

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

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| PG&E Witness: | | Requester: | Will Abrams |

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

Expert Testimony: Mr. Gary Uboldi, Fire Captain Specialist Peace Officer with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection who has investigated over 400 wildfires across his 20+ year career

Testimony Date: February 8, 2022 (See Attachment A: Pre-Trial Transcript)

BACKGROUND TESTIMONY/EVIDENCE:

Pg. 61 (lines 9-14, lines 18-20)

“I was able to discern that it wasn’t -- that the wires terminated at that pole. They didn’t continue to the north. That only the other side, the far side continued to the north, and that these wires were terminated here at this location.

They did not continue on... The termination points. They were cut here. They were cut or stopped here, here, and here. They didn’t continue on, as the other sets.”

QUESTION 03

- a. Has PG&E identified how they have mitigated these issues associated with line terminations?
- b. How does PG&E now ensure line terminations are secured and not causing similar fires?

ANSWER 03

The cited testimony identifies no issues associated with line terminations that might increase wildfire risk; the witness was merely observing that the line ended at a particular tower.

To ensure that terminations similar to those on the subject tower do not cause similar ignitions, PG&E issued a bulletin TD-068177B-004 requiring that open jumper cables be cut as short as practical, typically two to three feet in length. That new guidance has

now been included in PG&E's Overhead Transmission Line Design Criteria. See "WMP-Discovery2022_DR_WilliamBAbrams_002-Q03Atch01.pdf". In addition, PG&E surveyed its transmission system to identify and correct open jumpers that exceeded this new guidance.