

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

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The following questions relate to your 2023-2025 WMP submission.

QUESTION 016

Cal Advocates understands that a circuit segment that has been undergrounded may still experience PSPS outages, if segments upstream or downstream of the undergrounded circuit segment are subject to PSPS.

- a) Is the above understanding correct? If not, please correct the above.
- b) During the 2023-2025 WMP period, does PG&E intend to utilize temporary microgrids or other mitigations to fully eliminate the risk of a PSPS event de-energizing undergrounded lines?
- c) If the answer to part (b) is no, please explain why not.
- d) If the answer to part (b) is yes, please describe PG&E's plans.

ANSWER 016

- a) Yes, that statement is correct. While it is unlikely that a downstream segment would affect the underground section, it is possible if there are no available downstream isolation devices.
- b) In cases where undergrounding segments affected by upstream overhead segments, mitigations such as Temp Microgrids may possibly remove the underground section from scope. However, it may not be feasible to utilize temporary microgrids due to resource constraints, and/or rapid changing weather conditions.
- c) See response to b.
- d) See response to b.