1</sup>

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).<sup>2</sup> In line with state

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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.<sup>3</sup> 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 customers with online dates  
5 between the years 2021-2023.<sup>4</sup>

6 D.19-11-016 also allowed each non-investor-owned utility (non-IOU)  
7 LSE an 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, to an aggregated total of 765.1 MW, to  
11 account for LSE opt-outs.<sup>5</sup> PG&E is required to procure the 765.1 MW with  
12 the following online dates: 50 percent (382.6 MW) by August 1, 2021,  
13 25 percent (191.3 MW) by August 1, 2022, and 25 percent (191.3 MW) by  
14 August 1, 2023.<sup>6</sup>

15 On July 29, 2022, PG&E filed supplemental Advice Letter  
16 (AL) 6654-E-A, discussing the fact that three “opt-out” LSEs ceased serving  
17 customers in California. As stated in AL 6654-E-A, PG&E consulted with the  
18 Commission’s Energy Division, and it was determined that the total opt-out  
19 procurement obligation assigned to these three LSEs is 1.2 MW. As set  
20 forth in D.22-05-015, in the event of an “LSE bankruptcy, or any other exit  
21 from the market,” any associated costs attributable to the opt-out  
22 procurement shall be allocated to the traditional cost allocation mechanism  
23 (CAM). On January 12, 2023, the Commission adopted Resolution E-5239  
24 and clarified that the 1.2 MW of procurement that PG&E conducted on  
25 behalf of opt-out LSEs that subsequently ceased serving customers will  
26 continue to count towards PG&E’s procurement obligation under  
27 D.19-11-016.<sup>7</sup>

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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.

7 Resolution E-5239, p. 11.

1 In June 2021, the Commission issued D.21-06-035 to address the  
2 mid-term (period of 2023-2026) reliability needs of the electric grid and to  
3 help achieve the state’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets.  
4 In the decision, the Commission ordered 11,500 MW of incremental  
5 resource procurement exclusively from zero-emitting resources, unless the  
6 resource otherwise qualifies under California’s Renewables Portfolio  
7 Standard eligibility requirements.<sup>8</sup> Of this total, PG&E is required to procure  
8 2,302 MW with the following online dates: 400 MW by August 1, 2023;  
9 1,201 MW by June 1, 2024; 300 MW by June 1, 2025; and 400 MW by  
10 June 1, 2026. In addition, D.21-06-035 also required that 900 MW (of  
11 PG&E’s 2,302 MW) have specific operational characteristics to spur the  
12 development of long-duration energy storage, increase the availability of firm  
13 clean energy, and serve as a replacement source of clean energy for the  
14 retiring Diablo Canyon Power Plant.<sup>9</sup>

15 In February 2023, the Commission issued D.23-02-040 which requires  
16 incremental procurement of system-level capacity of 4,000 MW by all LSEs  
17 to address projected increases in electric demand, increasing impacts of  
18 climate change, the likelihood of additional retirements of fossil-fueled  
19 generation, and the likelihood that delays beyond 2026 of long-duration  
20 energy storage and firm clean energy (collectively, long lead-time resources)  
21 required under D.21-06-035 will be necessary. Of this total, PG&E is  
22 required to procure 777 MW with the following online dates: 388 MW by  
23 June 1, 2026; and 388 MW by June 1, 2027. The decision also revised the  
24 online dates of long lead-time resources from June 1, 2026, to June 1, 2028,  
25 for all Commission-jurisdictional LSEs.

26 In aggregate, to date, the total amount of PG&E’s procurement ordered  
27 under the IRP Decisions is 3,844.1 MW with online dates between  
28 2021-2028. Table 1 outlines PG&E’s procurement obligation for each year.

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<sup>8</sup> D.21-06-035, OP 1.

<sup>9</sup> *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.

