

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Data Response

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The following questions relate to PG&E's inspections of transmission towers.

QUESTION 02

- a) How many PG&E employees were qualified to perform drone inspections of transmission towers as of January 1, 2021?
- b) How many PG&E contractors were qualified to perform drone inspections of transmission towers as of January 1, 2021?
- c) How frequently are PG&E employee drone inspectors of transmission towers requalified?
- d) How frequently are PG&E contractor drone inspectors of transmission towers requalified?
- e) Please respond to questions 2(a) and 2(b) with the appropriate numbers that correspond to January 1 of:
 - i. 2018.
 - ii. 2019.
 - iii. 2020.

ANSWER 02

The qualified inspector counts provided below reflect totals at the prescribed point in time, not cumulative totals. Inspection work is seasonal, with fluctuations in personnel numbers throughout the cycle. At present, PG&E utilizes contractors to perform desk-based drone inspections of high-resolution aerial photographs. For purpose of the response, PG&E equates "qualified" as "trained and authorized" as an aerial inspection review team member.

- a) How many PG&E employees were qualified to perform drone inspections of transmission towers as of January 1, 2021? 0
- b) How many PG&E contractors were qualified to perform drone inspections of transmission towers as of January 1, 2021? 9
- c) How frequently are PG&E employee drone inspectors of transmission towers requalified? N/A

- d) How frequently are PG&E contractor drone inspectors of transmission towers requalified? Annually
- e) Please respond to questions 2(a) and 2(b) with the appropriate numbers that correspond to January 1 of:
 - i. 2018. N/A, drone (aerial) inspections were not conducted in 2018.
 - ii. 2019.
 - a) How many PG&E employees were qualified to perform drone inspections of transmission towers as of January 1, 2019? 5
 - b) How many PG&E contractors were qualified to perform drone inspections of transmission towers as of January 1, 2019? 4
 - iii. 2020.
 - a) How many PG&E employees were qualified to perform drone inspections of transmission towers as of January 1, 2020? 0
 - b) How many PG&E contractors were qualified to perform drone inspections of transmission towers as of January 1, 2020? 16