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5           For this report, Pacific Gas and Electric Company is identifying material changes  
6           report in blue font. The material updates to this chapter can be found in Sections C  
7   and D.

8           **A. Introduction**

9                   Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E or the Company) respectfully  
10                  submits this fifth semi-annual Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) Report.  
11                  This report is submitted in compliance with California Public Utilities Commission  
12                  (CPUC or Commission) Decision (D.) 21-11-009 concerning the Risk-Based  
13                  Decision-Making Framework proceeding (Risk OIR).

14                  At PG&E, nothing is more important than the safety of our customers,  
15                  employees, contractors and communities. We strive to be the safest,  
16                  most-reliable gas and electric Company in the United States. This SOM report  
17                  demonstrates PG&E’s commitment to overseeing safe operations and, where  
18                  needed, driving progress to reduce risk and improve performance. SOMs are  
19                  embedded in our internal processes to give Company leaders visibility into  
20                  performance to identify negative trends and take swift corrective actions to  
21                  prevent harm. These metrics are central to safety performance across the  
22                  Company.

23                  PG&E has approached each SOM on a metric-by-metric basis. More  
24                  specifically, PG&E evaluated our historical and current year performance and  
25                  available benchmarking data, and established objectives that align with our  
26                  commitment to safety. For example, a metric where PG&E already performs in  
27                  the first quartile may not demand dramatic improvement but could require  
28                  consistent monitoring to ensure that performance remains at acceptable levels.  
29                  For metrics that include Major Event Days (MED), PG&E will use the information  
30                  to help ensure that our infrastructure is adaptable to an environment rapidly  
31                  changing due to climate change. For some metrics, the Company has found  
32                  opportunity to continue to drive safety performance through ongoing or future  
33                  programs that are described in each chapter of this report.

1 **B. Background and Requirements**

2 As part of the decision for PG&E’s Plan of Reorganization (D.20-05-053),  
3 the Commission envisioned a set of metrics that provides a “holistic quantitative  
4 and qualitative ‘indicator light’ method to evaluate key metrics directly associated  
5 with PG&E safe and operational performance.”

6 On November 9, 2021, through the Commission’s Risk OIR that began on  
7 November 17, 2020, the Commission issued D.21-11-009 (the Risk OIR  
8 decision) establishing 32 SOMs. Ordering Paragraph 5 of that decision requires  
9 that:

10 PG&E shall report its Safety and Operational Metrics as follows. PG&E  
11 shall, on a semi-annual basis, serve and file its SOMs report in Rulemaking  
12 20-07-013, any successor Safety Model Assessment Proceeding, and its  
13 most recent or current General Rate Case and Risk Assessment and  
14 Mitigation Phase proceedings starting March 31, 2022, and continuing  
15 annually at the end of September and March thereafter, with the March  
16 reports covering the 12 months of the previous calendar year (i.e., January  
17 through December) and the September reports providing data for January  
18 through June of the current year. PG&E shall concurrently send a copy of  
19 its semi-annual SOMs reports to the Director of the Commission’s Safety  
20 Policy Division and to [RASA\\_Email@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:RASA_Email@cpuc.ca.gov). PG&E shall:

- 21 a) Report on each SOM, using data for the preceding 12 months and  
22 providing all available historical data;<sup>1</sup>
- 23 b) For each SOM, provide a proposed target for the year following the  
24 reporting period for each metric and a 5-year target, with the proposed  
25 target represented as specific values, ranges of values, a rolling  
26 average, or another specified target value, except for our final adopted  
27 SOM #s 1.3, 2.3, 3.1, 3.3, 3.5, and 3.6 for which PG&E may provide  
28 directional targets;
- 29 c) For each SOM, provide a narrative description of the rationale for  
30 selecting the target proposed and why a specific value, a range of  
31 values, a rolling average or another type of target is selected;
- 32 d) For each SOM, provide a narrative description of progress towards the  
33 proposed annual and 5-year targets;
- 34 e) For each SOM, provide a narrative description of any substantial  
35 deviation from prior trends based on quantitative and qualitative  
36 analysis, as applicable;
- 37 f) For each SOM, provide a brief description of current and future activities  
38 to meet the proposed targets; and

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1 These historic data files are provided through a Notice of Availability (NOA) being filed concurrently with this report. An index of these files is provided as an attachment to the NOA.

- 1 g) Provide the Commission’s Safety and Policy Division with a copy of any  
2 report filed more frequently than semi-annually with the Commission that  
3 contains SOMs, at the same time the report is filed.<sup>2</sup>

4 This report outlines PG&E’s 2023 performance and is organized into  
5 32 individual metric chapters as defined in Attachment A of D.21-11-009. Each  
6 chapter provides discussion on performance and progress against 1- and 5-year  
7 targets.

### 8 **C. PG&E’s Approach to Safety and Operational Metrics Target Setting**

9 PG&E’s approach to SOMs was developed around four pillars for  
10 developing targets that align with Commission’s objective for this report:

- 11 1) Targets should be set at levels indicating “insufficient progress” or “poor  
12 performance” within the context of the Enhanced Oversight and  
13 Enforcement Process;
- 14 2) Targets should be set at a reasonable and attainable level, including but not  
15 limited to the following considerations:
- 16 a) Historical data and trends;
  - 17 b) Benchmarking;
  - 18 c) Applicable federal, state, or regulatory requirements;
  - 19 d) Resources;
- 20 3) Targets should be set at levels where performance can be sustained over  
21 time; and
- 22 4) Targets should be set and evaluated in consideration of a holistic qualitative  
23 and quantitative view including additional contextual information and factors.

24 With these criteria, PG&E sought to develop targets for each metric that  
25 generally maintain performance for well-performing metrics or drive performance  
26 improvement to satisfactory levels of safe and reliable service. As required by  
27 the decision, within each metric chapter PG&E provides the rationale behind the  
28 selection of the 1- and 5-year targets. On their own, metrics can fail to tell a  
29 complete story and may not provide crucial detail or context that is necessary for

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2 PG&E understands this requirement to not include one-time event triggered reports (e.g., Electric Incident Reports). PG&E can provide such reports upon request. Note that PG&E provided quarterly reports as part of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan to the Commission through June 2021 but are now submitted to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety. These reports can be found online at [PG&E’s Wildfire Mitigation Plan webpage](#).



1 a proper evaluation of performance or progress. Recognizing that, the  
2 Commission's Risk OIR decision requires PG&E to provide a narrative-driven  
3 report that gives the Commission further insight on how PG&E's safety and  
4 operational programs are progressing towards targets or if performance is  
5 deviating from target and trend, and to state current and future activities that will  
6 drive performance towards target or trend.

7 5) PG&E and the Commission's Safety Policy Division (SPD) participate in  
8 monthly meetings to discuss questions arising from prior reports, or, in some  
9 instances to preview expected performance or target-setting for upcoming  
10 reports. These meetings have proven successful in providing PG&E  
11 ongoing guidance for target-setting and as an effective way to resolve  
12 questions through metric owner presentations. Additionally, PG&E uses  
13 feedback from these meetings to engage leadership and to address SPD  
14 recommendations where possible. PG&E will continue to drive performance  
15 improvement where appropriate, and prioritize the safety of our customers,  
16 contractors, and employees.

#### 17 **D. Summary of Metric Performance Against Targets**

18 This report shows that PG&E is exceeding or maintaining performance  
19 expectations against its 2023 targets for 31 of 32 metrics. Only SOM 1.3  
20 (Serious Injury and Fatality (SIF) Actual (Public)) did not meet the 2023 target of  
21 zero incidents. For 2023, there were four confirmed Public SIF incidents.  
22 In Chapter 1.3 of this report, we summarize the four incidents and provide an  
23 overview of current and planned activities we are implementing to eliminate  
24 public safety incidents. These include incident investigation processes and  
25 corrective action measures; activities for reducing the risk of gas, electric and  
26 energy supply system failure or malfunction; public awareness and education  
27 programs; transportation safety programs to control risks that can lead to motor  
28 vehicle accidents; and contractor safety programs.

29 PG&E has updated the one-year targets for 20 of the 32 metrics evaluated  
30 in this report. 12 metrics carry the same one-year targets from the prior report  
31 and PG&E includes a justification, on a case-by-case basis, on why maintaining  
32 metric performance is the appropriate approach. These reasons include  
33 historical data availability, metrics susceptible to high variability (e.g., metrics

1 significantly impacted by weather), MED threshold changes, or where PG&E's  
 2 performance is within already desired performance ranges.

3 Below is a summary of each metric 2023 performance and targets. The  
 4 details for each metric can be found in each of the metric report chapters that  
 5 follow.

**TABLE 1-1  
 SUMMARY OF 2023 METRIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS**

#	Metric	2023 Performance	2023 Target	2024 Target
<b>Safety</b>				
1.1	Rate of Serious Injury or Fatality (SIF) Actual (Employee)	Rate: 0.063	Rate: 0.070	Rate: 0.060
1.2	Rate of SIF Actual (Contractor)	Rate: 0.063	Rate: 0.100	Rate: 0.100
1.3	SIF Actual (Public)	Confirmed: 4	Demonstrate progress towards 0	Demonstrate progress towards 0
<b>Reliability</b>				
2.1	System Average Interruption Duration (Unplanned)	3.56 hrs.	3.45 – 5.34 hrs.	3.71 – 5.73 hrs.
2.2	System Average Interruption Frequency (Unplanned)	1.402 outages per customer	1.426 – 2.205 outages per customer	1.435 – 2.219 outages per customer
2.3	System Average Outages due to Vegetation and Equipment Damage in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas	610 outages due to 20 MEDs	Maintain	Maintain
2.4	System Average Outages due to Vegetation and Equipment Damage in HFTD Areas (Non-MEDs)	1,655 outages	Range: 1,523 – 1,980	Range: 1,523 – 1,980

**TABLE 1-1  
SUMMARY OF 2023 METRIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS  
(CONTINUED)**

#	Metric	2023 Performance	2023 Target	2024 Target
<b>Electric</b>				
3.1	Wires Down MED in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	10.26 wires down (WD) events/1,000 mi. due to 20 MEDs	Maintain/66.02	Maintain/65.94
3.2	Wires Down Non-MED in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	19.07 WD events/1,000 mi.	Maintain/41.36	Maintain/41.30
3.3	Wires Down MED in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	8.092 WD events/1,000 mi, due to 20 MEDs	Maintain/8.433	Maintain/8.433
3.4	Wires Down Non-MED in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	1.471 WD events/1,000 mi.	Maintain/≤4.440	Maintain/≤4.440
3.5	Wires Down Red Flag Warning Days in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	0.00003 WD due to 1 WD event	Maintain/0.00058	Maintain/0.00057
3.6	Wires Down Red Flag Warning Days in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	0 WD due to 0 WD events	Maintain	Maintain
<b>Patrols and Inspections</b>				
3.7	Missed Overhead Distribution Patrols in HFTD Areas	3.94%	0% – 4%	0% – 4%
3.8	Missed Overhead Distribution Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas	0%	0% – 4%	0% – 2%
3.9	Missed Overhead Transmission Patrols in HFTD Areas	0.00%	0.0% – 0.04%	0.0% – 0.03%
3.10	Missed Overhead Transmission Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas	0.00%	0.0% – 0.04%	0.0% – 0.03%
3.11	GO-95 Corrective Actions in HFTDs	71%	69%	69%
3.12	Electric Emergency Response Time	Average: 32 min  Median: 29 min	Average: 44 min  Median: 43 min	Average: 44 min  Median: 43 min

**TABLE 1-1  
SUMMARY OF 2023 METRIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS  
(CONTINUED)**

#	Metric	2023 Performance	2023 Target	2024 Target
<b>Ignitions and Wildfire</b>				
3.13	Number of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	55 ignitions	Range: 82 – 94	Range: 72 – 84
3.14	Percentage of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	2.26/1,000 circuit miles	Range: 3.24 – 3.72	Range: 3.93 – 3.32
3.15	Number of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	6 ignitions	Range: 0 – 10	Range: 0 – 10
3.16	Percentage of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	1.09/1,000 circuit miles	0 – 1.75	0 – 1.75
<b>Gas</b>				
4.1	Number of Gas Dig-Ins per 1,000 USA tickets on Transmission and Distribution pipelines	1.42	≤2.21	≤1.93
4.2	Number of Overpressure Events	5	≤11	≤10
4.3	Time to Respond On-Site to Emergency Notification	Average (mins): 19.8  Median (mins): 18.2	Average (mins): ≤21.5  Median (mins): ≤19.8	Average (mins): ≤21.4  Median (mins): ≤19.7
4.4	Gas Shut-In Times, Mains	80 mins	≤84.9 mins	≤84.9 mins
4.5	Gas Shut-In Times, Services	35.3 mins	≤40.2 mins	≤40.2 mins
4.6	Uncontrolled Release of Gas on Transmission Pipelines	1,276	≤3,510	≤3,474
4.7	Time to Resolve Hazardous Conditions	141 mins	≤183 mins	≤182.5 mins
<b>Clean Energy</b>				
5.1	Clean Energy Goals Compliance Metric	1330.1MW	≥1165 MW	≥2366.1 MW
<b>Quality of Service</b>				
6.1	Quality of Service Metric	8 sec	15 sec	15 sec

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**RATE OF SIF ACTUAL**  
**(EMPLOYEE)**

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5   **(EMPLOYEE)**

6                   The material updates to this chapter since the October 2, 2023, report can be  
7                   found in Sections B, C, D, and E. Material changes from the prior report are  
8                   identified in blue font.  
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10   **A. (1.1) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 1.1 – Rate of Serious Injury and  
13                   Fatality (SIF) Actual (Employee) is defined as:

14                   *Rate of SIF Actual (Employee) is calculated using the formula: Number*  
15                   *of SIF-Actual cases among employees x 200,000/employee hours worked,*  
16                   *where SIF Actual is counted using the methodology developed by the*  
17                   *Edison Electric Institute’s (EEI) Occupational Safety and Health Committee*  
18                   *(OS&HC).*

19       **2. Introduction of Metric**

20                   Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E or the Company) safety  
21                   stand is, “Everyone and Everything Is Always Safe.” This includes our  
22                   employee and contractor workforce, as well as the public. We remain  
23                   committed to building an organization where every work activity is designed  
24                   to facilitate safe working conditions and every member of our workforce is  
25                   encouraged to speak up if they see an unsafe or risky condition with the  
26                   confidence that their concerns and ideas will be heard and addressed. As  
27                   part of this stand, PG&E is committed to employee safety.

28                   As defined by Decision (D.) 21-11-009, the SIF Actual (Employee) SOM  
29                   calculation is relatively new in application to PG&E’s existing injury and SIF  
30                   dataset. The data were analyzed and reported under this definition  
31                   beginning with the first report which was submitted in March of 2022.

32                   The EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria are updated annually based on  
33                   additional learnings from injury classification to provide further clarification or  
34                   criteria for the following year. PG&E is using the 2023 OS&HC serious

1 injury criteria found in Appendix 7 of the EEI Safety Classification and  
2 Learning Model guidance.<sup>1</sup> The criteria include:

- 3 1) Fatalities;
- 4 2) Amputations (involving bone);
- 5 3) Concussions and/or cerebral hemorrhages;
- 6 4) Injury or trauma to internal organs;
- 7 5) Bone fractures (certain types);
- 8 6) Complete tendon, ligament, and cartilage tears of the major joints  
9 (e.g., shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle).
- 10 7) Herniated disks (neck or back);
- 11 8) Lacerations resulting in severed tendons and/or a deep wound requiring  
12 internal stitches;
- 13 9) Second (10 percent body surface) or third-degree burns;
- 14 10) Eye injuries resulting in eye damage or loss of vision;
- 15 11) Injections of foreign materials (e.g., hydraulic fluid);
- 16 12) Severe heat exhaustion and all heat stroke cases;
- 17 13) Dislocation of a major joint (shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle);  
18 a) Count only cases that required the manipulation or repositioning of  
19 the joint back into place under the direction of a treating doctor.
- 20 14) "Other Injuries" category should only be selected for reporting injuries  
21 not identified in the existing categories.

22 PG&E's SIF Program was deployed at the end of 2016 to establish a  
23 cause evaluation process for coworker serious safety incidents. This  
24 program was established to create consistency and guidance in classifying  
25 and evaluating serious safety incidents for all employees and contractors.  
26 The goal of PG&E's SIF Program is to reduce the number and severity of  
27 safety incidents that result in a SIF. The program objective is to learn from  
28 prior safety incidents by performing cause evaluations on each SIF Actual  
29 (SIF-A) and SIF Potential (SIF-P) incident, implementing corrective actions,  
30 and sharing key findings across the enterprise.

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<sup>1</sup> EEI Safety Classification and Learning (SCL) model guidance. Serious Injury criteria are located in Appendix 7. SCL model guidance.



1 From 2017 to 2020, PG&E classified SIF-A incidents based on the job  
2 task and whether a life altering or life-threatening injury, or fatality occurred.  
3 In August of 2020, PG&E adopted Edison Electric International’s Safety  
4 Classification Learning (SCL)<sup>2</sup> model to classify its SIF incidents. The EEI  
5 SCL model classifies incidents into categories: High-Energy SIF (HSIF),<sup>3</sup>  
6 Low-Energy SIF (LSIF),<sup>4</sup> Potential SIF (PSIF),<sup>5</sup> Capacity,<sup>6</sup> Exposure,<sup>7</sup>  
7 Success,<sup>8</sup> and Low Severity.<sup>9</sup> In 2020, the HSIF terminology was new to  
8 the industry; however, it is equivalent to a SIF-A with regard to how serious  
9 life threatening or life-altering injuries, or fatalities are determined, per PG&E  
10 definition. Adopting the EEI SCL model has improved the SIF Program by  
11 bringing a consistent and objective approach to reviewing and classifying  
12 SIF incidents across the Company and industry. The SCL model allows the  
13 Company to focus its safety and risk mitigation efforts on the most serious  
14 outcomes and highest risk work where a high energy incident occurred. The  
15 EEI SCL model is also used for the Employee SIF-A Safety Performance  
16 Metric (SPM) and is aligned with other California utilities.

17 The rate of SIF-A (Employee) SOM definition is based on the EEI  
18 OS&HC serious injury criteria,<sup>10</sup> which is different than the EEI SCL Model.  
19 It is suggested by EEI to use the OS&HC criteria in conjunction with the EEI  
20 SCL model. Therefore, using only the OS&HC serious injury criteria creates

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2 EEI, SCL Model available here: <https://www.safetyfunction.com/scl-model>.

3 *Id.* at p. 17, HSIF is defined as: “Incident with a release of high energy in the absence of a direct control where a serious injury is sustained.”

4 *Id.* at p. 17, LSIF is defined as: “Incident with a release of low energy in the absence of a direct control where a serious injury is sustained.”

5 *Id.* at p. 17, PSIF is defined as: “Incident with a release of high energy in the absence of a direct control where a serious injury is not sustained.”

6 *Id.* at p. 17, Capacity is defined as: “Incident with a release of high energy in the presence of a direct control where a serious injury is not sustained.”

7 *Id.* at p. 17, Exposure is defined as: “Condition where high energy is present in the absence of a direct control.”

8 *Id.* at p. 17, Success is defined as: “Condition where a high energy incident does not occur because of the presence of a direct control.”

9 *Id.* at p. 17, Low Severity is defined as: “Incident with a release of low energy where no serious injury is sustained.”

10 EEI Safety Classification and Learning (SCL) model guidance. Serious Injury criteria are located in Appendix 7. SCL model guidance.

1 a different result in SIF-A classification from the expectation of using the EEI  
2 SCL model that includes high energy incidents.

### 3 **B. (1.1) Metric Performance**

#### 4 **1. Historical Data (2017 – 2023)**

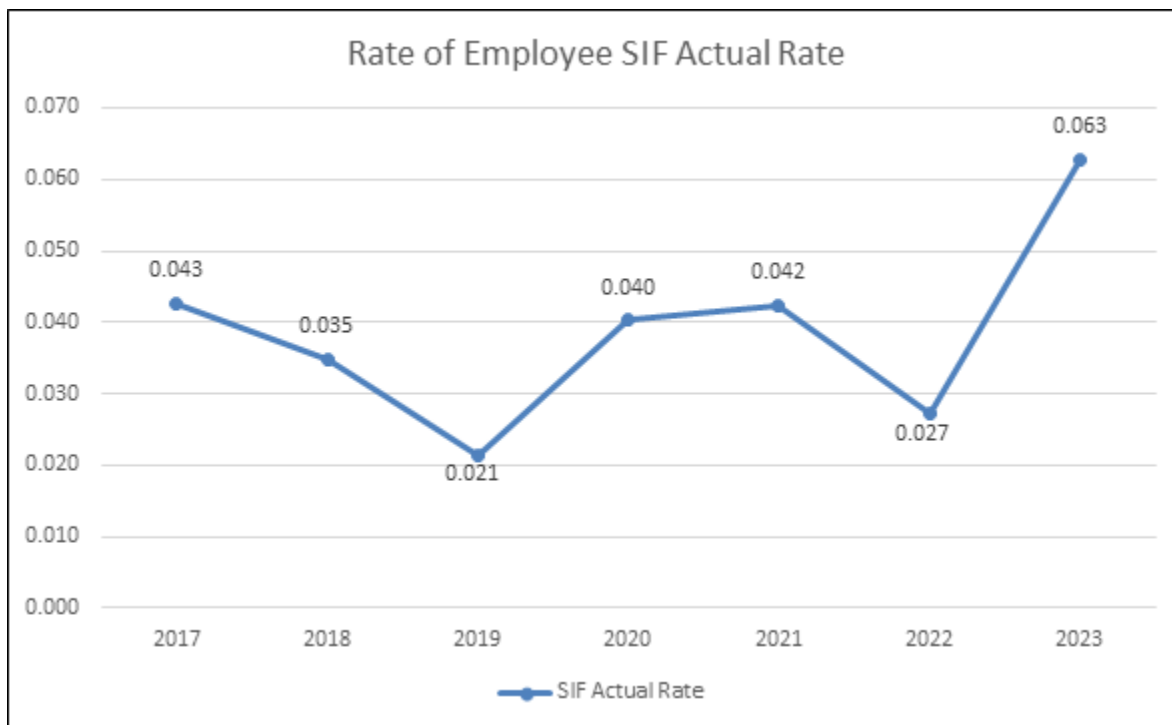
5 PG&E is including historical data for the years 2017 through 2023<sup>11</sup> in  
6 this report. This timeframe is consistent with the implementation of PG&E's  
7 SIF Program. The dataset includes injury type, incident date, location, and  
8 EEI OS&HC injury classification. See corresponding Employee SIF SOM  
9 data file (21-11-009.PGE\_SOM\_1-1\_Employee\_SIF\_A\_\_2024\_03-31-24  
10 r1.xlsx) for a list of incidents.

11 Figure 1.1-1 illustrates the rate of employee serious injuries and  
12 fatalities by year from 2017 through 2023. From 2017 through 2023 there  
13 are a total of 68 employee SIF Actuals that met the EEI OS&HC serious  
14 injury criteria as described in Section A.2. above. Fifty-six percent of the  
15 serious injury incidents (35 of 62) met the criteria of bone fracture, including  
16 of the hands and feet. Six were fatalities, of those one involved a violent act  
17 of a third party, three involved operations of motor vehicles, one involved a  
18 pipeline drying (pigging) line of fire incident, and one involved a tire  
19 changing incident.

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<sup>11</sup> Historical data through 2021 was provided in PG&E's first Safety and Operational Metrics report provided on April 1, 2022.

**FIGURE 1.1-1  
RATE OF SIF ACTUAL (EMPLOYEE)  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE**



1        **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2            Injury data are collected by the Nurse Care Line (NCL). The NCL is an  
3            enhanced injury reporting process for improving the employee experience  
4            when reporting major and minor work-related injuries. The NCL allows  
5            employees to speak up, without fear, when faced with a work-related health  
6            challenge, strengthening the message that employee health is essential.  
7            Employees receive medical advice, self-care information, and clinic  
8            referrals. For this review, injury data was pulled from PG&E’s Safety and  
9            Environmental Management System (SEMS) database, which houses all  
10           injury data.

11           As mentioned above, the SIF-A (Employee) SOM as defined in  
12           D.21-11-009 is relatively new in application to PG&E’s existing injury and  
13           SIF dataset, and 2022 was the first year in which the data were analyzed  
14           and reported under this definition. To evaluate and establish historical  
15           performance for the SOM SIF-A (Employee) metric, PG&E reviewed all  
16           employee injury data from 2017 through 2023 to determine if any met one of  
17           the 14 EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria as summarized in [Section A.2](#).

1 above. To establish historical performance for the first SOMs report  
2 submittal, PG&E reviewed approximately 18,000-line items of injury data.  
3 A substantial portion of those were not Occupational Safety and Health  
4 Administration (OSHA)-recordable (i.e., first aid, non-OSHA recordable) and  
5 were removed from the population. The remaining population that met the  
6 OSHA definition (i.e., work-related injury) was reviewed against the EEI  
7 OS&HC serious injury criteria for this report.

### 8 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

9 For 2023, there were 16 employee serious injuries and one employee  
10 fatality. 56 percent of the employee serious injuries were due to bone  
11 fractures (9 of 16). These included bone fractures of the ankle, leg, fingers,  
12 and chest.

13 On January 31, 2023, a Vegetation Management inspector was fatally  
14 injured while changing a tire when the fender connection where the jack was  
15 placed failed.

16 The 2023 SIF rate of 0.063 is a significant increase over 2022 and prior  
17 years. The increase in the number of serious injuries is primarily due to  
18 increases in the number of falls, slips, and trips, and the number of contacts  
19 with or exposure to harmful substances. PG&E' current and planned work  
20 activities for the improvement and maintenance the long term performance  
21 of this metric are discussed in Section E below.

## 22 **C. (1.1) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

### 23 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

24 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
25 last SOMs report filing. The 2023 target for rate of SIF-A (Employee) was to  
26 remain below the second to third quartile threshold rate of 0.070 (see  
27 Figure 1.1-2 below). The 2024 and 2028 target thresholds of 0.060  
28 considered EEI benchmarking data with a 0.010 target decrease beginning  
29 this year comparable with PG&E internal benchmarking practices.

30 It should be known that although the 2024 EEI second to third quartile  
31 value has shifted slightly upward from 0.070 to 0.090, PG&E's 2024 target  
32 threshold for the employee SIF Actual remains as 0.060.

1 As previously discussed, this metric calculation is relatively new to  
2 PG&E and we are continuing to monitor the metric's trend and the  
3 appropriateness of the targets.

## 4 **2. Target Methodology**

5 To establish the 1-year and 5-year target thresholds, PG&E considered  
6 the following factors:

- 7 • Historical Data and Trends: PG&E pulled OSHA recorded injuries from  
8 2017 to 2021 to review each injury against the EEI OS&HC serious  
9 injury criteria. This injury dataset was used because it aligns with the  
10 beginning of the PG&E SIF Program (est. in 2017). Over that historical  
11 data period, performance showed a consistent trend at or around  
12 0.040 injury rate, with a dip in 2019 and trend back up in 2020 and 2021;  
13 [A similar pattern occurred for the years 2022 and 2023 with a dip in rate](#)  
14 [and then an increase however still below the 2023 threshold target rate](#)  
15 [of 0.070.](#)
- 16 • Benchmarking: In July 2022, PG&E met with EEI leadership and  
17 confirmed that OS&HC serious injury criteria benchmarking is available  
18 for the metric going back to 2017. PG&E used the prior years'  
19 benchmarking data from EEI and compared it to PG&E's performance  
20 going back to 2017. Between 2017 and 2020, PG&E hovered between  
21 the top of first quartile and low second quartile. In 2021, PG&E ended  
22 the year in second quartile, 1/100th of a point above the first quartile  
23 performance. [PG&E's performance for 2023 was between the first](#)  
24 [quartile and second quartile.](#)
- 25 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 26 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes. The main focus  
27 for driving down injuries is noted below in planned/future work related to  
28 Days Away, Restricted and Transferred (DART) reduction;
- 29 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators: While the performance at or below  
30 the target threshold is sustainable, the more appropriate metric is to  
31 focus on injuries resulting from a high energy incident, which is  
32 consistent with both industry SIF-A monitoring and the SPM; and

- Other Qualitative Considerations: This target threshold approach was established to account for all job-related tasks with the potential to cause injury as defined by the EEI OS&HC criteria.

### 3. 2024 and 2028 Target

The initial 2022 and 2026 target thresholds were to maintain at a rate of less 0.080 which allowed for no more than an increase of 0.038, as compared to highest employee SIF Actual rate from 2017 to 2021. The target threshold for 2023 incorporated available EEI employee SIF benchmarking data and the use of the second to third quartile threshold value of 0.070. The 2024 and 2028 target thresholds considered EEI benchmarking data with a 0.010 target decrease beginning this year comparable with PG&E internal benchmarking practices.

Although the 2024 EEI second to third quartile value has shifted slightly upward from 0.070 to 0.090, PG&E's 2024 target threshold for the employee SIF Actual remains as 0.060.

As discussed in C.1. above, PG&E's 2024 and 2028 target thresholds are in line with available EEI benchmarking data and PG&E target setting practices.

## D. (1.1) Performance Against Target

### 1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target

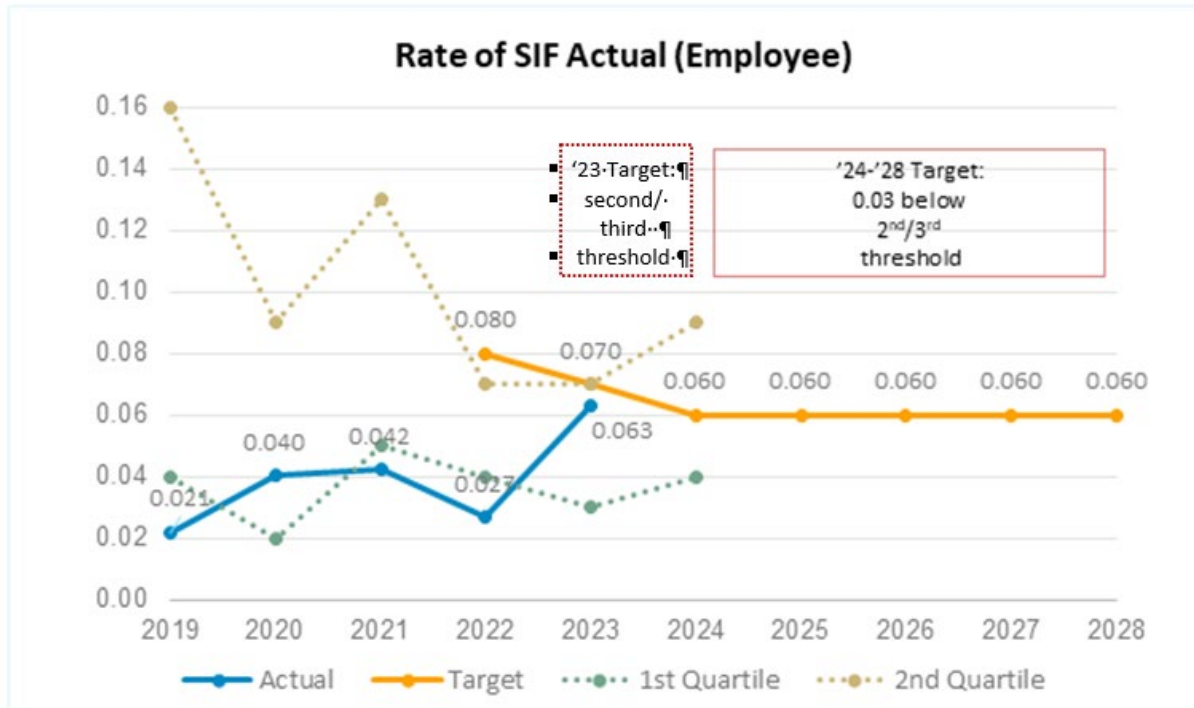
As demonstrated in Figure 1.1-2 below, PG&E saw an increase in the Employee SIF Actual rate from 0.027 in 2022 to 0.063 by the end of 2023. The increase is primarily due to increases in the number of falls, slips, and trips, and the number of contact with or exposure to harmful substances.

SIF investigations have been completed or are underway for the incidents including any needed corrective actions and we are continuing to monitor this trend. In addition, PG&E is implementing the SIF Capacity & Learning model as described in Section E below.

### 2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target

As discussed in Section E below, and in consideration of the metric's trend, PG&E is continuing to deploy a number of programs to maintain or improve the long-term performance of this metric and to meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 1.1-2  
RATE OF SIF ACTUAL (EMPLOYEE)  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS**



**E. (1.1) Current and Planned Work Activities**

- SIF Capacity & Learning Model: PG&E is implementing the SIF Capacity & Learning model which redefines safety as measured by the presence of essential controls and the capacity to experience failures safely. Worksite essential controls directly target the stuff that can kill or seriously injure a co-worker or contract partner. When the controls are installed, verified, and used properly, they are not vulnerable to human error. [Looking at safety differently with the SIF Capacity and Learning Model](#) advances how we understand, manage, and prevent serious injuries and fatalities. Instead of measuring our success by the number of incidents, we are defining safety by the presence of controls that give coworkers the ability to fail safely.

Implementation of the SIF Capacity and Learning model includes the use of the 10 Human Performance (HU) Tools which include: Questioning Attitude, Tailboards and Pre-Job Brief, Situational Awareness, Self-Checking (STAR), Two-Minute Rule, Three-Way Communication, Stop When Unsure, Procedure Use and Adherence, Phonetic Alphabet, and Placekeeping (i.e., physically marking steps in a procedure or other guiding

1 document that have been completed). The HU Tools are deeply connected  
2 to the SIF Prevention Program and allow coworkers to slow things down and  
3 reduce the chances of human errors caused by internal and external factors.  
4 When used effectively, these tools can also help ensure essential controls  
5 effectively remain in place and do not break down.

- 6 • PG&E Safety Excellence Management System (PSEMS): PSEMS is the  
7 systematic management of our processes, assets, and occupational health  
8 and safety programs to prevent injury and illness, effectively and safely  
9 control and govern our assets, and manage the integrity of operating  
10 systems and processes. PSEMS is grounded in Organizational Culture and  
11 Safety Mindset and drives performance in Asset Management, Occupational  
12 Health & Safety and Process Safety. PSEMS is also part of the  
13 Performance Playbook along with Breakthrough Thinking and the Lean  
14 Operating Model.
- 15 • PG&E's Enterprise Health and Safety organization **additionally** supports this  
16 metric through focusing on:
  - 17 – Safety Leadership Development and Safety Culture;
  - 18 – Preventing workforce illness and injuries;
  - 19 – Governance, oversight, analytics, and reporting functions, including field  
20 safety support to drive strategy, programs, and continuous  
21 improvement;
  - 22 – SIF prevention and life safety
  - 23 – Safe operation of motor vehicles including regulatory compliance and  
24 governance;
  - 25 – Workforce health programs;
  - 26 – Field observations and inspection;
  - 27 – Assessing safety program impact; and
  - 28 – Incident investigations and human factor analyses.

29 A Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance pre-assessment was conducted  
30 on the PSEMS implementation in 2023, Non-conformities were found in  
31 Management of Change, Operational Control, Performance Evaluation &  
32 Improvement and Assurance. Gap Closure Plans completion on task for  
33 EOY 2023 development.



- 1 • Regional Safety Directors: PG&E’s team includes a field safety organization  
2 led by five Regional Safety Directors who partner with the functional areas  
3 (FA) to advise on and facilitate health and safety program implementation  
4 and sustainability through the application of best safety practices in each  
5 region, and ensure consistency across PG&E.

6 Safety organization responsibilities for each region include delivering  
7 safety programs for safety culture improvements, field observations and  
8 hazards identification, and the evaluation of essential control systems for  
9 providing co-workers with the ability or “capacity” to safely recover from a  
10 high-energy incident without life-threatening or life altering injury if an error  
11 or mistake is made. Additional efforts include supporting incident  
12 investigations, training, safety tailboards, and emergency response.

- 13 • The 100-day Keys to Life refresher campaign across PG&E including safety  
14 talk tools about one of the Keys to Life listed below was completed last year  
15 for the 10 Keys listed below:

- 16 1) Conduct pre-job safety briefings prior to performing work activities;
- 17 2) Follow safe driving principles and equipment operating procedures;
- 18 3) Use personal protective equipment (PPE) for the task being performed;
- 19 4) Follow electrical safety testing and grounding rules;
- 20 5) Follow clearance and energy lockout/tagout rules;
- 21 6) Follow confined space rules;
- 22 7) Follow suspended load rules;
- 23 8) Follow safety at heights rules; and
- 24 9) Follow excavation procedures.
- 25 10) Follow hazardous work environment procedures.

- 26 • PG&E’s Serious Injury or Fatality (SIF) Prevention Program: All injuries and  
27 reported near hits are evaluated to determine the hazards classification and  
28 if the situation is a SIF-actual (work-related high-energy incident from work  
29 at or for PG&E that results in a fatality, life-threatening, or life-altering injury)  
30 or a SIF-potential (high-energy incident where a fatality or life threatening or  
31 altering injury is not sustained) event. The SIF Prevention team conducts or  
32 coordinates in-depth cause evaluations for all incidents classified as  
33 SIF-potential or SIF-actual. The results of these investigations and the  
34 identified corrective actions are monitored through the corrective action

1 program to ensure timely completion and effectiveness including the  
2 elimination of recurrence. The SIF Prevention program is continuously  
3 improved through the annual review of existing program processes for  
4 enhancement and optimization. This ensures alignment with all FA<sup>12</sup> for  
5 enterprise-wide consistency and continuity.

- 6 • Injury Management: The SIF-A (Employee) SOM definition includes injuries  
7 that can occur during any work activity (including low or no energy tasks  
8 such as lifting, walking, managing tools like knives), which is broader than  
9 the high energy incidents that a mature SIF Program focuses on. Therefore,  
10 a significant driver for improvement is within our occupational health  
11 organization where our OSHA and DART cases are managed. DART cases  
12 are employee OSHA-recordable injuries that involve Days Away from work  
13 and/or days on Restricted duty or a job Transfer because the employee is  
14 no longer able to perform his or her regular job. Since 2019, there has been  
15 a 66 percent decrease in the employee DART rate (number of DART cases  
16 per 100 fulltime employees divided by number of hours worked). The efforts  
17 supporting this reduction include the expansion of PG&E's ergonomic  
18 programs and increased Industrial Athlete Specialists for job site  
19 evaluations. A primary goal of the efforts is reduced injury severity through  
20 injury prevention and early intervention care for employees. In alignment  
21 with this, we have strengthened the identification of the highest risk work  
22 groups and tasks for field and vehicle ergonomic injuries. We identify  
23 high-risk computer users through predictive modeling and provide targeted  
24 interventions. Additional efforts also include enhanced injury management  
25 containment for injuries at risk for escalation to DART and providing our  
26 people leaders with additional injury management training.
- 27 • Safety Leadership Development: PG&E is continuing to improve Safety  
28 Leadership Development and supervisor coaching by continuing to update  
29 an impactful, practical training course for front line leaders. The Safety  
30 Leadership development program provides training for crew leaders  
31 (i.e., those individuals who lead teams of front-line employees doing field  
32 operations and maintenance work) so they have the necessary safety skills

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12 PG&E changed its title for lines of business to FAs in 2022.

1 to create trust, set expectations, remove barriers to safety and identify and  
2 mitigate at risk behaviors.

- 3 • Safety Observations Program: Safety Observations Program plays a critical  
4 role in helping to reduce employee and contractor injuries and fatalities by  
5 increasing awareness of hazards and exposures in the field, reinforcing  
6 positive work practices, and driving PG&E's Speak-Up culture. The  
7 Program includes the use of the SafetyNet observation analysis and  
8 reporting tool, and the Safety Observations dashboard to communicate  
9 safety successes and improvement opportunities to leadership. In 2023,  
10 approximately 143,000 safety observations were conducted across PG&E  
11 with at-risk findings communicated to the respective FAs.

12 In 2023, PG&E initiated the pilot phase of High Energy Control  
13 Assessments (HECA) and has integrated the assessments into the Safety  
14 Observations program as of January 1, 2024. HECA is a new method of  
15 measuring and monitoring safety by assessing whether front-line employees  
16 are adequately protected against life-threatening hazards. HECA is  
17 computed as the percentage of high-energy hazards that have  
18 corresponding direct controls.

- 19 • Transportation Safety: PG&E Transportation Safety programs are designed  
20 to protect our employees and the public by establishing requirements and  
21 processes to help mitigate risks that can lead to motor vehicle incidents,  
22 improve safety performance, and increase awareness of all PG&E  
23 employees related to the operation of our motor vehicles. This  
24 comprehensive program was established to reduce the number of motor  
25 vehicle incidents that have the potential for serious injury, including fatal  
26 injury, to PG&E's employees, staff augmentation employees operating  
27 vehicles on Company business, and the public. Driver performance data is  
28 used to identify specific risk drivers for targeted intervention, including driver  
29 training, driver action plans and implementing vehicle safety technology. In  
30 addition, PG&E's Transportation Safety Department also ensures  
31 compliance with both the Federal Department of Transportation and  
32 California state regulations. Additional Motor Vehicle Safety Incident risk  
33 reduction programs including cell phone blocking and in-cab camera  
34 technologies were discussed in the PG&E 2020 Risk Assessment and

1 Mitigation Phase (RAMP) Report.<sup>13</sup> The cellular phone blocking program is  
2 currently in use with approximately 2,000 active users. The program has  
3 effectively suppressed over 335,000 texts and over 83,000 calls. The  
4 distraction and fatigue in-cab camera technology was piloted through March  
5 of 2023. At this time, vendor request for proposal is in progress to take  
6 advantage of technology bundling and reduce costs. In additional measures  
7 to improve transportation safety include:

8 A Safe Driving policy and Driver Scorecard enhancement launched in  
9 August of 2023. Since then, 161 Action Plans have been initiated. Of  
10 those, 93 Action Plans have been completed.