**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

**3. Background on Net Qualifying Capacity**

For the purpose of assessing whether an LSE's procurement obligation has been met in accordance with the IRP Decisions, the Commission uses capacity counting rules based on the Commission's RA program and the results of effective load carrying capability (ELCC) modeling by consultants E3 and Astrapé.<sup>10</sup> The counting rules are generally expressed as a percentage that is applied to the nameplate capacity of the procured resource. For example, a 4-hour energy storage resource with a nameplate capacity of 100 MW can count 90.7 MW towards an LSE's 2024 requirement (100 MW \* 90.7 percent ELCC = 90.7 MW of NQC). PG&E's procurement progress in this report is presented as MW of NQC based on the applicable counting rules and guidance provided by the Commission.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>10</sup> See D.21-06-035, p. 71 and D.23-02-040, pp. 28-29.

<sup>11</sup> 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](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](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**

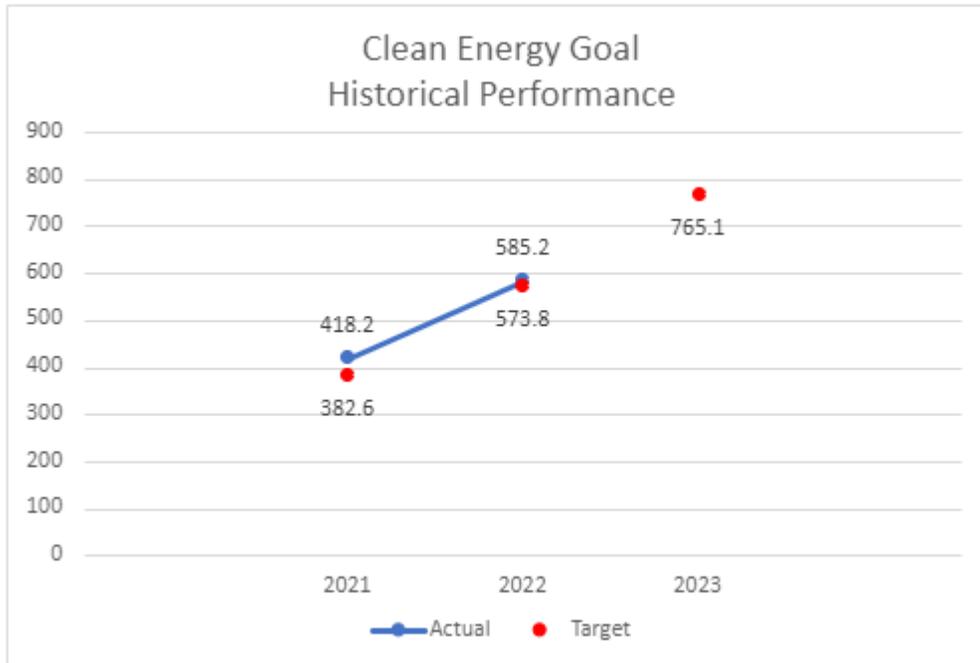
2 **1. Historical Data**

3 Pursuant to the IRP Decisions, resource procurement obligations and  
4 compliance milestones began in 2021. The projects pertaining to PG&E's  
5 resource procurement obligations and compliance milestone date  
6 requirements of August 1, 2021, and August 1, 2022, have all achieved  
7 commercial operation. PG&E's next resource procurement obligations and  
8 compliance milestone date requirement is set for August 1, 2023. However,  
9 pursuant to the Commission's direction to only include historical data  
10 through June 31, 2023, in this report, PG&E is not including historical data  
11 toward its August 1, 2023 resource procurement obligations and compliance  
12 milestone date requirement that is outside of this timeframe in the historical  
13 data table below.

**TABLE 5.1-2  
PG&E'S HISTORICAL METRIC PERFORMANCE (MW OF NQC)**

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Online Date</u>	<u>Total Procurement Obligation</u>	<u>Actual Procured Capacity</u>
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)**



1 PG&E relies upon three main sources of available data to monitor its  
2 procurement progress toward 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.<sup>12</sup>  
12 PG&E uses this information to ensure resources are eligible to count  
13 towards its procurement obligations.

