

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

PG&E Data Request No.:	WilliamBAbrams_001-Q01		
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Request Date:	April 11, 2022	Requester DR No.:	Email Transmittal – 2022WMP DR-01
Date Sent:	April 14, 2022	Requesting Party:	William B. Abrams
PG&E Witness:		Requester:	Will Abrams

**QUESTION 01**

As part of the wildfire mitigation plan proceeding and in preparation for my reply comments, I am requesting information about all the work performed on the “Geysers #9 Lakeville” since the Kincade Fire in 2019. I am concerned that the causes of that wildfire were not sufficiently addressed and mitigated within the proposed 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan. This information should include but is not limited to the following work noted within attachment #1 (“2022-02-25\_PGE\_2022\_WMP-Update\_RO\_Section 4.6\_Remedey 5.4.B\_Atch01”):

1. **Notification Date 2/15/2021** - All work pertaining to lines 217, 218, 219, 220 with “notification items\_object” listed as “emergency” and “notification items\_damage” listed as “fire” with “notification items\_action” listed as “replace.”
2. **Notification date 2/16/2021** - All work pertaining to lines 221, 222 with “notification items\_object” listed as “emergency” and “notification items\_damage” listed as “fire” with “notification items\_action” listed as “replace.”
3. **Notification date 4/23/2020** - All work pertaining to lines 227 with “notification items\_object” listed as “Damper-Steel” and “notification items\_damage” listed as “missing” with “notification items\_action” listed as “install.”
4. **Notification date 9/16/2021** - All work pertaining to lines 672, 1532, 1533, 2618, 2619, 3519, 3520, 4450, 4451 with “notification items\_object” listed as “Emergency” and “notification items\_damage” listed as “Fire” with “notification items\_action” listed as “replace.”
5. **Notification date 9/17/2021** - All work pertaining to lines 902, 2826, 3046, 3521 with “notification items\_object” listed as “Emergency” and “notification items\_damage” listed as “Fire” with “notification items\_action” listed as “replace.”
6. **Notification date 5/19/2020** - All work pertaining to lines 908 with “notification items\_object” listed as “Insulator-Steel” and “notification items\_damage” listed as “No Good/Out of Stdrd” with “notification items\_action” listed as “Repair, Completed.”
7. **Notification date 6/30/2021** - All work pertaining to lines 1104, 1105 with “notification items\_object” listed as “Insulator-Steel” and “notification

items\_damage” listed as “No Good/Out of Stdrd” with “notification items\_action” listed as “repair.”

8. **Notification date 5/28/2021** - All work pertaining to lines 1390, 1391 with “notification items\_object” listed as “Insulator-Steel” and “notification items\_damage” listed as “No Good/Out of Stdrd” with “notification items\_action” listed as “replace.”
9. **Notification date 9/24/2021** - All work pertaining to lines 1970, 1971, 4201 with “notification items\_object” listed as “Emergency” and “notification items\_damage” listed as “Fire” with “notification items\_action” listed as “Replace.”
10. **Notification date 9/15/2021** - All work pertaining to lines 2383, 2384, 4449 with “notification items\_object” listed as “Emergency” and “notification items\_damage” listed as “Fire” with “notification items\_action” listed as “Replace.”
11. **Notification date 11/5/2021** - All work pertaining to lines 3047, 3048 with “notification items\_object” listed as “Damper-Steel” and “notification items\_damage” listed as “Missing” with “notification items\_action” listed as “Install.”

## **ANSWER 01**

PG&E objects to the data request instruction asking for the “name and title of the responding individuals ... for each piece of information requested.” PG&E is not required to provide this information for individuals who participate in preparing a data request response. If the requester wishes to contact PG&E with questions about the data request, it may do so by contacting the appropriate individuals in the Regulatory Relations or Law Department upon whom the request was served. PG&E also objects to the request for information relating to “all the work performed on the ‘Geysers #9 Lakeville’” as overbroad and unduly burdensome given the abbreviated 2022 WMP discovery timeline.

Subject to and without waiving these objections, PG&E responds as follows: In Attachment WMP-Discovery2022\_DR\_WilliamBAbrams\_001-Q01Atch01, PG&E provides a spreadsheet with high level descriptions of the Line Corrective (“LC”) notification tag work on the Geysers #9 Lakeville transmission line identified in this question. Given the abbreviated discovery schedule, PG&E is not able to include descriptions for other LC tag work identified in response to Remedy 5.4.B\_Atch01, or LC tag work from 2019, which was not in scope for Remedy 5.4.B. The attachment also does not include work taking place as part of routine inspections and patrols and vegetation management.

At a high level, PG&E notes that following the Kincade Fire, the Company took several actions including:

- i. PG&E disconnected the three spans of the Geysers #9 line not serving customer load so that the spans were de-energized;

- ii. PG&E reviewed its transmission lines to determine if other energized spans not serving customer load remained; in the High Fire Threat Districts, PG&E found one such span, and de-energized it;
- iii. PG&E issued revised guidance regarding idle transmission facilities. The revised guidance stated that idle transmission facilities included energized spans not serving customer load;
- iv. PG&E issued guidance requiring open jumpers to be cut as short as practical;
- v. PG&E revised its inspection forms so that inspectors are required to report facilities not serving customer load; and
- vi. Finally, PG&E removed the last three spans of the Geysers #9 line, eliminating any risk that the nearby Geysers #12 line could induce a current in the last three spans (then de-energized) of the Geysers #9 line.<sup>1</sup>

Additional measures to reduce the likelihood of fires in the area of the Geysers #9-Lakeville transmission line are also detailed in our annual Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). Please see below a list of WMP initiatives that we have identified as generally relating to the Geysers #9-Lakeville transmission line within the last three years. The WMP initiative numbers used in the list are from the 2022 WMP. More information on each of these initiatives is available in the 2022 WMP located on our website.

WMP Initiative #*	Initiative Name
7.3.3.12.3	Maintenance, Transmission
7.3.3.15	Transmission Tower Maintenance and Replacement
7.3.3.17.2	System Hardening – Transmission
7.3.4.2	Detailed Inspections of Transmission Electric Lines and Equipment
7.3.4.5	Infrared Inspections of Transmission Electric Lines and Equipment
7.3.4.12	Patrol Inspections of Transmission Electric Lines and Equipment

\*Please note that additional WMP initiatives not listed here may be applicable to the Geysers #9-Lakeville transmission line in the future.

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<sup>1</sup> These facts are included in Paragraph 17(f) of the Stipulated Final Judgment between PG&E and the Sonoma County District Attorney resolving the Kincadee Fire criminal action, which was recently entered by the Sonoma County Superior Court.