11 The initiation of Smith Driving courses for apprentice and new hires  
12 including behind the wheel and close quarter maneuvering courses.

13 The retrofit of 568 trouble trucks with Brigade Birdseye External  
14 360 Cameras technology. The cameras are designed to eliminate blind  
15 spots, where areas around the vehicle that are obscured to the driver by  
16 bodywork or machinery and provide the driver with the ability to see  
17 everything in the vehicle's path.

18 Additionally, PG&E significantly improved our vehicle roll-over  
19 performance through targeted campaigns and by enabling "harsh cornering"  
20 monitoring using vehicle telematics.

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<sup>13</sup> PG&E 2020 RAMP Report, Chapter 18, Risk Mitigation Plan: Motor Vehicle Safety Incident.

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6                   The material updates to this chapter since the October 2, 2023, report can be  
7                   found in Sections B, C, D and E. Material changes from the prior report are  
8                   identified in blue font.  
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10   **A. (1.2) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 1.2 – Rate of Serious Injury and/or  
13                   Fatality (SIF) Actual (Contractor) is defined as:

14                   *Rate of SIF Actual (Contractor) is calculated using the formula: Number*  
15                   *of SIF-Actual cases among contractors x 200,000/contractor hours worked,*  
16                   *where SIF-Actual is counted using the methodology developed by the*  
17                   *Edison Electrical Institute’s (EEI) Occupational Safety and Health*  
18                   *Committee (OS&HC).*

19       **2. Introduction of Metric**

20                   Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E or the Company) safety  
21                   stand is “Everyone and Everything is Always Safe.” Nothing is more  
22                   important than our goal of continued risk reduction to keep our customers,  
23                   and the communities we serve as well as our workforce (employees and  
24                   contractors) safe. PG&E employees and contractors must understand that  
25                   their actions reflect this priority. Our safety culture begins with each of us  
26                   individually and extends to our coworkers and our communities. As part of  
27                   this stand, PG&E is committed to contractor safety.

28                   As defined in Decision (D.) 21-11-009, the SIF Actual (Contractor) SOM  
29                   calculation is relatively new in application to PG&E’s existing injury and SIF  
30                   dataset. The data were analyzed and reported under this definition  
31                   beginning with the first report which was submitted in March of 2022.

32                   The EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria are updated annually based on  
33                   additional learnings from injury classification to provide further clarification or  
34                   criteria for the following year. PG&E is using the 2023 OS&HC serious

1 injury criteria found in Appendix 7 in EEI Safety Classification and Learning  
2 Model guidance.<sup>1</sup> The criteria include:

- 3 1) Fatalities;
- 4 2) Amputations (involving bone);
- 5 3) Concussions and/or cerebral hemorrhages;
- 6 4) Injury or trauma to internal organs;
- 7 5) Bone fractures (certain types);
- 8 6) Complete tendon, ligament and cartilage tears of the major joints  
9 (e.g., shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle);
- 10 7) Herniated disks (neck or back);
- 11 8) Lacerations resulting in severed tendons and/or a deep wound requiring  
12 internal stitches;
- 13 9) Second (10 percent body surface) or third degree burns;
- 14 10) Eye injuries resulting in eye damage or loss of vision;
- 15 11) Injections of foreign materials (e.g., hydraulic fluid);
- 16 12) Severe heat exhaustion and all heat stroke cases;
- 17 13) Dislocation of a major joint (shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle):  
18 a) Count only cases that required the manipulation or repositioning of  
19 the joint back into place under the direction of a treating doctor; and
- 20 14) "Other Injuries" category should only be selected for reporting injuries  
21 not identified in the existing categories.

22 PG&E's SIF Program was deployed at the end of 2016 to establish a  
23 cause evaluation process for coworker serious safety incidents. When it  
24 was deployed only contractor incidents that resulted in a SIF Actual (fatality  
25 or serious injury that was defined as life threatening or life altering) were  
26 investigated by PG&E and entered into the Corrective Action Program  
27 (CAP). The contractor was responsible for investigating all other incidents  
28 and reporting back to PG&E, but those incidents were not entered into CAP.

29 From 2017 to 2020, PG&E classified SIF Actual (SIF-A) incidents based  
30 on the job task and whether a life altering or life-threatening injury, or fatality  
31 occurred. In August of 2020, PG&E adopted EEI Safety Classification

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<sup>1</sup> EEI Safety Classification and Learning (SCL) model guidance. Serious Injury criteria are in Appendix 7. [SCL model guidance](#).



1 Learning (SCL)<sup>2</sup> model to classify its SIF incidents. The EEI SCL model  
2 classifies incidents into categories: High-Energy SIF (HSIF),<sup>3</sup> Low-Energy  
3 SIF (LSIF),<sup>4</sup> Potential SIF (PSIF),<sup>5</sup> Capacity,<sup>6</sup> Exposure,<sup>7</sup> Success<sup>8</sup> and  
4 Low Severity.<sup>9</sup> In 2020, the HSIF terminology was new to the industry;  
5 however, it is equivalent to a SIF-A with regard to how serious life  
6 threatening or life-altering injuries, or fatalities are determined, per PG&E  
7 definition. Adopting the EEI SCL model has improved the SIF Program by  
8 bringing a consistent and objective approach to reviewing and classifying  
9 SIF incidents across the Company and industry. The SCL model allows the  
10 Company to focus its safety and risk mitigation efforts on the most serious  
11 outcomes and highest risk work where a high energy incident occurred. In  
12 addition, in June of 2020 PG&E modified the SIF Program to include internal  
13 classification and investigation of contractor SIF Potential (SIF-P)  
14 incidents.<sup>10</sup> This expanded requirement led to an increase in contractor  
15 injury data.

16 The rate of SIF-A (Contractor) SOM definition is based on the EEI  
17 OS&HC serious injury criteria<sup>11</sup> which is different than the EEI SCL Model.  
18 It is suggested by EEI to use the OS&HC criteria in conjunction with the EEI

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2 EEI, SCL Model available here: <https://www.safetyfunction.com/scl-model>.

3 *Id.* at p. 17, HSIF is defined as: “Incident with a release of high energy in the absence of a direct control where a serious injury is sustained.”

4 *Id.* at p. 17, LSIF is defined as: “Incident with a release of low energy in the absence of a direct control where a serious injury is sustained.”

5 *Id.* at p. 17, PSIF is defined as: “Incident with a release of high energy in the absence of a direct control where a serious injury is not sustained.”

6 *Id.* at p. 17, Capacity is defined as: “Incident with a release of high energy in the presence of a direct control where a serious injury is not sustained.”

7 *Id.* at p. 17, Exposure is defined as: “Condition where high energy is present in the absence of a direct control.”

8 *Id.* at p. 17, Success is defined as: “Condition where a high energy incident does not occur because of the presence of a direct control.”

9 *Id.* at p. 17, Low Severity is defined as: “Incident with a release of low energy where no serious injury is sustained.”

10 SAFE-1100S-B001: Contractor SIF-P Incidents: Requiring SIF-P Incidents and Cause Evaluations Published 6/2020.

11 EEI Safety Classification and Learning (SCL) model guidance. Serious Injury criteria are in Appendix 7. SCL model guidance.

1 SCL model. Therefore, using only the OS&HC serious injury criteria creates  
2 a different result in SIF-A classification from the expectation of using the EEI  
3 SCL model that includes high energy incidents.

## 4 **B. (1.2) Metric Performance**

### 5 **1. Historical Data (2017 – 2023)**

6 PG&E is including [the years 2017 through 2023](#) in this report. The  
7 dataset includes injury type, incident date, location, and EEI OS&HC injury  
8 classification. See the corresponding Contractor SIF-A SOM data file  
9 ([21-11-009.PGE\\_SOM\\_1-2\\_Contractor\\_SIF\\_A\\_2024\\_Q1r1](#)) for a list of  
10 incidents. Following the Kern Order Instituting Investigation (OII) Settlement  
11 Agreement,<sup>12</sup> PG&E deployed the SIF Program to investigate employee  
12 and contractor incidents resulting in life altering, life threatening, or fatal  
13 injuries. Beginning in 2017, PG&E only tracked contractor incidents that  
14 were classified through the SIF Program<sup>13</sup> meeting those criteria. Prior to  
15 the implementation of the Kern OII requirements, contractors were not  
16 required to report SIF incidents. In June 2020, PG&E expanded the SIF  
17 Program to include investigating contractor incidents rising to SIF-P  
18 classification (focusing on incidents that meet the EEI SCL methodology as  
19 described above). This increased the number and types of injuries and  
20 incidents that contractors are required to report<sup>14</sup> compared to prior  
21 years.<sup>15</sup>

22 [Figure 1.2-1 illustrates the rate of contractor serious injuries and](#)  
23 [fatalities by year from 2017 through 2023 based on historical data](#)  
24 [availability as discussed above. For 2020 through 2023, the dataset reflects](#)  
25 [the expanded SIF-P incident reporting requirements for contractors](#)

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<sup>12</sup> Investigation (I.) 14-08-022, Kern OII (Aug. 28, 2014) Settlement Agreement with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) see D.15-07-014.

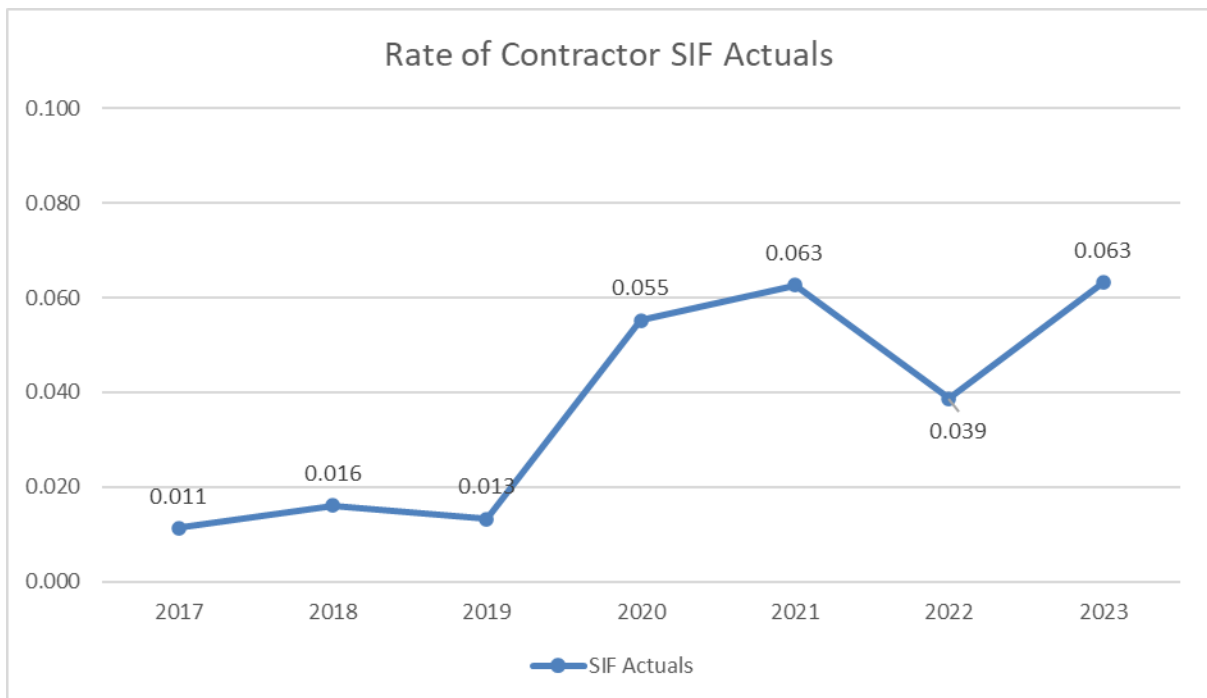
<sup>13</sup> SAFE-1100S Rev. 00 (2017): SIF Program.

<sup>14</sup> SAFE-1100S-B001.

<sup>15</sup> Note, the expanded incident reporting requirement implemented in 2020 does not include the broader SOM SIF-A (Contractor) [EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria metric definition](#).

1 implemented in June of 2020.<sup>16</sup> The 2017 through 2023 dataset includes a  
2 total of 72 contractor SIF Actuals that met the EEI OS&HC serious injury  
3 criteria as described in Section A.2. above. Sixty-five percent of the serious  
4 injury incidents (38 of 58) met the criteria of bone fracture, including of the  
5 hands and feet. Fourteen were fatalities, where one helicopter crash in  
6 2020 claimed the lives of three individuals; the other fatalities involved an  
7 act of a third party, falls from trees, electrical pole gas pipe placement, and  
8 operations of motor and powered vehicles.

**FIGURE 1.2-1  
RATE OF SIF ACTUAL (CONTRACTOR)  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE**



9 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

10 Contractor related Serious Safety Incidents<sup>17</sup> or any SIF-A or SIF-P  
11 incidents are reported to the Safety Helpline at Company number  
12 [1-415-973-8700](tel:1-415-973-8700), Option 1 and then entered into the Enterprise CAP

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<sup>16</sup> SAFE-1100S-B001: Contractor SIF-P Incidents: Requiring SIF-P Incidents and Cause Evaluations Published 6/2020.

<sup>17</sup> As defined by SAFE-1004S: Safety Incident Notification and Response Management.

1 program for SIF review and classification.<sup>18</sup> PG&E's SIF Program<sup>19</sup> is  
2 managed through the CAP.

3 As mentioned above, the SIF-A (Contractor) SOM as defined in  
4 D.21-11-009 SOM calculation is relatively new in application to PG&E's  
5 existing injury and SIF dataset, and 2022 was the first year in which the data  
6 were analyzed and reported under this definition. To evaluate and establish  
7 historical performance for the SOM SIF-A (Contractor) metric, PG&E pulled  
8 data from the CAP system and reviewed 472 issues with the Issue Type of  
9 Contractor Safety. The list included both incidents or injuries reported to  
10 PG&E or entered in CAP from 2017 through 2021. Twenty-seven percent,  
11 or 128 incidents were related to gas dig-in by a third-party where no injuries  
12 occurred. The remaining issues were reviewed to determine if any met the  
13 14 EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria as summarized in Section A.2. above.  
14 For the years 2022 and 2023, the same process was used to review  
15 Contractor Safety related CAPs entered on a monthly basis. A total of  
16 368 contractor related CAPs were reviewed in 2022, and 224 were reviewed  
17 for 2023

### 18 3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period

19 For 2023, there were 17 contractor serious injuries and one contractor  
20 fatality. 65 percent of the contractor serious injuries were due to bone  
21 fractures (11 of 17). These included bone fractures of the fingers, wrist,  
22 arms, ribs, and legs.

23 The contractor fatality occurred while supporting the historic storms  
24 response effort in the first quarter of 2023. Two contractors travelling on a  
25 local road in Mendocino County, towards PG&E's base camp at Point Arena  
26 lost control of their bucket truck, and it subsequently rolled over off the  
27 roadway. One passenger was fatally injured. The second passenger was  
28 seriously injured and was transferred to a local hospital where they received  
29 ongoing care.

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<sup>18</sup> Per SAFE-1100S-B001, PG&E contractors are required to submit any Serious Safety Incidents or PSIF incidents to PG&E within 5-business days of becoming aware of the incident.

<sup>19</sup> SAFE-1100S: SIF Standard determined SIF classification and management.

1 All the incidents involved a high-energy event and were classified as  
2 either SIF-A (HSIF) or SIF-P per the EEI SCL model and PG&E's SIF  
3 Standard.

4 2023 performance against target is further discussed in Section D.1  
5 below.

## 6 C. (1.2) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

### 7 1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report

8 There have been no changes to the 1- and 5-year targets since the last  
9 SOMs report filing. As mentioned above, the rate of Contractor SIF-A  
10 dataset includes the expanded SIF-P incident reporting requirements for  
11 contractors implemented in June of 2020. We will continue to monitor  
12 Contractor SIF-A trends and adjust the targets once the dataset has  
13 matured.

### 14 2. Target Methodology

15 To establish the 1-year and 5-year target thresholds, PG&E considered  
16 the following factors:

- 17 • Historical Data and Trends: The target threshold takes into  
18 consideration the historical increase (from 0.013 to 0.063) between  
19 2019, 2020 and 2021, after expanding the contractor reporting  
20 requirements in 2020. This increased the amount and rate of contractor  
21 serious injuries (as defined by the EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria) by  
22 over 466-percent. It also takes into consideration that in 2022 PG&E  
23 expanded contractor injury reporting requirements to meet the SOM  
24 SIF-A OS&HC criteria;
- 25 • Benchmarking: Not available. This metric uses new methodology not  
26 used in the industry; therefore, benchmarking is not available. PG&E  
27 confirmed with EEI that it is starting to collect these data among its utility  
28 members and hopes to increase benchmarking capability as more  
29 utilities begin to track contractor incident data. For establishing the  
30 SOM 1.2: SIF-A (Contractor) target threshold PG&E used the industry  
31 data that were available as a proxy to establish approximate  
32 calculations. PG&E will continue to refine its targets as benchmark data  
33 comes available;

- 1 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 2 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes. The main focus
- 3 for driving down injuries is noted below in planned/future work related to
- 4 Contractor Safety initiatives;
- 5 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators: While the performance at or below
- 6 the target may be sustainable, the more appropriate metric is to focus
- 7 on injuries resulting from a high energy incident, which is consistent with
- 8 both industry SIF-A monitoring and the SPM; and
- 9 • Other Qualitative Considerations: This target approach was established
- 10 to account for all job-related tasks with the potential to cause injury as
- 11 defined by the EEI OS&HC criteria.

### 12 **3. 2024 and 2028 Target**

13 Consistent with the 2023 (1-year) and 2027 (5-year) targets, the 2024  
14 (1-year) and 2028 (5-year) target thresholds are to maintain a rate of less  
15 than 0.100. This target rate takes into consideration the historical increase  
16 (from 0.013 to 0.063) from 2019 through 2021 after expanding the contractor  
17 reporting requirements in 2020. It also considers that in 2022 PG&E  
18 expanded contractor injury reporting requirements to meet the SOM SIF-A  
19 (Contractor) defined EEI OS&HC criteria and that the rates are subject to  
20 change depending on number of contractors hours worked.

21 The target thresholds are set at the highest serious injury occurrence in  
22 one year that would be concerning if the rate was surpassed. Since this  
23 metric calculation is relatively new to PG&E and 2022 was the first year it  
24 was reported, the threshold takes into consideration historical data from  
25 2020 and 2021 with an allowance for understanding this calculation and its  
26 consequences. The threshold allows for a 50-percent rate increase over  
27 2021, which allows PG&E to refine expectations as this new metric is refined  
28 further.

## 29 **D. (1.2) Performance Against Target**

### 30 **1. Progress on Sustaining the 1-Year Target**

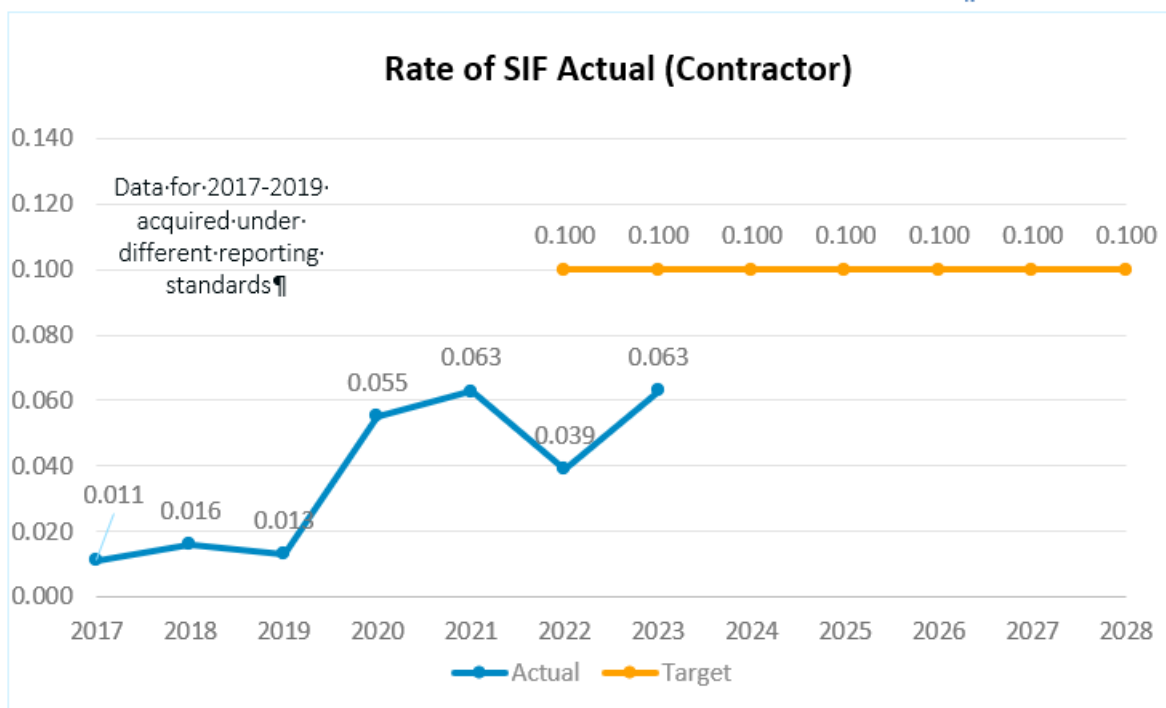
31 As demonstrated in Figure 1.1-2 below, PG&E experienced an increase  
32 in the Contractor SIF Actual rate during the first half of 2023, with a  
33 downward trend during the second half of 2023.

SIF investigations have been completed or are underway for the incidents including corrective actions and we are continuing to monitor this trend. In addition, PG&E is implementing the SIF Capacity & Learning model as described in section E below.

**2. Progress on Sustaining the 5-Year Target**

As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is continuing to deploy a number of programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to meet the Company’s 5-year performance target and will continue to monitor Contractor SIF-A trends and adjust the targets as appropriate.

**FIGURE 1.2-2  
RATE OF SIF-A (CONTRACTOR)  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS**



**E. (1.2) Current and Planned Work Activities**

- SIF Capacity & Learning Model: PG&E is implementing the SIF Capacity & Learning model which redefines safety as measured by the presence of essential controls and the capacity to experience failures safely. Worksite essential controls directly target the stuff that can kill or seriously injure a co-worker or contract partner. When the controls are installed, verified, and

1 used properly, they are not vulnerable to human error. Looking at safety  
2 differently with the SIF Capacity and Learning Model advances how we  
3 understand, manage, and prevent serious injuries and fatalities. Instead of  
4 measuring our success by the number of incidents, we are defining safety  
5 by the presence of controls that give coworkers and contractors the ability to  
6 fail safely.

- 7 • Implementation of the SIF Capacity and Learning model includes the use of  
8 the ten Human Performance (HU) Tools which include: Questioning Attitude,  
9 Tailboards and Pre-Job Brief, Situational Awareness, Self-Checking (STAR),  
10 Two-Minute Rule, Three-Way Communication, Stop When Unsure,  
11 Procedure Use and Adherence, Phonetic Alphabet, and Placekeeping  
12 (i.e., physically marking steps in a procedure or other guiding document that  
13 have been completed). The HU Tools are deeply connected to the SIF  
14 Prevention Program and allow coworkers to slow things down and reduce  
15 the chances of human errors caused by internal and external factors. When  
16 used effectively, these tools can also help ensure essential controls  
17 effectively remain in place and do not break down.
- 18 • Contractor Safety Quality Assurance Reviews (CSQAR): CSQARS are  
19 conducted with selected Contractors with adverse trends in safety  
20 performance and who are at risk of experiencing a Serious Injury or Fatality.  
21 The purpose is to partner directly with our contract partners, perform a  
22 comprehensive review of their safety programs and culture, and implement  
23 controls to eliminate serious injuries and fatalities. The contractors are  
24 invited to participate in a six-week examination of their safety culture within  
25 their company. Opportunities are identified, they undergo a barrier analysis,  
26 and corrective actions are designed and implemented. Following the  
27 successful completion of the initial six weeks, PG&E checks in with  
28 contractors every 30 days for a minimum of three months to conduct an  
29 effectiveness review to ensure the corrective actions were implemented as  
30 designed, were effective and self-sustaining, and do not expose employees  
31 to unforeseen hazards. As of the end of 2023, 19 PG&E Contractors  
32 completed a CSQAR and not one of them has experienced a serious injury  
33 or fatality, and only three have experienced SIF Potential incidents. Each



1 post CSQAR SIF Potential event is properly evaluated, and controls are  
2 implemented and validated in the field.

- 3 • Contractor Motor Vehicle Programs: PG&E implemented the Slow Your Roll  
4 campaign focused on preventing motor vehicle rollovers and reaching  
5 100 consecutive days rollover free. As of the end of 2023, PG&E  
6 contractors have gone 155 consecutive days without a motor vehicle rollover  
7 event. This is a 154 percent improvement in the most consecutive days  
8 rollover free compared to last year, and a 214 percent improvement over the  
9 previous year (the average number of days of 52.1 between rollover events  
10 compared to last years' 16.6 days between rollover events). PG&E  
11 attributes this progress to the partnership with high-risk contract companies  
12 in the improvement of their driving safety programs and the development  
13 and implementation of company specific rollover prevention plans.
- 14 • PG&E's Contractor Safety Program: Programs that support this metric  
15 include PG&E's Enterprise Health and Safety organization and the  
16 Contractor Safety Program. Beginning in 2016, PG&E implemented a  
17 formal Contractor Safety Program to help our contractor partners reduce  
18 illness and injuries when working with PG&E. The program was  
19 implemented as required by the CPUC, Kern Oil Settlement Agreement.  
20 PG&E's Contractor Safety Program includes all contractors and  
21 subcontractors (currently over 2,100) performing high and medium-risk work  
22 on behalf of PG&E, on either PG&E owned, or customer owned, sites and  
23 assets. The Contractor Safety Program consists of the following primary  
24 elements:
  - 25 – Contractor Company Pre-Qualification: PG&E leverages the capabilities  
26 of ISNetworld (ISN) to collect performance and safety compliance  
27 program information from all prime and subcontractors that conduct  
28 work classified as high or medium risk. PG&E is responsible for the  
29 performance of its contractors. As part of this effort, ISNetworld a  
30 third-party administrator, independently assesses contractors' historical  
31 safety data, and safety, drug/alcohol, and written safety programs to  
32 evaluate whether contractors meet PG&E's minimum performance  
33 standards and have the necessary risk management programs in place  
34 to proactively mitigate risk. A variance to work for PG&E is required for

1 contractors who do not meet the prequalification requirements. The  
2 variance process includes a review of the contractor's safety  
3 performance, an improvement plan and the business need in relation to  
4 the proposed scope of work. [The decision to award a variance requires](#)  
5 [Vice President and Chief Safety Officer approval, or Chief Executive](#)  
6 [Officer designee approval.](#) PG&E has implemented a Driving Safety  
7 Program. This program is intended to ensure our prime contractors and  
8 subcontractors are meeting the PG&E driving program expectations, as  
9 well as the Department of Transportation's regulatory agencies, and  
10 best in class procedures adapted from the ANSI Z15.1-2017 standard.  
11 PG&E continues to strengthen the requirements in the areas of fatalities  
12 and safety performance evaluation, including requiring a mitigation plan,  
13 and adding the requirement of a safety observation program.

- 14 – Enhanced Safety Contract Terms: PG&E Contract terms require that,  
15 following a serious public or worker safety incident, the contractor will  
16 conduct a cause evaluation, share the analysis with PG&E, and  
17 cooperate and assist with PG&E's cause evaluation analysis and  
18 corrective actions for the incident, and regulatory investigations and  
19 inquiries, including but not limited to Safety Enforcement Division's  
20 investigations and inquiries. Under the enhanced Safety Contract  
21 Terms, PG&E has the right to:
  - 22 1) Designate safety precautions in addition to those in use or  
23 proposed by the contractor;
  - 24 2) Stop work to ensure compliance with safe work practices and  
25 applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations;
  - 26 3) Require the contractor to provide additional safeguards beyond  
27 what the contractor plans to utilize;
  - 28 4) Terminate the contractor for cause in the event of a serious incident  
29 or failure to comply with PG&E's safety precautions;
  - 30 5) Review and approve criteria for work plans, which include safety  
31 plans; and
  - 32 6) [Require the contractor to promptly, thoroughly, and transparently](#)  
33 [investigate all safety incidents that occur during Contractor's PG&E](#)  
34 [related work in compliance with PG&E's Enterprise Cause](#)

1 Standard, including all SIF-A and SIF-P incidents, which shall be  
2 investigated jointly with PG&E, taking into account the priority and  
3 needs of Occupational Safety and Health Administration and other  
4 regulator investigations.

- 5 • Contractor Job Safety Planning: Safety must be factored into every job plan  
6 from start to finish. Safety considerations include formal training, job site  
7 work controls, specialized equipment to reduce hazards, and personal  
8 protective equipment. Each of PG&E's functional areas have safety plan  
9 requirements unique to its operations. Prior to commencement of work,  
10 PG&E is required to review the adequacy of the safety plans, including  
11 contractor safety personnel qualifications where applicable, and perform a  
12 safety assessment to evaluate whether additional safety mitigations are  
13 required, including whether to assign PG&E onsite safety personnel. These  
14 reviews must be conducted by PG&E employees that are qualified to  
15 perform such work or PG&E engages third-party experts as appropriate to  
16 perform this safety analysis.
- 17 • Contractor Oversight: Work activities are governed by qualified PG&E  
18 oversight personnel to ensure work follows a PG&E reviewed and approved  
19 safety plan designed for the job. PG&E conducts field safety observations  
20 of the contractor. For 2023, approximately 86,000 contractor observations  
21 were conducted. High-risk findings are reviewed daily, and corrective  
22 actions are discussed. Observation data collected by all observers  
23 (e.g., PG&E and contractors) are analyzed to support continuous  
24 improvement.
- 25 • Contractor Safety Performance Evaluation: To maximize and capture  
26 lessons learned, the results of which are shared across the enterprise, as  
27 well as providing a means of determining future contract award, Functional  
28 Area Representatives evaluate contractor safety performance. Prime  
29 Contractors must also evaluate all Subcontractors performing any active  
30 work during the year. Evaluations must be completed at the conclusion of  
31 the contracted work or at least once every calendar year. Safety  
32 performance evaluations must include the following minimum performance  
33 evaluation criteria:

- 1 a. Worksite hazard mitigation;
- 2 b. Training and qualifications compliance;
- 3 c. Work site safety performance (observations);
- 4 d. Safety incident and injury prevention and reporting;
- 5 e. Development and implementation of a PG&E-approved safety plan;
- 6 f. Speak Up and Stop Work Authority; and
- 7 g. Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation.

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6       The material updates to this chapter since the October 2,2023, report can be  
7       found in Sections B, C, D and E. Material changes from the prior report are  
8       identified in blue font.  
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10   **A. (1.3) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12               Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 1.3 – Serious Injury and Fatality  
13       (SIF) Actual (Public) is defined as:

14               *A fatality or personal injury requiring inpatient hospitalization for other*  
15       *than medical observations that an authority having jurisdiction has*  
16       *determined resulted directly from incorrect operation of equipment, failure or*  
17       *malfunction of utility-owned equipment, or failure to comply with any*  
18       *California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) rule or*  
19       *standard. Equipment includes utility or contractor vehicles and aircraft used*  
20       *during the course of business.*

21       **2. Introduction of Metric**

22               Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E or the Company) safety  
23       stand is “Everyone and Everything is Always Safe.” Our goal is zero public  
24       safety incidents that result from the failure or malfunction of a PG&E asset  
25       or the failure of PG&E to follow rules and/or standards. In support of this,  
26       PG&E is continuing to invest in programs to protect the public including  
27       electric transmission and distribution system reliability and the reduction of  
28       wildfire risk. PG&E remains committed to building an organization where  
29       every work activity is designed to facilitate safe performance, every member  
30       of our workforce knows and practices safe behaviors, and every individual is  
31       encouraged to speak up if they see an unsafe or risky behavior with the  
32       confidence that their concerns and ideas will be heard and followed up on.  
33       As part of this stand, the Public SIF Actual metric is integral in ensuring the  
34       safety of our communities.

1 The Public SIF Actual metric definition established in Decision  
2 (D.) 21-11-009 is a new way for PG&E to categorize and report public safety  
3 incidents resulting in a SIF. There are two primary differences between the  
4 SOMs Public SIF Actual metric and the Safety Performance Metric (SPM)  
5 Public SIF metric (SPM Metric 20).

- 6 • First, the SOM requires a finding by “an authority having jurisdiction”;  
7 and
- 8 • Second, that finding must determine that the Public SIF Actual “resulted  
9 directly from incorrect operation of equipment, failure or malfunction of  
10 utility owned equipment, or failure to comply with any California Public  
11 Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) rule or standard.”<sup>1</sup>

12 As a result, the data in this report are a subset of the data included with  
13 the SPM Report for the Public SIFs metric, which is defined as a fatality or  
14 personal injury requiring in-patient hospitalization involving utility facilities or  
15 equipment. Equipment, in the case of the SPM, includes utility vehicles  
16 used during the course of business.

17 In 2012, PG&E improved its data collection processes and reporting for  
18 public serious incidents. These data were used to inform PG&E’s Risk  
19 Assessment and Mitigation Phase Report, which informs and helps prioritize  
20 our investments to address top safety risks. The report outlines our top  
21 safety risks and includes descriptions of the controls currently in place, as  
22 well as mitigations—both underway and proposed—to reduce each risk.

## 23 **B. (1.3) Metric Performance**

### 24 **1. Historical Data (2010 – 2023)**

25 In this report, PG&E is providing fourteen years of historical data from  
26 2010 through 2023.<sup>2</sup> The data include a description of the incident, type of  
27 injury, and identification of the authority with jurisdiction that has determined  
28 or may determine that incorrect operations, malfunction, or failure to meet a  
29 standard was the cause of the SIF. As mentioned above, the data collection  
30 and internal reporting processes for public safety serious incidents were

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<sup>1</sup> D.21-11-009 – (Rulemaking 20-07-013) Appendix A, p. 2.

<sup>2</sup> See 21-11-009.PGE\_SOM\_1-3\_Public\_SIF\_A\_Q1 2024 for a detailed list of incidents.



1 improved in 2012. Historical data for the Public SIF Actual metric are based  
2 on this timeframe and also include available data for the years of 2010 and  
3 2011.

4 Since the metric definition requires a finding from an authority having  
5 jurisdiction, Public SIF Actual incidents in prior years may not appear in the  
6 historical data. For the purposes of this report, PG&E is including incidents  
7 where PG&E may have disputed the assertion of an authority with  
8 jurisdiction that the Public SIF Actual was caused by incorrect operation of  
9 utility equipment, a malfunction of utility equipment, or failure to comply a  
10 Commission rule or standard, and/or where the incidents are subject to  
11 pending investigation or litigation. These incidents are shown as “unknown”  
12 in the corresponding metric data file  
13 ([21-11-009.PGE\\_SOM\\_1-3\\_Public\\_SIF\\_A\\_Q1 2024](#)). PG&E will continue  
14 to update the historical data in future SOMs reports as appropriate and  
15 identify changes based on new information.

## 16 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

17 PG&E’s Public SIF Actual incident data largely come from the Enterprise  
18 Health and Safety Serious Incidents Reports, which includes a compilation  
19 of Law Department claims from PG&E’s Riskmaster database, Electric  
20 Incident Reports, and other reportable incidents such as PG&E Federal  
21 Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license compliance reports. For the  
22 SOMs report, the incidents included in the Public SIF Actual metric must be  
23 determined by an authority having jurisdiction to have resulted directly from:  
24 (1) incorrect operation of equipment, (2) failure or malfunction of  
25 utility-owned equipment, or (3) the failure to comply with any Commission  
26 rule or standard. [PG&E interprets authorities having jurisdiction to include  
27 agencies such as the CPUC, California Department of Forestry and Fire  
28 Protection, or the National Transportation Safety Board. The term authority  
29 having jurisdiction can also include PG&E itself if PG&E concludes that the  
30 definition of the SOM is met.](#)

## 31 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

32 The graphs included in Figure 1.3-1 and Figure 1.3-2 below show the  
33 total number of incidents and the total number of serious injuries or fatalities

1 for each identified incident. Between 2010 through 2023, there were a total  
2 of 27 confirmed incidents where Public SIF Actuals occurred (Figure 1.3-1),  
3 which resulted in a total of 173 public SIFs (Figure 1.3-2). There are two  
4 incidents related to wildfire where a serious injury or fatality to a member of  
5 the public occurred that are shown as “unknown” due to ongoing  
6 investigation and/or litigation. There is one incident that occurred on  
7 September 30, 2023, involving a motorcyclist who made contact with a low  
8 hanging de-energized power line that is shown as “pending.” This incident  
9 was reported to PG&E on February 10, 2024.

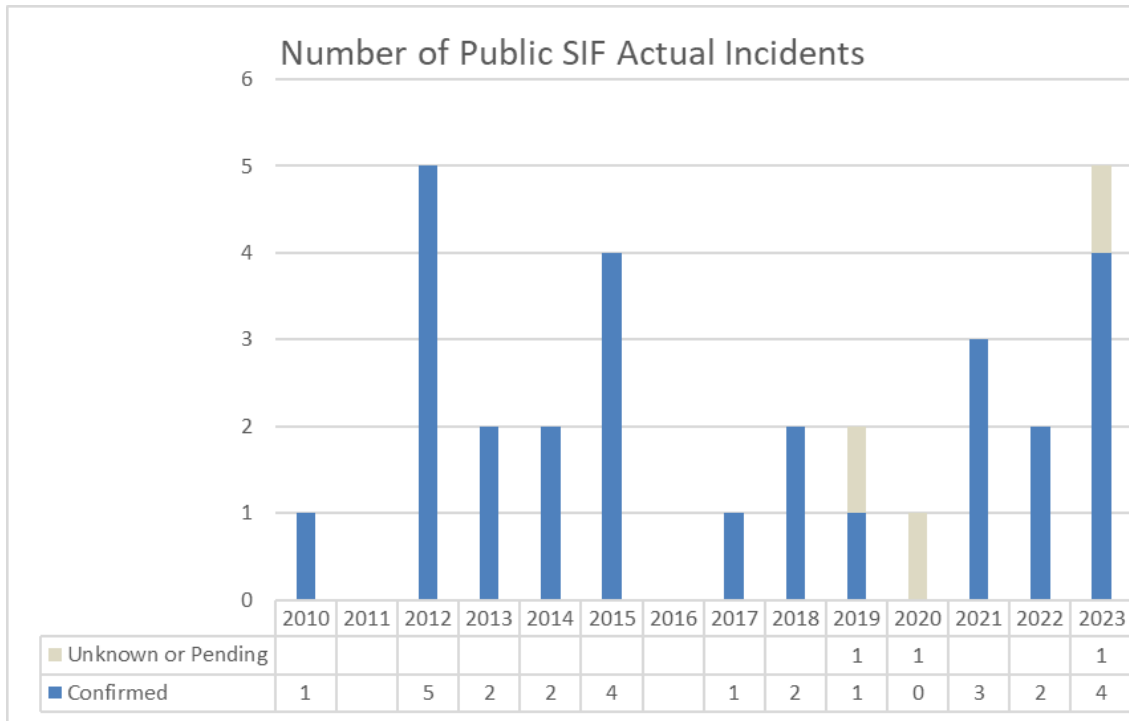
10 For 2023, there are four confirmed Public SIF incidents as described  
11 below:

- 12 • On May 8, 2023, a waste management truck contacted an energized  
13 guy wire that had been previously damaged. As the waste management  
14 employee was emptying a metal trash bin it contacted the truck and the  
15 employee received an electric shock for approximately one or  
16 two seconds which resulted in a serious injury.
- 17 • On July 10, 2023, a PG&E coworker was making a left turn when a  
18 motorcycle collided with the driver’s side rear fender of the truck. The  
19 motorcyclist was transported to the hospital and treated for a broken leg.
- 20 • On July 13, 2023, a contract partner truck was traveling northeast and  
21 encountered a sudden stop in traffic. The driver was unable to come to  
22 a complete stop and collided with a third-party passenger vehicle  
23 causing serious injury to the occupant of the third-party vehicle.
- 24 • On August 16, 2023, a member of the public contacted a downed  
25 primary line which resulted in a fatality in Mendota, Fresno County.<sup>3</sup>

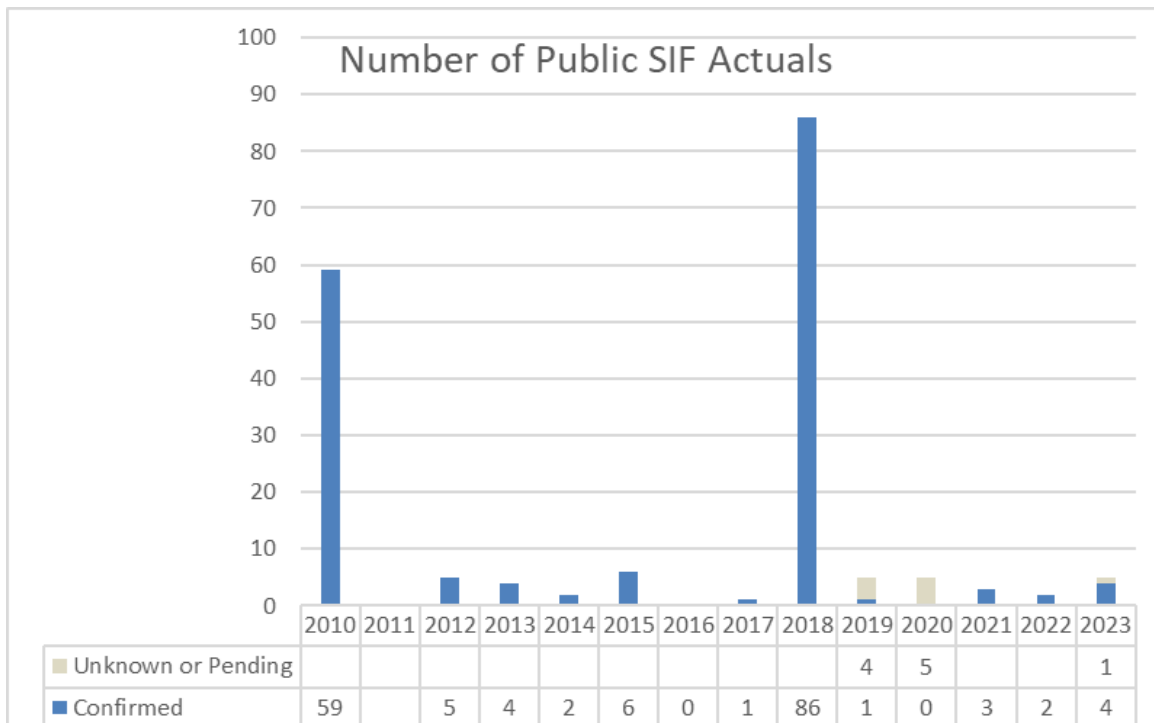
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**3** The downed primary line was due to the failure of a pole damaged in a fire not caused by PG&E, and about which PG&E was not notified. PG&E is reporting this incident under SOM 1.3 in the spirit of transparency despite the existence of non-PG&E related causes because we determined that our troubleshooter did not follow our line reenergization procedures that may have allowed us to prevent the incident.