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<sup>12</sup> 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](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](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) Commission Rules and Guidance on MW of NQC: As described above,  
2           the amount of MW of NQC that can be used to count towards an LSE's  
3           procurement obligation is based on the Commission's rules and  
4           guidance. PG&E uses this information to determine the amount of MW  
5           of NQC that is eligible to count towards its procurement obligations.
- 6           3) PG&E's Internal Database: This database contains PG&E's energy  
7           procurement contracts approved by the Commission, including  
8           procurement contracts to meet PG&E's procurement obligations under  
9           the IRP Decisions. The data contained in this database is consistent  
10          with the procurement contracts and respective ALs filed for Commission  
11          approval.

## 12       **2. Data Collection Methodology**

13           As described above, PG&E uses the baseline list of resources and the  
14          Commission's rules and guidance on MW of NQC to monitor its  
15          procurement progress.<sup>13</sup>

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

17           As outlined in Table 5.1-3 below, PG&E has procured sufficient  
18          incremental MW of NQC to meet and exceed its procurement obligations  
19          pursuant to D.19-11-016 and D.21-06-035.<sup>14</sup> PG&E notes that the  
20          Commission stated that procurement:

21                   ...amounts [that] are in excess of [an] LSE's obligation under  
22                   D.19-11-016...may be counted toward the capacity requirements [in  
23                   D.21-06-035] if they otherwise qualify.<sup>15</sup>

24           Moreover, D.21-06-035 stated that the Commission:

25                   ...will allow LSEs to show procurement that they have conducted to  
26                   support the Commission's orders or requirements in the context of the  
27                   RPS program, as well as for emergency reliability purposes in  
28                   R.20-11-003, as compliance toward the requirements herein.<sup>16</sup>

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13 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>.

14 PG&E's AL 5826-E, 6033-E, 6289-E, and 6477-E.

15 D.21-06-035, p. 80.

16 *Id.*

1           Accordingly, PG&E estimates that approximately 262 MW of NQC of its  
2 procurement toward the procurement for both D.19-11-016 and R.20-11-003  
3 that have been approved by the Commission, and that are in excess of what  
4 is required by each of those decisions, may be applied towards its  
5 procurement obligations under D.21-06-035.<sup>17</sup>

6           On January 21, 2022, PG&E filed AL 6477-E requesting Commission  
7 approval of nine agreements resulting from PG&E's Mid-Term Reliability  
8 Phase 1 solicitation to meet its procurement obligations under D.21-06-035.  
9 These agreements total 1,434 MW of NQC and have been approved by the  
10 Commission.<sup>18</sup> Subsequently, unprecedented market upheavals affected  
11 the economic and commercial viability of several of the projects comprising  
12 of these nine agreements.<sup>19</sup> This unexpected market challenge posed a  
13 risk of project failures for all LSEs in the market procuring resources toward  
14 the IRP Decisions, including PG&E. As a result, to maintain the commercial  
15 viability of the projects, PG&E negotiate amendments for four of the nine  
16 project which amendments were presented to the Commission for approval  
17 on September 23, 2022. The Commission approved these amendments on  
18 December 1, 2022.<sup>20</sup>

19           On January 13, 2023, PG&E filed AL 6825-E, and on February 14,  
20 2023, PG&E filed AL 6861-E, requesting Commission approval of three  
21 additional agreements resulting from PG&E's Mid-Term Reliability Phase 2  
22 solicitation to further meet its procurement obligations under D.21-06-035.  
23 These agreements total 243.1 MW of NQC and have been approved by the  
24 Commission.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> PG&E's AL 6289-E.

<sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> PG&E's AL 6711-E.

<sup>21</sup> On April 27, 2023, the Commission adopted Resolutions E-5262 and E-5263 approving PG&E's AL 6825-E and AL 6861-E.

1 Despite the significant unprecedented market challenges, as outlined in  
2 Table 5.1-3 below, PG&E has made steady progress towards achieving its  
3 procurement obligations under D.21-06-035.

