

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

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QUESTION 002

- a) Do you consider load growth projections when you determine which system hardening measures to deploy for wildfire mitigation purposes?
- b) If the answer to (a) is "yes", explain how load growth projects influence your mitigation selection process.
- c) If the answer to (a) is "no", explain why not.

ANSWER 002

- a) No. The choice of which system hardening measure is deployed for wildfire mitigation purposes is not influenced by either load forecasts or load growth projects in an area.
- b) Not applicable
- c) System hardening measures are selected based on wildfire risk and ignition risk mitigation needs, not loading. However, any loading concerns (including load growth projections) are addressed during the system hardening project scoping and design phases, such as the application of new mainline cable/conductor, additional reactive power or voltage control equipment, upgraded protection, or additional phases.