

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
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Data Response**

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**QUESTION 04**

Section 7.3.3.17.6 of PG&E’s 2022 WMP discusses PG&E’s Butte County Rebuild Program, which involves undergrounding the distribution within the town of Paradise and lower Magalia.

- a) Does PG&E install service connections underground as part of the Butte County Rebuild Program?
- b) If the answer to part (a) is yes, please provide the actual to-date costs of undergrounding service connections as part of the Butte County Rebuild Program.
- c) If the answer to part (a) is yes, please provide the actual to-date linear feet of service connections that have been undergrounded as part of the Butte County Rebuild Program.
- d) Please provide the approximate percentage of service connections that have been (to date) installed above ground or left above ground as part of the Butte County Rebuild Program.
- e) If the answer to part (a) is no, explain all factors that contributed to PG&E’s decision not to underground service connections as part of the Butte County Rebuild Program.

**ANSWER 04**

- a) Yes. Standing homes receive underground service connections, and empty lots receive stubbed underground service that can be later connected when and if the customer rebuilds.
- b) Based on the sequencing of the program’s work and customer demand needs, the underground service connections can occur in one of three ways:
  - 1. Before the planned underground work with a riser connecting to the existing overhead.
  - 2. After the planned underground work, connecting to the stubbed service.
  - 3. As part of the planned underground work.

Generally, options 1 and 2 are used for rebuilt homes, and option 3 is for a home that survived the fire with overhead service feeds that have not yet been converted to underground.

The costs for service work that occurs outside of the planned underground work (#1 and #2) is \$52.6M to date. The costs for the service work that occurs as part of the planned underground work (#3) cannot not be isolated.

- c) PG&E does not centrally track the actual footage for underground service connections. However, as an estimate, the Butte Rebuild program has undergrounded approximately 2,500 service connections and each underground service connection is estimated to average around 100 feet in length.
- d) The scope of the Butte County Rebuild Program is to underground all service connections within Paradise and lower Magalia. The only exception to this would be if PG&E cannot secure the necessary easements for an underground service from the customer / property owner, which has only occurred once to date. Outside of this one exception, all service connections are being placed underground.
- e) N/A