4 As stated above, D.21-06-035 requires that 900 MW of NQC (of PG&E's  
5 2,302 MW of NQC) have specific operational characteristics. Specifically,  
6 PG&E is directed to procure 500 MW of NQC of firm zero-emitting resources  
7 by June 1, 2025, and 400 MW of NQC of long lead-time resources by  
8 June 1, 2028.<sup>22</sup> PG&E issued its Mid-Term Reliability Phase 3 solicitation  
9 on February 7, 2023 to solicit additional resources toward fulfilling all of its  
10 procurement obligations under D.21-06-035, including, the 900 MW of NQC  
11 with specific operational characteristics.

## 12 C. (5.1) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

### 13 1. Updates to 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target Since Last Report

14 The 1-year target has been updated to reflect PG&E's required  
15 procurement for 2023 under the IRP Decisions which is to procure  
16 1,165 MW of NQC by August 1, 2023, as outlined in Table 5.1-1. The  
17 5-year target has also been updated to reflect PG&E's new procurement  
18 requirements, as outlined in the Commission's recent decision—  
19 D.23-02-040—issued in February 2023.<sup>23</sup> The new 5-year target for 2027 is  
20 to procure 3,443.1 MW of NQC by June 1, 2027, as is also summarized in  
21 Table 5.1-1.

### 22 2. Target Methodology

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

- 25 • Historical Data and Trends: One year of historical data.
- 26 • Benchmarking: Not applicable.
- 27 • Regulatory Requirements: The targets are set to match the cumulative  
28 procurement obligations set forth in the IRP Decisions.
- 29 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes.

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<sup>22</sup> 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.

<sup>23</sup> D.23-02-040, p.31.

- 1 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
- 2 Enforcement: Yes.
- 3 • Other Considerations:
- 4 – The target approach was established to meet the Commission’s
- 5 current procurement obligations. PG&E’s procurement obligation
- 6 may increase if other LSEs fail to meet their procurement
- 7 obligations and PG&E is ordered by the Commission to make
- 8 back-stop procurement on their behalf;<sup>24</sup> and
- 9 – The ability for procured capacity to actually come online by
- 10 established contractual online dates can be impacted by external
- 11 factors, as has occurred recently due to impacts of the COVID-19
- 12 pandemic, significant and unprecedented market challenges, supply
- 13 chain disruptions and the Department of Commerce’s investigation
- 14 into potential solar module tariff circumvention.<sup>25</sup>

15 **3. 2023 Target**

16 The 1-year target for the CEG Metric is to procure an incremental 1,165  
17 MW of NQC with online dates by August 1, 2023, which is equal to the  
18 cumulative procurement obligations for 2021, 2022 and 2023 as outlined in  
19 Table 5.1-1.

20 **4. 2027 Target**

21 The 5-year target for the CEG Metric is to procure an incremental  
22 3,443.1 MW of NQC with online dates by June 1, 2027, which is equal to the  
23 cumulative procurement obligations for 2021-2027 as outlined in  
24 Table 5.1-1. The potential exists under the IRP Decisions for PG&E to be  
25 ordered by the Commission to perform backstop procurement on behalf of  
26 non-IOU LSEs, which could increase the 5-year target in the future. PG&E  
27 is not making any assumptions on this specific item and is continuing to set  
28 its 5-year target for 2027 to be the cumulative procurement of 3,443.1 MW  
29 of NQC from incremental resources, as updated in D.23-02-040.

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24 D.19-11-016, p. 67.

25 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           Importantly, D.23-02-040 established a new online date of June 1, 2028, for  
2           LLT resources and, as such, the 400 MW of procurement in this category  
3           previously ordered to come online in 2026 is now updated to 2028.

