

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Data Response**

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SUBJECT: DECISION-MAKING PROCESS FOR SYSTEM HARDENING

QUESTION 16

In PG&E's 2022 WMP Update, PG&E states the following (p. 531):

Because system hardening work is generally identified 12 or more months before construction, the decision tree that was used for selecting between various distribution system hardening methods (e.g., undergrounding, covered conductor, line removal etc.) for 2022 work was not changed to incorporate our updated 2022 goals of expanding EPSS and undergrounding.

Regarding PG&E's decision-making process for system hardening:

- a. Is PG&E currently using the 2021 methodology for decision-making, as presented on May 21, 2021 to the Wildfire Safety Division ("previous methodology")?
- b. When did/does PG&E intend to use the methodology outlined in the progress report in Figure PG&E-Remedy-21-14-01 ("new methodology")?
- c. For any circuits PG&E is planning on installing covered conductor based on the previous methodology:
 - i. What percentage and number of circuit miles would have been determined to be undergrounded using the new methodology?
 - ii. For any such miles, what additional initiative(s) in conjuncture with covered conductor is PG&E using to further reduce risk?

ANSWER 16

- a. PG&E utilized the decision tree presented in 2021 for the 2022 scope of work.
- b. The decision tree referenced in Figure PG&E-Remedy-21-14-01 p. 44 is the same decision tree utilized to develop the 2022 scope of work referenced in part a.
- c. No change. The decision trees referenced in subparts a and b are the same.