

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

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Please note the following questions pertain to PG&E's quarterly data report and quarterly initiative update for the third quarter of 2022, filed with Energy Safety on November 1, 2022.

**QUESTION 04**

PG&E's Quarterly Initiative Update states the following "Corrective Actions If Delayed" with respect to initiative C.05 *SCADA Recloser Equipment - Installations*:

- a) "The delay was the result of material and resource priority being given to the new PSPS sectionalizing devices target, which was due by September 1, 2022, and to devices in support of EPSS."
- b) Please state the reasons why resource and material priority was shifted from initiative C.05 to the new PSPS sectionalizing devices target and EPSS.
- c) Please identify the resources referenced in the quote above.
- d) Please describe any delays associated with the PSPS sectionalizing devices target or EPSS that led to priorities being shifted from initiative C.05.
- e) At the time that PG&E set its targets for initiative C.05, did PG&E expect to need to shift resource and material priority to the PSPS sectionalizing devices target and EPSS?
- f) If the answer to part (d) is no, please explain how and when PG&E determined that it needed to shift resource and material priority to the PSPS sectionalizing devices target and EPSS.
- g) If the answer to part (d) is yes, please explain how PG&E planned to manage resource and material priority to meet its quarterly targets.

**ANSWER 04**

- a) We shifted skilled resources and limited materials to EPSS and PSPS device installations for two primary reasons:
  - 1. Sequencing of scheduled target due dates, for EPSS capability 8/1 and PSPS device installation prior to 9/1, both set based on typical season increase in wildfire risk and Diablo wind events.
  - 2. EPSS protection provides a significant wildfire ignition risk reduction benefit and

making devices capable sooner allowed for having that ignition reduction benefit available sooner.

- b) The skilled resources here are Distribution Line Technicians (DLTs) responsible for pre-commissioning and commissioning of the SCADA recloser equipment, the SCADA build specialists responsible for both building controllers needed to synchronize the controllers with the fuse savers and SCADA screen builds needed to commission the devices, and the IT / Electrical business systems that provide the radio and communications data needed to program, install, and commission the SCADA recloser equipment and controllers in the field.
- c) The C.05 SCADA Recloser Equipment program had an approximately 3-month delay related to skilled resources mentioned in line-item b) prioritizing PSPS sectionalizing devices and EPSS initiatives. At the time targets were set, we did not anticipate needing to shift skilled resources and material priority from C.05 SCADA Recloser Equipment to PSPS sectionalizing devices target and EPSS.
- d) The PG&E determination and communication of the shifting in skilled resources and material prioritization occurred in Q2 and lasted throughout Q2 and Q3. We identified these material and skilled workforce resource constraints through daily and weekly operational reviews of performance.
- e) N/A