#### 4   **D. (5.1) Performance Against Target**

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

6           PG&E has 16 approved contracts to count towards the 1-year target,  
7           totaling 1,362.3 MW of nameplate capacity, of which 1,330.1 MW of NQC is  
8           eligible to count towards the 1-year target of 1,165.1 MW.<sup>26</sup>

9           Counterparties have cited ongoing supply chain disruptions,  
10          interconnection delays, and permitting delays as impacting project  
11          development schedules and their ability to meet contractual online dates.<sup>27</sup>  
12          PG&E also notes two contract terminations: 1) Nexus Renewables U.S. Inc.  
13          Energy Storage, which was a 27 MW project, and 2) Pomona Energy  
14          Storage 2 LLC, which was a 10 MW project. Importantly, these contract  
15          terminations will not impact PG&E's ability to meet its 1-year target of 1,165  
16          MW of NQC in 2023.

##### 17   **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

18          PG&E has 27 approved contracts to count towards the 5-year target,  
19          totaling 2,857.2 MW of nameplate capacity, of which 2,428 MW of NQC is  
20          eligible to count towards the 5-year target. Of note, within this overall  
21          procurement target, PG&E has a requirement to procure 900 MW of NQC

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<sup>26</sup> 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.

<sup>27</sup> 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.

1 with specific operational characteristics and the recently adopted  
2 Commission decision for supplemental mid-term procurement as outlined  
3 above. In September 2023, PG&E filed for approval of one contract that is  
4 expected to count towards the operational characteristics as a Zero-Emitting  
5 Resource.

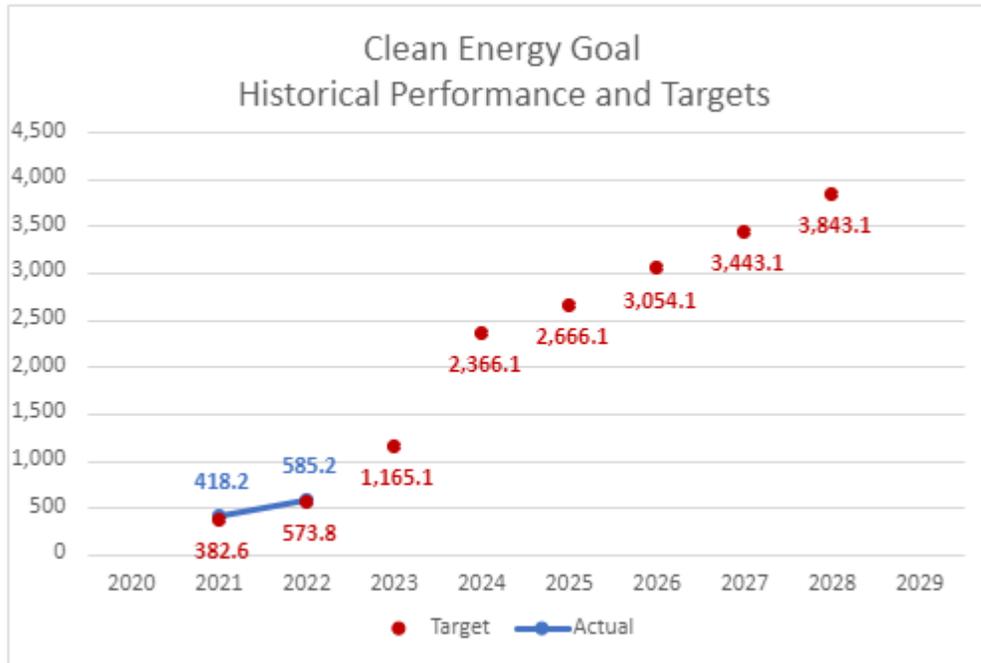
6 PG&E reiterates, and as outlined above, that developers and LSEs have  
7 experienced significant and unprecedented market challenges, increases in  
8 component prices, continued supply chain constraints, and industry-wide  
9 inflation on total project costs that have hindered the ability for developers to  
10 bring projects online by their contractual online dates.<sup>28</sup> In recognition of  
11 these challenges, the Commission has provided mitigation tools in  
12 D.23-02-040 for LSEs to continue making progress towards their  
13 procurement obligations to ensure system reliability in the mid-term. *These*  
14 *mitigation tools include extending the online date of long lead-time*  
15 *resources from 2026 to 2028 for all LSEs and allowing the use of import*  
16 *energy to serve as a bridge resource for up to three years for all categories*  
17 *of procurement except for the long lead-time resources and the zero*  
18 *emitting resources.*<sup>29</sup> PG&E will continue to work with developers and the  
19 Commission to address the challenges noted above in order to meet the  
20 current 5-year target, and any additional procurement requirements in  
21 support of the state’s reliability needs.

