

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2023
Data Response**

PG&E Data Request No.:	TURN_006-Q006		
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Request Date:	April 21, 2023	Requester DR No.:	TURN-PG&E- 6
Date Sent:	April 26, 2023	Requesting Party:	The Utility Reform Network
DRU Index #:		Requester:	Tom Long

SUBJECT: SYSTEM HARDENING

QUESTION 006

Regarding the response to TURN data request 5-6:

- a. Please explain what is meant by the word “topped” in the phrase:
Determining the poles that will be topped.
- b. Is PG&E unable to offer even a rough approximation of the percentage of existing poles in the affected distribution circuits—including poles supporting primary lines, secondary lines and service—that would be removed as a result of the planned undergrounding mileage in 2023-2025?

Please provide such a rough approximation if possible.

ANSWER 006

- a. When the primary conductor is removed and only communication wire remains, the top of the pole above the comms will be removed/cut off to leave only the height of the pole necessary to support the remaining connections.
- b. No, PG&E is not able to offer a rough approximation that is reasonably accurate of the percentage of existing poles on the impacted distribution circuits that will be removed as part of the underground plans from 2023-2025. PG&E cannot provide this information because we have not completed the engineering design for each of the 2023-2025 undergrounding projects. Individual undergrounding projects vary significantly in the amount of poles that will be removed, topped, or left in place as part of the construction process.