**FIGURE 1.3-1  
NUMBER OF PUBLIC SIF ACTUAL INCIDENTS 2010 – 2023  
CONFIRMED AND PENDING INVESTIGATION**



**FIGURE 1.3-2  
NUMBER OF PUBLIC SIF ACTUALS 2010 – 2023  
CONFIRMED AND PENDING INVESTIGATION**



1 PG&E is continuing to evaluate its current and planned Public Safety  
2 work activities as described in Section E below and through further maturing  
3 its public incident investigation process, including the advancement of Public  
4 SIF Actual metric definition requirements and learnings.

### 5 C. (1.3) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

#### 6 1. Updates to 1- and 5- Year Targets Since Last Report

7 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
8 last SOMs report filing, for the Public SIF Actual metric, which is to  
9 demonstrate progress towards the elimination of serious injuries and  
10 fatalities (zero Public SIF Actual incidents).

#### 11 2. Target Methodology

12 With our stand of Everyone and Everything is Always Safe, our goal is  
13 the elimination of Public SIF Actual incidents resulting directly from incorrect  
14 operation of PG&E equipment, failure, or malfunction of PG&E-owned  
15 equipment, or from PG&E's failure to comply with any Commission rule or  
16 standard.

17 In consideration of the above, PG&E also reviewed the following factors:

- 18 • Historical Data and Trends: From 2010 through 2023, there were a total  
19 of 27 confirmed incidents where Public SIF Actuals occurred  
20 (Figure 1.3-1), which resulted in a total of 173 public SIFs (Figure 1.3-2).  
21 Four incidents where a serious injury or fatality occurred are pending  
22 due to ongoing investigation and/or litigation. Historical data will  
23 continue to inform PG&E's plans and actions to achieve its goal of zero  
24 public safety incidents.
- 25 • Benchmarking: Not available. This is a new metric definition;
- 26 • Regulatory Requirements: CPUC, FERC, and Department of  
27 Transportation (DOT), public safety reporting requirements;
- 28 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes. PG&E's work and  
29 resource plan prioritizes public safety risk reduction. This includes  
30 minimizing the risk of catastrophic wildfires in alignment with the  
31 continued execution of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and  
32 maturation of key wildfire mitigation strategies. It also includes

1 mitigation of other public safety risks related to the elimination of serious  
2 injuries and fatalities (zero Public SIF Actual incidents);

- 3 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight  
4 Enforcement: A 1-year goal of zero Public SIF Actuals was established  
5 in 2022 and has not changed for 2024 through 2028 (5-year). The goal  
6 reflects PG&E’s intent to immediately and continuously operate without  
7 creating risk to the public; and
- 8 • Other Qualitative Considerations: PG&E’s approach is aligned to and  
9 anchored on PG&E’s goal and commitment to “always” safe operations.

### 10 **3. 2024 Target**

11 As discussed above, PG&E’s 1-year target for the Public SIF Actual  
12 metric is to demonstrate progress towards the elimination of serious injuries  
13 and fatalities (zero Public SIF Actual incidents) resulting directly from  
14 incorrect operation of PG&E equipment, failure, or malfunction of  
15 PG&E-owned equipment, or PG&E’s failure to comply with any Commission  
16 rule or standard.

### 17 **4. 2028 Target**

18 PG&E’s 5-year target for the Public SIF Actual metric is to demonstrate  
19 progress towards the elimination of serious injuries and fatalities  
20 (zero Public SIF Actual incidents) resulting directly from incorrect operation  
21 of PG&E equipment, failure, or malfunction of PG&E-owned equipment, or  
22 PG&E’s failure to comply with any Commission rule or standard.

## 23 **D. (1.3) Performance Against Target**

### 24 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Directional Target**

25 For 2023 there are four confirmed Public SIF Actual incidents that meet  
26 the SOMs criteria as described in section B.3. above.

### 27 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Directional Target**

28 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is continuing to deploy several  
29 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to  
30 meet the Company’s 5-year performance target.

1 **E. (1.3) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 Many of the current and planned activities to eliminate public safety  
3 incidents are addressed by meeting key operations risks, which are discussed in  
4 other SOMs Chapters.

5 The current and planned work activities for reducing the risk of gas  
6 transmission and distribution system equipment failure or malfunction, are  
7 discussed in Chapters 4.1 through 4.7 of this report. The list below touches  
8 upon some of these:

- 9 • Gas System Damage Prevention team (Chapter 4.1): PG&E's Damage  
10 Prevention team is responsible for the overall management of PG&E's  
11 Damage Prevention Program, by managing the risks associated with  
12 excavations around PG&E's facilities and conducting investigations. As an  
13 additional control to manage the Damage Prevention Program, the Dig-in  
14 Reduction team works closely with various local PG&E operations personnel  
15 and respond to referrals from those employees when they observe  
16 excavations potentially not in compliance with regulatory requirements.
- 17 • Gas Public Awareness and Education Programs (Chapter 4.1): Gas public  
18 awareness programs reduce the threat of third-party damage to pipelines  
19 through educational outreach regarding safe excavation near pipelines.  
20 PG&E's Damage Prevention activities include educational outreach activities  
21 for professional excavators, local public officials, emergency responders,  
22 and the public who lives and works within PG&E's service territory. The  
23 program communicates safe excavation practices, required actions prior to  
24 excavating near underground pipelines, availability of pipeline location  
25 information, and other gas safety information through a variety of methods  
26 throughout the year. These efforts are aimed at increasing public  
27 awareness about the importance of utilizing the 811 Program before an  
28 excavation project is started, understanding the markings that have been  
29 placed, and following safe excavation practices after subsurface installations  
30 have been marked.
- 31 • Gas Field Service and Gas Dispatch (Chapter 4.3): PG&E's Field Service  
32 and Gas Dispatch partner together to respond to customer Gas Emergency  
33 (odor calls). There is a shared responsibility in the overall performance of

1 this work. Gas Service Representatives are deployed systemwide, 24 hours  
2 a day—utilizing an on-call as needed.

- 3 • Gas Leak Management (Chapter 4.6): The Leak Management Program  
4 addresses the risk of Loss of Containment by finding and fixing leaks.  
5 PG&E performs leak survey of the gas transmission and storage system  
6 twice per year, by either ground or aerial methods in accordance with  
7 General Order (GO) 112-F. Leak surveys of pipeline and equipment are  
8 commonly accomplished on foot or vehicle, by operator-qualified personnel,  
9 using a portable methane gas leak detector. Aerial leak surveys, in remote  
10 locations and areas difficult to access on the ground, are performed by  
11 helicopter using Light Detection and Ranging Infrared technology.  
12 Additional activities that complement the Leak Management Program  
13 include risk-based leak surveys, mobile leak quantification, and  
14 replacing/removing high bleed pneumatic devices at its compressor stations  
15 and storage facilities.
- 16 • Gas Transmission Integrity Management (Chapter 4.6): The Integrity  
17 Management Program provides the tools and processes for risk ranking and  
18 prioritization of remediation efforts. This program enables PG&E to focus on  
19 identifying and remediating threats to its system. The Transmission Integrity  
20 Management Program assesses the threats on every segment of  
21 transmission pipe, evaluates the associated risks, and acts to prevent or  
22 mitigate these threats.

23 The current and planned work activities for reducing the risk of electric  
24 transmission and distribution system equipment failure or malfunction are  
25 discussed in Chapters 2.1 through 2.4, and Chapters 3.1 through 3.16 of this  
26 report. The list below touches upon some of these:

- 27 • Vegetation Management (Chapter 2.1): Vegetation Management for  
28 Operational Mitigations is a new transitional program which began 2023.  
29 This program is intended to help reduce outages and potential ignitions  
30 using a risk-informed, targeted plan to mitigate potential vegetation contacts  
31 based on historic vegetation outages on Enhanced Powerline Safety  
32 Setting-enabled circuits. The focus is on mitigating potential vegetation  
33 contacts in Circuit Protection Zones that have experienced vegetation  
34 caused outages.

1 Focused Tree Inspections is another new transitional program that began in  
2 2023 stemming from the conclusion of the Enhanced Vegetation  
3 Management Program. PG&E is developed Areas of Concern to better  
4 focus Vegetation Management efforts to address high risk areas that have  
5 experienced higher volumes of vegetation damage during Public Safety  
6 Power Shutoff (PSPS) events, outages, and/or ignitions. These areas are  
7 inspected by Vegetation Management Inspectors with a Tree Risk  
8 Assessment Qualification which provides a higher level of rigor to the  
9 inspection.

- 10 • Downed Conductor Detection (DCD) (Chapter 2.1): To further mitigate high  
11 impedance faults that can lead to ignitions, PG&E is piloting specific  
12 distribution line reclosers utilizing advanced methods to detect and isolate  
13 previously undetectable faults. This innovative solution is called DCD and  
14 has been implemented on over 1,100 reclosing devices as of January 31,  
15 2024. This technology uses sophisticated algorithms to determine when a  
16 line-to-ground arc is present (i.e., electrical current flowing from one  
17 conductive point to another) and the recloser will immediately de-energize  
18 the line once detected. Although this technology is new, it has already  
19 proven successful in detecting faults that would have otherwise been  
20 undetectable. PG&E will continue to learn from these installations through  
21 the 2024 wildfire season and expects to optimize and adjust this technology  
22 to address system risks as needed.
- 23 • Overhead (OH) Patrols and Inspections (Chapter 3.1): PG&E monitors the  
24 condition of OH conductor through patrols and inspections consistent with  
25 GO 165. Tags are created for abnormal conditions, including those that can  
26 lead to a wire down. Work is prioritized in a risk-informed manner to  
27 address the issues identified in the tags. In addition, PG&E has  
28 implemented risk based aerial inspections using drones in targeted areas.  
29 Drone inspections significantly improves our ability to assess deteriorated  
30 conditions on the conductor.
- 31 • Asset Inspection (Chapter 3.3): Detailed inspections of overhead  
32 transmission assets seek to proactively identify potential failure modes of  
33 asset components which could create future wire down, outage, and/or  
34 safety events if left unresolved or allowed to “run to failure.” Detailed



1 inspections for transmission assets involve at least two detailed inspection  
2 methods per structure (ground and aerial), though not necessarily in the  
3 same calendar year which allows for staggered inspection methods across  
4 multiple years. Aerial inspections may be completed either by drone,  
5 helicopter, or aerial lift.

- 6 • Public Safety Power Shut Off (PSPS) (Chapter 3.13): PSPS is a wildfire  
7 mitigation strategy, first implemented in 2019, to reduce powerline ignitions  
8 during severe weather by proactively de-energizing powerlines (remove the  
9 risk of those powerlines causing an ignition) prior to forecasted wind events  
10 when humidity levels and fuel conditions are conducive to wildfires. PG&E's  
11 focus with the PSPS Program is to mitigate the risks associated with a  
12 catastrophic wildfire and to prioritize customer safety. In 2021, PG&E  
13 continued to make progress to its PSPS Program to mitigate wildfire risk,  
14 including updating meteorology models and scoping processes. In 2023,  
15 PG&E continued a multi-year effort to install additional distribution  
16 sectionalizing devices, Fixed Power Solutions, and other mitigations  
17 targeted at reducing the risk of wildfire.
- 18 • Public Awareness Programs: Electric public awareness programs educate  
19 non-PG&E contractors and the public about power line safety and the  
20 hazards associated with wire down events and are intended to reduce the  
21 number of third-party electrical contacts. Outreach efforts include social  
22 media campaigns focused on increasing customer awareness of overhead  
23 lines, representation at local fire safe councils and community events and  
24 the automated customer notification system. Security improvements can  
25 include proactive equipment replacement, security measures and intrusion  
26 detection devices.

27 In addition, PG&E's 2023 WMP<sup>4</sup> also includes information regarding grid  
28 system hardening and enhancements to reduce the risk of wildfire.

29 The current and planned work activities for reducing the risk of the power  
30 generation hydroelectric system equipment failure or malfunction are below:

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4 [PG&E's 2023 Wildfire Mitigation Plan.](#)

- 1 • Power Generations Hydroelectric Programs: Hydroelectric programs  
2 include procedures for planning for unusual water releases, along with their  
3 associated safety warnings.
- 4 • Power Generation Compliance Programs: Public Safety Plans are  
5 published and routinely updated as required by PG&E hydroelectric facility  
6 FERC licenses. FERC required Emergency Action Plans exist for all  
7 significant and high hazards dams. The Plans are exercised annually with a  
8 seminar and phone drill.
- 9 • Hydro Facility Unusual Water Releases and Water Safety Warning Standard  
10 and accompanying procedure: Hydroelectric facility Unusual Water  
11 Releases and Water Safety Warning documentation establishes Hydro  
12 facility requirements for planning and making unusual water releases or high  
13 flow events and their associated safety warnings. [In addition, public safety  
14 has distributed hydroelectric safety brochures that included dam safety,  
15 water safety, and recreational safety information. The brochures notify the  
16 recipient that they live near a hydroelectric facility in order to minimize  
17 potential reaction time and encourage them to be aware of dangerous spring  
18 flows. PG&E mailed brochures to 6,556 recipients for annual FERC  
19 compliance in the spring of 2023.](#)
- 20 • PG&E Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Program: This program  
21 establishes and defines PG&E's Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring  
22 Program for the continued long-term safe and reliable operation of PG&E's  
23 dams. Dam surveillance involves the collection of data by various means,  
24 including inspections and instrumentation, whereas monitoring involves the  
25 review of the collected data as obtained and over time for any adverse  
26 trends.
- 27 • Canals and Waterways Safety: In 2022, PG&E Power Generation and  
28 external public safety representatives successfully tested a new rope system  
29 designed to enable members of the public who might accidentally fall into a  
30 hydro canal to pull themselves out of danger. Since 2019, an additional  
31 8.3 miles of barrier fencing has been installed along with  
32 139 newly-designed escape ladders. In addition, 327 warning signs have  
33 been posted, identifying the canal and specific GPS location.

1 Power Generation has also distributed safety information to property owners  
2 with canals that bisect their property. A canal entry emergency response plan  
3 has been published to guide efficient and timely communications between PG&E  
4 personnel and local first responders when responding to emergencies resulting  
5 from public entry into PG&E-owned water conveyance systems. PG&E mailed  
6 brochures to 1,062 recipients in late spring of 2023. Brochures included  
7 information to help people understand the dangers around canals and to help  
8 people prepare and plan for what to do in case of a safety emergency.

- 9 • [Recreation safety posters](#) are posted for recreation sites identified below  
10 time sensitive EAP dams. These recreation areas include campgrounds,  
11 river access, trails, and boat ramps. Recreation safety posters illustrate  
12 what to do in the event of a high flow event or dam safety emergency.  
13 Posters provide the public with information on inundation areas, warning  
14 signs of a dam safety emergency, safety precautions, and local agency  
15 emergency contacts in order to prevent, moderate, or alleviate the effects of  
16 an incident.
- 17 • [Drowning hazard safety signs](#): In response to public safety concerns  
18 associated with specific locations, public safety personnel prepared unique  
19 drowning hazard safety signs that informed the public of potentially  
20 dangerous river currents and changing water levels. PG&E produced  
21 multiple signs that were posted at sites for public information. These signs  
22 included potential hazards and safety precautions.

23 The current and planned work activities for reducing the risk enterprise-wide  
24 include:

- 25 • [K- through 8th grade safety awareness education](#). In 2023, we continued  
26 our long-standing utility public safety awareness education initiative that  
27 offers various interactive and educational materials and programs for  
28 K-8 educators, their students, and students' families. These resources help  
29 educators increase student awareness of utility safety issues, including  
30 safety around hydroelectric facilities and waterways. The content of the  
31 materials provided to teachers are aligned with STEM (Science,  
32 Technology, Engineering, and Math) standards. These classroom materials  
33 are offered to districts and educators in all zip codes within PG&E's service  
34 territory. Educators are made aware of these resources using a blend of

1 direct mailing, and one-on-one conversations between company  
2 representatives and stakeholders. PG&E representatives make direct  
3 telephone calls to local school officials and educators to alert them to the  
4 availability of materials. PG&E has made additional phone calls to  
5 K- through 8th grade schools located within zip codes where PG&E  
6 hydroelectric facilities are located. Each of these schools is contacted up to  
7 six times to confirm that the schools have received PG&E's offer of  
8 educational classroom booklets and encourage stakeholders to use online  
9 educational resources that PG&E makes available on its dedicated Safe  
10 Kids website. In 2023, PG&E reached approximately 67,000 teachers and  
11 delivered educational materials for nearly 300,000 K-8 students and their  
12 families.

- 13 • **Transportation Safety:** PG&E Transportation Safety programs protect our  
14 employees and the public by establishing requirements and processes to  
15 control risks that can lead to motor vehicle accidents, improve safety  
16 performance, and increase awareness of all PG&E employees related to the  
17 operation of motor vehicles. This comprehensive program was established  
18 to reduce the number of motor vehicle incidents that have the potential for  
19 serious injury, including fatal injury, to PG&E's employees, staff  
20 augmentation employees operating vehicles on Company business, and the  
21 public. Driver performance data is used to identify specific risk drivers for  
22 targeted intervention, including driver training and implementing vehicle  
23 safety technology including the cellular phone blocking program currently in  
24 use with approximately 2,000 active users. The program has effectively  
25 suppressed over 335,000 texts and over 83,000 calls. Other programs  
26 include:
  - 27 – A Safe Driving policy and Driver Scorecard enhancement launched in  
28 August of 2023. Since then, 161 Action Plans have been initiated.  
29 Of those, 93 Action Plans have been completed.
  - 30 – The initiation of Smith Driving courses for apprentice and new hires  
31 including behind the wheel and close quarter maneuvering courses.
  - 32 – The retrofit of 568 trouble trucks with Brigade Birdseye External 360  
33 Cameras technology. The cameras are designed to eliminate blind  
34 spots, where areas around the vehicle that are obscured to the driver by

1 bodywork or machinery, and provide the driver with the ability to see  
2 everything in the vehicle's path.

3 – Improvements to vehicle roll-over performance through targeted  
4 campaigns and by enabling “harsh cornering” monitoring using vehicle  
5 telematics.

6 PG&E's Transportation Safety Department also ensures compliance with  
7 federal DOT and California state regulations and requirements which emphasize  
8 public and employee safety.

- 9 • Contractor Safety Programs: Pre-qualification requirements for the PG&E  
10 Contractor Safety Program include a review of the 3-year history of Serious  
11 Safety Incidents (Life Altering/Life Threatening) affecting the public. This  
12 information must be updated annually. Additional information on the  
13 Contractor Safety program can be found in Chapter 1.2 of this report.

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7            The material updates to this chapter since the October 2, 2023, report can be  
8            found in Sections B, C, D and E. Material changes from the prior report are  
9            identified in blue font.

10   **A. (2.1) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12            Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 2.1 – System Average Interruption  
13            Duration Index (SAIDI) (Unplanned) is defined as:

14            *SAIDI (Unplanned) = average duration of sustained interruptions per*  
15            *metered customer due to all unplanned outages, excluding on Major Event*  
16            *Days (MED), in a calendar year. “Average duration” is defined as: Sum of*  
17            *(duration of interruption \* # of customer interruptions)/Total number of*  
18            *customers served. “Duration” is defined as: Customer hours of outages.*  
19            *Includes all transmission and distribution outages.*

20       **2. Introduction of Metric**

21            The measurement of SAIDI unplanned represents the amount of time  
22            the average Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) customer  
23            experiences a sustained outage or outages, defined as being without power  
24            for more than five minutes, each year. The SAIDI measurement does not  
25            include planned outages, which occur when PG&E deactivates power to  
26            safely perform system work. This metric is associated with risk of Asset  
27            Failure, which is associated with both utility reliability and safety. The metric  
28            measures outages due to all causes including impacts of various external  
29            factors, but excludes MED. It is an important industry-standard measure of  
30            reliability performance as it is a direct measure of a customer’s electric  
31            reliability experience.



1 **B. (2.1) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2023)**

3 PG&E has measured unplanned SAIDI for over 20 years; however, this  
4 report uses 2013-2023 unplanned SAIDI values for target analysis to align  
5 with the same timeframe used for the wire down SOMs metrics. 2013 was  
6 the first full year PG&E uniformly began measuring wire down events.

7 The Cornerstone program investments in 2013 involved both capacity  
8 and reliability projects, and PG&E experienced its best reliability  
9 performance in 2015. In 2015, SAIDI (unplanned and planned) was in  
10 second quartile when benchmarking with peer utilities.

11 Most of the 2017-2020 reliability investment was on Fault Location  
12 Isolation and Restoration (FLISR), which automatically isolates faulted line  
13 sections and then restores all other non-faulted sections in less than  
14 five minutes typically in urban/suburban areas. Of note, FLISR does not  
15 prevent customer interruptions but rather reduces the number of customers  
16 that experience a sustained (greater than five minutes) outage.

17 The targeted circuit program, distribution line fuse replacement, and  
18 installing reclosers in the worst performing areas are the initiatives that have  
19 had the biggest impact in improving system reliability at the lowest cost.

20 Other factors that contribute to reliability improvement include (but are  
21 not limited to) reliability project investments and project execution, favorable  
22 weather conditions, outage response and repair times, asset lifecycle and  
23 health, vegetation management (VM), and switching device locations and  
24 function (including disablement of reclosers to mitigate fire risk).

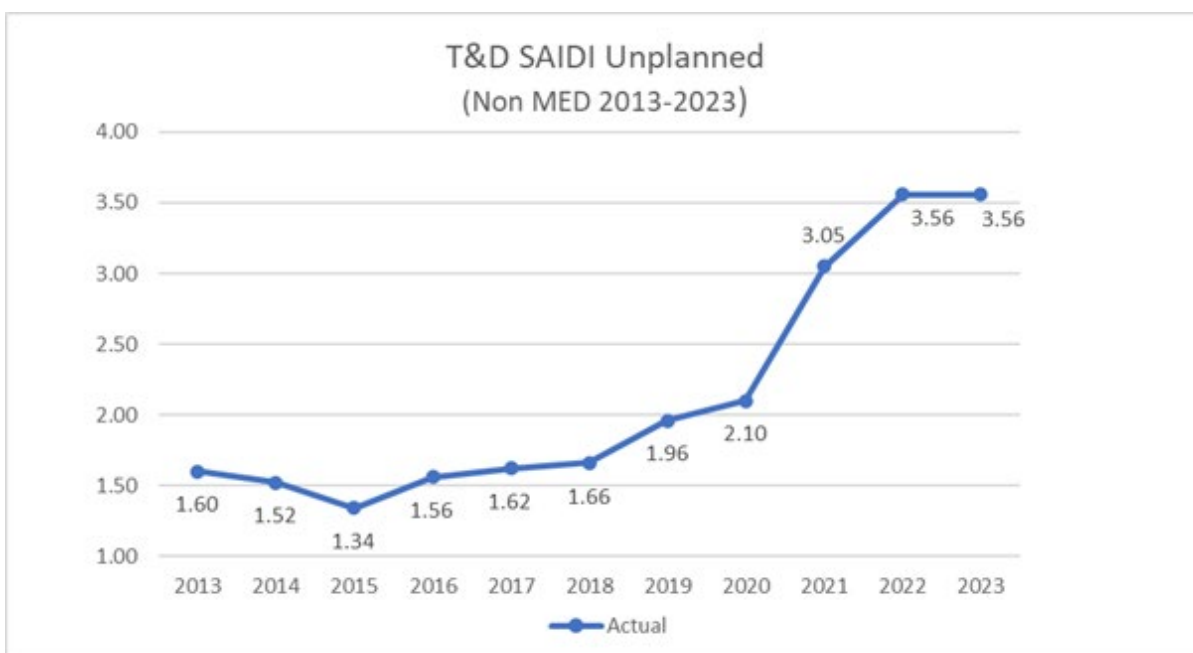
25 Reliability performance has consistently degraded since 2017 as  
26 PG&E's focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation, with a  
27 45 percent unplanned SAIDI increase occurring in 2021 from 2020.

28 In 2021, Hot Line Tag, which was soon named Enhanced Powerline  
29 Safety Settings (EPSS) became an additional mitigation for wildfires. This  
30 was used in conjunction with PSPS. The EPSS on all protective devices  
31 feeding into HFRA areas were set very sensitively so they could quickly and  
32 automatically turn off power if a problem was detected on the line. This  
33 significant reduction in time for clearing a fault had come into conflict with  
34 normal utility practices of maintaining coordination between devices. Where

1 there was one device operating for an issue on the line, we now had multiple  
2 devices leading to more customers out and worser reliability.

3 In 2022, PG&E added additional 800+ circuits and 2000+ devices to the  
4 EPSS work. Additionally, PG&E has focused on optimizing the EPSS  
5 settings and installing additional devices to make reliability better where  
6 possible. In 2023, PG&E had over 1,000 circuits and 5,100 protective  
7 devices that are EPSS enabled.

**FIGURE 2.1-1**  
**TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION HISTORICAL UNPLANNED SAIDI PERFORMANCE**  
**(2013-2023 NON-MED ONLY)**



8 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

9 PG&E uses its outage database, typically referred to as its Integrated  
10 Logging Information System (ILIS) – Operations Database and its Customer  
11 Care and Billing database to obtain the customer count information to  
12 calculate these metric results. It should also be noted that PG&E’s outage  
13 database includes distribution transformer level and above outages that  
14 impact both metered customers and a smaller number of unmetered  
15 customers. Outage information is entered into ILIS by distribution operators  
16 based on information from field personnel and devices such as Supervisory  
17 Control and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeter™ devices. PG&E last

1 upgraded its outage reporting tools in 2015 and integrated SmartMeter  
2 information to identify potential outage reporting errors and to initiate a  
3 subsequent review and correction.

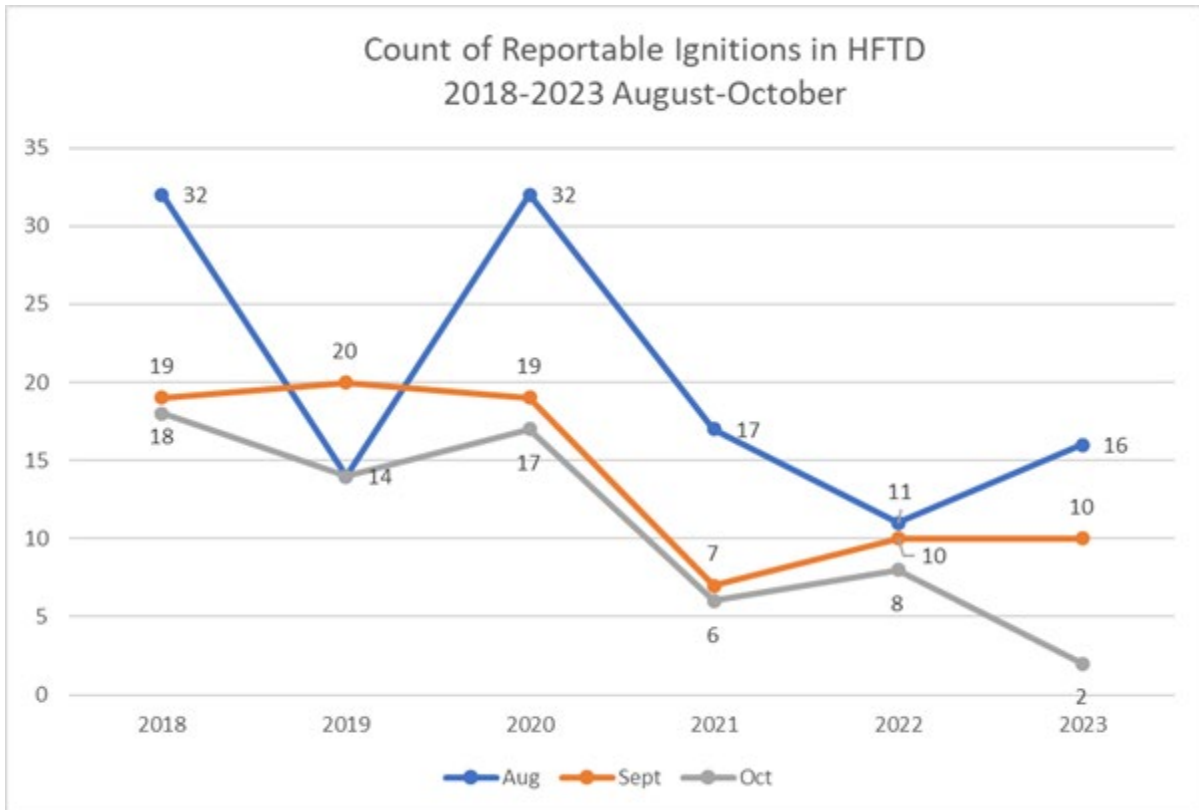
4 PG&E uses the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers  
5 (IEEE) 1366 Standard titled IEEE Guide for Electric Power Distribution  
6 Reliability Indices to define and apply excludable MED to measure the  
7 performance of its electric system under normally expected operating  
8 conditions. Its purpose is to allow major events to be analyzed apart from  
9 daily operation and avoid allowing daily trends to be hidden by the large  
10 statistical effect of major events. Per the Standard, the MED classification is  
11 calculated from the natural log of the daily SAIDI values over the past  
12 five years. The SAIDI index is used as the basis since it leads to consistent  
13 results and is a good indicator of operational and design stress.

### 14 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

15 The unplanned SAIDI metric performance was 3.56 hours and finished  
16 the year the same as 2022. This is largely due to the following factors:

- 17 • Weather between January and March saw 53 significant storm days  
18 causing outages across PG&E territory and exhausted restoration  
19 resources to bring customers back online.
- 20 • To reduce ignition risk, PG&E implemented the Enhanced Powerline  
21 Safety Shutoff (EPSS) program in July 2021. This program enabled  
22 higher sensitivity settings on targeted circuits in High Fire Threat  
23 Districts (HFTD) to deenergize when tripped. .As Figure 2-1.3 shows  
24 below, the implementation of EPSS has significantly reduced ignitions in  
25 highest-risk wildfire months. One consequence of EPSS however, is  
26 that it contributes additional customer outage hours that are included in  
27 SOM 2.1.

**FIGURE 2.1-3**  
**2018-2023 COUNT OF CPUC-REPORTABLE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION IGNITIONS**  
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- 1           • In addition to EPSS, the unplanned SAIDI metric has been impacted as

2           PG&E shifted away from traditional system reliability improvement work

3           and toward other wildfire risk reduction efforts, with reclose disablement

4           beginning in 2018, thereby reducing reliability and contributing to

5           increased customer outages. As such, 2022 and 2023 performance is

6           not directly comparable to years prior to 2018 as the operating

7           conditions have changed significantly and resulted in large

8           year-over-year changes.

9   **C. (2.1) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

10   **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

11           With the conclusion of 2023, the 1 and 5-year targets have been

12           adjusted to reflect a year’s worth of results from the EPSS program (and a

13           complete fire season), as well as to account for any efficiencies that may be

14           gained. As year-over-year weather variables shift, targets will continue to be

1 adjusted in each subsequent report filing as PG&E continues to be able to  
2 quantify the impacts of EPSS on Reliability performance.

3 The target for 2024 will be a target range of 3.71-5.73 hours.

## 4 2. Target Methodology

5 For 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E is proposing a range for the SAIDI  
6 unplanned metric, primarily due to the continued high MED threshold, and  
7 the continuing variability of weather from year-to-year such as the storm  
8 events experienced in January, February, and March 2023.

9 First, EPSS settings were added to an additional 848 circuits in 2022  
10 (compared to 170 in 2021) for a total of approximately 1,018 circuits.

11 Second, the MED threshold will now have an increased daily SAIDI  
12 value of 6.519, which is still up from 3.50 in 2021, which means typically  
13 more severe weather is required. This higher threshold makes it difficult for  
14 days of, or after, the storm to meet the MED classification. With that  
15 threshold higher, it will allow more storms to be counted towards the SAIDI  
16 metric, therefore moving the reliability metric upwards.

17 Finally, unpredictable variability in weather from year to year is also a  
18 consideration in target setting. For example, as of March 1, 2023, PG&E  
19 has experienced 29 storm days. Although 14 of the storm days are  
20 excluded in MEDs, 15 of the storms are not, and the widespread outages  
21 that occur before or after such storms can delay the response time of our  
22 crews. PG&E has not had such severe weather occur since 2008.

23 The 2024 lower range target of 3.71 reflects a 3 percent improvement  
24 from the average of 2022-2023 with additional minutes adjusted due to the  
25 MED threshold change from 5.033 to 6.519; the upper range target of 5.73,  
26 which reflects a 50 percent increase from that adjusted 2-year average to  
27 account for weather volatility.

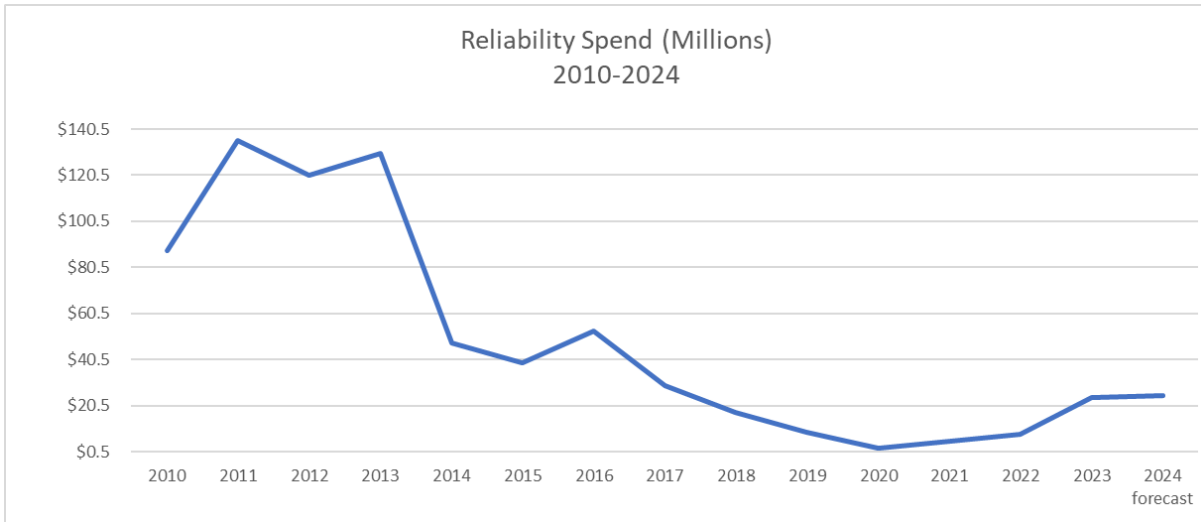
28 The following factors were also considered in establishing targets:

- 29 • Historical Data and Trends: As 2021 was the first year of EPSS  
30 deployment and given the expansion of the program in 2022 and 2023,  
31 there is very little historical data to help guide in target setting.
- 32 • Benchmarking: PG&E is currently in the fourth quartile. At this time,  
33 targets are set based on operational and risk factors as opposed to only  
34 an aspirational quartile goal, although current quartile performance is

1 acknowledged as an indicator of PG&E's opportunity to improve for our  
2 customers over the long-run as risk reduction allows;

- 3 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 4 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
5 Enforcement: The target range for this metric is suitable for EOE as it  
6 accounts for our current work plan and the unknowns of EPSS; and
- 7 • Attainable With Known Resources/Work Plan: Based on 2023 results  
8 and the 2024 work plan, PG&E expects performance to fall within  
9 proposed target range. The lower limit of PG&E's proposed SOMs  
10 target (3.71 hours) reflects a 3 percent improvement from the adjusted  
11 2-year average.
  - 12 – PG&E's top financial and resource priority of minimizing the risk of  
13 catastrophic wildfires has led to declining reliability performance and  
14 does not support an improvement of the unplanned SAIFI metric.  
15 This risk prioritized work plan does not support an improvement of  
16 the unplanned SAIDI metric. However, some of the wildfire  
17 hardening projects have reliability benefits for those customers in  
18 high risk areas. Those projects should reduce the frequency of  
19 outages experienced, in both the short and the long term. PG&E  
20 also has an allocated budget of an additional \$7 million to support  
21 areas affected by EPSS by reducing customer impacted areas and  
22 resolving some of the asset health issues in those areas. As PG&E  
23 moves forward into 2024, our asset spending is to maintain reliability  
24 but looking further into 2025, PG&E is exploring an additional  
25 \$19 million in spending on new gang-operated equipment that will  
26 coordinate more effectively with our currently available protective  
27 devices. This program will reduce customer impact during EPSS  
28 but could have future reliability benefits for non-HFTD areas.

**FIGURE 2.1-4  
HISTORICAL RELIABILITY SPEND (2010-2024)**



- 1                   – The most significant driver of reliability performance is Equipment
- 2                   Failure, specifically Overhead (OH) Conductor;
- 3                   – Current replacement rates from 2017-2023 have been on average
- 4                   30 miles/year. This is significantly below the OH Conductor Asset
- 5                   Management Plan, which cites third-party recommendations for
- 6                   replacement rates at approximately 1200 miles per year to sustain
- 7                   2016 levels of reliability performance;
- 8                   – Current investment profile in the GRC for OH Conductor is
- 9                   approximately 70 miles/year. Alternative funding scenarios or
- 10                  internal prioritization would be needed to increase replacement
- 11                  miles per year;
- 12                  – Conductor replacement under the System Hardening program for
- 13                  wildfire risk reduction is forecasted through the GRC period, but
- 14                  provides limited additional benefit, at approximately 1 percent
- 15                  (due to rural HFTD geography in which this work takes place);
- 16                  – Current allocated 2024 spending amount for targeted Reliability
- 17                  improvements (MAT code 49X) is \$10 million, which equates to an
- 18                  approximate unplanned SAIDI reduction of 0.80 minutes;
- 19                  – Prior to the implementation of EPSS in July 2021, current levels of
- 20                  investment and assuming the GRC forecast through 2026,
- 21                  SAIDI/System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI)

1 performance was expected to remain in the third quartile and  
2 sustained improvement are not expected. With the EPSS  
3 implementation, performance fell and is expected to remain in the  
4 fourth quartile; and

- 5 • Other Considerations: PG&E expanded the 2022 EPSS program (as  
6 described earlier in this chapter) and began enablement on high-risk  
7 circuits in January 2022 representing and expanded fire season  
8 duration—all of which significantly impact expected SAIDI and SAIFI  
9 performance and targets.

### 10 3. 2024 Target

11 Range: 3.71-5.73 hours.

12 The 2024 target reflects a range of a 3 percent improvement from  
13 PG&E's adjusted 2 year average of unplanned SAIDI target of (3.82) to a  
14 50 percent increased unplanned SAIDI performance (5.73 hours) to account  
15 for the factors listed above.

16 In 2023 PG&E had 53 storm days that severely impacted the SAIDI and  
17 SAIFI unplanned metrics. The weather experienced between January to  
18 March 2023 has shown that metric can have some significant volatility  
19 depending the weather. Therefore, PG&E has maintained the upper range  
20 to a 50 percent increase target due to weather.

### 21 4. 2028 Target

22 Range: 3.60-5.62 hours.

23 The end of 2023 marked the second set of yearly data with full EPSS in  
24 place which will provide PG&E more data to better inform future targets; the  
25 2028 target range considers an improvement from a \$19 million fuse saver  
26 program to be deployed mainly throughout the 2026 year where most  
27 benefits will potentially be seen in 2027.

28 Some of the other major consideration to this 2028 target is that weather  
29 similar to 2023 may occur again. PG&E will generally be striving to make  
30 year-over-year improvements and PG&E has set their 5-year target slightly  
31 lower than the 1-year target. This is mainly because atmospheric storms will  
32 be unpredictable and will have overwhelming impacts to the results. PG&E  
33 is predicting the MED threshold to be slightly greater in 2028 and SAIDI



1 between 4-6 minutes for each storm day will contribute significantly to  
2 PG&E's overall unplanned SAIDI.