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**28** 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.

**29** D.23-02-040, Conclusions of Law 7 and 12.

**FIGURE 5.1-2  
PG&E'S CLEAN ENERGY GOAL HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS (MW OF NQC)**



**E. (5.1) 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.

- Solicitation:** As noted above, PG&E launched its Mid-Term Reliability Phase 2 and Phase 3 solicitations in April 2022 and February 2023, respectively, seeking to satisfy its remaining procurement obligations under the IRP Decisions, specifically to procure 500 MW of NQC of zero-emitting resources by June 1, 2025, and 400 MW of NQC of long lead time resources by June 1, 2028. These solicitations are scheduled for completion in 2023-2024.
- Supplemental Procurement Order:** As described earlier, on February 23, 2023, the Commission issued D.23-02-040 increasing PG&E's procurement requirements through 2028. Accordingly, PG&E has incorporated the supplemental procurements order by this decision into its current and planned work activities.
- Petitions for Modification:** Petitions for Modification are pending with the Commission which would accomplish the following:

- 1           – Extending the deadline for Long Lead-Time Resources to come online  
2           beyond 2028, with proposed online dates as late as 2031. This could  
3           impact the target for the year(s) 2028 and beyond; the change would not  
4           impact the current 1-year or 5-year targets for online dates through 2023  
5           and 2027, respectively.
- 6           – Extending the deadline for LSEs to meet the Diablo Canyon  
7           Replacement Requirement by two years, from June 1, 2025, to June 1,  
8           2027, while the total capacity requirements for 2025-2027 would remain  
9           unchanged. Because total annual capacity requirements would remain  
10          unchanged, this would not impact the 1-year or 5-year targets.
- 11          • Imports to bridge delayed resources: PG&E will pursue imported energy to  
12          bridge procurement gaps where resources are delayed, as authorized by the  
13          IRP.
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**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 <sup>(a)</sup>	<u>777.4</u>					
4	Excess/(Remaining)	12.3 <sup>(b)</sup>					
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>565.0</u>	<u>1,698.3</u>	<u>222.6</u>			
8	Excess/(Remaining)	165.0 <sup>(c)</sup>	97.3	222.6			
9	<u>D.21-06-035 – Zero-Emitting Resources</u>						
10	Zero-Emitting Resources			500			
11	Incremental NQC Procured by PG&E			<u>–<sup>(d)</sup></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 each compliance year will be counted towards the target for subsequent compliance year(s).

(d) One project was filed for approval in September that is expected to count towards the Zero-Emitting Resources category; this project was excluded from Table 5.1-3 because the table reflects only data through June 30, 2023.

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2                                   **SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:**  
3   **CHAPTER 6.1**  
4   **QUALITY OF SERVICE**

5           The material updates to this chapter since the April 3, 2023, report can be found  
6           in Section B and Section D concerning performance against target. Material  
7           changes from the prior report are identified in blue font.

8   **A. (6.1) Overview**

9           Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 6.1 – The Quality of Service Metric  
10          which is defined as:

11           *The Average Speed of Answer (ASA) for Emergencies metric is a safety*  
12          *measure related to multiple risks, as well as quality of service and management*  
13          *measure, and is defined as follows: ASA in seconds for Emergencies calls*  
14          *handled in Contact Center Operations (CCO).<sup>1</sup> The metric is calculated daily for*  
15          *weekly, monthly, and yearly reporting.*

16   **1. Introduction of Metric**

17           A call is classified as an emergency when a caller selects the option of  
18          an emergency or hazard situation through the Interactive Voice Response  
19          (IVR) system. Once this option is selected the call is routed to an agent to  
20          receive the highest priority attention possible.

