

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Data Response

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The following questions relate to your 2022 WMP Update submission.

Note: if the report requested in question 1(a) contains a full response to any of the other questions or sub-parts, your responses thereto may consist of a citation to specific pages of the report.

QUESTION 03

PG&E's 2022 WMP states:

While we have not set specific targets for this Initiative and will not provide ongoing reporting each quarter on it, we are still doing the work as part of our overall plan. We do not currently plan to install any additional REFCL systems at this time. PG&E plans to repair and rebuild the REFCL installation at Calistoga to complete additional pilot evaluation. If the additional pilot is successful, PG&E will look for opportunities to place REFCL into full service as well as evaluate whether any additional sites are appropriate for future installations.¹

- a) State the reasons PG&E has not “set specific targets for this initiative and will not provide ongoing reporting each quarter on it.”
- b) Explain what PG&E means by “we are still doing the work as part of our overall plan.”
- c) State the reasons PG&E does not “currently plan to install any additional REFCL systems at this time.”
- d) Explain what the above “additional pilot evaluation” consists of.
- e) When does PG&E expect to complete the “additional pilot evaluation”?
- f) When does PG&E expect to “look for opportunities to place REFCL into full service”?
- g) When does PG&E expect to “evaluate whether any additional sites are appropriate for future installations”?
- h) What are the criteria which PG&E will use when evaluating “whether any additional sites are appropriate for future installations”?

¹ PG&E's 2022 WMP, p. 556.

- i) If PG&E finds more sites that are “appropriate for future installations”, when will it perform such installations?

ANSWER 03

- a) There is too much uncertainty regarding the timeframe for repairing and rebuilding the REFCL installation at Calistoga for quarterly reporting purposes.
- b) PG&E is still performing work as part of the overall plan of the EPIC 3.15 demonstration project at Calistoga. Construction activities have been planned with testing expected to be completed later in 2022.
- c) The unsuccessful integration of the technology at Calistoga has caused PG&E to pause future installations. The first site needs to demonstrate reliable operation of the technology before PG&E plans to install any additional REFCL systems.
- d) The additional pilot evaluation consists of making the REFCL supplier-recommended design changes in the substation with the associated construction and testing activities. This work is being done under the EPIC 3.15 demonstration project.
- e) PG&E expects to complete the additional pilot evaluation in approximately mid-2022.
- f) PG&E expects to look for opportunities to place REFCL into full service after successfully completing the additional pilot evaluation.
- g) PG&E expects to evaluate whether any additional sites are appropriate for future installations after successfully completing the additional pilot evaluation.
- h) Please refer to the report at page(s) 6-10 in Attachment “WMP-Discovery2022_DR_CalAdvocates_013-Q01A1ch01.pdf” in response to Question 1(a).
- i) As indicated in response to Question 2(c), PG&E does not currently plan to install any additional REFCL systems. If we are able to successfully operationalize the REFCL technology for the Calistoga demonstration project this year, we will look for opportunities to place REFCL into full service as well as evaluate whether any additional sites are appropriate for future installations. However, the timing of this future work will ultimately depend on the 2022 field testing that takes place.