3 **D. (2.1) Performance Against Target**

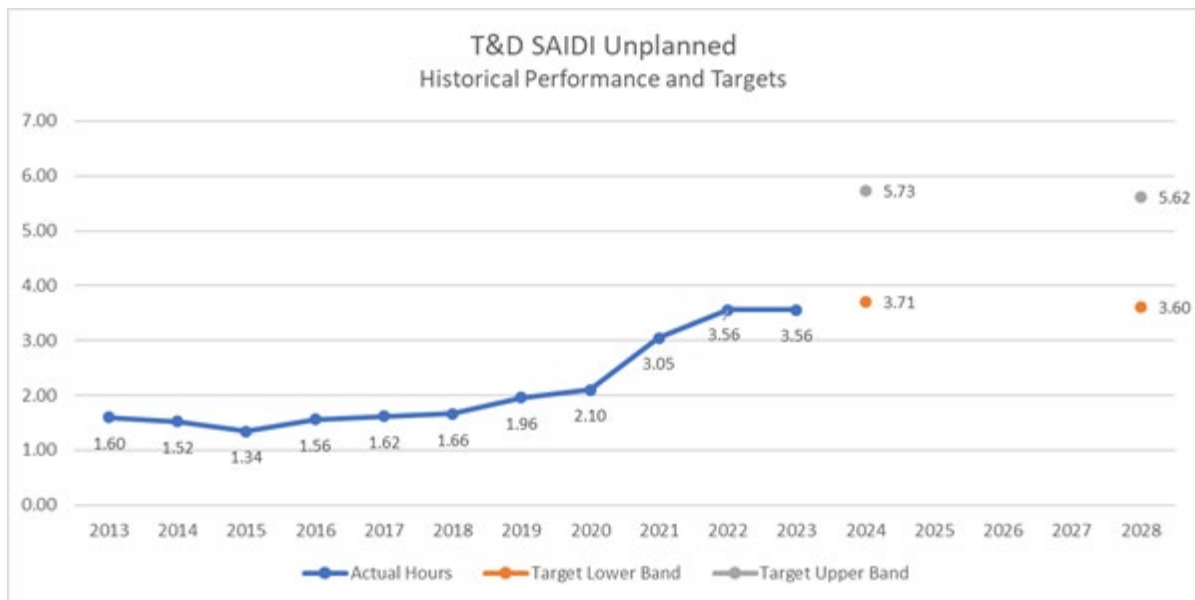
4 **1. Progress Towards 1-Year Target**

5 As demonstrated in Figure 2.1-5 below, PG&E saw an unplanned  
6 SAIDI result of 3.56 hours for 2023 results which was within the Company's  
7 1-year target range of 3.45-5.34. This happens to be the same performance  
8 as 2022.

9 **2. Progress Towards 5-Year Target**

10 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has deployed or is deploying a  
11 number of programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this  
12 metric to meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 2.1-5  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION  
SAIDI UNPLANNED HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS**



13 **E. (2.1) Current and Planned Work Activities**

14 Existing Programs that could improve Reliability Metric Performance and  
15 historical trend data for SAIDI are listed below.

- 16 • Vegetation Management: The EVM Program targeted OH distribution lines  
17 in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplemented PG&E's annual routine VM

1 work with California Public Utilities Commission mandated clearances. Our  
2 EVM Program went above and beyond regulatory requirements for  
3 distribution lines by expanding minimum clearances and removing  
4 overhangs in HFTD areas. Due to the emergence of other wildfire mitigation  
5 programs (namely EPSS and Undergrounding), the program was  
6 discontinued in 2023. The trees that were identified as part of the program  
7 and previous iterations and scopes will be worked down over the next  
8 nine years under a program called Tree Removal Inventory (TRI), prioritized  
9 by risk rank using our latest wildfire distribution risk model. The WMP has  
10 commitments for this program of the removal of 15 thousand trees in 2023,  
11 20 thousand trees in 2024, and 25 thousand trees in 2025.

12 VM for Operational Mitigations is a new transitional program which  
13 began 2023 stemming from the conclusion of the EVM program. This  
14 program is intended to help reduce outages and potential ignitions using a  
15 risk-informed, targeted plan to mitigate potential vegetation contacts based  
16 on historic vegetation outages on EPSS-enabled circuits. The focus is on  
17 mitigating potential vegetation contacts in CPZs that have experienced  
18 vegetation caused outages. Scope of Work is developed by using EPSS  
19 and historical outage data and vegetation failure from the current WDRM  
20 risk model. Vegetation outage extent of condition inspections conducted on  
21 EPSS-enabled devices may generate additional tree work.

22 Focused Tree Inspections (FTI) is another new transitional program that  
23 began in 2023 stemming from the conclusion of the EVM program. PG&E is  
24 developed Areas of Concern (AOC) to better focus VM efforts to address  
25 high risk areas that have experienced higher volumes of vegetation damage  
26 during PSPS events, outages, and/or ignitions. These areas are inspected  
27 by Vegetation Management Inspectors with a Tree Risk Assessment  
28 Qualification (TRAQ) which provides a higher level of rigor to the inspection.

29 Please see Section 8.2, Vegetation Management and Inspections in  
30 PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 31 • Asset Replacement (Overhead/Underground): Overhead asset replacement  
32 addresses deteriorated overhead conductor and switches, while  
33 underground asset replacement primarily focuses on replacing underground  
34 cable and switches.

1 Please see Chapter 4.11 Overhead and Underground Distribution  
2 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

- 3 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E's broader grid design program  
4 covers a number of significant programs, called out in detail in PG&E's 2023  
5 WMP. The largest of these programs is the System Hardening Program  
6 which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic wildfire risk caused  
7 by distribution overhead assets. In 2023, we continued our system  
8 hardening efforts by: completing 447 circuit miles of system hardening work  
9 which includes overhead system hardening, undergrounding and removal of  
10 overhead lines in HFTD or buffer zone areas; completing approximately  
11 364 circuit miles of undergrounding work, including Butte County Rebuild  
12 efforts and other distribution system hardening work. As we look beyond  
13 2024, PG&E is targeting 250 miles of Underground and 70 miles of  
14 OH/removal/remote grid to be completed in 2024 as part of the 10,000-Mile  
15 Undergrounding Program. This system hardening work done at scale is  
16 expected to have limited reliability benefit due rural HFTD geography, and is  
17 prioritized to mitigate wildfire risk rather than reliability risk at this time.

18 Please see Section 7.3.3, Grid Design and System Hardening  
19 Mitigations in PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 20 • Downed Conductor Detection: To further mitigate high impedance faults  
21 that can lead to ignitions, PG&E is piloting specific distribution line reclosers  
22 utilizing advanced methods to detect and isolate previously undetectable  
23 faults. This innovative solution is called Down Conductor Detection (DCD)  
24 and has been implemented on over 1100 reclosing devices as of  
25 January 31, 2024. This technology uses sophisticated algorithms to  
26 determine when a line-to-ground arc is present (i.e., electrical current  
27 flowing from one conductive point to another) and the recloser will  
28 immediately de-energize the line once detected. Although this technology is  
29 new, it has already proven successful in detecting faults that would have  
30 otherwise been undetectable. PG&E will continue to learn from these  
31 installations through the 2024 wildfire season and expects to optimize and  
32 adjust this technology to address system risks as needed.
- 33 • Animal Abatement: The installation of new equipment or retrofitting of  
34 existing equipment with protection measures intended to reduce animal

1 contacts. This includes avian protection on distribution and transmission  
 2 poles such as jumper covers, perch guards, or perching platforms.

3 Please see Chapter 4.11 Overhead and Underground Distribution  
 4 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

- 5 • Overhead/Underground Critical Operating Equipment (COE) Replacement  
 6 Work: The Overhead COE Program is comprised of corrective maintenance  
 7 of certain defined equipment—including Protective Devices (Reclosers,  
 8 Cutouts, Sectionalizers), Voltage Devices (Regulators, Boosters), Switches  
 9 (Switches, Disconnects), Capacitors, and Conductors—that plays an  
 10 important role in preventing customer interruptions.

11 Since COE Program is expected to address equipment as quickly as  
 12 possible, numbers for each device may change quickly upon reporting.<sup>1</sup>  
 13 Please see Chapter 4.11 Overhead and Underground Distribution  
 14 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

**TABLE 2.1-2**  
**TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SAIDI PERFORMANCE DRIVER SUMMARY**

SAIDI SUMMARY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	5-Yr Ave	%
SYSTEM	126.5	148.8	153.2	218.2	255.8	255.9	180.5	-42%
3rd Party	20.6	22.8	26.4	28.8	31.0	29.1	25.9	-12%
Animal	6.4	6.2	6.9	10.5	16.3	10.4	9.3	-12%
Company Initiated	27.9	26.6	27.2	32.6	41.8	42.4	31.2	-36%
Environmental	3.7	2.8	4.1	8.9	6.7	6.8	5.2	-30%
Equipment Failure	43.3	48.0	54.8	73.7	82.4	83.5	60.4	-38%
Unknown Cause	9.9	12.9	14.3	34.2	41.7	36.8	22.6	-63%
Vegetation	14.7	22.4	15.4	22.4	28.0	39.5	20.6	-92%
Wildfire Mitigation	0.0	7.1	4.1	7.0	7.9	7.4	5.2	-41%

Note: The data in this table is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes are reflected in PG&E's March 2024 report. Table includes planned outages.

<sup>1</sup> Information on COE equipment can be provided upon request.

**TABLE 2.1-3  
ANNUAL EPSS CIRCUIT SAIDI SUMMARY (2018-Q2 2023)**

Line No.	SAIDI	Non-EPSS Circuit	EPSS Circuit
1	2018	48.7	51.1
2	2019	56.8	60.9
3	2020	65.0	60.9
4	2021	78.5	104.3
5	2022	93.6	119.9
6	2023	81.8	132.0

Note: PG&E provides a monthly EPSS report to the CPUC that includes Customer Minutes (CMIN) and customers experiencing sustained outage (CESO) that can calculate SAIDI/CAIDI/SAIFI.

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5                                   **(UNPLANNED)**

6                   The material updates to this chapter since the October 2, 2023, report can be  
7                   found in Sections B, C, D and E. Material changes from the prior report are  
8                   identified in blue font.  
9

10 **A. (2.2) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 2.2 – System Average Interruption  
13                   Frequency (SAIFI)(Unplanned) is defined as:

14                   *SAIFI (Unplanned) = average frequency of sustained interruptions due*  
15                   *to all unplanned outages per metered customer, except on Major Event*  
16                   *Days (MED), in a calendar year. “Average frequency” is defined as: Total #*  
17                   *of customer interruptions/Total # of customers served. Includes all*  
18                   *transmission and distribution outages.*

19       **2. Introduction of Metric**

20                   The measurement of SAIFI unplanned represents the number of  
21                   instances the average Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) customer  
22                   experiences a sustained outage or outages, defined as being without power  
23                   for more than five minutes, each year. The System Average Interruption  
24                   Frequency Index (SAIFI) measurement does not include planned outages,  
25                   which occur when PG&E deactivates power to safely perform system work.  
26                   This metric is associated with the risk of Asset Failure, which is associated  
27                   with both utility reliability and safety. The metric measures outages due to  
28                   all causes but excludes MED. It is an important industry-standard measure  
29                   of reliability performance as it is a direct measure of the frequency of  
30                   outages a customer experiences.



1 **B. (2.2) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2023)**

3 PG&E has measured unplanned SAIFI for over 20 years; however, this  
4 report uses 2013 to 2023 unplanned SAIFI values for target analysis to align  
5 with the same timeframe used for the wire down SOMs metrics. 2013 was  
6 the first full year PG&E uniformly began measuring wire down events.

7 The Cornerstone program investments in 2013 involved both capacity  
8 and reliability projects, and PG&E experienced its best reliability  
9 performance in 2015. In 2015, SAIFI (unplanned and planned) was in  
10 second quartile when benchmarking with peer utilities.

11 Most of the 2017-20 reliability investment was on Fault Location  
12 Isolation and Service Restoration (FLISR), which automatically isolates  
13 faulted line sections and then restores all other non-faulted sections in less  
14 than 5 minutes typically in urban/suburban areas. Of note, FLISR does not  
15 prevent customer interruptions but rather reduces the number of customers  
16 that experience a sustained (greater than five minutes) outage.

17 The targeted circuit program, distribution line fuse replacements and  
18 installing reclosers in the worst performing areas are initiatives that have  
19 had the biggest impact in improving system reliability at the lowest cost.

20 Other factors that contribute to reliability improvement include (but are  
21 not limited to) reliability project investments and project execution, favorable  
22 weather conditions, outage response and repair time, vegetation  
23 management (VM), and switching device locations and function (including  
24 disablement of reclosers to mitigate fire risk).

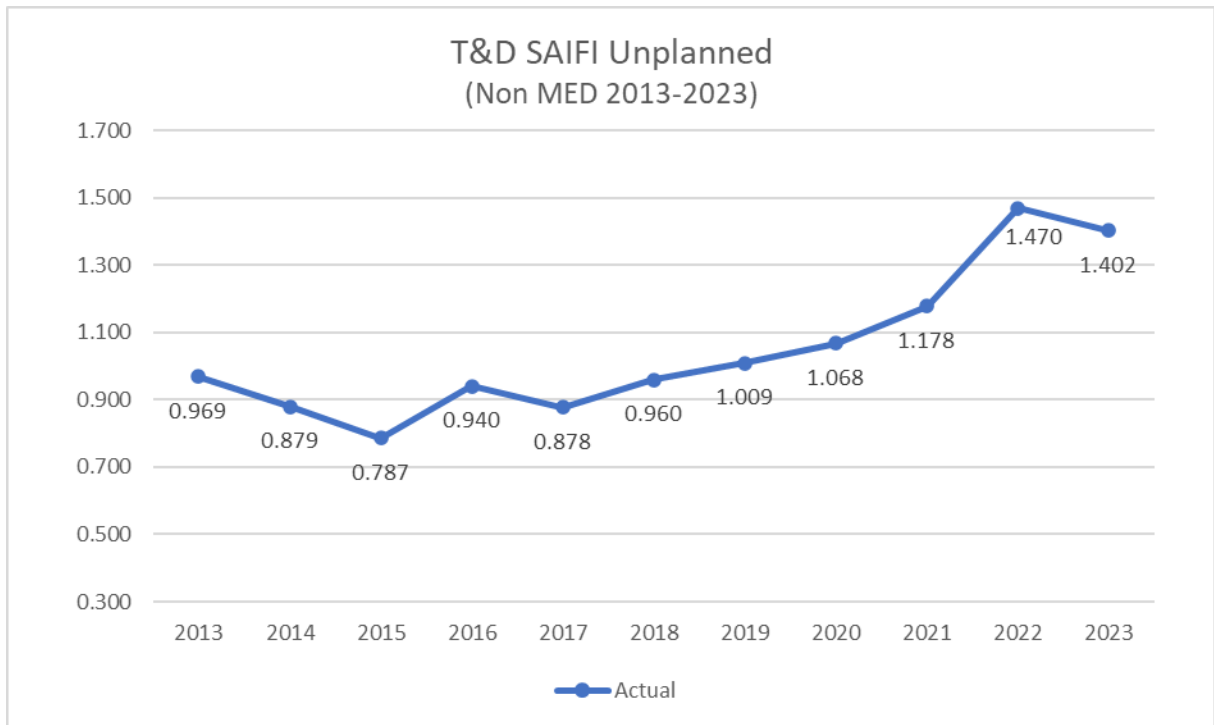
25 Reliability performance has consistently degraded since 2017 as  
26 PG&E's focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation, with a  
27 25 percent unplanned SAIFI increase occurring in 2022 from 2021.

28 In 2021, Hot Line Tag, which was soon named Enhanced Powerline  
29 Safety Settings (EPSS) became an additional mitigation for wildfires. This  
30 was used in conjunction with Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). The  
31 EPSS on all protective devices feeding into HFRA areas were set very  
32 sensitively so they could quickly and automatically turn off power if a  
33 problem was detected on the line. This significant reduction in time for

1 clearing a fault had come into conflict with normal utility practices of  
2 maintaining coordination between devices. Where there was one device  
3 operating for an issue on the line, we now had multiple devices leading to  
4 more customers out and worsen reliability.

5 In 2022, PG&E added additional 800+ circuits and 2000+ devices to the  
6 EPSS work. Additionally, PG&E has focused on optimizing the EPSS  
7 settings and installing additional devices to make reliability better where  
8 possible. In 2023, PG&E had over 1000 circuits and 5100 protective  
9 devices that are EPSS enabled.

**FIGURE 2.2-1**  
**TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION HISTORICAL UNPLANNED SAIFI PERFORMANCE**  
**(2013-2023 NON-MEDS ONLY)**



10 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

11 PG&E uses its outage database, typically referred to as its Integrated  
12 Logging Information System (ILIS) – Operations Database and its Customer  
13 Care & Billing database to obtain the customer count information to  
14 calculate these metric results. It should also be noted that PG&E’s outage

1 database includes distribution transformer level and above outages that  
2 impact both metered customers and a smaller number of unmetered  
3 customers. Outage information is entered into ILIS by distribution operators  
4 based on information from field personnel and devices such as Supervisory  
5 Control and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeters™. PG&E last  
6 upgraded its outage reporting tools in 2015 and integrated SmartMeter  
7 information to identify potential outage reporting errors and to initiate a  
8 subsequent review and correction.

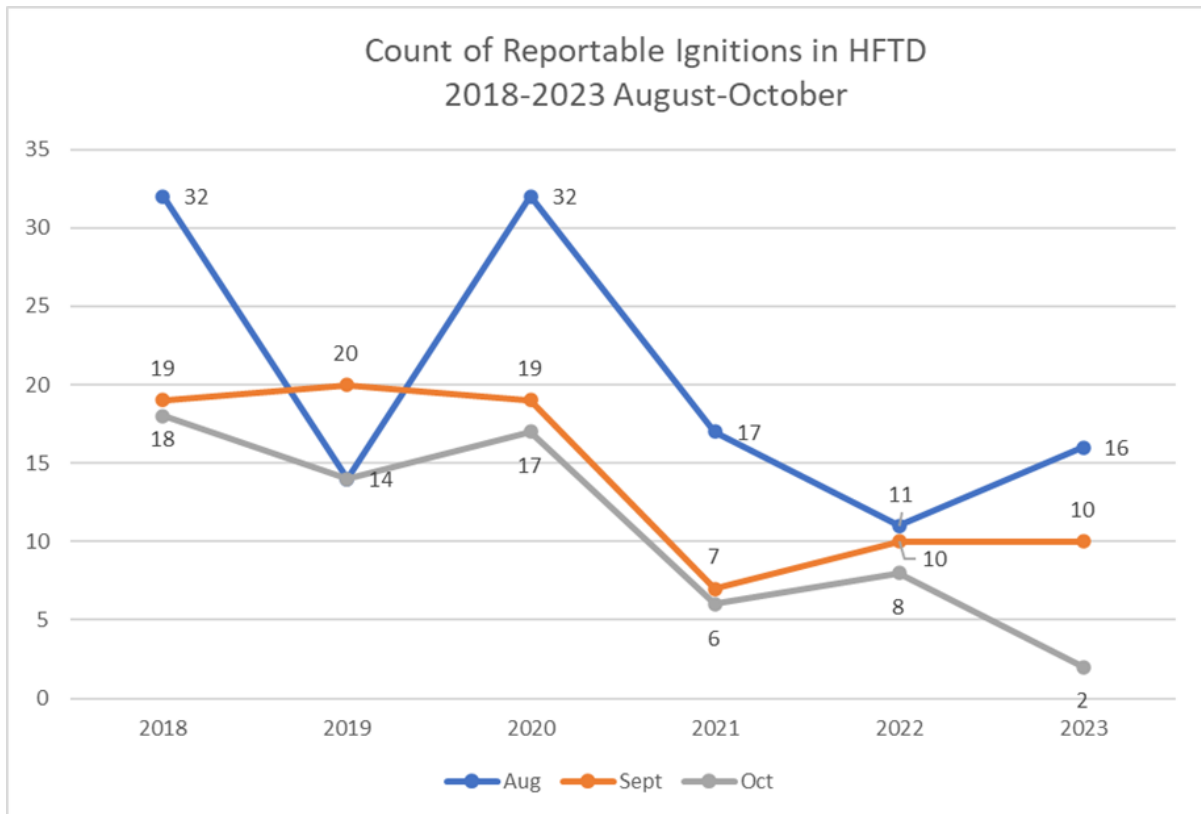
9 PG&E uses the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)  
10 1366 Standard titled IEEE Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability  
11 Indices to define and apply excludable MEDs to measure the performance  
12 of its electric system under normally expected operating conditions. Its  
13 purpose is to allow major events to be analyzed apart from daily operation  
14 and avoid allowing daily trends to be hidden by the large statistical effect of  
15 major events. Per the Standard, the MED classification is calculated from  
16 the natural log of the daily System Average Interruption Duration Index  
17 (SAIDI) values over the past five years by reliability specialists. The SAIDI  
18 index is used as the basis since it leads to consistent results and is a good  
19 indicator of operational and design stress.

### 20 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

21 The unplanned SAIFI metric performance was 1.402 and was slightly  
22 better than the 2023 one-year target of 1.426 – 2.205. Even though 2023  
23 performance was slightly lower than the 2022 performance, the 2023  
24 performance result is still higher than previous years due to the following  
25 factors:

- 26 • To reduce ignition risk, PG&E implemented the Enhanced Powerline  
27 Safety Shutoff (EPSS) program in July 2021. This program enabled  
28 higher sensitivity settings on targeted circuits in High Fire Threat  
29 Districts (HFTD) to deenergize when tripped. As Figure 2-2.2 shows  
30 below, the implementation of EPSS has significantly reduced ignitions in  
31 highest-risk wildfire months.

**FIGURE 2.2-2  
2018-2023 COUNT OF CPUC-REPORTABLE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION IGNITIONS  
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- 1           • In addition to EPSS, the unplanned SAIFI metric has been impacted as

2           PG&E shifted away from traditional system reliability improvement work

3           and more toward other wildfire risk reduction efforts, starting with

4           recloser disablement in 2018. As such 2022 and 2023 performance is

5           not directly comparable to years prior to 2018 as the operating

6           conditions have changed significantly and resulted in large

7           year-over-year changes.

8   **C. (2.2) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

9       **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

10           With the conclusion of 2023, the 1- and 5-Year targets have been

11           adjusted to reflect a year’s worth of results from the EPSS program (and a

12           complete fire season), as well as to account for any efficiencies that may be

13           gained. As year-over-year weather variables shift, we expect that targets

1 will be adjusted in subsequent reports as PG&E continues to be able to  
2 quantify the impacts of EPSS on Reliability performance.

3 The target for 2024 will be a target range of 1.435-2.219.

## 4 **2. Target Methodology**

5 For 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E is proposing a range for the SAIFI  
6 unplanned metric, primarily due to the vast expansion of the EPSS program  
7 in 2022 to reduce wildfire risk, the continued high MED threshold, and the  
8 continuing variability of weather from year-to-year such as the storm events  
9 experienced in January, February, and March 2023. The target calculation  
10 is described in Section C.3 below.

11 First, EPSS settings were added to an additional 848 circuits in 2022  
12 (compared to 170 in 2021) for a total of approximately 1,018 circuits.  
13 Additionally, PG&E has focused on optimizing the EPSS settings and  
14 installing additional devices to make reliability better where possible. In  
15 2023, PG&E had over 1000 circuits and 5100 protective devices that are  
16 EPSS enabled.

17 Second, the MED threshold will now have an increased daily SAIDI  
18 value of 6.519, which is still up from 3.50 in 2021, which means typically  
19 more severe weather is required. This higher threshold makes it difficult for  
20 days of, or after, the storm to meet the MED classification. With that  
21 threshold higher, it will allow more storms to be counted towards the SAIFI  
22 metric, therefore moving the reliability metric upwards.

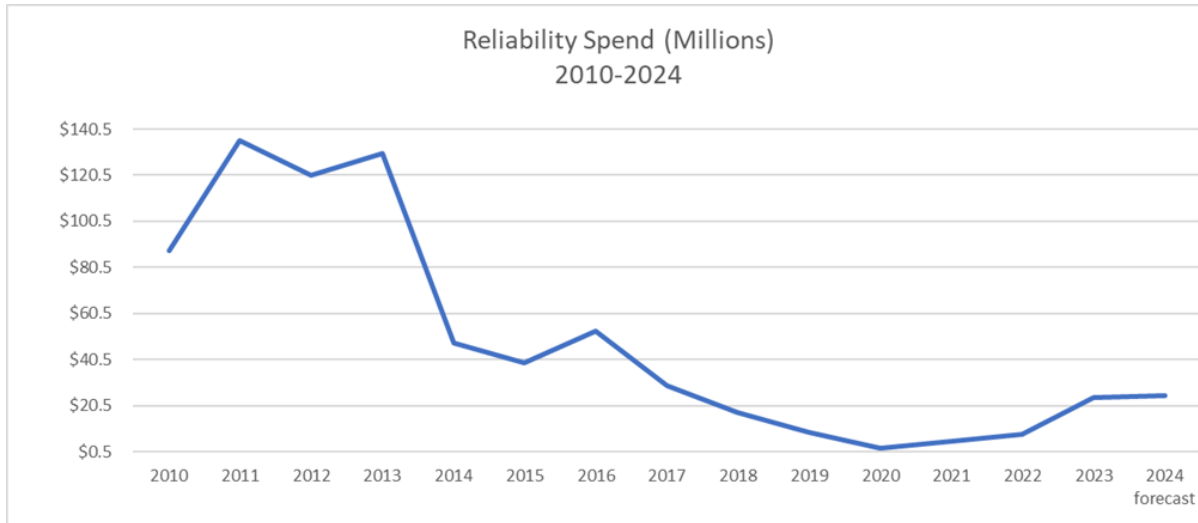
23 Finally, unpredictable variability in weather from year to year is also a  
24 consideration in target setting. For example, as of March 1, 2023, PG&E  
25 has experienced 29 storm days. Although 14 of the storm days are  
26 excluded in MEDs, 15 of the storms are not, and the widespread outages  
27 that occur before or after such storms can delay the response time of our  
28 crews. PG&E has not had such severe weather occur since 2008.

29 The following factors were also considered in establishing targets:

- 30 • Historical Data and Trends: As 2021 was the first year of EPSS deployment  
31 and given the expansion of the program in 2022 and 2023, there is very little  
32 historical data to help guide in target setting.

- 1 • Benchmarking: PG&E is currently in the fourth quartile. At this time, targets  
2 are set based on operational and risk factors as opposed to only an  
3 aspirational quartile goal, although current quartile performance is  
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11 2024 work plan, PG&E expects performance to fall within the proposed  
12 target range. The lower limit of PG&E's proposed SOMs target (1.435)  
13 reflects a 3 percent improvement from the average of 2022-2023  
14 performance with an adjustment due to the MED threshold change. Factors  
15 driving this expectation are as follows:
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18 does not support an improvement of the unplanned SAIFI metric.  
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RELIABILITY SPEND 2010 – 2024**



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- 4           [30 miles/year](#). This is significantly below the Overhead Conductor
- 5           Asset Management Plan, which cites third-party recommendations for
- 6           replacement rates at approximately 1,200 miles per year to sustain
- 7           2016 levels of reliability performance;
- 8           – Current investment profile in the GRC for OH Conductor is
- 9           approximately 70 miles/year. Alternative funding scenarios or internal
- 10          prioritization would be needed to increase replacement miles per year;
- 11          – Conductor replacement under the System Hardening program for
- 12          wildfire risk reduction is forecasted through the GRC period but
- 13          provides limited additional benefit, at approximately 1 percent (due to
- 14          the rural HFTD geography in which this work takes place);
- 15          – [Current assigned 2024 GRC spending amount for targeted Reliability](#)
- 16          [improvements \(MAT Code 49X\) is \\$10 million, which equates to an](#)
- 17          [approximate unplanned SAIFI reduction of 0.004 minutes](#);
- 18          – Prior to the implementation of EPSS in July 2021, current levels of
- 19          investment and assuming the GRC forecast through 2026, SAIDI/SAIFI
- 20          performance was expected to remain in the third quartile and sustained
- 21          improvement trending are not expected. With the EPSS

1 implementation, performance fell and is expected to remain in the fourth  
2 quartile; and

- 3 • Other Considerations: PG&E expanded the EPSS program in 2022 (as  
4 described earlier in this chapter) and began enablement on high-risk circuits  
5 in January-representing and expanded fire season—all of which significantly  
6 impact SAIDI and SAIFI performance.

### 7 **3. 2024 Target**

8 Range: 1.435-2.219

9 The 2024 target reflects a range of a 3 percent improvement from the  
10 average of 2022-2023 with an adjustment due to the MED threshold change  
11 from 5.033 to 6.519 (1.479) to a 50 percent increased unplanned SAIFI  
12 performance (2.219) to account for the factors listed above.

### 13 **4. 2028 Target**

14 Range: 1.406-2.174

15 The end of 2023 marked the second set of yearly data with full EPSS in  
16 place which will provide PG&E more data to better inform future targets; the  
17 2028 target range considers an improvement from a \$19M fuse saver  
18 program to be deployed mainly throughout the 2026 year where most  
19 benefits will potentially be seen in 2027.

20 Some of the other major consideration to this 2028 target is that weather  
21 similar to 2023 may occur again. PG&E will generally be striving to make  
22 year-over-year improvements and PG&E has set their 5 year target slightly  
23 lower than the 1 year target. This is mainly because atmospheric storms will  
24 be unpredictable and will have overwhelming impacts to the results. PG&E  
25 is predicting the MED threshold to be slightly greater in 2028 and SAIFI on  
26 each storm day will contribute significantly to PG&E's overall unplanned  
27 SAIFI.

## 28 **D. (2.2) Performance Against Target**

### 29 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

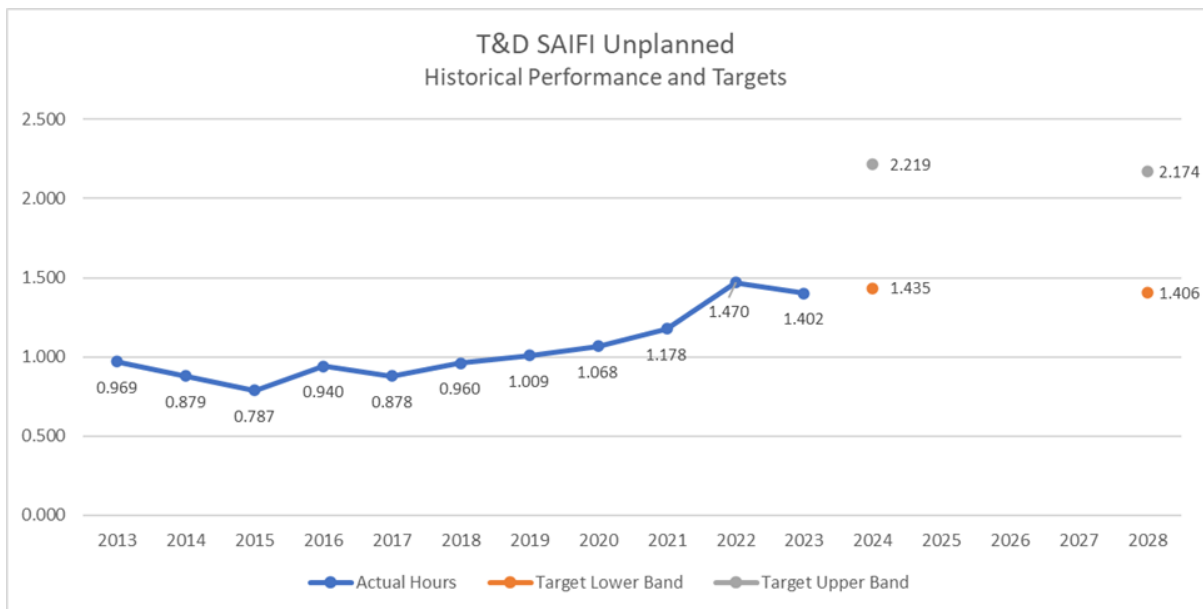
30 As demonstrated in Figure 2.2-4 below, PG&E saw an unplanned  
31 SAIFI result of 1.402 for 2023 which was below the Company's 2023 target  
32 range of 1.426 – 2.205. This performance is slightly better than 2022.



1 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

2 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has deployed or is deploying a  
3 number of programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this  
4 metric to meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 2.2-4  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SAIFI  
UNPLANNED HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS**



5 **E. (2.2) Current and Planned Work Activities**

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7 historical trend data for SAIFI are listed below.

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10 work with California Public Utilities Commission mandated clearances. Our  
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12 distribution lines by expanding minimum clearances and removing  
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14 programs (namely EPSS and Undergrounding), the program was  
15 discontinued in 2023. The trees that were identified as part of the program  
16 and previous iterations and scopes will be worked down over the next nine  
17 years under a program called Tree Removal Inventory, prioritized by risk

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2 has commitments for this program of the removal of 15K trees in 2023, 20K  
3 trees in 2024, and 25K trees in 2025.

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7 risk-informed, targeted plan to mitigate potential vegetation contacts based  
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9 mitigating potential vegetation contacts in Circuit Protection Zones that have  
10 experienced vegetation caused outages. Scope of Work is developed by  
11 using EPSS and historical outage data and vegetation failure from the  
12 current WDRM risk model. Vegetation outage extent of condition  
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14 tree work.

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17 developed Areas of Concern (AOC) to better focus VM efforts to address  
18 high risk areas that have experienced higher volumes of vegetation damage  
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26 while underground asset replacement primarily focuses on replacing  
27 underground cable and switches.

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23 proven successful in detecting faults that would have otherwise been  
24 undetectable. PG&E will continue to learn from these installations through  
25 the 2024 wildfire season and expects to optimize and adjust this technology  
26 to address system risks as needed.
- 27 • Animal Abatement: The installation of new equipment or retrofitting of  
28 existing equipment with protection measures intended to reduce animal  
29 contacts. This includes avian protection on distribution and transmission  
30 poles such as jumper covers, perch guards, or perching platforms.

31 Please see Chapter 4.11 Overhead and Underground Distribution  
32 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

- 1 • Overhead/Underground Critical Operating Equipment (COE) Replacement  
2 Work: The Overhead COE Program is comprised of corrective maintenance  
3 of certain defined equipment—including Protective Devices (Reclosers,  
4 Cutouts, Sectionalizers), Voltage Devices (Regulators, Boosters), Switches  
5 (Switches, Disconnects), Capacitors, and Conductors—that plays an  
6 important role in preventing customer interruptions. Since COE Program is  
7 expected to address equipment as quickly as possible, numbers for each  
8 device may change quickly upon reporting.<sup>1</sup> Please see Chapter 4.11  
9 Overhead and Underground Distribution Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for  
10 additional details.

**FIGURE 2.2-6**  
**SAIFI PERFORMANCE DRIVERS HISTORICAL DATA**

SAIFI SUMMARY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	5-Yr Ave	%
SYSTEM	1.080	1.128	1.178	1.318	1.630	1.558	1.267	-23%
3rd Party	0.216	0.201	0.220	0.233	0.250	0.240	0.224	-7%
Animal	0.070	0.068	0.076	0.079	0.125	0.103	0.084	-23%
Company Initiated	0.154	0.146	0.153	0.175	0.227	0.214	0.171	-25%
Environmental	0.027	0.021	0.020	0.026	0.026	0.025	0.024	-5%
Equipment Failure	0.399	0.405	0.435	0.487	0.556	0.525	0.456	-15%
Unknown Cause	0.115	0.134	0.174	0.196	0.273	0.262	0.179	-47%
Vegetation	0.100	0.131	0.086	0.095	0.142	0.160	0.111	-44%
Wildfire Mitigation	0.000	0.022	0.014	0.025	0.032	0.030	0.019	-58%

Note: The data in this table is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes are reflected in PG&E’s March 2024 report. Table includes planned outages.

<sup>1</sup> Information on COE equipment can be provided upon request.

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7           The material updates to this chapter since the October 2, 2023, report can be  
8           found in Sections B, C, D and E. Material changes from the prior report are  
9           identified in blue font.

10   **A. (2.3) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12           Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 2.3 – System Average Outages  
13           Due to Vegetation and Equipment Damage in HFTD Areas (Major Event  
14           Days) is defined as:

15                   *Average number of sustained outages on Major Event Days (MED) per*  
16                   *100 circuit miles in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) per metered customer,*  
17                   *in a calendar year, where each sustained outage is defined as. total number*  
18                   *of customers interrupted / total number of customers served.*

19       **2. Introduction of Metric**

20           The measurement of System Average Outages due to Vegetation and  
21           Equipment Damage in HFTD areas on MEDs is tied to the public safety risk  
22           of Asset Failure. While Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E or the  
23           Company) traditionally does not measure Customers Experiencing  
24           Sustained Outages (CESO) on MEDs only, CESO is an important  
25           industry-standard measure of reliability performance as it a direct measure  
26           of outage frequency.

27   **B. (2.3) Metric Performance**

28       **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2023)**

29           PG&E has measured CESO for over 20 years, however this report uses  
30           2013 to 2023 CESO values for target analysis to align with the same  
31           timeframe used for the wire down SOMs metrics (2013 was the first full year  
32           PG&E uniformly began measuring wire down events).

1           The Cornerstone program investments in 2013 involved both capacity  
2 and reliability projects, and PG&E experienced its best reliability  
3 performance in 2015. While this metric is not benchmarkable, in 2015  
4 System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) (unplanned and  
5 planned) was in second quartile when benchmarking with peer utilities.

6           The majority of the 2017-2020 investment was on Fault Location  
7 Isolation and Restoration (FLISR), which automatically isolates faulted line  
8 sections and then restores all other non-faulted sections in less than  
9 five minutes typically in urban/suburban areas. Of note, FLISR does not  
10 prevent customer interruptions but rather reduces the number of customers  
11 that experience a sustained (> 5 minutes) outage.

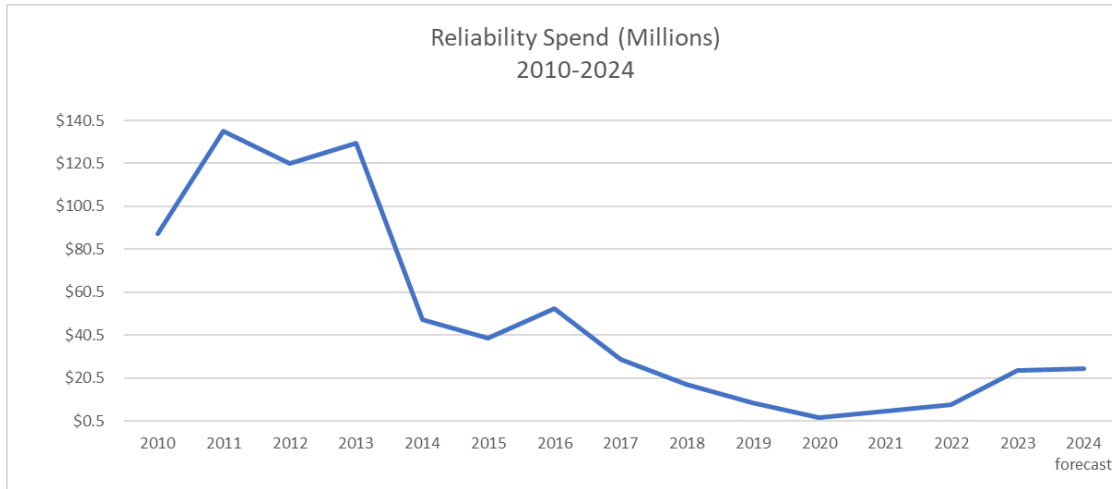
12           The targeted circuit program, distribution line fuse replacement, and  
13 installing reclosers in the worst performing areas are initiatives that have  
14 had the biggest impact in improving system reliability at the lowest cost.

15           Other factors that contribute to reliability improvement include (but not  
16 limited to) project investments and project execution, favorable weather  
17 conditions, response to outages, asset lifecycle and health, Vegetation  
18 Management (VM), switching device locations and function (including  
19 disablement of reclosers to mitigate fire risk).

20           The current investment/work plan is heavily weighted towards wildfire  
21 mitigation and is not weighted towards improving reliability performance.  
22 PG&E's top financial and resource priority of minimizing the risk of  
23 catastrophic wildfires has led to declining reliability performance and does  
24 not support an improvement of this metric.