21           Not only is Emergency ASA a quality measurement of how efficiently we  
22          are able to answer customers calling us to report an emergency, but it is  
23          also a safety measurement. Answering the call is the first step ensuring the  
24          customer is safe.

25           The metric is calculated by determining the average amount of time it  
26          took to connect customers to a service representative for calls where the  
27          customer identifies via IVR that they are calling to report a hazardous or  
28          emergency situation, such as a suspected natural gas leak or downed  
29          power line.

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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 – Q2 2023)**

15              PG&E has eight years of historical data representing 2015 – Q22023 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       **2. Data Collection Methodology**

20              The performance data is gathered from PG&E’s telephony system,  
21              Cisco Unified Contact Center Enterprise (UCCE). The data includes the  
22              number of emergency calls handled and the total wait times (in seconds).  
23              Data is compiled each day for daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly reporting.

24              Historical data is collected using Microsoft’s Management Studio  
25              application via a Structured Query Language (SQL) server owned by the  
26              Workforce Management Reporting team.

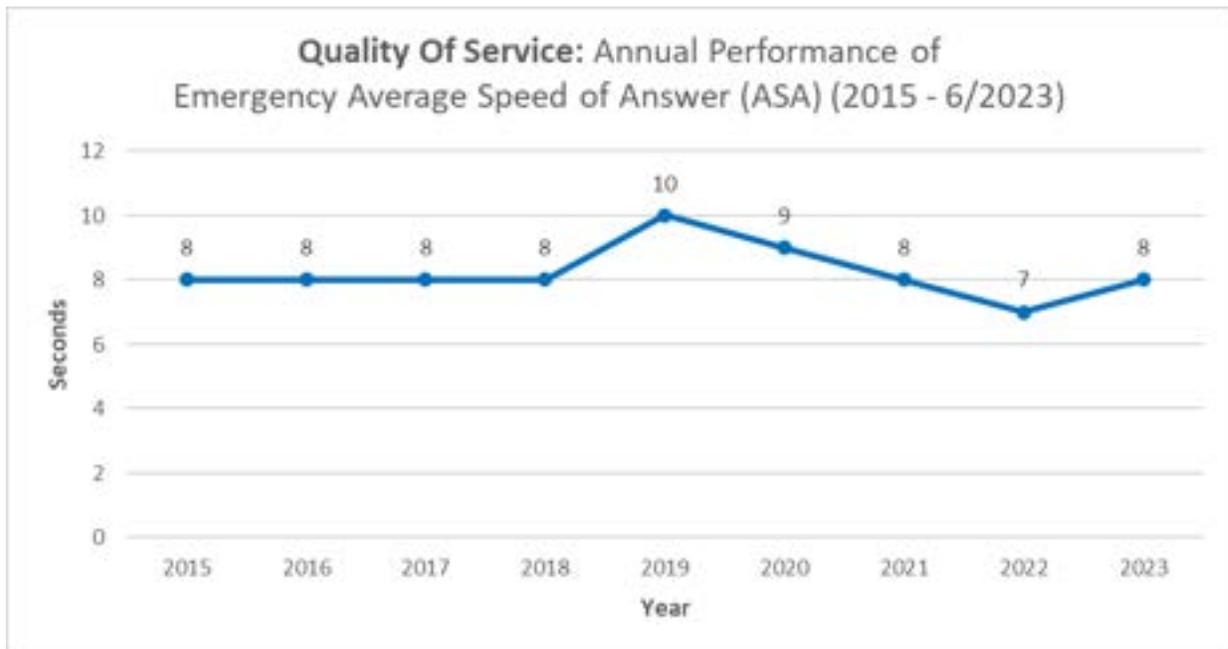
27              The data is gathered by extracting summarized data for emergency  
28              specific call types. The call types are created by the Workforce  
29              Management Routing Team, to categorize the types of calls that are  
30              entering the phone system, Cisco UCCE.

