

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2023-2025
Data Response

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The following questions pertain to PG&E's 2023-2025 WMP Revision 3, submitted on September 27, 2023.

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PG&E's 2023 WMP R3, p. 1048, states "Name changes including the absorption of CPZs into others resulting in the original CPZ no longer existing."

Additionally, p. 410, in Table RN-PG&E-23-05-1 (Circuit Segments in the 2022 WMP Undergrounding Workplan but Not Listed in the 2023-2026 Undergrounding Workplan) states, "(a) PG&E often changes circuit segment names when additional segmenting devices are placed on the grid or other grid design changes such as switching occur."

- a) Describe PG&E's circuit segment naming convention when a segmenting device is installed or other grid change occurs (e.g., a segmenting device divides one CPZ into two) and the time period after which the name change(s) would go into effect (e.g., immediately after grid change, end of month, end of fiscal year, etc.)
- b) Have any of the CPZs with EPSS enabled had a change of name from month to month in the EPSS Monthly Reports to SED, since the first EPSS report was submitted?
- c) If the answer to part (b) is yes, provide a list of CPZs with previous name(s), current name, date the name change occurred, and the reason for the name change, description of the state of the CPZ (e.g., active or inactive). NOTE: This should include intermediate name changes (e.g., suppose that CPZ A divides into CPZ A and CPZ B in March 2022, but then in March 2023 CPZ B becomes CPZ C such that CPZ B no longer exists).

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- a) PG&E's circuit segment naming convention for a Circuit Protection Zone (CPZ) is a concatenation of typically: the five (5) digit Substation ID, four (4) digit Feeder ID, and variable-digit Protective Device ID. Note that while the term 'CPZ' typically refers to the segmentation of our primary distribution system using only SCADA enabled (e.g., remote access) devices, differing PG&E programs may commonly use this term to describe the segmentation of the same system based on the specific needs or purpose of their program. For example, the EPSS program

defines the CPZs used in their program leveraging only the EPSS-capable devices that are used to enable and disable EPSS settings daily.

- b) Yes.
- c) Given the generalized definition of the term 'Circuit Protection Zone' described in response a) above, PG&E does not collect, analyze, and retain CPZ name changes at the requested level of granularity. PG&E is able to support CalAdvocates in providing data should specific requests for a geographic area, customer demographic, comparisons between programs, or other purpose be required.