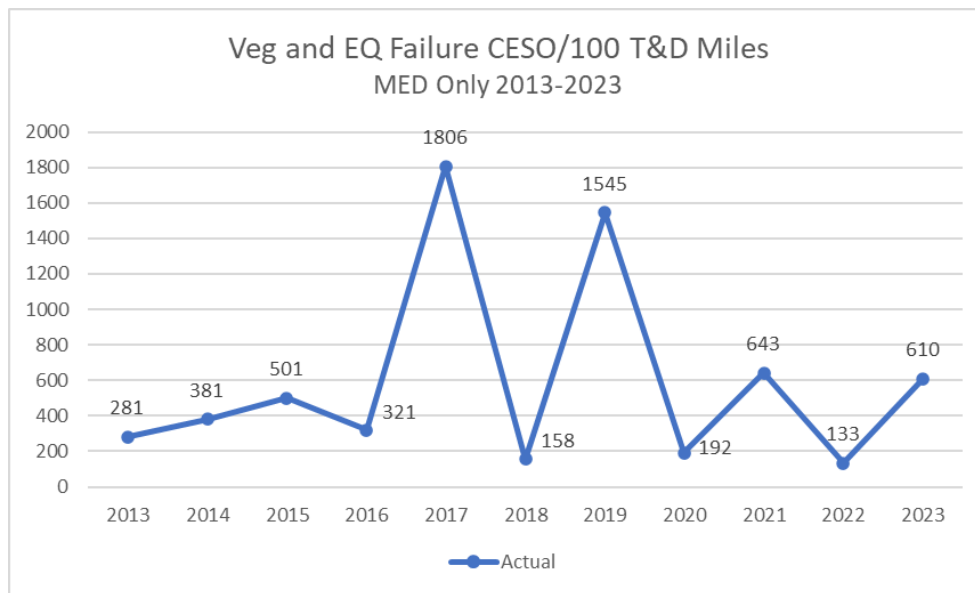


**FIGURE 2.3-1  
RELIABILITY SPEND HISTORICAL DATA 2010 – 2024**



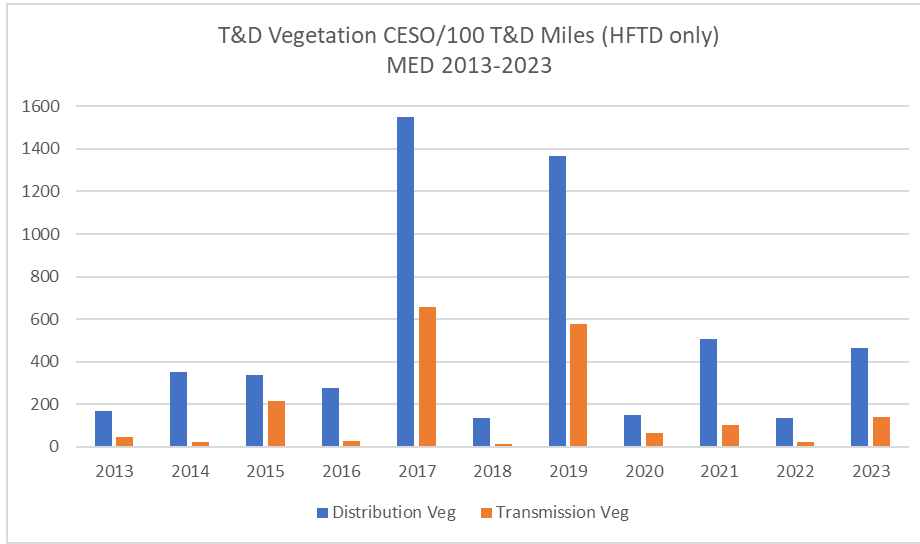
- 1 Reliability performance has consistently degraded since 2017 as
- 2 PG&E’s focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation, with a
- 3 50 percent CESO increase occurring in 2022 from 2021.

**FIGURE 2.3-2  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION  
VEGETATION AND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL DATA  
(MED ONLY, 2013 – 2023)**



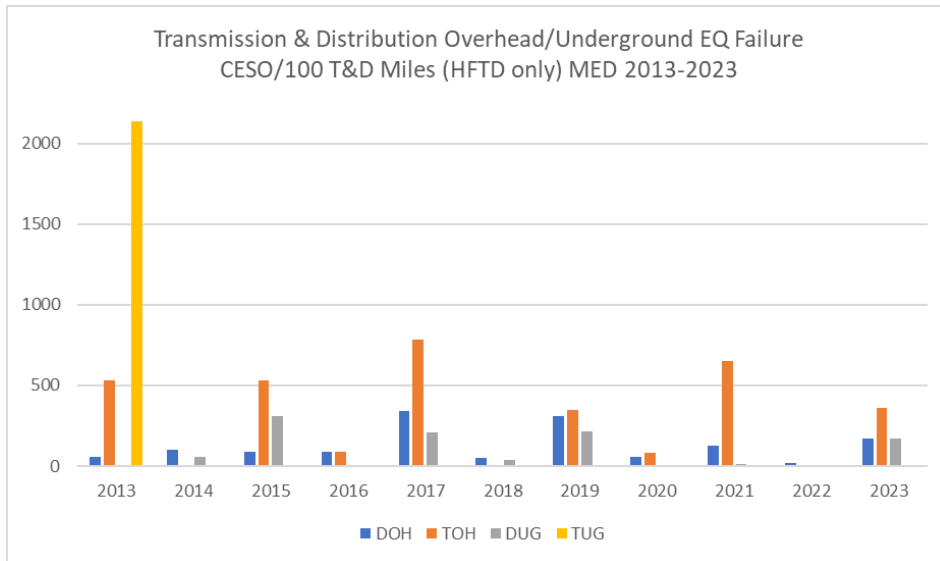
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**FIGURE 2.3-3  
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(MED ONLY 2013-2023)**



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**FIGURE 2.3-4  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION  
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(MED ONLY 2013-2023)**



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**TABLE 2.3-1  
ANNUAL MAJOR EVENT DAYS (2013-2023)**

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
4	5	10	3	30	7	31	14	25	5	20

Note: The data in this table is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes are reflected in PG&E's March 2024 report.

**2. Data Collection Methodology**

PG&E uses its outage database, typically referred to as its Integrated Logging Information System (ILIS) – Operations Database and its Customer Care & Billing database to obtain the customer count information to calculate these metric results. It should also be noted that PG&E's outage database includes distribution transformer level and above outages that impact both metered customers and a smaller number of unmetered customers. Outage information is entered into ILIS by distribution operators based on information from field personnel and devices such as Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeter™ devices. PG&E last upgraded its outage reporting tools in 2015 and integrated SmartMeter™ information to identify potential outage reporting errors and to initiate a subsequent review and correction.

PG&E traditionally excludes MEDs from Reliability measures per the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 1366 Standard titled IEEE Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability Indices to define and apply excludable MED to measure the performance of its electric system under normally expected operating conditions. Its purpose is to allow major events to be analyzed apart from daily operation and avoid allowing daily trends to be hidden by the large statistical effect of major events. Per the Standard, the MED classification is calculated from the natural log of the daily System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) values over the past five years by reliability specialists. The SAIDI index is used as the basis since it leads to consistent results and is a good indicator of operational and design stress.

There is a total of approximately 33,474 transmission and distribution (overhead and underground) circuit miles located in the Tier 2 and Tier 3

1 HFTD areas. PG&E's databases reflect the circuit miles that currently exist  
2 and do not maintain the historical values specifically in the Tier 2/3 HFTD  
3 areas. As such, we assumed the circuit miles have remained the same for  
4 all years from 2013 through 2022. Beginning 2023 PG&E will report the  
5 nominally updated circuit mileage total annually.

6 Due to data limitations, PG&E uses the Lat/Long of the operating device  
7 as a proxy for determining the distribution outage events that occurred in the  
8 Tier 2/3 HFTD areas.

### 9 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

10 The number of vegetation and equipment failure related customer  
11 outages per 100 transmission and distribution line miles during MEDs has  
12 varied each year and has been heavily driven by not just the number, but by  
13 the severity of the MED experienced in that specific year (refer to table  
14 above). 2021 performance increased by 235 percent from 2020 and  
15 experienced nine more MEDs, largely due to historic snowstorms that  
16 occurred in December. Due to the increase in the MED threshold, 2022  
17 experienced 20 fewer MEDs than 2021. Other performance spikes were  
18 experienced in 2017 and 2019, with both years also experiencing a high  
19 number of MEDs. Lastly, the number of MED in 2023 has risen from 2022  
20 and 2023 weather was more similar to 2019 and 2021. Given the  
21 randomness of weather patterns, no discernable trends can be learned from  
22 historical performance results.

23 The performance for the metric is 610 for 2023. This is higher than  
24 2022 performance because 2022 did not have as many MEDs but the 2023  
25 performance was very similar to 2021 results.

## 26 **C. (2.3) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

### 27 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

28 There have been no changes to the directional 1 and 5-Year Targets  
29 since the SOMs report filing.

### 30 **2. Target Methodology**

- 31 • Directional Only: Maintain (stay within historical range, and assumes  
32 response stays the same in events).

1           When normalized based on the number of MEDs per year, this metric  
2 shows improved performance. However, this metric measures the average  
3 number of customers impacted per 100 miles and will increase due the  
4 additional Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS) settings that were  
5 deployed in 2022 as EPSS contributes to more MEDs. Performance is  
6 expected to remain within historical range.

7           In addition, the MED threshold increased from a daily SAIDI value of  
8 3.50 in 2021 to 5.04 in 2022. In 2024, the MED threshold increases to  
9 6.519. This new threshold will equate to fewer MEDs in 2024 compared to  
10 previous years.

11 The following factors were also considered in establishing targets:

- 12 • Historical Data and Trends: No discernable trends can be learned from  
13 historical performance results given the randomness of weather  
14 patterns;
- 15 • Benchmarking: While this metric is not benchmarkable, PG&E is  
16 currently in the fourth quartile in SAIFI performance;
- 17 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 18 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
19 Enforcement (EOE): The directional target for this metric is suitable for  
20 EOE as it states we are to remain within historical performance range  
21 while accounting for the randomness of weather patterns and impacts of  
22 climate change;
- 23 • Attainable With Known Resources/Work Plan: Based on 2023 results  
24 and variability in weather patterns, performance expected to be within  
25 historical range; and
- 26 • Other Considerations: Given the difficulty in predicting when PG&E  
27 areas will experience fire risk conditions, EPSS settings may be  
28 activated for a significantly longer period than the currently estimated  
29 fire season of June through November—leading to a greater than  
30 anticipated impact on reliability performance.

1 **D. (2.3) Performance Against Target**

2 **1. Deviation From the 1-Year Target**

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5 result for was 610, which is higher than 2022 results only because the 2022  
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19 existing equipment with protection measures intended to reduce animal  
20 contacts. This includes avian protection on distribution and transmission  
21 poles such as jumper covers, perch guards, or perching platforms.

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23 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

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25 Work: The Overhead COE Program is comprised of corrective maintenance  
26 of certain defined equipment—including Protective Devices (Reclosers,  
27 Cutouts, Sectionalizers), Voltage Devices (Regulators, Boosters), Switches  
28 (Switches, Disconnects), Capacitors, and Conductors—that plays an  
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11   **A. (2.4) Overview**

12       **1. Metric Definition**

13               Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 2.4 – System Average Outages  
14               due to Vegetation and Equipment Damage in HFTD Areas (Non-Major  
15               Event Days) is defined as:

16               *Average number of sustained outages on Non-Major Event Days (MED)*  
17               *per 100 circuit miles in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) per metered*  
18               *customer, in a calendar year, where each sustained outage is defined as:*  
19               *total number of customers interrupted/total number of customers served.*

20       **2. Introduction of Metric**

21               The measurement of System Average Outages due to Vegetation and  
22               Equipment Damage in HFTD areas is tied to the public safety risk of Asset  
23               Failure. Customers Experiencing Sustained Outages (CESO) is an  
24               important industry-standard measure of reliability performance as it a direct  
25               measure of outage frequency.

26   **B. (2.4) Metric Performance**

27       **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2023)**

28               Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has measured CESO for  
29               over 20 years, however this report used 2013 to 2023 CESO values for  
30               target analysis to align with the same timeframe used for the wire down  
31               SOMs (2013 was the first full year PG&E uniformly began measuring wire  
32               down events).

1           The Cornerstone program investments in 2013 involved both capacity  
2 and reliability projects, and PG&E experienced its best reliability  
3 performance in 2015. While this metric is not benchmarkable, in  
4 2015 System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) (unplanned and  
5 planned) was in second quartile when benchmarking with peer utilities.

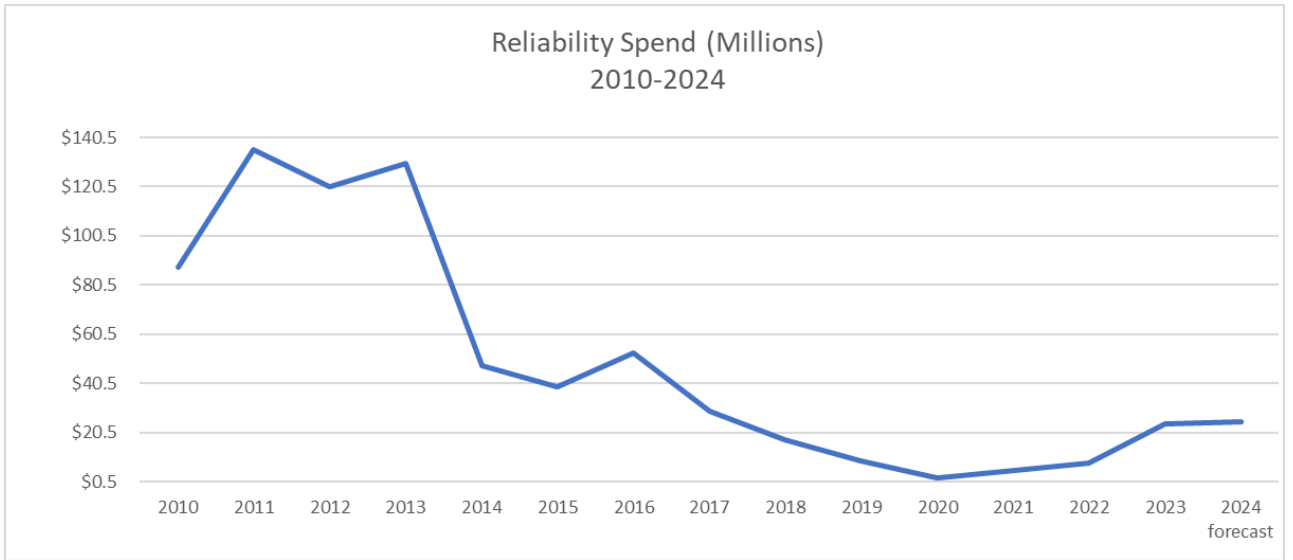
6           The majority of the 2017-2020 investment was on Fault Location  
7 Isolation and Restoration (FLISR), which automatically isolates faulted line  
8 sections and then restores all other non-faulted sections in less than  
9 five minutes typically in urban/suburban areas. Of note, FLISR does not  
10 prevent customer interruptions but rather reduces the number of customers  
11 that experience a sustained (> 5 minutes) outage.

12           The targeted circuit program, distribution line fuses, and recloser  
13 installation in the worst performing areas have the biggest impact in  
14 improving system reliability at the lowest cost.

15           Many factors influence reliability performance, including (but not limited  
16 to) reliability project investments and project execution, favorable weather  
17 conditions, outage response time, asset lifecycle and health, switching  
18 device locations and function (including disablement of reclosers to mitigate  
19 fire risk).

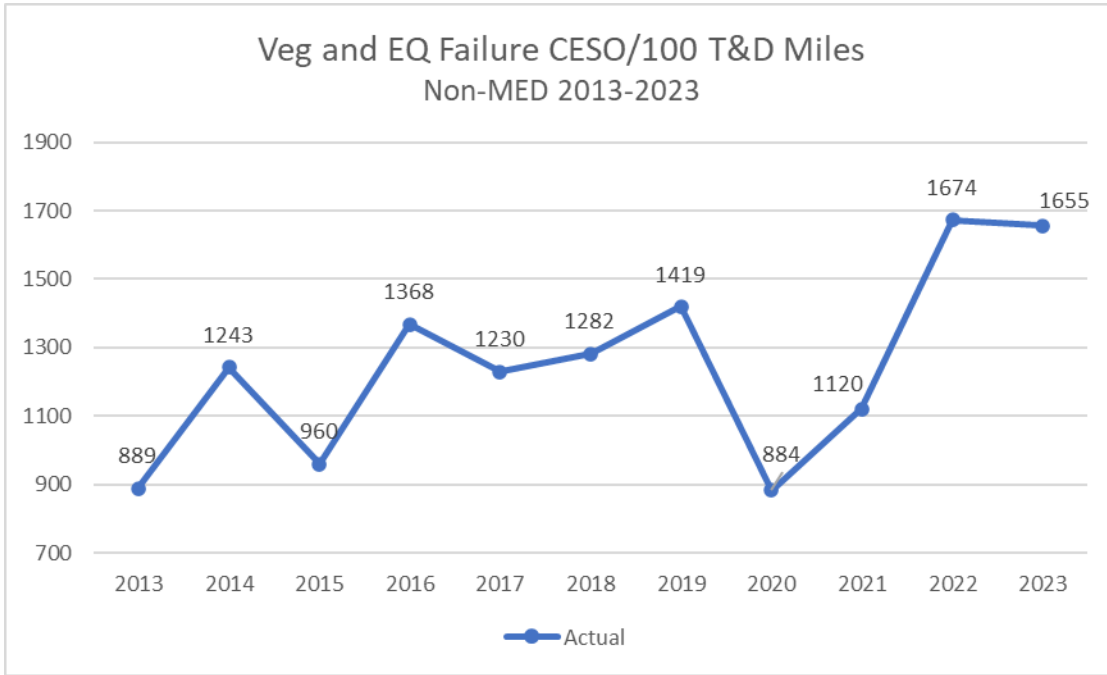
20           The current investment/work plan is heavily weighted towards wildfire  
21 mitigation and is not targeted towards improving reliability performance.  
22 PG&E's top financial and resource priority of minimizing the risk of  
23 catastrophic wildfires has led to declining reliability performance and does  
24 not support an improvement of this metric.

**FIGURE 2.4-1  
HISTORICAL RELIABILITY SPEND: 2010 – 2024**



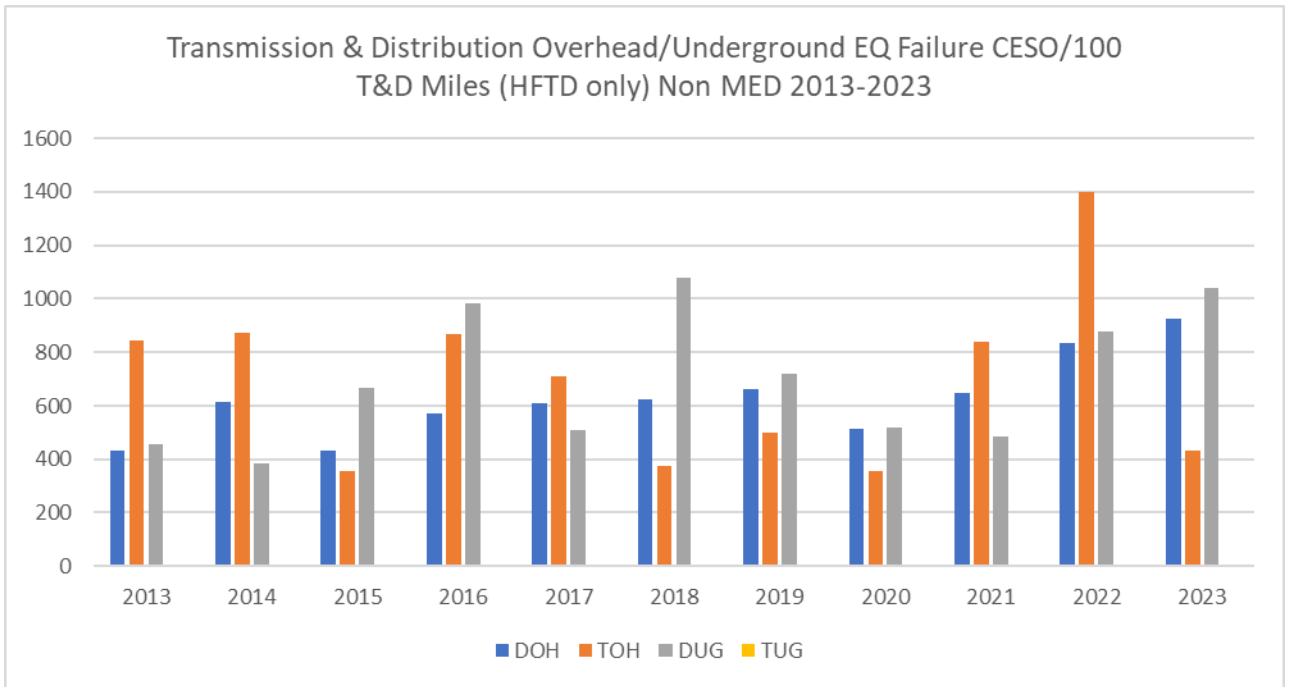
- 1 Reliability performance has consistently degraded since 2017 as
- 2 PG&E's focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation, with a
- 3 50 percent CESO increase occurring in 2022 from 2021.

**FIGURE 2.4-2  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION  
VEGETATION AND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL DATA  
(HFTD ONLY, NON-MED 2013-2023)**



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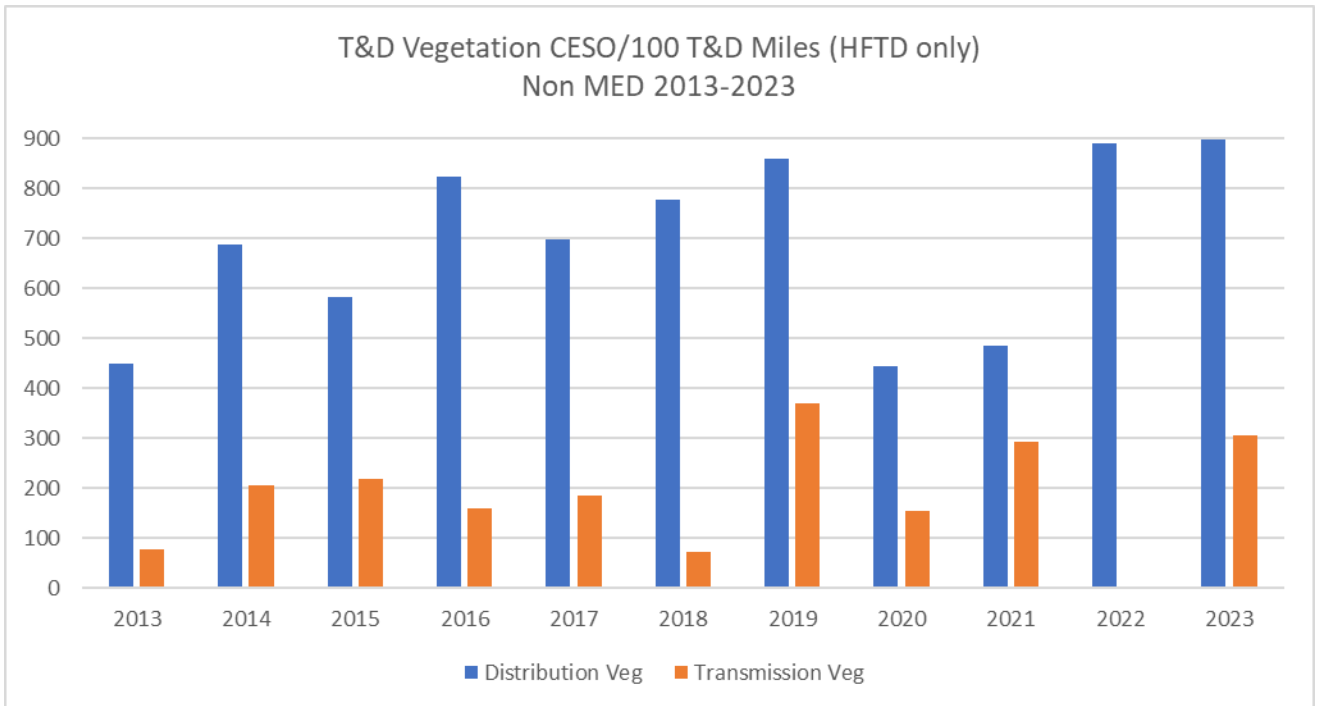
**FIGURE 2.4-3  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION  
OVERHEAD/UNDERGROUND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL DATA  
(NON-MED 2013 – 2023)**



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**FIGURE 2.4-4  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION  
VEGETATION CESO HISTORICAL DATA  
(NON-MED 2013-2023)**



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**2. Data Collection Methodology**

PG&E uses its outage database, typically referred to as its Integrated Logging Information System (ILIS) – Operations Database and its Customer Care and Billing database to obtain the customer count information to calculate these metric results. It should also be noted that PG&E’s outage database includes distribution transformer level and above outages that impact both metered customers and a smaller number of unmetered customers. Outage information is entered into ILIS by distribution operators based on information from field personnel and devices, such as SCADA alarms and SmartMeter™ devices. PG&E last upgraded its outage reporting tools in 2015 and integrated SmartMeter™ devices information to identify potential outage reporting errors and to initiate a subsequent review and correction.

1 PG&E excludes MEDs from Reliability measures per the Institute of  
2 Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 1366 Standard titled IEEE  
3 Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability Indices to define and apply  
4 excludable MED to measure the performance of its electric system under  
5 normally expected operating conditions. Its purpose is to allow major events  
6 to be analyzed apart from daily operation and avoid allowing daily trends to  
7 be hidden by the large statistical effect of major events. Per the Standard,  
8 the MED classification is calculated from the natural log of the daily System  
9 Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) values over the past five years  
10 by reliability specialists. The SAIDI index is used as the basis since it leads  
11 to consistent results and is a good indicator of operational and design  
12 stress.

13 There is a total of approximately 33,474 transmission and distribution  
14 (overhead and underground) circuit miles located in the Tier 2 and Tier 3  
15 HFTD areas. PG&E's databases reflect the circuit miles that currently exist  
16 and do not maintain the historical values specifically in the Tier 2/3 HFTD  
17 areas. *As such, we assumed the circuit miles have remained the same for  
18 all years from 2013 through 2022. Beginning 2023 PG&E will report the  
19 nominally updated circuit mileage total annually.*

20 Due to data limitations, PG&E uses the Lat/Long of the operating device  
21 as a proxy for determining the distribution outage events that occurred in the  
22 Tier 2/3 HFTD areas.

### 23 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

24 The number of vegetation and equipment failure related customer  
25 outages occurring per 100 T&D line miles on Non-MEDs has varied each  
26 year but was generally declining since 2016. *More recently, the CESO  
27 increased 27 percent from 2020 to 2021, and 50 percent from 2021 to 2022.  
28 2023 year end performance of 1655 is seemingly very similar to 2022  
29 performance of 1674. In general, the increased CESO is due to the  
30 following reasons:*

- 31 • To reduce ignition risk, PG&E implemented the Enhanced Powerline  
32 Safety Settings (EPSS) program in July 2021. This program enabled  
33 higher sensitivity settings on targeted circuits in HFTD to deenergize

1 when tripped. The implementation of EPSS has significantly reduced  
2 ignitions in the highest-risk wildfire months.; and

- 3 • In addition to the impact of EPSS, the metrics tied to CESO have been  
4 impacted as PG&E shifted away from traditional system reliability  
5 improvement work and more toward wildfire risk reduction, from reclose  
6 disablement in 2018 forward. As such, 2022 and 2023 performance is  
7 not directly comparable to prior years as the operating conditions have  
8 changed significantly and resulted in large year-over-year changes.

### 9 C. (2.4) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

#### 10 1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report

11 PG&E proposes to maintain the current 1- and 5-year metric targets  
12 without change.

- 13 • PG&E proposes a 1- and 5-Year target range for this metric, similar to  
14 the SAIDI (2.1) and SAIFI (2.2) metrics as it is experiencing the same  
15 unknowns within the EPSS environment. Customer outages of all  
16 causes are increasing in the HFTD areas due to EPSS, and the full  
17 annual impact is currently unknown. Due to the increase in threshold,  
18 there are also less excludable MEDs thus resulting in more vegetation  
19 and equipment failure related outages that occur during large  
20 (non-MED) storm events, such as in January 2022. 20 MEDs occurred  
21 in 2023 compared to the 5 MEDs that occurred in 2022.

22 In addition, PG&E's outage reporting systems were not designed to  
23 accurately measure this metric.

- 24 • Distribution outages are recorded by the operating device and the  
25 Lat/Long of the operating device is used to identify the Tier 2/3 HFTD  
26 location (not the actual Lat/Long of where the fault occurred since this is  
27 unavailable within the data base). As such, this metric may include a  
28 device outage located in a Tier 2/3 HFTD area that may operate due to  
29 a fault in a non-Tier 2/3 HFTD area and this may also distort over time  
30 the benefits associated with the Tier 2/3 HFTD mitigation efforts.

31 Longer term technology enhancements and processes are needed  
32 to automate the determination of accurate fault locations on the T&D

1 systems relative to the Tier 2/3 HFTD areas and to better integrate with  
2 the outage data base to improve the reporting accuracy of this metric.

3 Until the metric data can be more accurately measured, a target  
4 range for this metric will be established to account for the variances  
5 mentioned above.

## 6 **2. Target Methodology**

- 7 • For 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E is proposing a range of CESO  
8 due to Vegetation and Equipment Failure in HFTD of 1,523-1,980. This  
9 range mirrors last year range and performance due to the increase in  
10 significant expansion of the EPSS program in 2022:
  - 11 – EPSS settings were added to an additional 848 circuits in 2022  
12 (compared to 170 in 2021) for a total of approximately 1,018  
13 circuits. Additionally, PG&E has focused on optimizing the EPSS  
14 settings and installing additional devices to make reliability better  
15 where possible. In 2023, PG&E had over 1000 circuits and  
16 5100 protective devices that are EPSS enabled;
  - 17 – The upper range of the target range represents an 18 percent  
18 buffer, as 2022 performance may not have seen the full range of  
19 weather events; and
  - 20 – [The MED threshold will increase to a daily SAIDI value of 6.519](#)  
21 [which is up from 3.50 in 2021](#). This threshold only allowed for 5  
22 MED exclusions in 2022 whereas in the previous year, there were  
23 25. The increased threshold will cause more days that would  
24 previously have been MEDs to be accounted for in this metric  
25 instead.

26 The following factors were also considered in establishing targets:

- 27 • Historical Data and Trends: As 2021 was the first year of EPSS  
28 deployment and given the expansion of the program in 2022 [and 2023](#),  
29 there had been very little historical data to help guide in target setting.
- 30 • Benchmarking: While this metric is not benchmarkable, PG&E is  
31 currently in the fourth quartile in SAIFI performance;
- 32 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 33 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
34 Enforcement: The target for this metric is suitable for EOE as it aligns

1 with unplanned SAIFI target range and accounts for our current work  
2 plan and the unknowns of EPSS;

- 3 • Attainable With Known Resources/Work Plan: Based on 2023 results  
4 and 2024 work plan, PG&E does not expect degradation that would  
5 prevent us from meeting proposed target;
- 6 • PG&E's top financial and resource priority of minimizing the risk of  
7 catastrophic wildfires has led to declining reliability performance and  
8 does not support an improvement of outage performance:
  - 9 – The General Rate Case (GRC) in 2023-2026 allocated budget for  
10 reliability, but the work was re-prioritized to focus on wildfire  
11 mitigation, compliance, pole replacement and tags;
  - 12 – The most significant driver of reliability performance is Equipment  
13 Failure, specifically Overhead Conductor;
  - 14 – Conductor replacement under the System Hardening program for  
15 wildfire risk reduction is forecasted through the GRC period, but  
16 provides limited additional benefit, at approximately 1 percent  
17 (due to the rural HFTD geography in which this work takes place);
  - 18 – [Current allocated 2024 GRC spending amount for targeted](#)  
19 [reliability improvements \(MAT Code 49x\) is \\$10 million](#);
  - 20 – Prior to the implementation of EPSS in July 2021, current levels of  
21 investment and assuming the GRC forecast through 2026,  
22 SAIDI/SAIFI performance was expected to remain in the  
23 third quartile and sustained improvement are not expected . With  
24 the EPSS implementation, performance fell and is expected to  
25 remain in the fourth quartile; and
- 26 • Other Considerations: PG&E expanded the EPSS program (as  
27 described earlier in this chapter) and began enablement on high-risk  
28 circuits in January-representing and expanded fire season—all of which  
29 significantly impact SAIDI, SAIFI and CESO performance.

### 30 **3. 2024 Target**

31 [Range: 1,523 – 1,980](#)

32 [The 2024 target reflects a range of 1,523 – 1,980 which is the same as](#)  
33 [the 2023 target. The goal is to maintain similar performance within this](#)  
34 [range. See Section C above for reason of EPSS and reporting system.](#)

1 **4. 2028 Target**

2 Range: 1,523 – 1,980

3 Given the uncertainty of the EPSS environments and limitations within  
4 our reporting capabilities, 2028 target range mirrors 2024.

5 **D. (2.4) Performance Against Target**

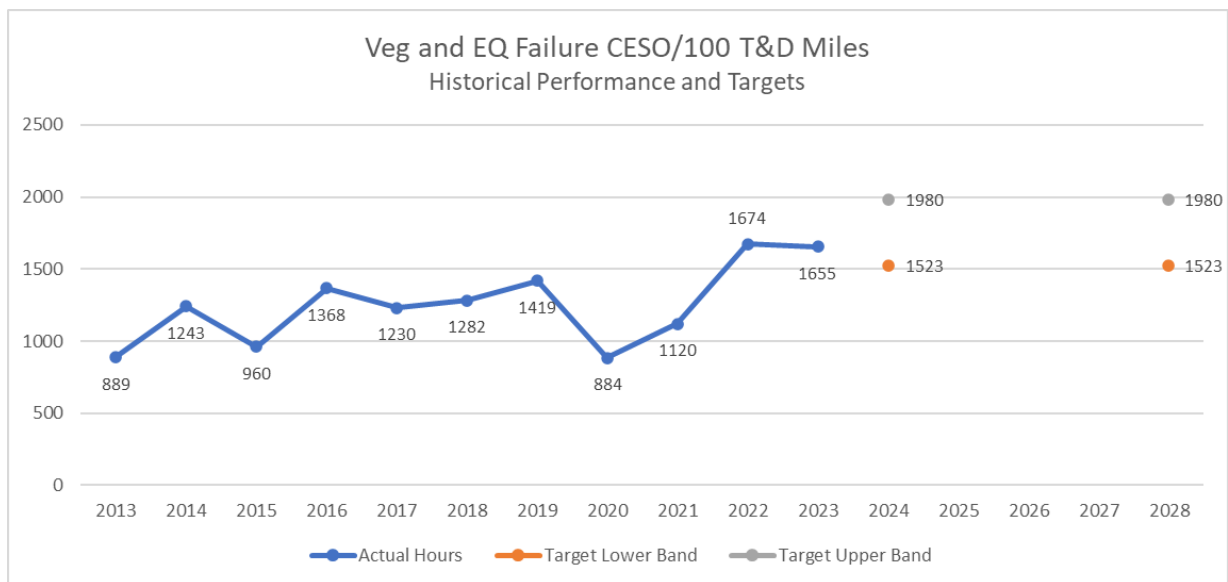
6 **1. Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

7 The 2023 year performance was 1655 which is within the target range of  
8 1523 – 1980 for end of year. This result is similar to 2022 year  
9 performance.

10 **2. Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

11 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has deployed or is deploying a  
12 number of programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this  
13 metric to meet the Company’s 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 2.4-6  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION  
VEGETATION AND EQUIPMENT FAILURE CESO HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS  
(2013 – 2023)**



14 **E. (2.4) Current and Planned Work Activities**

15 Existing Programs that could improve Reliability Outage Metric Performance  
16 are listed below.

- 1 • Vegetation Management: The Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM)  
2 Program targeted OH distribution lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and  
3 supplemented PG&E's annual routine Vegetation Management (VM) work  
4 with California Public Utilities Commission mandated clearances. Our EVM  
5 Program went above and beyond regulatory requirements for distribution  
6 lines by expanding minimum clearances and removing overhangs in HFTD  
7 areas. Due to the emergence of other wildfire mitigation programs (namely  
8 EPSS and Undergrounding), the program was discontinued in 2023. The  
9 trees that were identified as part of the program and previous iterations and  
10 scopes will be worked down over the next nine years under a program  
11 called Tree Removal Inventory, prioritized by risk rank using our latest  
12 wildfire distribution risk model. The Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) has  
13 commitments for this program of the removal of 15 thousand trees in 2023,  
14 20 thousand trees in 2024, and 25 thousand trees in 2025.

15 VM for Operational Mitigations is a new transitional program which  
16 began 2023 stemming from the conclusion of the EVM program. This  
17 program is intended to help reduce outages and potential ignitions using a  
18 risk-informed, targeted plan to mitigate potential vegetation contacts based  
19 on historic vegetation outages on EPSS-enabled circuits. The focus is on  
20 mitigating potential vegetation contacts in Circuit Protection Zones that have  
21 experienced vegetation caused outages. Scope of Work is developed by  
22 using EPSS and historical outage data and vegetation failure from the  
23 current Wildfire Distribution Risk Model risk model. Vegetation outage  
24 extent of condition inspections conducted on EPSS-enabled devices may  
25 generate additional tree work.

26 Focused Tree Inspections is another new transitional program that  
27 began in 2023 stemming from the conclusion of the EVM program. PG&E is  
28 developed Areas of Concern to better focus VM efforts to address high risk  
29 areas that have experienced higher volumes of vegetation damage during  
30 PSPS events, outages, and/or ignitions. These areas are inspected by VM  
31 Inspectors with a Tree Risk Assessment Qualification which provides a  
32 higher level of rigor to the inspection.

33 Please see Section 8.2, Vegetation Management, and Inspections in  
34 PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 1 • Asset Replacement (Overhead, Underground): Overhead asset  
2 replacement addresses deteriorated overhead conductor and switches,  
3 while underground asset replacement primarily focuses on replacing  
4 underground cable and switches.

5 Please see Chapter 4.11, Overhead and Underground Distribution  
6 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

- 7 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E's broader grid design program  
8 covers a number of significant programs, called out in detail in PG&E's 2023  
9 WMP. The largest of these programs is the System Hardening Program  
10 which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic wildfire risk caused  
11 by distribution overhead assets. In 2023, we continued our system  
12 hardening efforts by: completing 447 circuit miles of system hardening work  
13 which includes overhead system hardening, undergrounding and removal of  
14 overhead lines in HFTD or buffer zone areas; completing approximately  
15 364 circuit miles of undergrounding work, including Butte County Rebuild  
16 efforts and other distribution system hardening work. As we look beyond  
17 2024, PG&E is targeting 250 miles of Underground and 70 miles of  
18 OH/removal/remote grid to be completed in 2024 as part of the 10,000 Mile  
19 Undergrounding program. This system hardening work done at scale is  
20 expected to have limited reliability benefit due rural HFTD geography and is  
21 prioritized to mitigate wildfire risk rather than reliability risk at this time.

22 Please see Section 7.3.3, Grid Design and System Hardening  
23 Mitigations in PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 24 • Downed Conductor Detection: To further mitigate high impedance faults  
25 that can lead to ignitions, PG&E is piloting specific distribution line reclosers  
26 utilizing advanced methods to detect and isolate previously undetectable  
27 faults. This innovative solution is called Down Conductor Detection and has  
28 been implemented on over 1100 reclosing devices as of January 31, 2024.  
29 This technology uses sophisticated algorithms to determine when a  
30 line-to-ground arc is present (i.e., electrical current flowing from one  
31 conductive point to another) and the recloser will immediately de-energize  
32 the line once detected. Although this technology is new, it has already  
33 proven successful in detecting faults that would have otherwise been  
34 undetectable. PG&E will continue to learn from these installations through



1 the 2024 wildfire season and expects to optimize and adjust this technology  
2 to address system risks as needed.

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16 device may change quickly upon reporting.<sup>1</sup>

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18 Distribution Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

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10 **A. (3.1) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.1 – Wires Down Major Event  
13                   Days (MED) in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas (Distribution) is  
14                   defined as:

15                   *Number of Wires Down events on MED involving overhead (OH)*  
16                   *primary or secondary distribution circuits divided by total circuit miles of OH*  
17                   *primary distribution lines x 1,000, in HFTD Areas in a calendar year.*

18 **2. Introduction of Metric**

19                   In 2012, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E or the Company)  
20                   initiated the Electric Wires Down Program, including introduction of the  
21                   electric wires down metric, to advance the Company’s focus on public safety  
22                   by reducing the number of electric wire conductors that fail and result in  
23                   contact with the ground, a vehicle, or other object.

24                   This metric is associated with our Failure of Electric Distribution OH  
25                   Asset Risk and our Wildfire Risk, which are part of our 2020 Risk  
26                   Assessment and Mitigation Phase Report filing.

27 **B. (3.1) Metric Performance**

28 **1. Historical Data (2013–2023)**

29                   We have 11 years of historical data available from the years 2013-2023.  
30                   Although we started measuring distribution wire down incidents in 2012,  
31                   2013 was the first full year we uniformly measured the number of distribution  
32                   wire down incidents.

1 Over this historical reporting period, performance is largely influenced by  
2 external factors such as weather and third-party contact with our OH electric  
3 facilities. These historical results are plotted in Figure 3.1-1 below.

4 Our OH electric primary distribution system consists of approximately  
5 80,200 circuit miles of OH conductor and associated assets that could  
6 contribute to a wires down incident. [Approximately 25,060<sup>1</sup>](#) miles of our OH  
7 electric primary distribution lines traverse in the HFTD areas.

8 Over the last several years, we have completed significant work and  
9 launched various initiatives targeted at reducing wires down incidents,  
10 including:

- 11 • Performing infrared inspections of OH electric power lines to identify and  
12 repair hot spots;
- 13 • Clearing of vegetation hazards posing risks to our OH electric facilities
- 14 • Hardening of OH electric power systems with more resilient equipment.