31              PG&E began archiving historical call data in 2015 once it was identified  
32              that Cisco UCCE system was truncating historical data as it was running out  
33              of storage.

1 **3. Metric Performance for Reporting Period**

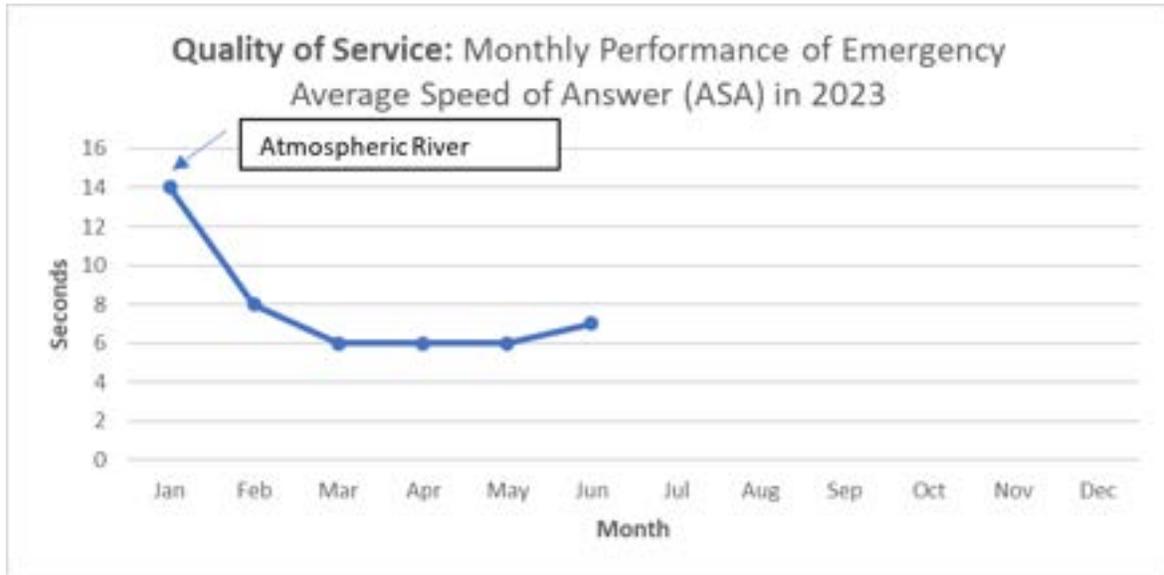
2 Between 2015 and Q2 2023, the performance of Emergency ASA  
3 ranged between seven and 10 seconds, with a median performance of  
4 eight seconds (see Figure 6.1-1). In 2019, PG&E’s call handle time was  
5 highest (10 seconds) primarily due to the increased scope of PSPS events,  
6 and the website failure, in the fall of 2019.

**FIGURE 6.1-1  
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF EMERGENCY ASA BETWEEN 2015 AND Q2 2023**



7 Through June 2023, the Emergency ASA performance was  
8 eight seconds. Throughout the year, monthly performance ranged between  
9 six seconds and fourteenth seconds (see Figure 6.1-2). The primary drivers  
10 to the performance were based on unanticipated incidents (e.g., weather  
11 incidents impacting power outages, unplanned power outages) and call  
12 center representative staffing availability.

FIGURE 6.1-2  
MONTHLY PERFORMANCE OF EMERGENCY ASA IN Q2 2023



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 have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since  
4 the last SOMs report filing.

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 years  
9 2015 to 2019 historical data. These years were utilized as they are  
10 most consistent with current operational practices, including the  
11 expansion of PSPS, EPSS, and Rotating outage programs. The  
12 average of this period is used as a reasonable indicator for sustaining  
13 and maintaining the performance going forward;
- 14 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 15 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 16 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes, performance at or  
17 below the set target is sustainable; and
- 18 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

1       **3. 2023 Target**

2               The 2023 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 8 seconds a month for the first six months of 2023, which is  
11              consistent with the 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.