

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Data Response**

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The following questions relate to your 2023-2025 WMP submission.

QUESTION 010

Figure 7-1 on p. 298 shows a sharp decline in risk after 2026.

- a) Please provide context as to what drives this decline.
- b) Why does PG&E anticipate a significantly more rapid rate of decline in residual risk after 2026 than in the 2023-2026 period?

ANSWER 010

- a) The context for this sharper decline in risk after 2026 represents the expected, continued ramp-up of undergrounding miles to be installed each year.
- b) The more rapid rate of decline in residual risk after 2026 is due to the increase of the number of underground miles expected to be installed each year that are focused on the highest risk (top 20%) circuit segments, in which the benefits of undergrounding are cumulative over time. See section 8.1.2.2, specifically table 8.1.2.-3, which shows the current undergrounding portfolio increasingly addresses the top 20 percent risk-ranked circuit segments so that by 2025, 95 percent of the portfolio addresses the top risk, and in 2026, almost 100 percent of the targeted annual undergrounding miles are focused on the top risk. Note that all current fire rebuild projects are anticipated to complete before 2026. If future wildfires, or any cause, damage or destroy distribution overhead facilities and the decision is made to rebuild underground, this would impact the project portfolio in the relevant year(s) after such a fire.