15 In addition, our vegetation management (VM) teams conduct site visits  
16 of vegetation caused wires down incidents as part of its standard  
17 tree-caused service interruption investigation process. The data obtained  
18 from site visits supports efforts to reduce future vegetation-caused wires  
19 down incidents. The data collected from these investigations also helps  
20 identify failure patterns by tree species that are associated with wires down  
21 incidents. [Additionally, beginning in March of 2024, an extent of condition  
22 patrol five spans in all directions from the wire down. The purpose of an  
23 extent of condition patrol is to determine subject tree failure mode and  
24 identify any additional trees of concern within the extent of condition patrol  
25 area. This may include but is not limited to:](#)

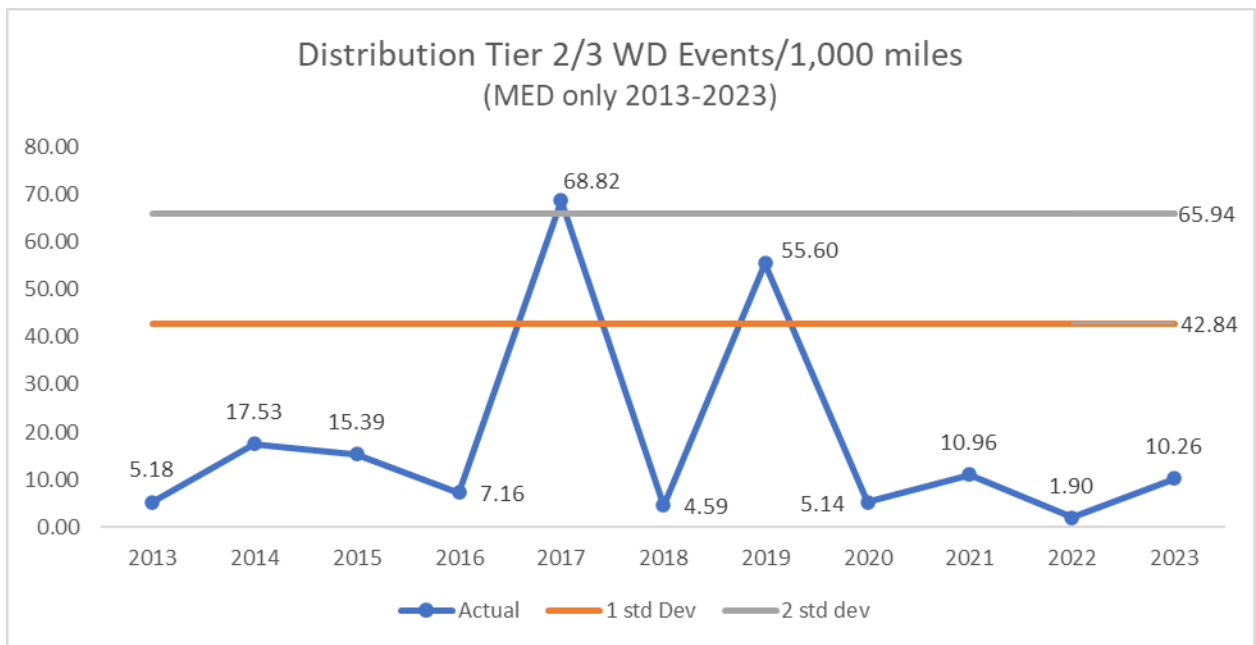
- 26 • [Conditions similar to the failed subject tree;](#)
- 27 • [Trees damaged from the fire or the failed subject tree;](#)
- 28 • [Other tree conditions of concern which may lead to another outage or  
29 ignition; and](#)
- 30 • [Non-compliant trees.](#)

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<sup>1</sup> For purposes of computing 2022 performance, PG&E used the end of year 2021, [which was 25,270 miles.](#) For 2023 performance, PG&E is using the end of year 2022, [which is 25,060 miles.](#)

1            Distribution Wire Down Events on MEDs have varied each year and  
 2            have been heavily driven by not just the number of events, but by the  
 3            severity of the MED experienced in that specific year (refer to table below).  
 4            Given the randomness of weather patterns, no discernable trends can be  
 5            learned from historical performance results.

**FIGURE 3.1-1**  
**DISTRIBUTION PRIMARY WIRES DOWN INCIDENTS PER 1,000 CIRCUIT MILES TIER 2/3,**  
**OCCURRING ON MEDS (2013-2023)**



Note: The data in this figure is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes are reflected in PG&E's March 2024 report.

**TABLE 3.1-1**  
**ANNUAL MAJOR EVENT DAYS (2013–2023)**

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
4	5	10	3	30	7	31	14	25	5	20

Note: The data in this table is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes are reflected in PG&E's March 2024 report.

1           **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2           PG&E uses the Integrated Logging Information System (ILIS) –  
3           Operations Database, to track and count the number of wires down  
4           incidents as well as our electric distribution geographical information  
5           systems (EDGIS) to determine if the wire down incident was in an HFTD  
6           locations. Although our outage database does not specifically identify  
7           precise location of the downed wire, we use the Latitude and Longitude  
8           (e.g., Lat/Long) of the device used to isolate the involved electric power line  
9           Section as a proxy. We also use our EDGIS application to determine if that  
10          device (via: Lat/Long information) is in the HFTD (e.g., Tier 2 or Tier 3  
11          location). Outage information is entered into ILIS by our electric distribution  
12          operators based on information from field personnel and devices such as  
13          Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeter™<sup>2</sup>  
14          devices. We last upgraded our outage reporting tools in 2015 and  
15          integrated SmartMeter information to identify potential outage reporting  
16          errors and to initiate a subsequent review and correction.

17          PG&E uses the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers  
18          (IEEE) 1366 Standard titled IEEE Guide for Electric Power Distribution  
19          Reliability Indices to define MED to measure the performance of its electric  
20          system under normally expected operating conditions. PG&E normally  
21          excludes MEDs to allow major events to be analyzed apart from daily  
22          operation and avoid allowing daily trends to be hidden by the large statistical  
23          effect of major events. Per the Standard, the MED classification is  
24          calculated from the natural log of the daily System Average Interruption  
25          Duration Index (SAIDI) values over the past five years by reliability  
26          specialists. The SAIDI index is used as the basis since it leads to consistent  
27          results and is a good indicator of operational and design stress.

28           **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

29           The number of Distribution Wire Down events during MEDs in 2023 was  
30           10.26. The number of Distribution Wire Down events during MEDs has

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1 varied each year and has been heavily driven by both the number and  
2 severity of the MEDs experienced in that specific year.

3 As can be seen from the 2013 to 2023 distribution wire down event and  
4 number of MEDs per year data, the number of Tier 2 and Tier 3 wire down  
5 events were significantly impacted by the number of MEDs experienced in  
6 2017 and 2019. The total number of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD distribution  
7 wire down events per 1,000 miles per MED was 0.513 in 2023, compared to  
8 2.294 in 2017 and 1.794 in 2019.

### 9 C. (3.1) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

#### 10 1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report

11 There have been no changes to the directional 1- and 5- year targets  
12 since the last report.

#### 13 2. Target Methodology

- 14 • Directional Only: Maintain (stay within historical range, and assumes  
15 response stays the same in events)

16 Based on the historical performance of this metric, PG&E interprets  
17 “Maintain” as staying within 2 standard deviations from the 10-year  
18 average. This equates to an upper limit of 65.94 (as shown in  
19 Figure 3.1-1);

- 20 • Historical Data and Trends: This metric is expected to remain within the  
21 historical performance levels, but will vary based on the number of  
22 MEDs experienced in a year and the weather conditions;
- 23 • Benchmarking: Not available to the best of our knowledge;
- 24 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 25 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
26 Enforcement: The directional target for this metric is suitable for EOE as  
27 it states performance will remain within historical range which accounts  
28 for unknown factors which may vary such as the frequency and severity  
29 of weather;
- 30 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes, this metric is  
31 attainable within known resources, however this metric is impacted by  
32 variability in conditions outside of PG&E’s control, such as the severity  
33 of weather on MED; and



- Other Considerations: None.

### 3. 2024 Target

Based on the methodology explained above, the 2024 target is to remain within 2 standard deviations from the 10-year average. This equates to an upper limit of 65.94.

### 4. 2028 Target

The 2028 target is the same as the 1-year target, to maintain within historical performance levels, i.e., within the upper limit of 65.94.

## D. (3.1) Performance Against Target

### 1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target

As demonstrated in Figure 3.1-1 and Table 3.1-1 above, PG&E experienced 20 MEDs in 2023, resulting in a performance of 10.26. This increase in events was driven by extreme weather that occurred January through March, including the numerous atmospheric river events. The weather that occurred April through December was much more moderate, only resulting in one MED. As a result, the overall performance in 2023 remained below the 2023 target of 66.02.

### 2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target

As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to align with the Company's 5-year directional performance target.

## E. (3.1) Current and Planned Work Activities

PG&E will continue to execute many ongoing activities to reduce wires down, including the following programs:

- OH Conductor Replacement: PG&E's electric distribution system includes approximately 80,200 circuit miles of OH conductor on its distribution system that operates between 4 and 21 kilovolt, including bare and covered conductors. Approximately 54,500 circuit miles of this distribution conductor, including approximately 36,300 circuit miles of small conductor is in non-HFTD areas. PG&E's OH Conductor Replacement Program, recorded in MAT 08J, proactively replaces OH conductor in non-HFTD

1 areas to address elevated rates of wires down and deteriorated/damaged  
2 conductors and to improve system safety, reliability, and integrity.

3 Please see Exhibit (PG&E-4), Chapter 13, “Overhead and Underground  
4 Asset Management” in the 2023 General Rate Case for additional details.

- 5 • Patrols and Inspections: PG&E monitors the condition of OH conductor  
6 through patrols and inspections consistent with General Order 165. Tags  
7 are created for abnormal conditions, including those that can lead to a wire  
8 down. Work is prioritized in a risk-informed manner to address the issues  
9 identified in the tags. In addition, PG&E has implemented risk based aerial  
10 inspections using drones in targeted areas. Drone inspections significantly  
11 improves our ability to assess deteriorated conditions on the conductor.
- 12 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E’s broader grid design program  
13 covers a number of significant programs, called out in detail in PG&E’s 2023  
14 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). The largest of these programs is the  
15 System Hardening Program which focuses on the mitigation of potential  
16 catastrophic wildfire risk caused by distribution OH assets. In 2023, we  
17 continued our system hardening efforts by: (i) completing 447 circuit miles  
18 of system hardening work which includes OH system hardening,  
19 undergrounding and removal of OH lines in HFTD or buffer zone areas;  
20 (ii) completing approximately 364 circuit miles of undergrounding work,  
21 including Butte County Rebuild efforts and other distribution system  
22 hardening work; and (iii) replacing equipment in HFTD areas that creates  
23 ignition risks, such as non-exempt fuses and surge arresters. As we look  
24 beyond 2024, PG&E is targeting 250 miles of Undergrounding and 70 miles  
25 of OH/removal/remote grid to be completed in 2024 as part of the  
26 10,000 Mile Undergrounding Program. Even though this program will  
27 provide wire down mitigation benefit, note that PG&E’s approach to wildfire  
28 mitigations in the HFTD locations is based on a risk informed prioritization of  
29 work in the areas where wildfire risk is evaluated as highest, as opposed to  
30 where wires down incidents have a high likelihood of occurrence if they are  
31 in areas where wildfire risk is relatively lower within the HFTD.

32 Please see Section 7.3.3, Grid Design and System Hardening  
33 Mitigations in PG&E’s WMP for additional details.

- VM: The Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM) Program targeted OH distribution lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplemented PG&E's annual routine VM work with California Public Utilities Commission mandated clearances. Our EVM Program went above and beyond regulatory requirements for distribution lines by expanding minimum clearances and removing overhangs in HFTD areas. Due to the emergence of other wildfire mitigation programs (namely Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS) and Undergrounding), the program was discontinued in 2023. The trees that were identified as part of the program and previous iterations and scopes will be worked down over the next nine years under a program called Tree Removal Inventory, prioritized by risk rank using our latest wildfire distribution risk model (WDRM). The WMP has commitments for this program of the removal of 15K trees in 2023, 20K trees in 2024, and 25K trees in 2025.

VM for Operational Mitigations is a new transitional program which began 2023 stemming from the conclusion of the EVM program. This program is intended to help reduce outages and potential ignitions using a risk-informed, targeted plan to mitigate potential vegetation contacts based on historic vegetation outages on EPSS-enabled circuits. The focus is on mitigating potential vegetation contacts in Circuit Protection Zones that have experienced vegetation caused outages. Scope of Work is developed by using EPSS and historical outage data and vegetation failure from the current WDRM risk model. Vegetation outage extent of condition inspections conducted on EPSS-enabled devices may generate additional tree work.

Focused Tree Inspections is another new transitional program that began in 2023 stemming from the conclusion of the EVM program. PG&E is developed Areas of Concern to better focus VM efforts to address high risk areas that have experienced higher volumes of vegetation damage during Public Safety Power Shutoff events, outages, and/or ignitions. These areas are inspected by VM Inspectors with a Tree Risk Assessment Qualification which provides a higher level of rigor to the inspection.

Please see Section 8.2, VM and Inspections in PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 1 • Other Advancements: In addition, there are several technologies that PG&E  
2 is piloting to better identify and/or prevent conductor to ground faults. This  
3 includes:
  - 4 – SmartMeter-based methods;
  - 5 – Distribution Falling Wire Detection Method;
  - 6 – Distribution Fault Anticipation;
  - 7 – Early Fault Detection; and
  - 8 – Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter.

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6                   The material updates to this chapter since the October 2, 2023, report can be  
7                   found in Sections B, C, D and E. Material changes from the prior report are  
8                   identified in blue font.  
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10 **A. (3.2) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.2 – Wires Down Non-Major  
13                   Event Days (Non-MED) in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas  
14                   (Distribution) is defined as:

15                   *Number of Wires Down events on Non-MED involving overhead (OH)*  
16                   *primary distribution circuits divided by the total circuit miles of OH primary*  
17                   *distribution lines x 1,000, in HFTD areas, in a calendar year.*

18 **2. Introduction to the Metric**

19                   In 2012, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E or the Company)  
20                   initiated the Electric Wires Down Program, including introduction of the  
21                   electric wires down metric, to advance the Company’s focus on public safety  
22                   by reducing the number of electric wire conductors that fail and result in  
23                   contact with the ground, a vehicle, or other object.

24                   This metric is associated with our Failure of Electric Distribution  
25                   Overhead (OH) Asset Risk and our Wildfire risk, which are part of our  
26                   2020 Risk Assessment and Mitigation Phase Report (RAMP) filing.

27 **B. (3.2) Metric Performance**

28 **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2023)**

29                   We have 11 years of historical data available from the years 2013-2023.  
30                   Although we started measuring distribution wire down incidents in 2012,  
31                   2013 was the first full year uniformly measuring the number of distribution  
32                   wire down incidents.

1 Over this historical reporting period, performance is largely influenced by  
2 external factors such as weather and third-party contact with OH electric  
3 facilities. These historical results are plotted in Figure 3.2-1 below.

4 Our OH electric primary distribution system consists of approximately  
5 80,200 circuit miles of OH conductor and associated assets that could  
6 contribute to a wires down incident. [Approximately 25,060 miles<sup>1</sup>](#) of our OH  
7 electric primary distribution lines traverse in the HFTD areas.

8 Over the last several years, we have completed significant work and  
9 launched various initiatives targeted at reducing wires down incidents,  
10 including:

- 11 • Performing infrared inspections of OH electric power lines to identify and  
12 repair hot spots;
- 13 • Clearing of vegetation hazards posing risks to our OH electric facilities;  
14 and
- 15 • Hardening of OH electric power systems with more resilient equipment.

16 In addition, our vegetation management (VM) teams conduct site visits  
17 of vegetation caused wires down incidents as part of its standard  
18 tree-caused service interruption investigation process. The data obtained  
19 from site visits supports efforts to reduce future vegetation-caused wires  
20 down incidents. The data collected from these investigations also helps  
21 identify failure patterns by tree species that are associated with wires down  
22 incidents. [Additionally, beginning in March of 2024, an extent of condition  
23 patrol five spans in all directions from the downed wire. The purpose of an  
24 extent of condition patrol is to determine subject tree failure mode and  
25 identify any additional trees of concern within the extent of condition patrol  
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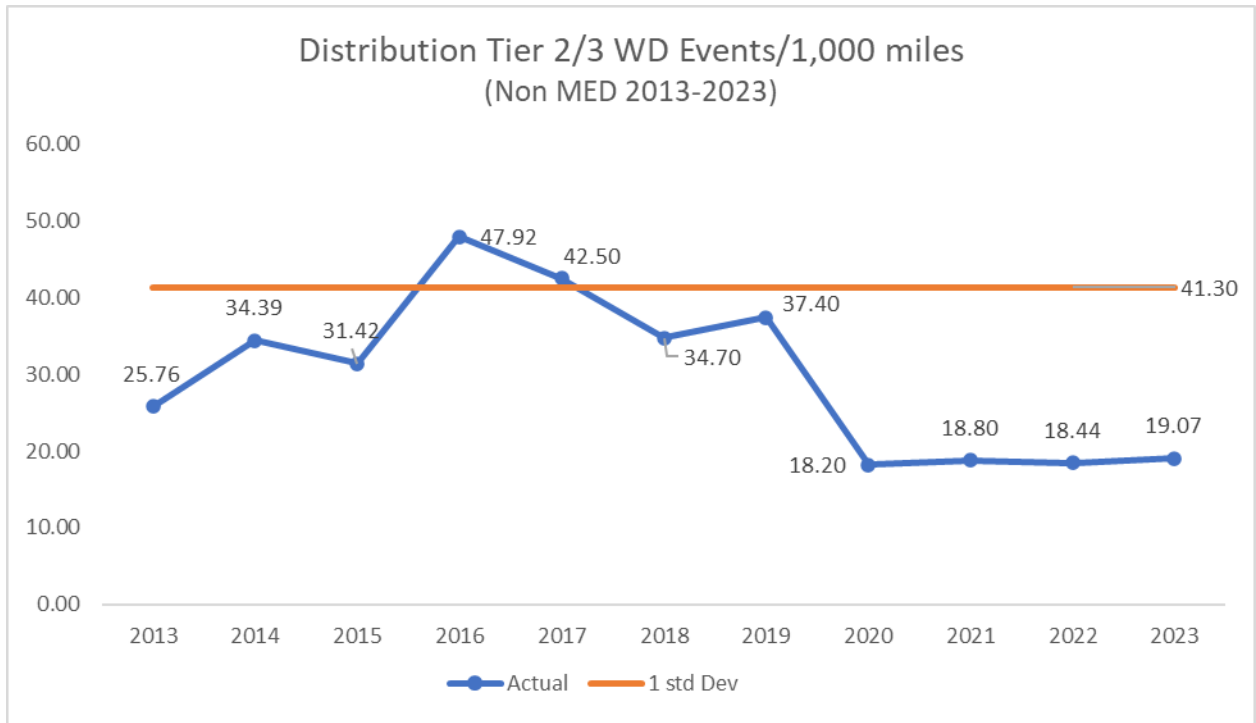
- 27 • [Conditions similar to the failed subject tree;](#)
- 28 • [Trees damaged from the fire or the failed subject tree; and](#)
- 29 • [Other tree conditions of concern which may lead to another outage or  
30 ignition.](#)
- 31 • Non-compliant trees.

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**FIGURE 3.2-1  
DISTRIBUTION PRIMARY WIRES DOWN INCIDENTS PER 1,000 CIRCUIT MILES TIERS 2/3,  
OCCURRING ON NON-MEDS (2013-2023)**



Note: The data in this figure is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes are reflected in PG&E's March 2024 report.

1        **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2                PG&E uses its Integrated Logging Information System (ILIS) –  
3                Operations Database to track and count the number of wires down  
4                incidents, as well as its electric distribution geographical information  
5                systems (EDGIS) to determine if the wire down incident was in an HFTD  
6                locations. Although the outage database does not specifically identify  
7                precise location of the downed wire, the Latitude and Longitude  
8                (e.g., Lat/Long) of the device is used to isolate the involved electric power  
9                line Section as a proxy. PG&E also uses its EDGIS application to determine  
10                if that device (Lat/Long information) is in the HFTD (e.g., Tier 2 or Tier 3  
11                location). Outage information is entered into ILIS by our electric distribution  
12                operators based on information from field personnel and devices such as  
13                Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeter™

1 devices.<sup>2</sup> We last upgraded our outage reporting tools in year 2015 and  
2 integrated SmartMeter™ information to identify potential outage reporting  
3 errors and to initiate a subsequent review and correction.

4 PG&E uses the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)  
5 1366 Standard titled IEEE Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability  
6 Indices to define and apply excludable MEDs to measure the performance  
7 of its electric system under normally expected operating conditions. Its  
8 purpose is to allow major events to be analyzed apart from daily operation  
9 and avoid allowing daily trends to be hidden by the large statistical effect of  
10 major events. Per the Standard, the MED classification is calculated from  
11 the natural log of the daily System Average Interruption Duration Index  
12 (SAIDI) values over the past five years by reliability specialists. The SAIDI  
13 index is used as the basis since it leads to consistent results and is a good  
14 indicator of operational and design stress.

### 15 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

16 In 2023, there were 478 distribution wires down events, compared  
17 to 466 in 2022 and 475 in 2021. The number of distribution wires down  
18 events occurring on non-MED typically varies each year. Within the past  
19 4 years, 2020-2023, there has been a decrease in the number of events  
20 when comparing to years prior to 2020. The variance in this metric is driven  
21 by several factors including weather conditions, third party influence and the  
22 number of MED days per year. Furthermore, PG&E's approach to wildfire  
23 mitigations in the HFTD locations is based on a risk informed prioritization of  
24 work in the areas where wildfire risk is evaluated as highest, as opposed to  
25 where wires down incidents have a high likelihood of occurrence if they are  
26 in areas where wildfire risk is relatively lower within the HFTD.

27 In 2021, PG&E had a metric of 18.80. In 2022, PG&E had a metric of  
28 18.44. In 2023, PG&E had a current metric of 19.07.

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1 **C. (3.2) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 There have been no changes to the methodology for calculating the  
4 directional 1- and 5- year targets since the last report (i.e., maintaining  
5 performance within 1 standard deviation from the 10-year average). Applying  
6 this methodology, the 1-year and 5-year targets for 2024 and 2028 are to  
7 maintain performance within an upper limit of 41.30, as compared to the  
8 2023 and 2027 target of 41.36.

9 **2. Target Methodology**

- 10 • Directional Only: Maintain (stay within historical range, and assumes  
11 response stays the same in events)

12 Based on the historical performance of this metric, PG&E interprets  
13 “Maintain” designation as staying within 1 standard deviation from the  
14 10-year average. This equates to an upper limit of 41.30 (as shown in  
15 Figure 3.2-1);

- 16 • Historical Data and Trends: This metric is expected to remain within the  
17 historical performance levels, but will vary based on the number of  
18 MEDs experienced in a year and the weather conditions;
- 19 • Benchmarking: Not available to the best of our knowledge;
- 20 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 21 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
22 Enforcement: The directional target for this metric is suitable for EOE as  
23 it states performance will remain within historical range which accounts  
24 for unknown factors which may vary such as the frequency and severity  
25 of weather;
- 26 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes, targets are  
27 attainable within known resources, however this metric is impacted by  
28 the variability in conditions outside of PG&E’s control, such as weather  
29 conditions that may not be excluded as an MED; and
- 30 • Other Considerations: None.

31 **3. 2024 Target**

32 The 2024 target is to maintain within historical performance levels,  
33 i.e., below the upper limit of 41.3.

1       **4. 2028 Target**

2               The 2028 target is to maintain within historical performance levels,  
3               i.e., below the upper limit of 41.3.

4       **D. (3.2) Performance Against Target**

5       **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

6               As demonstrated in Figure 3.2-1, PG&E saw a performance of 19.07  
7       Distribution Wires Down Events per 1,000 circuit miles for 2023, which is  
8       consistent with the Company’s 1-year target of 41.36. Although there were  
9       a historically high number of wire down events in 2023, most occurred on  
10       MEDs. There was a significant increase in MEDs in 2023, as compared to  
11       2022, driven by extreme weather that occurred January through March of  
12       2023, including the atmospheric river events.

13       **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

14               As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of  
15       programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to  
16       meet the Company’s 5-year performance target.

17       **E. (3.2) Current and Planned Work Activities**

18               PG&E will continue to execute many ongoing activities to reduce wires  
19       down, including the following programs:

- 20       • OH Conductor Replacement: PG&E’s electric distribution system includes  
21       approximately 80,200 circuit miles of OH conductor on its distribution system  
22       that operates between 4 and 21 kilovolt, including bare and covered  
23       conductors. Approximately 54,500 circuit miles of this distribution  
24       conductor, including approximately 36,300 circuit miles of small conductor is  
25       in non-HFTD areas. PG&E’s OH Conductor Replacement Program,  
26       recorded in MAT 08J, proactively replaces OH conductor in non-HFTD  
27       areas to address elevated rates of wires down and deteriorated/damaged  
28       conductors and to improve system safety, reliability, and integrity.

29               Please see Exhibit (PG&E-4), Chapter 13, Overhead and Underground  
30       Asset Management in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

- 31       • Patrols and Inspections: PG&E monitors the condition of OH conductor  
32       through patrols and inspections consistent with GO 165. Tags are created  
33       for abnormal conditions, including those that can lead to a wire down. Work

1 is prioritized in a risk-informed manner to address the issues identified in the  
2 tags. In addition, PG&E has implemented risk based aerial inspections  
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4 ability to assess deteriorated conditions on the conductor.

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6 covers a number of significant programs, called out in detail in PG&E's 2023  
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8 which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic wildfire risk caused  
9 by distribution OH assets. In 2023, we continued our system hardening  
10 efforts by: (1) completing 447 circuit miles of system hardening work which  
11 includes OH system hardening, undergrounding and removal of OH lines in  
12 HFTD or buffer zone areas; (2) completing approximately 364 circuit miles of  
13 undergrounding work, including Butte County Rebuild efforts and other  
14 distribution system hardening work; and (3) replacing equipment in HFTD  
15 areas that creates ignition risks, such as non-exempt fuses and surge  
16 arresters. As we look beyond 2024, PG&E is targeting 250 miles of  
17 Undergrounding and 70 miles of OH/removal/remote grid to be completed in  
18 2024 as part of the 10,000 Mile Undergrounding Program. Even though this  
19 program will provide wire down mitigation benefit, note that PG&E's  
20 approach to wildfire mitigations in the HFTD locations is based on a risk  
21 informed prioritization of work in the areas where wildfire risk is evaluated as  
22 highest, as opposed to where wires down incidents have a high likelihood of  
23 occurrence if they are in areas where wildfire risk is relatively lower within  
24 the HFTD.

25 Please see Section 7.3.3, Grid Design and System Hardening  
26 Mitigations in PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 27 • Vegetation Management: The EVM Program targeted OH distribution lines  
28 in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplemented PG&E's annual routine VM  
29 work with California Public Utilities Commission mandated clearances. Our  
30 EVM Program went above and beyond regulatory requirements for  
31 distribution lines by expanding minimum clearances and removing  
32 overhangs in HFTD areas. Due to the emergence of other wildfire mitigation  
33 programs (namely EPSS and Undergrounding), the program was  
34 discontinued in 2023. The trees that were identified as part of the program

1 and previous iterations and scopes will be worked down over the next nine  
2 years under a program called Tree Removal Inventory (TRI), prioritized by  
3 risk rank using our latest wildfire distribution risk model. The WMP has  
4 commitments for this program of the removal of 15 thousand trees in 2023,  
5 20 thousand trees in 2024, and 25 thousand trees in 2025.

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8 program is intended to help reduce outages and potential ignitions using a  
9 risk-informed, targeted plan to mitigate potential vegetation contacts based  
10 on historic vegetation outages on EPSS-enabled circuits. The focus is on  
11 mitigating potential vegetation contacts in CPZs that have experienced  
12 vegetation caused outages. Scope of Work is developed by using EPSS  
13 and historical outage data and vegetation failure from the current WDRM  
14 risk model. Vegetation outage extent of condition inspections conducted on  
15 EPSS-enabled devices may generate additional tree work.

16 Focused Tree Inspections (FTI) is another new transitional program that  
17 began in 2023 stemming from the conclusion of the EVM program. PG&E is  
18 developed Areas of Concern (AOC) to better focus VM efforts to address  
19 high risk areas that have experienced higher volumes of vegetation damage  
20 during PSPS events, outages, and/or ignitions. These areas are inspected  
21 by Vegetation Management Inspectors with a Tree Risk Assessment  
22 Qualification (TRAQ) which provides a higher level of rigor to the inspection.

23 Please see Section 8.2, Vegetation Management and Inspections in  
24 PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 25 • **Other Advancements:** In addition, there are several technologies that PG&E  
26 is piloting to better identify and/or prevent conductor to ground faults. This  
27 includes:
  - 28 – SmartMeter-based methods;
  - 29 – Distribution Falling Wire Detection Method;
  - 30 – Distribution Fault Anticipation;
  - 31 – Early Fault Detection; and
  - 32 – Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter.

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10 **A. (3.3) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.3 – Wires Down Major Event  
13                   Days in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas (Transmission) is defined as:

14                   *Number of Wires Down events on Major Event Days (MED) involving*  
15                   *overhead transmission circuits divided by total circuit miles of overhead*  
16                   *transmission lines x 1,000, in HFTD Areas in a calendar year.*

17 **2. Introduction of Metric**

18                   This metric is a measure of how Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
19                   (PG&E or the Company) provides safe and reliable electric services to its  
20                   customers. It is also a measure of how available PG&E's electric  
21                   transmission (ET) grid is to the market for the buying and selling of electricity  
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23                   This metric is associated with PG&E's Failure of ET Overhead Asset  
24                   Risk and Wildfire Risk, which are part of the Company's 2020 Risk  
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26 **B. (3.3) Metric Performance**

27 **1. Historical Data**

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29                   2013-2023. Although PG&E started measuring wire down incidents in 2012,  
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31                   wire down events. This metric is normalized by the transmission circuit  
32                   miles within Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs. The HFTD boundaries are a recent  
33                   development and were not defined for several years within the historical

1 data timeframe. Hence, for all years prior to and including 2022, PG&E  
2 uses 5,525.9 overhead transmission circuit miles in Tier 2/3 HFTD areas  
3 and assumes any variances in prior years are negligible. Moving forward,  
4 HFTD mileage will be refreshed at the beginning of each year. Table 1  
5 provides the HFTD miles used for each year.

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6 **2. Data Collection**

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8 Operations Department using its Transmission Operations Tracking and  
9 Logging (TOTL) application. If distribution-served customers are affected by  
10 a particular transmission wire down event, the data captured in TOTL are  
11 merged in a separate data set with respective data from PG&E’s distribution  
12 outage reporting application Integrated Logging Information System. Follow  
13 up is usually required to validate cause of the wire down event, including  
14 daily outage review calls with various stakeholder departments to clarify the  
15 details of the wire down event. Results are consolidated and regularly  
16 communicated internally to keep stakeholders informed of progress.

17 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

18 All systems and processes and their outputs exhibit variability. Control  
19 charts help monitor variability and can be used to differentiate common  
20 causes of variability from special causes. Common, or chance, causes are  
21 numerous small causes of variability that are inherent to a system and  
22 operate randomly. Special, or assignable, causes can have relatively large  
23 effects on the process and may lead to a state that is out of statistical  
24 control—i.e., outside control chart limits.

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2 2013-2022. Using the actual data from those years allows us to calculate  
3 the following values that are used in the control charts:

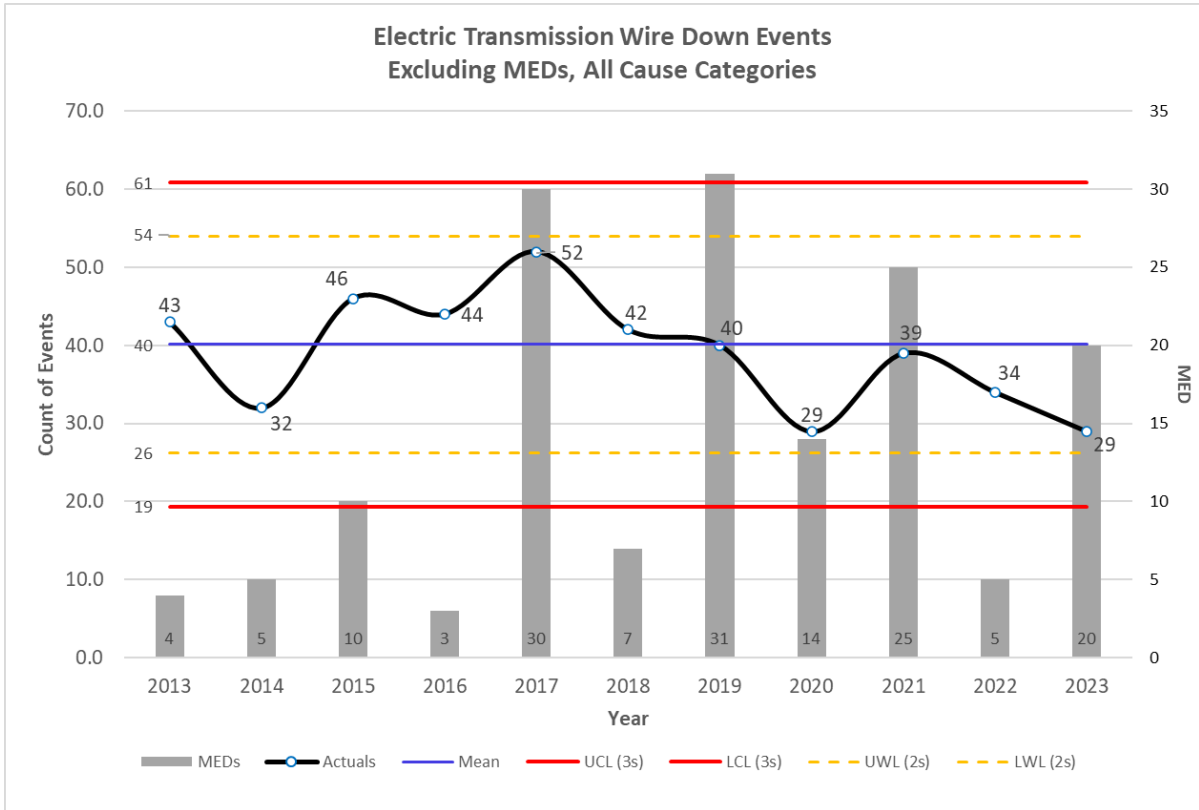
- 4 • Mean: Average value of the metric.
- 5 • Standard Deviation: Amount of variation of the metric calculated by  
6 taking the square root of the variance of the dataset.
- 7 • Upper Control Limit (UCL): The maximum value that can be attributed  
8 to natural fluctuations calculated by mean plus 3 standard deviations.
- 9 • Lower Control Limit (LCL): The minimum value that can be attributed to  
10 natural fluctuations calculated by mean minus 3 standard deviations.
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12 to take a proactive response to prevent the metric from approaching the  
13 UCL calculated by mean plus 2 standard deviations.
- 14 • Lower Warning Limit (LWL): The warning value that should raise a flag  
15 to take a proactive response to prevent the metric from approaching the  
16 LCL calculated by mean minus 2 standard deviations.

17 The probability that a point falls above the UCL which for most control  
18 chart designs is an indicator of significant process degradation or below the  
19 LCL, an indicator of significant process improvement) if only common  
20 causes are operating is approximately 0.00135. It is therefore unlikely to  
21 have measures fall beyond the control limits when no special cause is  
22 operating. False alarms are possible, but the placement of the control limits  
23 at 3 standard deviations (+/-) from the process average is thought to control  
24 the number of false alarms adequately in most situations. The simplest rule  
25 for detecting presence of a special cause is one or more points that fall  
26 beyond upper or lower limits of the chart.

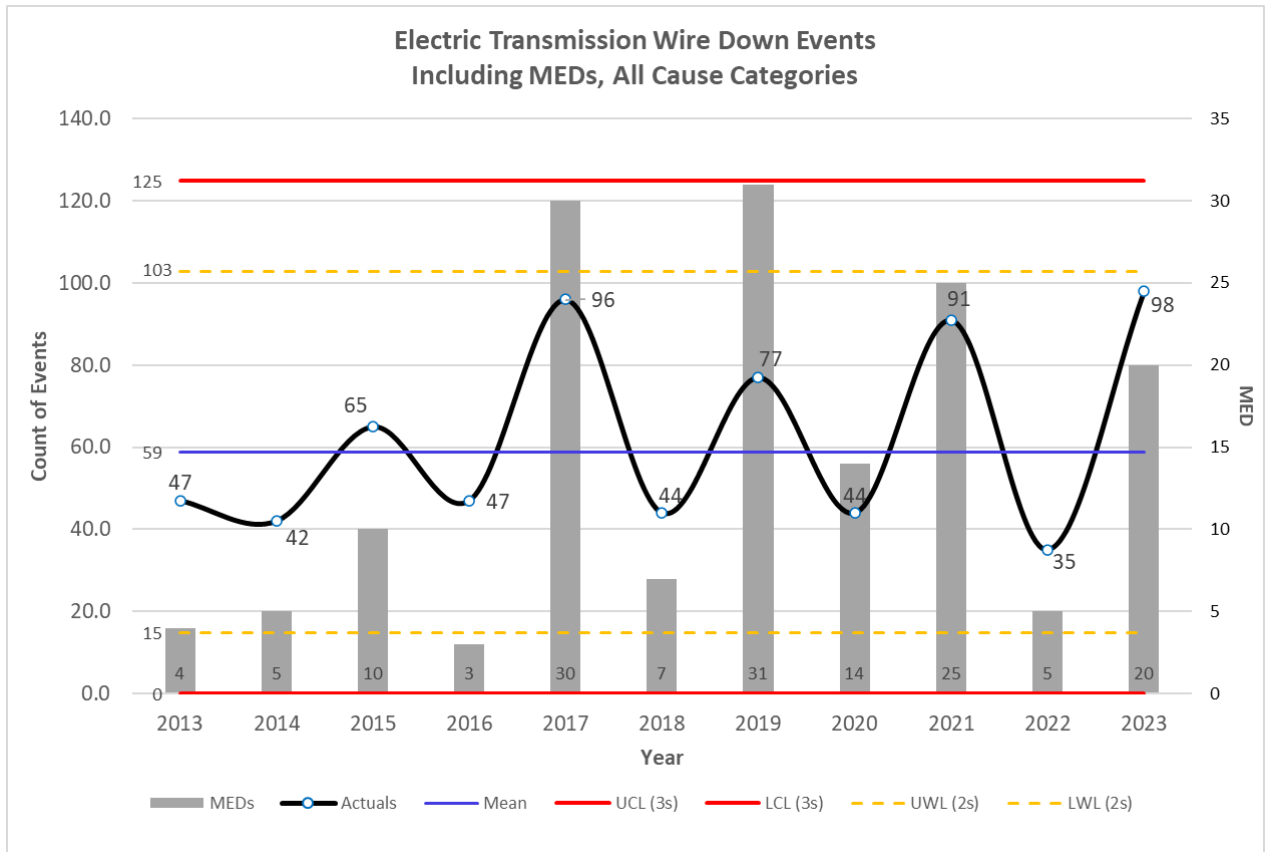
27 Control charts can further illustrate an expected range of performance  
28 based on historical data. They can assist with discrete observations of  
29 recent performance improvement or decline or stability.

30 Figure 3.3-1 below is a control chart showing historical annual  
31 performances since 2013 for ET wire down events excluding those that  
32 occurred on a declared MED. Similarly, Figure 3.3-2 is a control chart  
33 showing all wire down events including MEDs.

**FIGURE 3.3-1  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS, EXCLUDING MEDS  
(2013- 2023)**



**FIGURE 3.3-2  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS, INCLUDING MEDS  
(2013-2023)**

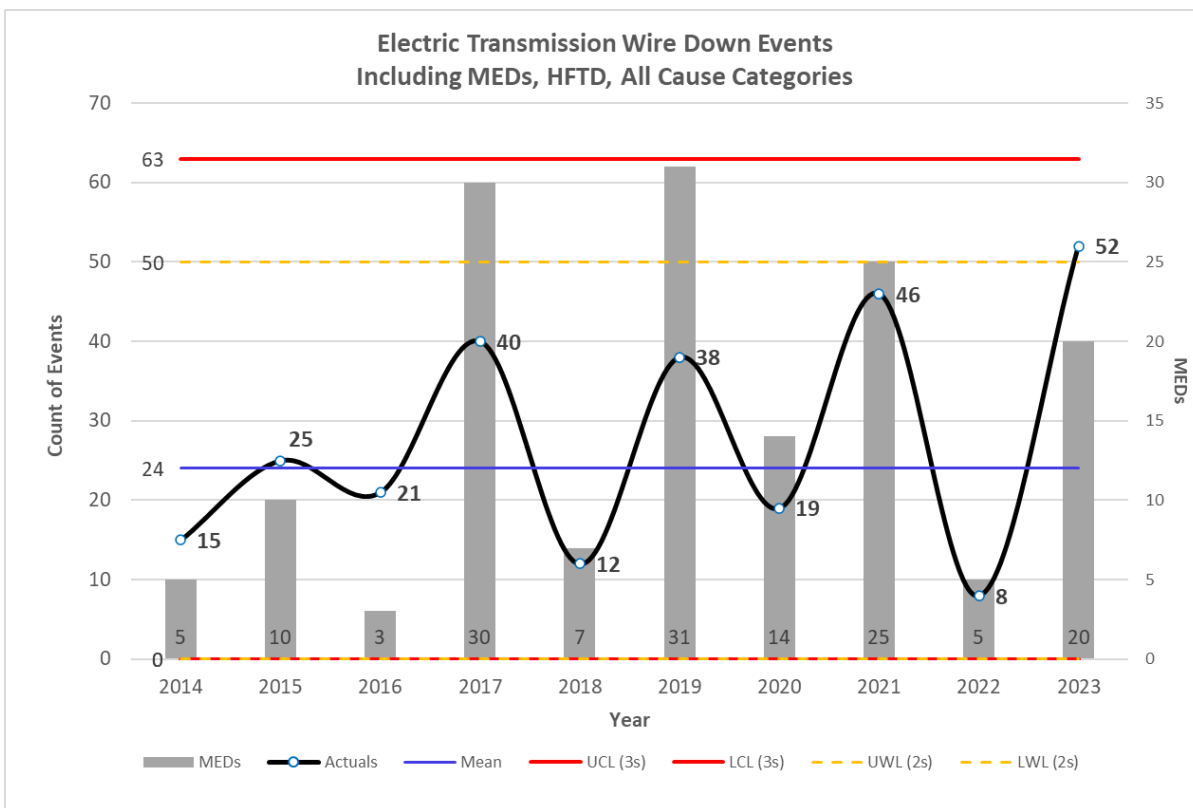


1           Comparing the two figures above, one can conclude that on average we  
 2           can expect more transmission wire down events when MEDs are included.  
 3           More importantly, there are no instances in either chart where the upper  
 4           chart limit set at three standard deviations was exceeded. It appears we  
 5           have a stable performing process in the count of transmission wire down  
 6           events, whether MEDs are included in the count or not.

7           Figure 3.3-3 below is analogous to Figure 3.3-2 above but restricts the  
 8           count of transmission wire down events to those occurring within Tier 2 or  
 9           Tier 3 HFTDs. All categories related to cause are included. The bars in the  
 10          chart show congruence between the number of MEDs in a performance year  
 11          vs. the count of transmission wire down. It is also apparent that we  
 12          historically have had a stable system as all annual performance results fall  
 13          within the two standard deviation lines for UWL and LWL. The extreme

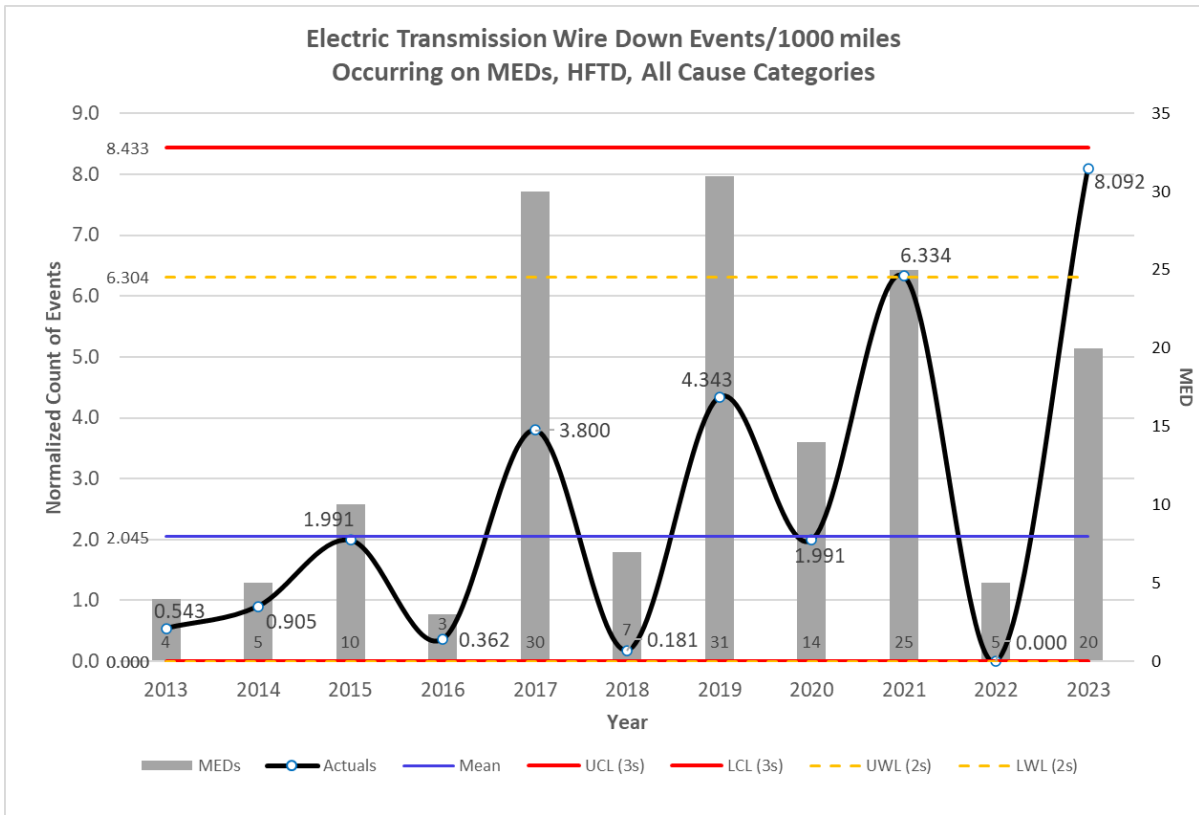
1 weather in Q1 of 2023 drove us above the UWL for the first time since we  
 2 began tracking this data.

**FIGURE 3.3-3  
 ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS,  
 INCLUDING MEDS, TIER 2/3 (2013-2023)**



3 Figure 3.3-4 below is analogous to Figure 3.3-3 above but further  
 4 restricts the count of transmission wire down events to those that occurred  
 5 only during a declared MED. These counts are normalized by dividing by  
 6 the circuit mileage associated circuits located in Tier 2 and Tier 3  
 7 boundaries x 1,000. Again, there is congruence between the normalized  
 8 counts of transmission wire down events and the number of MEDs.

**TABLE 3.3-4  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS OCCURRING ON MEDS, TIER 2/3  
(2013- 2023)**



1 **C. (3.3) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 There are no updates to the directional 1- and 5-Year Targets since last  
 4 report, to maintain performance within the historical range, i.e., the target is  
 5 to stay below the UCL as defined above. The UCL for 2024 and 2028 is  
 6 8.433. The winter storms in Q1 caused more wire down events, however,  
 7 there were 0 wire down events in HFTDs on MEDs after March which  
 8 allowed us to stay below the UCL for 2023.

9 **2. Target Methodology**

- 10 • Unplanned Directional Only: Maintain, i.e., stay within historical range  
 11 as determined by the UCL and the LCL as defined above, and assumes  
 12 response stays the same in events.

13 As discussed above in the interpretations of control charts related to this  
 14 metric—and absent any “special” cause(s) that would result in deviation

1 above the current three standard deviations—it is reasonable to expect that  
2 future transmission wire down results would remain within the historical  
3 performance levels. Such results will vary based on the number and  
4 severity of MEDs experienced in a year; however, end-of-year actuals  
5 should remain centered around the mean and below the UCL shown in  
6 Figure 3.3-4. It is noted that changes in MED thresholds from year to year  
7 can skew the UCL.

- 8 • Benchmarking: Not available to best of our knowledge;
- 9 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 10 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
11 Enforcement: The directional target for this metric is suitable for EOE as  
12 it states metric performance will remain in historical range;
- 13 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes, this metric is  
14 attainable within known resources, however this metric is impacted by  
15 the variability in conditions outside of PG&E's control, such as the  
16 severity of inclement weather on MED; and
- 17 • Other Considerations: None.

#### 18 **D. (3.3) Performance Against Target**

##### 19 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

20 PG&E experienced 44 wire down events in HFTDs on 19 MEDs from  
21 January through June of 2023 resulting in a performance of 8.092. This was  
22 below the UCL of 8.433. This increase in events from 2022 was driven by  
23 extreme weather that occurred January through April 2023, including the  
24 numerous atmospheric river events. However, once the weather improved  
25 PG&E experienced 0 wire down events in HFTDs on MEDs for the  
26 remainder of 2023 resulting in a 2023 performance of 8.092.

##### 27 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

28 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of  
29 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to  
30 meet the Company's 5-year directional performance target.

#### 31 **E. (3.3) Current and Planned Work Activities**

32 Wire down events can be caused by a variety of factors, including, but not  
33 limited to asset failure, third-party contact, or vegetation contact. The following



1 work activities may provide future resiliency for certain wire down event causes,  
2 though the effectiveness of the work is dependent upon the circumstances of the  
3 wire down event (e.g., new assets may still be prone to a wire down event that  
4 occur due to extreme weather events outside of standard design guidance).

- 5 • Asset Inspection: Detailed inspections of overhead transmission assets  
6 seek to proactively identify potential failure modes of asset components  
7 which could create future wire down, outage, and/or safety events if left  
8 unresolved or allowed to “run to failure.” Detailed inspections for  
9 transmission assets involve at least two detailed inspection methods per  
10 structure (ground and aerial), though not necessarily in the same calendar  
11 year which allows for staggered inspection methods across multiple years.  
12 Aerial inspections may be completed either by drone, helicopter, or aerial lift.  
13 In addition to the ground and aerial inspections, climbing inspections are  
14 also required for 500 kilovolt structures or as triggered. All these inspection  
15 methods involve detailed, visual examinations of the assets with use of  
16 inspection checklists that are in accordance with the ET Preventive  
17 Maintenance standards, as well as the Failure Modes and Effects Analysis.
- 18 • Asset Repair and Replacement: Completing repair, replacement, removal  
19 or life extension to transmission assets provides the benefit of reduced  
20 probability of failure for components that could potentially result in a wire  
21 down event. Idle asset de-energization and removal eliminates wires down  
22 event risk by removing the energized electrical components.

23 Many improvements are identified through corrective maintenance  
24 notifications. These notifications are typically identified as a result of  
25 transmission asset inspections and patrols. Prioritization of maintenance tags  
26 are based on severity of the issues found and fire ignition potential  
27 (i.e., asset-conditions impacting issues associated with HFTD areas and High  
28 Fire Risk Area). Execution of the prioritized work plan would also have to  
29 address other factors such as clearance availability, access, work efficiency, etc.

- 30 • Vegetation Management (VM): Trees or other vegetation that make contact  
31 or cross within flash-over distance of high voltage transmission lines can  
32 cause phase to phase or phase to ground electrical arcing, fire ignition or  
33 local, regional or cascading, grid-level service interruption. Dense  
34 vegetation growing within the right-of-way (ROW) can act as a fuel bed for

1 wildfire ignition. Vegetation growing close to any pole or structure can  
2 impede inspection of the structure base and in some cases can damage the  
3 structure or conductors and result in wire down events.

4 PG&E operates our lines in ET corridors that are home to vast amounts of  
5 vegetation. This vegetation ranges from sparse to extremely dense. Our  
6 transmission lines also pass through urban, agricultural, and forested settings.  
7 The corridor environment is dynamic and requires focused attention to ensure  
8 vegetation stays clear of energized conductors and other equipment. Vegetation  
9 inspection is a required operational step in an overall VM Program. Accordingly,  
10 PG&E has developed an annual inspection cycle program as part of our overall  
11 Transmission VM Program to respond to the diverse and dynamic environment  
12 of our service territory. The Routine North American Electric Reliability  
13 Corporation (NERC) and Routine Non-NERC Programs are annually recurring.  
14 The Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Program maintains cleared  
15 ROWs and recurs on a two-to-five-year cycle. The frequency and prioritization  
16 for each of these programs is described in more detail below.

- 17 • Routine NERC: The Routine NERC Program includes Light Detection and  
18 Ranging (LiDAR) inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of  
19 vegetation encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on  
20 approximately 6,800 miles of NERC Critical lines. 100 percent inspection  
21 and work plan completion are required by NERC Standard FAC-003-4.  
22 Work is prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs  
23 annually.
- 24 • Non-Routine NERC: The Non-Routine NERC Program includes LiDAR  
25 inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of vegetation  
26 encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on approximately  
27 11,400 miles of transmission lines not designated as critical by NERC.  
28 Work is prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs  
29 annually.
- 30 • Integrated Vegetation Management: The IVM Program is an ongoing  
31 maintenance program designed to maintain cleared rights-of-way in a  
32 sustainable and compatible condition by eliminating tall-growing and  
33 fire-prone vegetation and promoting low-growing, compatible vegetation.  
34 Prioritization is based on aging of work cycles and evaluation of vegetation

- 1 re-growth. After initial work is performed, the rights-of-ways are reassessed
- 2 every two to five years

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10           **A. (3.4) Introduction**

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12                                   Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.4 – Wires Down Non-Major  
13                                   Even Days in HFTD Areas (Transmission) is defined as:

14   *Number of Wires Down events on Non-Major Event Days (MED)*  
15   *involving overhead transmission circuits divided by total circuit miles of*  
16   *overhead transmission lines x 1,000, in High Fire Threat District (HFTD)*  
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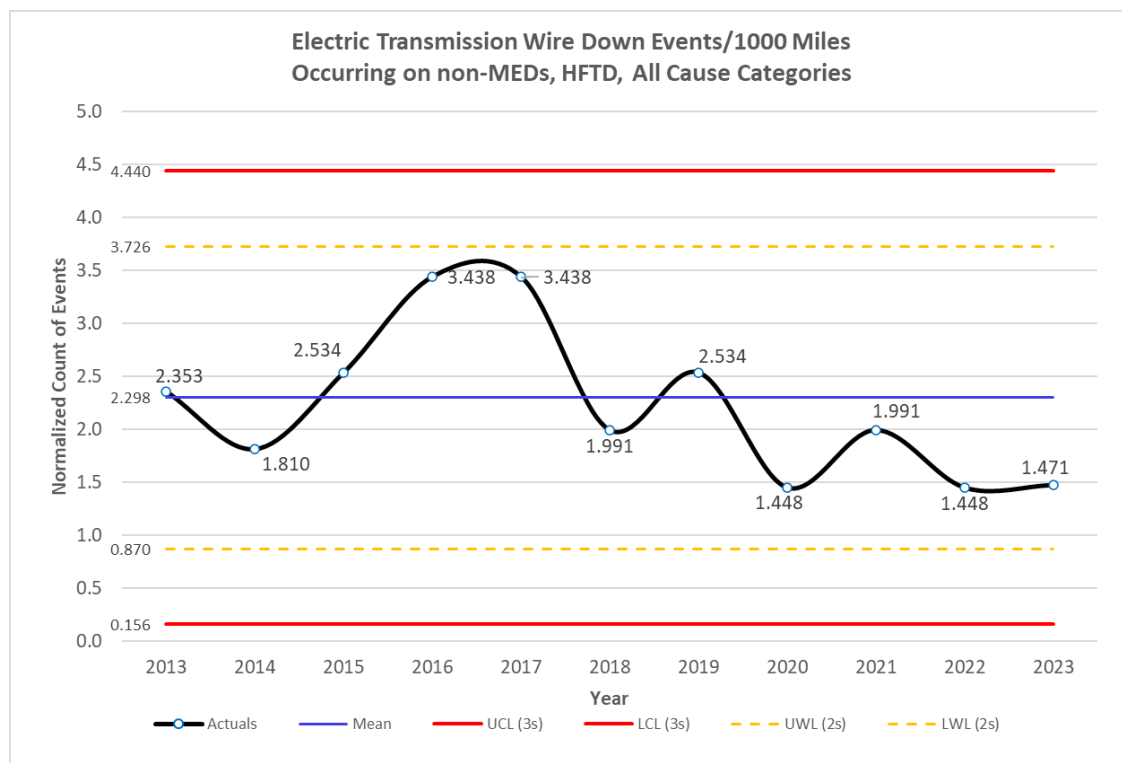
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- Lower Warning Limit: The warning value that should raise a flag to take a proactive response to prevent the metric from approaching the LCL calculated by mean minus two standard deviations.

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Control charts can further illustrate an expected range of performance based on historical data. They can assist with discrete observations of recent performance improvement or decline or stability.

Each year since 1998 PG&E and the CAISO or ISO have monitored ET availability using control charts.

Appendix C of the Transmission Control Agreement between PG&E and CAISO states that each participating transmission owner:

...shall submit an annual report...describing its Availability Measures performance. This annual report shall be based on Forced Outage records...and shall include the date, start time, end time affected Transmission Facility, and the probable cause(s) if known.

Appendix C goes on to address targets which are defined as “The Availability performance goals established by the ISO,” which are based on the control chart limits calculated and shown in the annual report.

As mentioned, ET wire down events have been tracked historically in part as a measure of how available PG&E’s ET grid is to the market managed by CAISO. With this proven and statistically robust method of calculating ET availability targets using control charts already established, it is reasonable—and preferable—to adopt this control chart methodology to not only monitor past and present performance but also better predict future performance and facilitate recommendations at a higher confidence level for annual targets related to ET wire down events.

1           There is precedent internally for using control charts to set targets.  
2           Figure 3.4-1 above is a control chart showing historical annual  
3 performances through 2022 for ET wire down events excluding those that  
4 occurred on a declared MED. The 2023 performance was 1.471 compared  
5 to the UCL of 4.44.

## 6 **C. (3.4) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

### 7 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

8           There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the  
9 last SOMs report filing. The targets remain at 4.44 which represents the  
10 UCL based on three standard deviations as defined above.

### 11 **2. Target Methodology**

12           To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, the following:

- 13           • Historical Data and Trends: 1-Year and 5-Year Targets are set to  
14 maintain performance within a 3-standard deviation range using the  
15 available historical data. As discussed above in the interpretations of  
16 control charts related to this metric—and absent any “special” cause(s)  
17 that would result in deviation above the current three standard  
18 deviations—it is reasonable to expect that future transmission wire down  
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20 results will vary based on the number of MEDs experienced in a year;  
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- 25           • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 26           • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
27 Enforcement (EOE): The target for this metric is suitable for EOE as it  
28 suggests that future results will remain within the historic performance  
29 levels;
- 30           • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Metric targets are  
31 attainable within known resources, however this metric is impacted by  
32 the variability in conditions outside of PG&E's control, such as the  
33 severity of inclement weather on days that do not register as MEDs; and

- 1 • Other Considerations: None.

### 2 **3. 2024 Target**

3 Not to exceed 4.440, which represents maintaining a 3-standard  
4 deviation range. A 3-standard deviation remains consistent with other ET  
5 external report filings with the CAISO.

### 6 **4. 2028 Target**

7 Not to exceed 4.440, which represents maintaining a 3-standard  
8 deviation range. A 3-standard deviation remains consistent with other ET  
9 external report filings with the CAISO.

## 10 **D. (3.4) Performance Against Target**

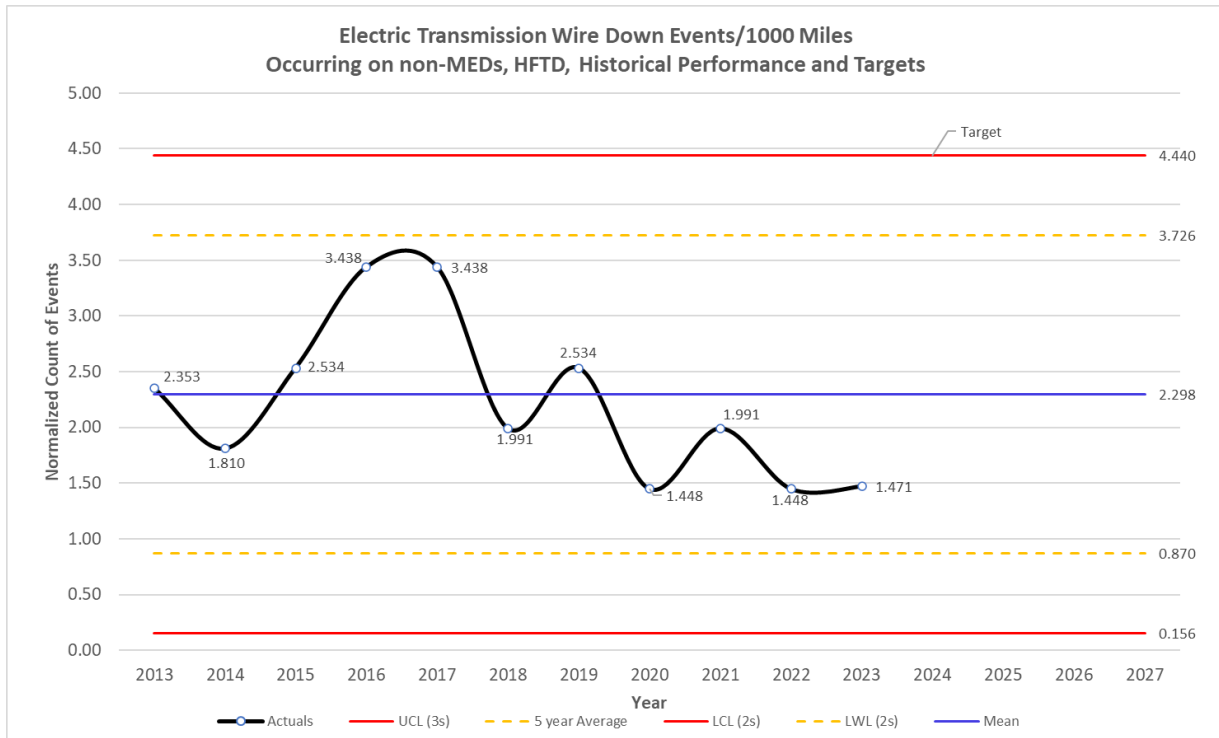
### 11 **1. Progress Towards the 1-year Target**

12 As demonstrated in Figure 3.4-2 below, PG&E saw a performance of  
13 1.448 Transmission Wires Down Events per 1,000 circuit miles in 2022  
14 which is consistent with Company's 1-year target. Although there were a  
15 historically high number of overall wire down events in 2023, most occurred  
16 on MEDs. There was a significant increase in MEDs in 2023, as compared  
17 to 2022, driven by extreme weather that occurred January through April of  
18 2023, including the atmospheric river events. PG&E saw a performance of  
19 1.471 Transmission Wires Down Events per 1,000 circuit miles on non-MED  
20 days in 2023 which was well within the UCL target of 4.44.

### 21 **2. Progress Towards the 5-year Target**

22 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of  
23 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to  
24 meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.4-2  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS  
HISTORIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS**



**E. (3.4) Current and Planned Work Activities**

Wire down events can be caused by a variety of factors, including but not limited to asset failure, third party contact, or vegetation contact. The following work activities may provide future resiliency for certain wire down event causes, though the effectiveness of the work is dependent upon the circumstances of the wire down event (e.g., new assets may still be prone to a wire down event that occur due to extreme weather events outside of standard design guidance).

- Asset Inspection:** Detailed inspections of overhead transmission assets seek to proactively identify potential failure modes of asset components which could create future wire down, outage, and/or safety events if left unresolved or allowed to “run to failure.” Detailed inspections for transmission assets involve at least two detailed inspection methods per structure (ground and aerial), though not necessarily in the same calendar year which allows for staggered inspection methods across multiple years. Aerial inspections may be completed either by drone or, helicopter. In addition to the ground and aerial inspections, climbing inspections are also

1 required for 500 kilovolt structures or as triggered. All these inspection  
2 methods involve detailed, visual examinations of the assets with use of  
3 inspection checklists that are in accordance with the ET Preventive  
4 Maintenance (TD-1001M), as well as the Failure Modes and Effects  
5 Analysis.

- 6 • Asset Repair and Replacement: Completing repair, replacement, removal  
7 or life extension to transmission assets provides the benefit of reduced  
8 probability of failure for components that could potentially result in a wire  
9 down event. Idle asset de-energization and removal eliminates wires-down  
10 event risk by removing the energized electrical components. Many  
11 improvements are identified through corrective maintenance notifications.  
12 These notifications are typically identified as a result of transmission asset  
13 inspections and patrols.

14 Prioritization of maintenance tags are based on severity of the issues found  
15 and fire ignition potential (i.e., asset-conditions impacting issues associated with  
16 HFTD areas and High Fire Risk Area). Probability of failure and consequence  
17 (such as public safety consequence) may also be considered. Execution of the  
18 prioritized work plan would also have to address other factors such as clearance  
19 availability, access, work efficiency, etc.

- 20 • Vegetation Management (VM): Trees or other vegetation that make contact  
21 or cross within flash-over distance of high voltage transmission lines can  
22 cause phase to phase or phase to ground electrical arcing, fire ignition or  
23 local, regional or cascading, grid-level service interruption. Dense  
24 vegetation growing within the right-of-way (ROW) can act as a fuel bed for  
25 wildfire ignition. Vegetation growing close to any pole or structure can  
26 impede inspection of the structure base and in some cases can damage the  
27 structure or conductors and result in wire down events.

28 PG&E operates our lines in ET corridors that are home to vast amounts of  
29 vegetation. This vegetation ranges from sparse to extremely dense. Our  
30 transmission lines also pass through urban, agricultural, and forested settings.  
31 The corridor environment is dynamic and requires focused attention to ensure  
32 vegetation stays clear of energized conductors and other equipment. Vegetation  
33 inspection is a required operational step in an overall VM Program. Accordingly,  
34 PG&E has developed an annual inspection cycle program as part of our overall

1 Transmission VM Program to respond to the diverse and dynamic environment  
2 of our service territory. The Routine North American Electric Reliability  
3 Corporation (NERC) and Routine Non-NERC Programs are annually recurring.  
4 The Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Program maintains cleared  
5 ROWs and recurs on a two to five-year cycle. The frequency and prioritization  
6 for each of these programs is described in more detail below.

- 7 • Routine NERC: The Routine NERC Program includes Light Detection and  
8 Ranging (LiDAR) inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of  
9 vegetation encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on  
10 approximately 6,800 miles of NERC Critical lines. 100 percent inspection and  
11 work plan completion are required by NERC Standard FAC-003-4. Work is  
12 prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs annually.
- 13 • Non-Routine NERC: The Non-Routine NERC Program includes LiDAR  
14 inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of vegetation  
15 encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on approximately  
16 11,400 miles of transmission lines not designated as critical by NERC.  
17 Work is prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs  
18 annually.
- 19 • Integrated Vegetation Management: The IVM Program is an ongoing  
20 maintenance program designed to maintain cleared ROWs in a sustainable  
21 and compatible condition by eliminating tall-growing and fire-prone  
22 vegetation and promoting low-growing, compatible vegetation. Prioritization  
23 is based on aging of work cycles and evaluation of vegetation re-growth.  
24 After initial work is performed, the ROWs are reassessed every two to five  
25 years.

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8                    identified in blue font.  
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10   **A. (3.5) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12                    Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.5 – Wires Down Red Flag  
13                    Warning (RFW) Days in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas (Distribution)  
14                    is defined as:

15                    *Number of Wires Down events in HFTD Areas on RFW Days involving*  
16                    *overhead (OH) primary distribution circuits divided by RFW Distribution*  
17                    *Circuit-Mile Days in HFTD Areas, in a calendar year.*

18       **2. Introduction of Metric**

19                    This metric measures the number of distribution wire down events  
20                    located in the Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD areas that occurred on RFW Days and  
21                    is divided by sum of days and line miles (of the Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD OH  
22                    distribution line miles involved on each RFW Day).

23                    In 2012, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E or the Company)  
24                    initiated the Wires Down Program, including introduction of the wires down  
25                    metric, to advance the Company’s focus on public safety by reducing the  
26                    number of conductors that fail and result in a contact with the ground, a  
27                    vehicle, or other object.

28                    This metric is associated with our Failure of Electric Distribution OH  
29                    Asset Risk and Wildfire risk, which are part of our 2020 Risk Assessment  
30                    and Mitigation Phase Report (RAMP) filing.

1 **B. (3.5) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2023)**

3 We have 11 years of historical data available from the years 2013-2023.  
4 Although we started measuring distribution wire down incidents in the 2012,  
5 2013 was the first full year uniformly measuring the number of distribution  
6 wire down incidents.

7 Over this historical reporting period, performance is largely influenced by  
8 external factors such as weather and third-party contact with our OH electric  
9 facilities. These historical results are plotted in Figure 3.5-1 below.

10 Our OH electric primary distribution system consists of approximately  
11 80,200 circuit miles of OH conductor and associated assets that could  
12 contribute to a wires down incident. As of the end of year 2022,  
13 approximately 25,060 miles of our OH electric primary distribution lines  
14 traverse in the HFTD areas.

15 Over the last several years, we have completed significant work and  
16 launched various initiatives targeted at reducing wires down incidents,  
17 including:

- 18 • Performing infrared inspections of OH electric power lines to identify and  
19 repair hot spots;
- 20 • Clearing of vegetation hazards posing risks to our OH electric facilities;  
21 and
- 22 • Hardening of OH electric power systems with more resilient equipment.

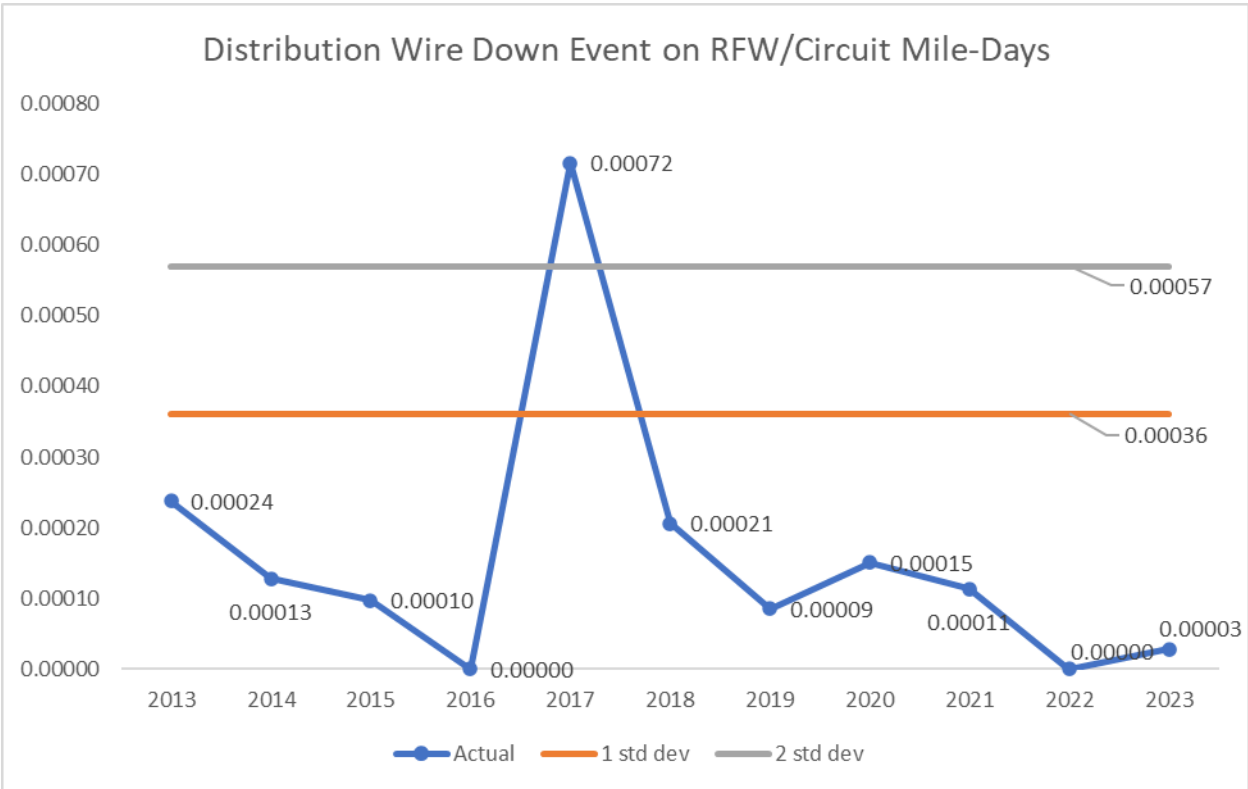
23 In addition, our vegetation management (VM) teams conduct site visits  
24 of vegetation caused wires down incidents as part of its standard tree  
25 caused service interruption investigation process. The data obtained from  
26 site visits supports efforts to reduce future vegetation caused wires down  
27 incidents. The data collected from these investigations also helps identify  
28 failure patterns by tree species that are associated with wires down  
29 incidents. Additionally, beginning in March of 2024, an Extent of Condition  
30 patrol five spans in all directions from the wire down location will look for any  
31 other trees that may be of concerning the area requiring timely mitigation.

32 As of the end of year 2022, there are a total of approximately 25,060 OH  
33 distribution circuit lines miles located in HFTD areas. PG&E's databases  
34 reflect the circuit miles that currently exist and do not maintain the historical

1 values specifically in the HFTD areas. We have assumed the circuit miles  
 2 have remained the same for all years from 2013-2022. Going forward,  
 3 PG&E will report the nominally updated circuit mileage total annually.

4 For the calculation of this metric, both the HFTD OH line miles and  
 5 number of wires down events are measured based on the area subjected by  
 6 each specific RFW Day event and summed for each specific year.

**FIGURE 3.5-1**  
**ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**PRIMARY WIRES DOWN INCIDENTS PER RFW/CIRCUIT MILE-DAYS (2013-2023)**



7 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

8 PG&E uses its Integrated Logging Information System (ILIS) –  
 9 Operations Database to track and count the number of wires down  
 10 incidents, as well as its electric distribution geographical information  
 11 systems (EDGIS) to determine if the wire down incident was in an HFTD  
 12 locations. Although the outage database does not specifically identify  
 13 precise location of the downed wire, the Latitude and Longitude  
 14 (e.g., Lat/Long) of the device is used to isolate the involved electric power

1 line Section as a proxy. PG&E also uses its EDGIS application to determine  
2 if that device (Lat/Long information) is in the HFTD (e.g., Tier 2 or Tier 3  
3 location). Outage information is entered into ILIS by our electric distribution  
4 operators based on information from field personnel and devices such as  
5 Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeter™<sup>1</sup>  
6 devices. We last upgraded our outage reporting tools in year 2015 and  
7 integrated SmartMeter information to identify potential outage reporting  
8 errors and to initiate a subsequent review and correction.

9 PG&E's meteorology group maintains a data base tracking RFW dates,  
10 time, and involved areas and determines RFW Circuit Miles Days as follows:

- 11 • The National Weather Service (NWS) will issue a RFW and their  
12 associated polygons under specific polygon/shapefiles called Fire  
13 Zones.
- 14 • PG&E's geographic information system team has calculated all OH  
15 Distribution and Transmission lines for all the Fire Zone shapefile  
16 boundaries that intersect PG&E territory. For each NWS Fire Zone  
17 PG&E has the number of OH line miles for Distribution and  
18 Transmission and the number of OH line miles for Transmission, which  
19 is then also split into the specific HFTD and non HFTD tiers and zones.
- 20 • Meteorology then compiles all the archived RFW shapefiles for  
21 California, and from all the RFW events, determines which zones there  
22 was a RFW under and the duration of time it lasted.
- 23 • RFW Circuit Mile Days= RFW days x Circuit line miles.

### 24 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

25 As shown in Figure 3.5-1 above, the distribution wire down events on  
26 RFW days per circuit mile day has varied each year but has generally  
27 declined since 2017. [In 2022 PG&E experienced zero wires down events](#)  
28 [on RFWs. Similarly, in 2023, PG&E only experienced one wire down event](#)  
29 [on RFWs.](#) 2021 experienced 13 wires down events on RFWs compared  
30 to 34 in 2020. Performance is attributed to ongoing efforts in reducing wires

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1 SmartMeter is a PG&E registered trademark. All further references to SmartMeters in PG&E's testimony in this proceeding should be assumed to refer to the trademarked name, without continually using the ™ symbol, consistent with legally-acceptable practice.

1 down events, in particular vegetation management and hardening.  
2 However, because the number of events is very minimal, and the metric is  
3 highly weather dependent in areas that are more susceptible to wire down  
4 events, it can be expected to see variance from a year-to-year basis.

### 5 C. (3.5) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

#### 6 1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report

7 There have been no changes to the directional 1- and 5- year targets  
8 since the last report.

#### 9 2. Target Methodology

- 10 • Directional Only: Maintain (stay within historical range, and assumes  
11 response stays the same in events)

12 Based on the historical performance of this metric, PG&E interprets  
13 “Maintain” as staying within two standard deviations from the 10-year  
14 average. This equates to an upper limit of 0.00057 (as shown in  
15 Figure 3.5-1).

- 16 • Historical Data and Trends: This metric is expected to remain within the  
17 historical performance levels, but will vary based on the number of  
18 RFWs and severity of weather experienced in a year;
- 19 • Benchmarking: Not available to the best of our knowledge;
- 20 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 21 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
22 Enforcement: The directional target for this metric is suitable for EOE as  
23 it suggests performance will remain within the historical range which  
24 accounts for unknown factors which may vary such as the frequency  
25 and severity of weather;
- 26 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: The directional target  
27 to maintain performance is attainable within known resources, however  
28 this metric is impacted by the variability in conditions outside of PG&E’s  
29 controls, such as the severity of weather on RFWs;
- 30 • Other Considerations: None.

#### 31 3. 2024 Target

32 The 2024 target is to maintain within historical performance levels.

1       **4. 2028 Target**

2               The 2028 target is to maintain within historical performance levels.

3       **D. (3.5) Performance Against Target**

4       **1. Progress Towards the 1-year Target**

5               As demonstrated in Figure 3.5-1 above, PG&E experienced one  
6       distribution wires down event on RFW Days in 2023. Thus, the metric was  
7       0.00003 for 2023, which is within the 2023 upper limit of 0.00058.

8       **2. Progress Towards the 5-year Target**

9               As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of  
10       programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to  
11       align with the Company’s 5-year directional performance target.

12       **E. (3.5) Current and Planned Work Activities**

13       PG&E will continue to execute many ongoing activities to reduce wires  
14       down, including the following programs:

- 15       • OH Conductor Replacement: PG&E’s electric distribution system includes  
16       approximately 80,200 circuit miles of OH conductor on its distribution system  
17       that operates between 4 and 21 kilovolt, including bare and covered  
18       conductors. Approximately 54,500 circuit miles of this distribution  
19       conductor, including approximately 36,300 circuit miles of small conductor is  
20       in non-HFTD areas. PG&E’s OH Conductor Replacement Program,  
21       recorded in MAT 08J, proactively replaces OH conductor in non-HFTD  
22       areas to address elevated rates of wires down and deteriorated/damaged  
23       conductors and to improve system safety, reliability, and integrity.

24               Please see Exhibit (PG&E-4), Chapter 13, Overhead and Underground  
25       Asset Management in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

- 26       • Patrols and Inspections: PG&E monitors the condition of OH conductor  
27       through patrols and inspections consistent with GO 165. Tags are created  
28       for abnormal conditions, including those that can lead to a wire down. Work  
29       is prioritized in a risk-informed manner to address the issues identified in the  
30       tags. In addition, PG&E has implemented risk based aerial inspections  
31       using drones in targeted areas. Drone inspections significantly improves our  
32       ability to assess deteriorated conditions on the conductor.

1 • Grid Design and System Hardening: PG&E’s broader grid design program  
2 covers a number of significant programs, called out in detail in PG&E’s 2023  
3 WMP. The largest of these programs is the System Hardening Program  
4 which focuses on the mitigation of potential catastrophic wildfire risk caused  
5 by distribution OH assets. In 2023, we continued our system hardening  
6 efforts by: (1) completing 447 circuit miles of system hardening work which  
7 includes OH system hardening, undergrounding and removal of OH lines in  
8 HFTD or buffer zone areas; (2) completing approximately 364 circuit miles of  
9 undergrounding work, including Butte County Rebuild efforts and other  
10 distribution system hardening work; and (3) replacing equipment in HFTD  
11 areas that creates ignition risks, such as non-exempt fuses and surge  
12 arresters. As we look beyond 2024, PG&E is targeting 250 miles of  
13 Undergrounding and 70 miles of OH/removal/remote grid to be completed in  
14 2024 as part of the 10,000 Mile Undergrounding Program. Even though this  
15 program will provide wire down mitigation benefit, note that PG&E’s  
16 approach to wildfire mitigations in the HFTD locations is based on a risk  
17 informed prioritization of work in the areas where wildfire risk is evaluated as  
18 highest, as opposed to where wires down incidents have a high likelihood of  
19 occurrence if they are in areas where wildfire risk is relatively lower within  
20 the HFTD.

21 Please see Section 7.3.3, Grid Design and System Hardening  
22 Mitigations in PG&E’s WMP for additional details.

23 • Vegetation Management: The EVM Program targeted OH distribution lines  
24 in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplemented PG&E’s annual routine VM  
25 work with California Public Utilities Commission mandated clearances. Our  
26 EVM Program went above and beyond regulatory requirements for  
27 distribution lines by expanding minimum clearances and removing  
28 overhangs in HFTD areas. Due to the emergence of other wildfire mitigation  
29 programs (namely EPSS and Undergrounding), the program was  
30 discontinued in 2023. The trees that were identified as part of the program  
31 and previous iterations and scopes will be worked down over the next nine  
32 years under a program called Tree Removal Inventory (TRI), prioritized by  
33 risk rank using our latest wildfire distribution risk model. The WMP has

1 commitments for this program of the removal of 15 thousand trees in 2023,  
2 20 thousand trees in 2024, and 25 thousand trees in 2025.

3 VM for Operational Mitigations is a new transitional program which began  
4 2023 stemming from the conclusion of the EVM program. This program is  
5 intended to help reduce outages and potential ignitions using a  
6 risk-informed, targeted plan to mitigate potential vegetation contacts based  
7 on historic vegetation outages on EPSS-enabled circuits. The focus is on  
8 mitigating potential vegetation contacts in CPZs that have experienced  
9 vegetation caused outages. Scope of Work is developed by using EPSS  
10 and historical outage data and vegetation failure from the current WDRM  
11 risk model. Vegetation outage extent of condition inspections conducted on  
12 EPSS-enabled devices may generate additional tree work.

13 Focused Tree Inspections (FTI) is another new transitional program that  
14 began in 2023 stemming from the conclusion of the EVM program. PG&E is  
15 developed Areas of Concern (AOC) to better focus VM efforts to address  
16 high risk areas that have experienced higher volumes of vegetation damage  
17 during PSPS events, outages, and/or ignitions. These areas are inspected  
18 by Vegetation Management Inspectors with a Tree Risk Assessment  
19 Qualification (TRAQ) which provides a higher level of rigor to the inspection.

20 Please see Section 8.2, Vegetation Management and Inspections in  
21 PG&E's WMP for additional details.

- 22 • Other Advancements: In addition, there are several technologies that PG&E  
23 is piloting to better identify and/or prevent conductor to ground faults. This  
24 includes:
  - 25 – SmartMeter-based methods;
  - 26 – Distribution Falling Wire Detection Method;
  - 27 – Distribution Fault Anticipation;
  - 28 – Early Fault Detection; and
  - 29 – Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter.



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10   **A. (3.6) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.6 – Wires Down Red Flag  
13                   Warning Days in HFTD Areas (Transmission) is defined as:

14                   *Number of Wires Down events in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas*  
15                   *on Red Flag Warning (RFW) Days involving overhead transmission circuits*  
16                   *divided by RFW Transmission Circuit-Mile Days in HFTD Areas, in a*  
17                   *calendar year.*

18       **2. Introduction of Metric**

19                   This metric measures the count of Transmission Wire Down events  
20                   occurring on RFW Days and provides a partial indicator for electric system  
21                   safety and overall electric service reliability for end-use customers.

22                   This metric is associated with Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s  
23                   (PG&E) Failure of Electric Transmission Overhead Asset Risk and Wildfire  
24                   Risk, which are part of the Company’s 2020 Risk Assessment and Mitigation  
25                   Phase Report filing

26   **B. (3.6) Metric Performance**

27       **1. Historical Data (2013 – 2023)**

28                   There are 11 years of historical data available from the years  
29                   2013-2023. Although PG&E started measuring wire down events in 2012,  
30                   2013 was the first full year uniformly measuring the number of transmission  
31                   wire down incidents. When calculating this metric, both the HFTD overhead  
32                   line miles and number of wires down events are measured based on the

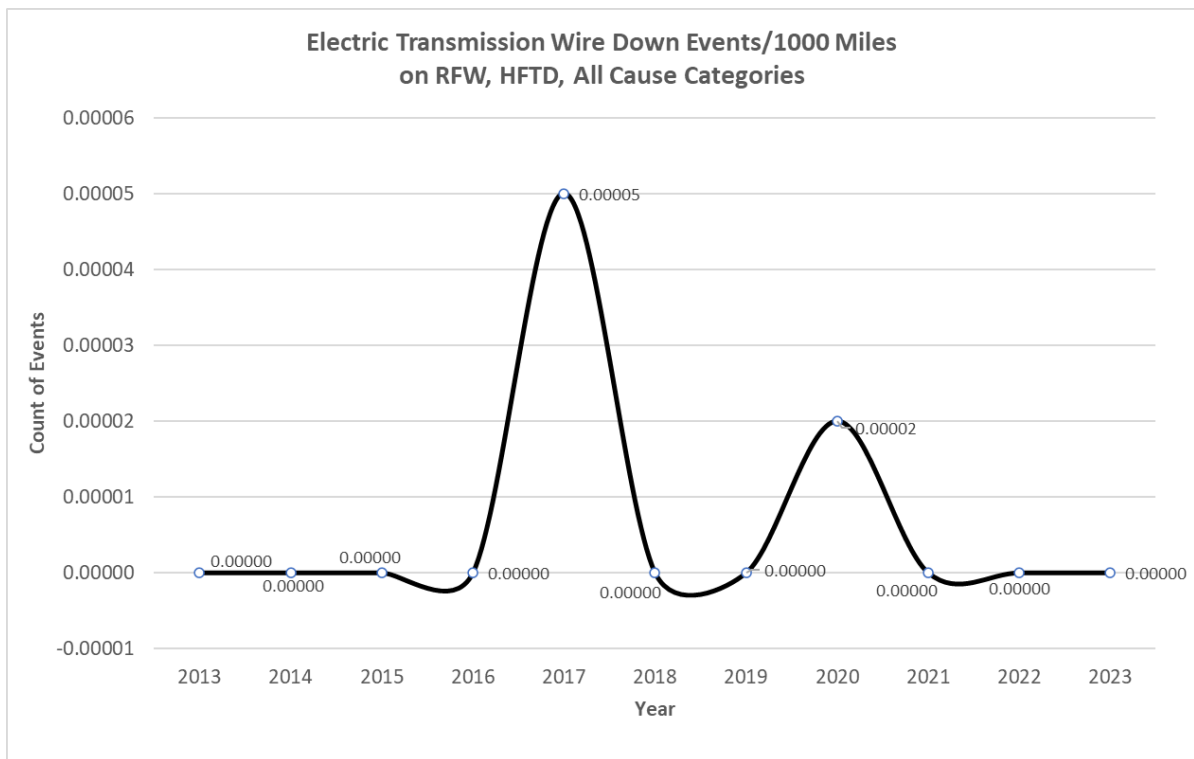
1 area subjected by each specific RFW Day event and summed for each  
 2 specific year.

3 The HFTD boundaries are a recent development and were not defined  
 4 for several years. Hence, for all years prior to and including 2022, PG&E  
 5 uses 5,525.9 overhead transmission circuit miles in Tier 2/3 HFTD areas  
 6 and assumes any variances in prior years are negligible. Moving forward,  
 7 HFTD mileage will be refreshed at the beginning of each year. Table 3.6-1  
 8 provides the HFTD miles used for each year.

**TABLE 3.6-1  
 HFTD MILES**

Year	HFTD Miles
Prior to 2023	5525.9
2023	5437.7
2024	5402.3

**FIGURE 3.6-1  
 ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION  
 WIRES DOWN INCIDENTS PER RFW/CIRCUIT MILE-DAYS (2013-2023)**



1       **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2               PG&E used its transmission outage database, typically referred to as  
3       Transmission Operations Tracking & Logging to count the number of these  
4       events. Although PG&E's outage database does not specifically identify the  
5       precise location of the downed wire, PG&E uses the Lat/Long of the device  
6       used to operate/isolate the involved line Section as a proxy and then uses  
7       its Electric Transmission Geographic Information System application to  
8       determine if that point is in a Tier 2 or Tier 3 HFTD area.

9               The meteorology group maintains a data base with the RFW days/time  
10       and involved areas and determines RFW Circuit Miles Days as follows:

- 11       • The National Weather Service (NWS) will issue a RFW and their  
12       associated polygons under specific polygon/shapefiles called Fire  
13       Zones;
- 14       • PG&E's geographic information system team has calculated all  
15       overhead Distribution and Transmission lines for all of the Fire Zone  
16       shapefile boundaries that intersect PG&E territory. For each NWS Fire  
17       Zone PG&E has the number of OH line miles for Distribution and  
18       Transmission and the number of OH line miles for Transmission, which  
19       is then also split into the specific HFTD and non HFTD tiers and zones;
- 20       • Meteorology then compiles all the archived RFW shapefiles for  
21       California, and from all the RFW events, determines which zones there  
22       was a RFW under and the duration of time it lasted; and
- 23       • RFW Circuit Mile Days= RFW days x Circuit line miles.

24       **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

25               As shown in Figure 3.6-1, the transmission wire down events on RFW  
26       days per circuit mile day is a very small subset of wire down events, making  
27       it difficult to identify any trending information. [Zero events occurred in 2022.](#)  
28       [Similarly, there have been no transmission wire down events on Red Flag](#)  
29       [Warning days in 2023.](#) 2020 experienced one such event. Since 2013, only  
30       two years have experienced any Transmission Wire Down events on RFWs;  
31       2017 (3) and 2020 (1), respectively.

1 **C. (3.6) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 There are no updates to the directional 1- and 5-Year Targets since last  
4 report and are set to maintain performance within the historical range.

5 **2. Target Methodology**

- 6 • Directional Only: Maintain (stay within historical range, and assumes  
7 response stays the same in events);

8 Note that there has not been enough historic electric transmission  
9 wire down events on RFW days to establish a target based on prior  
10 performance.

- 11 • Benchmarking: Not available to best of our knowledge;  
12 • Regulatory Requirements: None;  
13 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
14 Enforcement: The directional target for this metric is suitable for EOE as  
15 it suggests performance will remain within the historical range;  
16 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Unknown, however this  
17 metric is impacted by the variability in conditions outside of PG&E's  
18 control, such as the severity of weather on RFWs; and  
19 • Other Considerations: None.

20 **D. (3.6) Performance Against Target**

21 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

22 As demonstrated in Figure 3.6-1 above, PG&E experienced zero  
23 transmission wires down events on Red Flag Warning Days in which is  
24 consistent with Company's 1-year directional target. There were  
25 zero transmission wire down events on Red Flag Warning days in 2023.

26 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

27 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of  
28 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to  
29 align with the Company's 5-year directional performance target.

30 **E. (3.6) Current and Planned Work Activities**

31 Wire down events can be caused by a variety of factors, including but not  
32 limited to asset failure, third-party contact, or vegetation contact. The following

1 work activities may provide future resiliency for certain wire down event causes,  
2 though the effectiveness of the work is dependent upon the circumstances of the  
3 wire down event (e.g., new assets may still be prone to a wire down event that  
4 occur due to extreme weather events outside of standard design guidance).

- 5 • Asset Inspection: Detailed inspections of overhead transmission assets  
6 seek to proactively identify potential failure modes of asset components  
7 which could create future wire down, outage, and/or safety events if left  
8 unresolved or allowed to “run to failure.” Detailed inspections for  
9 transmission assets involve at least two detailed inspection methods per  
10 structure (ground and aerial), though not necessarily in the same calendar  
11 year which allows for staggered inspection methods across multiple years.  
12 Aerial inspections may be completed either by drone or, helicopter. In  
13 addition to the ground and aerial inspections, climbing inspections are also  
14 required for 500 kilovolt structures or as triggered. All these inspection  
15 methods involve detailed, visual examinations of the assets with use of  
16 inspection checklists that are in accordance with the ET Preventive  
17 Maintenance (TD-1001M), as well as the Failure Modes and Effects  
18 Analysis.
- 19 • Asset Repair and Replacement: Completing repair, replacement, removal  
20 or life extension to transmission assets provides the benefit of reduced  
21 probability of failure for components that could potentially result in a wire  
22 down event. For example, by replacing or improving aged, degraded assets  
23 and providing more robust, up-to-standard designs. Asset removal  
24 eliminates wire-down event risk by removing the energized electrical  
25 components. Many improvements are identified through corrective  
26 maintenance notifications. These notifications are typically identified as a  
27 result of transmission asset inspections and patrols.

28 Prioritization of maintenance tags are based on severity of the issues  
29 found and fire ignition potential (i.e., asset-conditions impacting issues  
30 associated with HFTD areas and High Fire Risk Area). Probability of failure  
31 and consequence (such as public safety consequence) may also be  
32 considered. Execution of the prioritized work plan would also have to  
33 address other factors such as clearance availability, access, work efficiency,  
34 etc.

- 1 • Vegetation Management (VM): Trees or other vegetation that make contact  
2 or cross within flash-over distance of high voltage transmission lines can  
3 cause phase to phase or phase to ground electrical arcing, fire ignition or  
4 local, regional or cascading, grid-level service interruption. Dense  
5 vegetation growing within the right-of-way (ROW) can act as a fuel bed for  
6 wildfire ignition. Vegetation growing close to any pole or structure can  
7 impede inspection of the structure base and in some cases can damage the  
8 structure or conductors and result in wire down events.

9 PG&E operates our lines in electric transmission (ET) corridors that are  
10 home to vast amounts of vegetation. This vegetation ranges from sparse to  
11 extremely dense. Our transmission lines also pass through urban,  
12 agricultural, and forested settings. The corridor environment is dynamic and  
13 requires focused attention to ensure vegetation stays clear of energized  
14 conductors and other equipment. Vegetation inspection is a required  
15 operational step in an overall VM Program. Accordingly, PG&E has  
16 developed an annual inspection cycle program as part of our overall  
17 Transmission VM Program to respond to the diverse and dynamic  
18 environment of our service territory. The Routine North American Electric  
19 Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Routine Non-NERC Programs are  
20 annually recurring. [The Integrated Vegetation Management \(IVM\) Program](#)  
21 [maintains cleared ROWs and recurs on a two-to-5-year cycle](#). The  
22 frequency and prioritization for each of these programs is described in more  
23 detail below.

- 24 • Routine NERC: The Routine NERC Program includes Light Detection and  
25 Ranging (LiDAR) inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of  
26 vegetation encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on  
27 approximately 6,800 miles of NERC Critical lines. 100 percent inspection and  
28 work plan completion are required by NERC Standard FAC-003-4. Work is  
29 prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs annually.
- 30 • Routine Non-NERC: The Non-Routine NERC Program includes LiDAR  
31 inspection, visual verification of findings, and mitigation of vegetation  
32 encroachments, as well as other vegetation conditions on approximately  
33 11,400 miles of transmission lines not designated as critical by NERC.



1 Work is prioritized based on aerial LiDAR detection. This program recurs  
2 annually.

- 3 • Integrated Vegetation Management: The IVM Program is an ongoing  
4 maintenance program designed to maintain cleared ROWs in a sustainable  
5 and compatible condition by eliminating tall-growing and fire-prone  
6 vegetation and promoting low-growing, compatible vegetation. Prioritization  
7 is based on aging of work cycles and evaluation of vegetation re-growth.  
8 After initial work is performed, the ROWs are reassessed every two to  
9 five years.

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6                    be found in Sections B, C and D. Material changes from the prior report are  
7    identified in blue font.  
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9           **A. (3.7) Overview**

10           **1. Metric Definition**

11                    Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.7 – Missed Overhead (OH)  
12                    Distribution Patrols in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) is defined as:

13                                    *Total number of overhead electric distribution structures that fell below*  
14                                    *the minimum patrol frequency requirements divided by the total number of*  
15                                    *overhead electric distribution structures that required patrols, in HFTD area*  
16                                    *in past calendar year. “Minimum patrol frequency” refers to the frequency of*  
17                                    *patrols as specified in General Order (GO) 165. “Structures” refer to electric*  
18                                    *assets such as transformers, switching protective devices, capacitors, lines,*  
19                                    *poles, etc.*

20           **2. Introduction of Metric**

21                    Patrols involve simple visual observations to identify obvious structural  
22                    problems and hazards affecting safety or reliability. Within HFTD,  
23                    nonconformances identified by patrols can involve conditions that represent  
24                    a wildfire ignition risk. Performing required patrols on time ensures that  
25                    nonconformances are identified in a timely manner so that they can be  
26                    prioritized for repair in accordance with the risk of the condition.

27                    Prior to year 2014, GO 165 required that patrols be completed any time  
28                    between January 1 and December 31 each year.

29                    Starting in 2015 and through 2019, Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
30                    (PG&E) implemented the new GO 165 requirement to complete patrols each  
31                    year within a prescribed timeframe, based on the date of the last patrol or  
32                    inspection. PG&E’s interpretation and implementation of this new language  
33                    calculated the due date for each patrol each year as follows:

1 The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Patrol & Inspection  
2 requirement defines:

- 3 • The due date for each map is based on the date the map was last  
4 inspected or patrolled;
- 5 • Inspections or patrols may not exceed three additional months past the  
6 previous inspection or patrol date (maximum 15 months);
- 7 • Inspections or patrols may be performed before the due date;
- 8 • Inspections or patrols are performed by the end of the calendar year  
9 (12/31/YY); and
- 10 • The start of an inspection or a patrol starts a new inspection or patrol  
11 interval that must be completed within the prescribed timeframe.

12 For the years 2020 and 2021, PG&E shifted away from the “12+3” due  
13 date for completing patrols, with the intent of wildfire risk reduction by  
14 focusing on the High Fire Threat District areas and using new risk models to  
15 inform the prioritization of patrols. PG&E completed patrols by static due  
16 dates, August 31 for HFTD areas, and December 31st for Non-HFTD areas.

17 In 2022, PG&E completed OH patrols and inspections in compliance  
18 with GO 165.

19 In 2023 and beyond, PG&E will continue to complete patrols and  
20 inspections in compliance with GO 165.

## 21 **B. (3.7) Metric Performance**

### 22 **1. Historical Data (2015–2023)**

23 To be consistent with the implementation of new GO 165 requirements,  
24 historical data begins in 2015.<sup>1</sup> The 2015-2019 data includes systemwide  
25 results. The 2020- 2023, data includes HFTD specific results.

26 Prior to 2020, PG&E completed patrols on paper by “plat map”. Each  
27 plat map had a calculated “12+3” due date based on the start date of the last  
28 patrol or inspection for that plat map. For the years 2015-2019, PG&E  
29 tracked and measured performance of patrols based on the “12+3”  
30 calculated due date for each *plat map*. Performance was tracked using

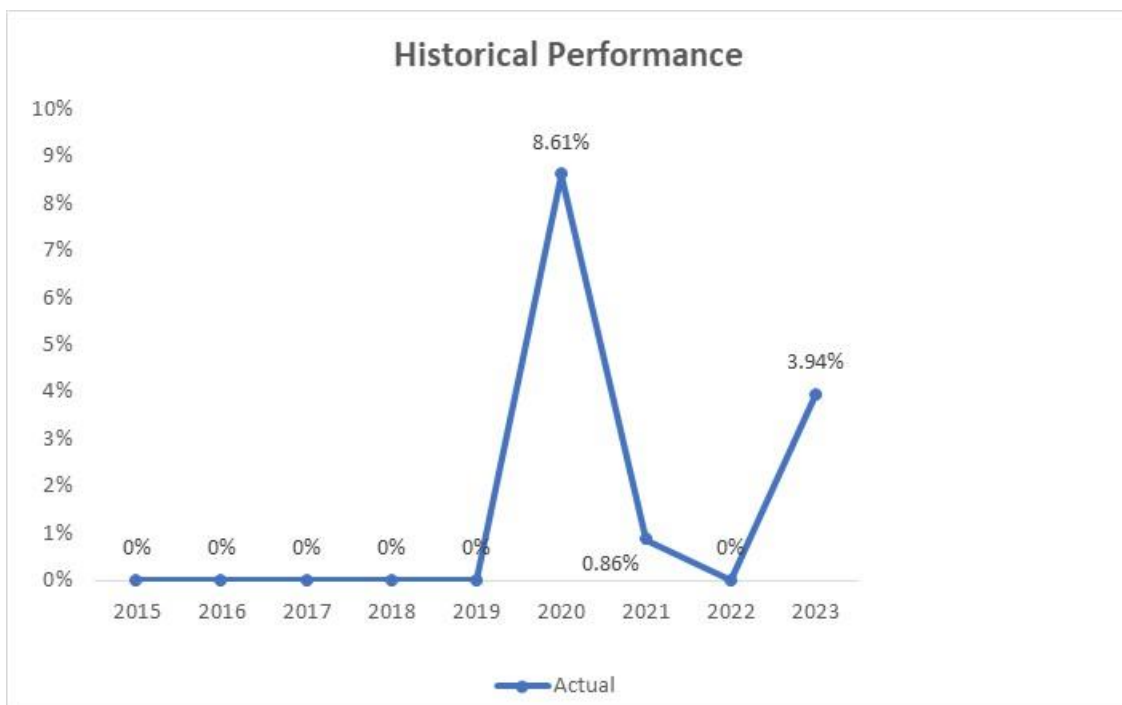
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<sup>1</sup> Historical patrol data is at plat map level vs. structure level. We are further validating plat-based results for HFTD vs. NHFTD units, we may see slight changes to volumes completed late vs. on time, or vice-versa.

1 detailed excel spreadsheets for each of the 19 Divisions across the system,  
2 and SAP data recorded for each plat map, which recorded the actual start  
3 and end dates for each plat map, as well as actual units and the PG&E LAN  
4 ID (login ID) of the Inspector who completed the work. PG&E's annual  
5 performance for completing patrols in these years was 0.00 percent  
6 completed late.

7 For the years 2020 and 2021, PG&E's performance was impacted by  
8 the shift away from completing OH patrols by the "12+3" calculated due  
9 dates to the use of a risk--based prioritization approach and focus on HFTD  
10 with the intention of wildfire risk reduction.

**FIGURE 3.7-1  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 –2023)**



Note: Actual performance as follows between 2015-2019: 2015: 0.0003 percent, 2016: 0.0003 percent, 2017: 0.0000 percent, 2018: 0.0002 percent, 2019: 0.0015 percent. 2020: 8.61 percent, 2021: 0.86 percent, 2022: 0.00 percent 2023: 3.94 percent.

## 11 2. Data Collection Methodology

12 The currently used data collection methodology was implemented in  
13 2020. It uses a mobile platform for completing OH inspections, recorded at  
14 structure (pole) level using a detailed inspection checklist. PG&E also

1 shifted its maintenance plan structure in SAP from purely plat -map based to  
2 circuit/risk based, tracking performance at *structure -level*.

3 PG&E continues to perform OH patrols on paper, with a goal of shifting  
4 to mobile technology over the next few years. OH Patrols are tracked at  
5 “maintenance plan” level, using excel spreadsheets and SAP data.

### 6 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

7 Between 2015-2019, PG&E’s annual performance for completing patrols  
8 by the CPUC “12+3” due date was 0 percent completed late. These results  
9 demonstrate our commitment to meet GO 165 CPUC “12+3” due dates.

10 For the years 2020 and 2021, with the shift to a wildfire risk reduction  
11 focused approach and away from completing OH patrols by the “12+3”  
12 calculated due date, PG&E’s metric performance was 8.61 percent  
13 completed late in 2020, 0.86 percent completed late in 2021 and 0 percent  
14 were completed late in 2022. For 2023, 3.94 percent were completed late.

### 15 **C. (3.7) 1-Year and 5-Year Target**

#### 16 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

17 For 2024, PG&E has not altered its 1-year target of 0-4 percent which has  
18 been consistent since the September 2022 report. However, PG&E has  
19 adjusted the 2028 5-year target to 0-1 percent from the previous 5-year  
20 target of 0-2 percent in 2027 to drive incremental improvement.

#### 21 **2. Target Methodology**

22 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the  
23 following factors:

- 24 • Historical Data and Trends: Based on historical performance of  
25 0 percent completed late (2015-2019) and the results of the more  
26 recently used wildfire risk reduction approach (2020-2023). In 2024  
27 PG&E intends to improve performance by completing OH patrols to  
28 (1) be in compliance with GO 165, with a target range of 0-4 percent  
29 completed late, and (2) incorporate Asset Strategy risk models.
- 30 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 31 • Regulatory Requirements: GO 165;
- 32 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Targeted performance  
33 is attainable within PG&E’s currently known resource plan;

- 1 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight
- 2 Enforcement: The target range is a suitable indicator for EOE as it
- 3 intends to return PG&E to historical levels of near-zero percent
- 4 noncompliance while also incorporating reasonable impacts resulting
- 5 from access and other field issues.
- 6 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

### 7 **3. 2024 Target**

8 The 2024 target is 0-4 percent to maintain performance compared to  
9 2023.

### 10 **4. 2028 Target**

11 The 2028 target is 0-1 percent to improve performance compared to  
12 2023, based on the factors described above, and the commitment to  
13 continuously improve performance.

## 14 **D. (3.7) Performance Against Target**

### 15 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

16 As demonstrated in Figure 3.7-2 below, PG&E saw an increase in  
17 missed OH Distribution patrols in 2023 as compared to 2022. Over an  
18 approximate two-month period, PG&E incorrectly calculated due dates for  
19 Distribution OH Patrols due in April and May. This miscalculation led to late  
20 patrols in those two months as seen in the data set provided. However, since  
21 correcting the error, PG&E has seen a decrease in the number of late patrols  
22 and continues to perform the work on time leading to 3.94 percent late patrol  
23 late for 2023 which is within PG&E's. To alleviate this in the future, PG&E is  
24 validating its monthly 0-4 percent target range.

### 25 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

26 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has a number of programs to  
27 improve the long-term performance of this metric and to meet the company's  
28 5-year performance target.



**FIGURE 3.7-2  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015-2023) AND TARGET**



**E. (3.7) Current and Planned Work Activities**

- Visibility and Compliance: Since 2022, Supervisors and Inspectors could see the CPUC due dates for each patrol package to ensure understanding as to the due date of the OH patrol.
- Tracking:
  - System Inspections track progress and completion of OH patrols on a continuous basis, using detailed excel tracking spreadsheets + SAP data;
  - System Inspections track and report-out on any “late” OH patrols, including identifying mitigating factors and implementing process improvements or changes to the program; and
  - System Inspections track timeliness of patrols being completed on their weekly scorecard.
- Training: System Inspections conduct refresher training to ensure understanding of the importance of patrols in identifying obvious structural problems and hazards in years where an inspection is not required.

- 1 • Maintenance Plan Management Tool: System Inspections Maintenance
- 2 Planners complete timely review and completion of changes to structures
- 3 and maintenance plans using the maintenance plan management tool.

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7                   be found in Sections B, C and D. Material changes from the prior report are  
8                   identified in blue font.  
9

10 **A. (3.8) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.8 – Missed Overhead  
13                   Distribution Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas is defined as:

14                   *Overhead Distribution Detailed Inspections in High Fire Threat District*  
15                   *(HFTD): Total number of structures that fell below the minimum inspection*  
16                   *frequency requirements divided by the total number of structures that*  
17                   *required inspection, in HFTD area in past calendar year. “Minimum*  
18                   *inspection frequency” refers to the frequency of scheduled inspections as*  
19                   *specified in General Order (GO) 165. “Structures” refers to electric assets*  
20                   *such as transformers, switching protective devices, capacitors, lines, poles,*  
21                   *etc.*

22 **2. Introduction of Metric**

23                   Detailed inspections are performed to identify nonconformances  
24                   affecting safety or reliability. Within HFTD, nonconformances identified by  
25                   inspections can involve conditions that represent a wildfire ignition risk.  
26                   Performing required inspections on time ensures that non-conformances are  
27                   identified in a timely manner so that they can be prioritized for repair in  
28                   accordance with the risk of the condition.

29                   Prior to year 2014, GO 165 required that inspections be completed any  
30                   time between January 1 and December 31 each year.

31                   Starting in 2015 and through 2019, PG&E implemented the new GO 165  
32                   requirement to complete inspections each year within a prescribed  
33                   timeframe, based on the date of the last patrol or inspection. PG&E’s

1 interpretation and implementation of this new language calculated the due  
2 date for each patrol or inspection each year as follows:

3 The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Patrol & Inspection  
4 requirement defines:

- 5 • The due date for each map is based on the date the map was last  
6 inspected or patrolled;
- 7 • Inspections or patrols may not exceed three additional months past the  
8 previous inspection or patrol date (maximum 15 months);
- 9 • Inspections or patrols may be performed before the due date;
- 10 • Inspections or patrols are performed by the end of the calendar year  
11 (12/31/XX); and
- 12 • The start of an inspection or a patrol starts a new inspection or patrol  
13 interval that must be completed within the prescribed timeframe.

14 For the years 2020 and 2021, PG&E shifted away from the “12+3” due  
15 date for completing inspections with the intent of wildfire risk reduction by  
16 focusing on the HFTD areas, and using new risk models to inform the  
17 prioritization of inspections each year. PG&E completed inspections by the  
18 static due dates of, August 31 for HFTD areas, December 31 for Non-HFTD  
19 areas.

20 In 2022, PG&E intends to complete overhead patrols and inspections in  
21 compliance with GO 165.

22 In 2023 and beyond, PG&E will continue to complete patrols and  
23 inspections in compliance with GO 165.

## 24 **B. (3.8) Metric Performance**

### 25 **1. Historical Data (2015-2023)**

26 To be consistent with the implementation of new GO 165 requirements,  
27 historical data begins in 2015. The 2015-2019 data includes systemwide  
28 results. The 2020-2021 data<sup>1</sup> includes HFTD specific results.

29 Prior to 2020, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) completed  
30 inspections on paper by plat map. Each plat map had a calculated “12+3”

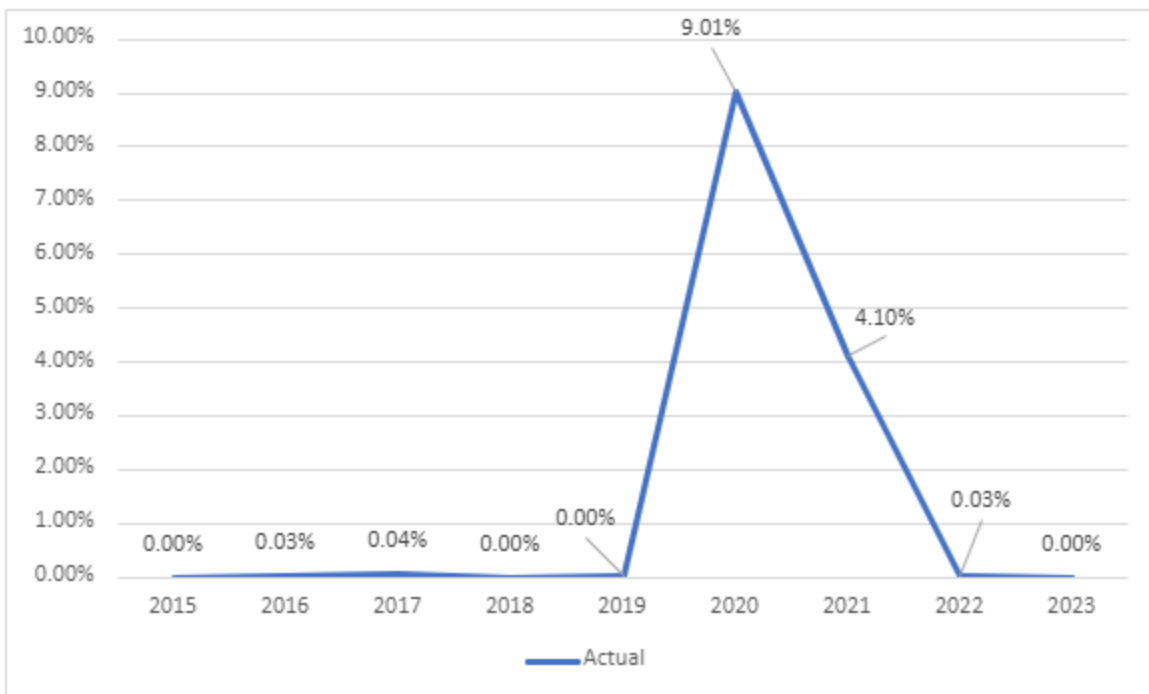
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<sup>1</sup> Historical inspection data <2020 is at plat map level vs. structure level. We are further validating plat map-based results for HFTD vs. NHFTD units, we may see slight changes to volumes completed late vs. on time, or vice-versa.

1 due date based on the start date of the last patrol or inspection for that plat  
2 map. For the years 2015-2019, PG&E tracked and measured performance  
3 of inspections based on the “12+3” calculated due date for each plat map.  
4 Performance was tracked using detailed excel spreadsheets for each of the  
5 19 Divisions across the system, and SAP data recorded for each plat map,  
6 which recorded the actual start and end dates for each plat map, as well as  
7 actual units and PG&E LAN ID (login ID) of the Inspector who completed the  
8 work. PG&E’s annual performance for completion and inspections in these  
9 years was 0.01-0.04 percent completed late.

10 For the years 2020 and 2021, PG&E’s performance was impacted by  
11 the shift away from completing overhead inspection by the “12+3” calculated  
12 due dates to the use of a risk-based prioritization approach and focus on  
13 HFTD with the intention of wildfire risk reduction.

**FIGURE 3.8-1  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015- 2023)**



## 2. Data Collection Methodology

The currently used data collection methodology was implemented in 2020. It uses a mobile platform for completing Overhead inspections, recorded at structure (pole) level using a detailed inspection checklist.

1 PG&E also shifted its maintenance plan structure in SAP from purely  
2 plat -map based to circuit/risk based, tracking performance at  
3 *structure -level*.

4 PG&E now tracks the completion of inspections at structure (pole) level,  
5 using the “attainment report,” which records actual completion information  
6 for each structure from actual inspection data recorded in SAP.

### 7 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

8 Between 2015-2019, PG&E’s annual performance for completing  
9 inspections by the CPUC “12+3” due date was 0 - 4 percent completed late.  
10 These results demonstrate our commitment to meet GO 165 CPUC “12+3”  
11 due dates.

12 For the years 2020 and 2021, with the shift to a wildfire risk reduction  
13 focused approach and away from completing overhead inspections by the  
14 “12+3” calculated due date, PG&E performance worsened to 9.01 percent  
15 completed late in 2020 and 4.10 percent completed late in 2021. In 2022,  
16 PG&E’s performance improved to 0.03 percent completed late. In 2023,  
17 there were 10 late overhead inspections of the 230,491 inspections  
18 performed which equates to a percentage of 0 percent.

## 19 **C. (3.8) 1-Year and 5-Year Target**

### 20 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

21 PG&E adjusted the 2024 1-year target to 0-2 percent from the  
22 0-4 percent 2023 1-year target, and the 2028 5-year target to 0-1 percent  
23 from the 0-2 percent 2027 5-year target to drive incremental improvement.

### 24 **2. Target Methodology**

25 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the  
26 following factors:

- 27 • Historical Data and Trends: Based on historical performance of  
28 1-4 percent completed late (2015-2019) and the results of the more  
29 recently used wildfire risk reduction approach (2020-2023), in 2024  
30 PG&E intends to improve performance by completing overhead  
31 inspections to: (1) be in compliance with GO 165, with a target range of  
32 0-2 percent completed late, and (2) incorporate Asset Strategy risk  
33 models;



- 1 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 2 • Regulatory Requirements: GO 165;
- 3 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Targeted performance
- 4 is attainable within PG&E's currently known resource plan;
- 5 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight
- 6 Enforcement: The target range is a suitable indicator for EOE as it
- 7 intends to return PG&E to historical levels of near-zero percent
- 8 non-compliances while also incorporating reasonable impacts resulting
- 9 from access and other field issues.
- 10 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

### 11 **3. 2024 Target**

12 The 2023 target is 0-2 percent to improve performance based on the  
13 factors described above.

### 14 **4. 2028 Target**

15 The 2027 target is 0-1 percent to improve performance based on the  
16 factors described above and the commitment to continuously improve  
17 performance.

## 18 **D. (3.8) Performance Against Target**

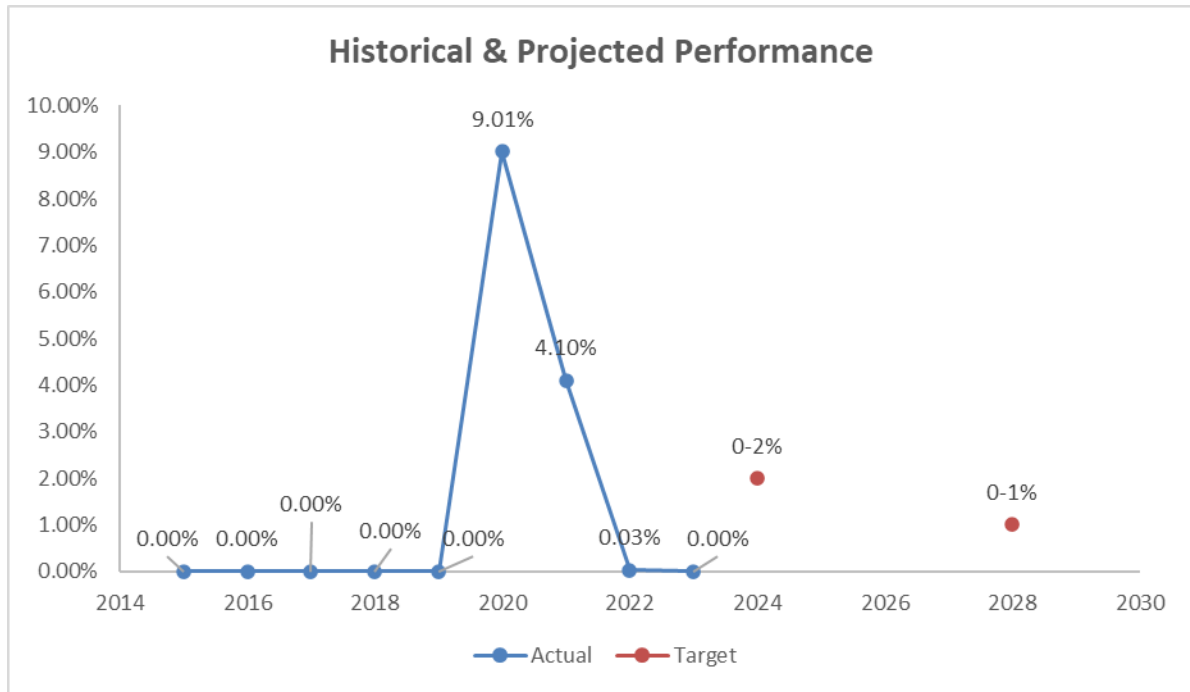
### 19 **1. Progress Towards/Deviation From the 1-Year Target**

20 As demonstrated in Figure 3.8-2 below, PG&E saw 0 percent missed  
21 overhead Distribution inspections in the 2023 which was within the  
22 company's 1-year target.

### 23 **2. Progress Towards/Deviation From the 5-Year Target**

24 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has several programs to  
25 maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to meet the  
26 Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.8--2  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015- 2023) AND  
TARGETS (2024 &2028)**



**E. (3.8) Current and Planned Work Activities**

- Visibility and Compliance: Since 2022, Supervisors and Inspectors can see the CPUC due dates for each inspection, so that they can plan work to be completed on time.
- Tracking:
  - System Inspections tracked progress and completion of overhead inspections on a continuous basis, using detailed SAP data reports and excel tracking spreadsheets.
  - System Inspections tracked and reported-out on any overdue overhead inspections, including identifying mitigating factors and implementing process improvements or changes to address gaps.
  - System Inspections tracked timeliness of inspections being completed on their weekly scorecard.
- Training: System Inspections will conduct annual “Refresher” training on overhead inspections, which includes focus on anything that has changed since the previous year (guidance, standards, procedures), including updates

1 to the INSPECT application, inspection checklists, and associated Inspector  
2 job aids.

- 3 • Asset Strategy – Monthly Inspection Validations: Monthly inspection  
4 validations will continue to identify required additions to the original plan  
5 arising from additions or changes to the asset registry.
- 6 • Asset Strategy – Ad Hoc Inspections: Asset Strategy will continue to  
7 evaluate the asset registry and may identify additional “ad hoc” structures to  
8 be inspected each year, based on analysis related to ignition risk, etc.
- 9 • Maintenance Plan Management Tool: System Inspections Maintenance  
10 Planners will complete timely review and completion of changes to structures  
11 and maintenance plans by way of the “maintenance plan management tool.”
- 12 • Desktop Quality Control: System Inspections conducts desktop work  
13 verification activities on a valid sample size of completed inspections to  
14 evaluate the completeness and quality of inspections.
- 15 • Quality Control Field Work Verification: System Inspections conducts “blind”  
16 field work verification activities on a valid sample size of completed  
17 inspections to evaluate the completeness and quality of inspections.

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7                   found in Sections B, C and D. Material changes from the prior report are identified  
8                   in blue font.  
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10 **A. (3.9) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.9 – Missed Overhead  
13                   Transmission Patrols in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas is defined as:  
14                   *Overhead (OH) Transmission Patrols in High Fire Threat District*  
15                   *(HFTD): Total number of structures that fell below the minimum patrol*  
16                   *frequency requirements divided by the total number of structures that*  
17                   *required patrols, in HFTD area in past calendar year where, “Minimum patrol*  
18                   *frequency” refers to the frequency of patrols requirements, as applicable.*  
19                   *“Structures” refers to electric assets such as transformers, switching*  
20                   *protective devices, capacitors, lines, poles, etc.*

21 **2. Introduction of Metric**

22                   Patrols involve simple visual observations to identify obvious  
23                   non-conformances affecting safety or reliability. Within HFTD areas,  
24                   nonconformances identified by patrols can involve conditions that represent  
25                   a wildfire ignition risk. Performing patrols on time allows non-conformances  
26                   to be identified in a timely manner so that they can be prioritized for repair in  
27                   accordance with the risk of the condition.

28                   All assets require either a detailed inspection or a patrol each year.  
29                   While detailed inspections have shifted from circuit-based cycles to an  
30                   inspection frequency that depends on HFTD and structure-level risk  
31                   considerations, patrols are performed by circuit. Therefore, any line that  
32                   does not receive a detailed inspection from end-to-end will require a patrol  
33                   and it is possible for some structures to receive both an inspection and a  
34                   patrol in the same year. Patrols may be performed either by air (helicopter)

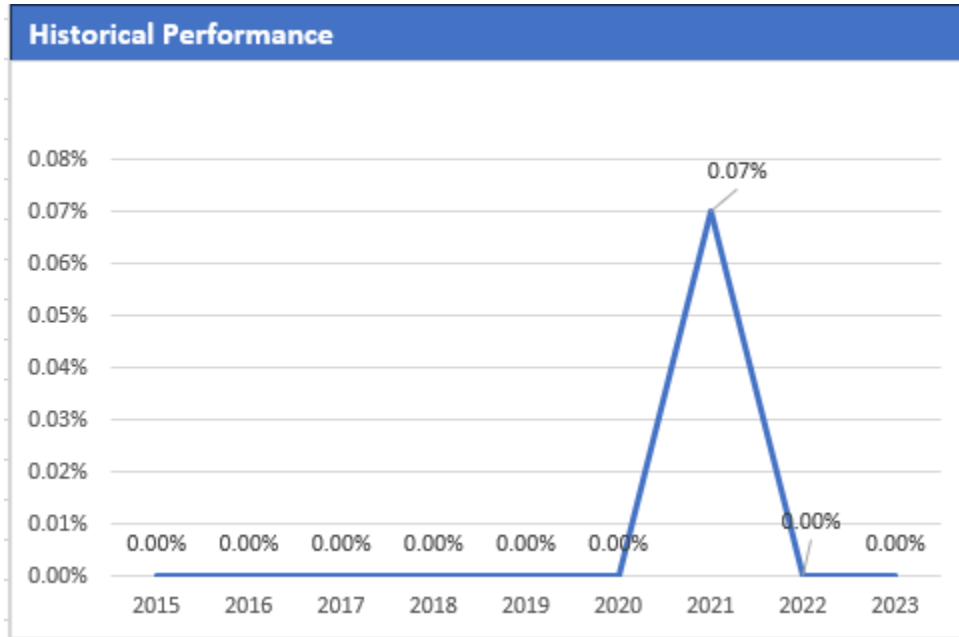
1 or ground (walking or driving). Compared to transmission detailed  
2 inspections, the transmission OH patrol program has not undergone  
3 significant changes over the reporting period from 2015-present. Starting in  
4 2021, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) imposed an in-year  
5 deadline of July 31 for patrols on circuits containing HFTD or High Fire Risk  
6 Area structures. Monthly validations of the inspection plan were started in  
7 June 2021 to ensure that all assets were either inspected or patrolled each  
8 year, including assets that were newly added to the asset registry. The  
9 in-year deadline of July 31 introduced in 2021 for inspections and patrols in  
10 HFTD will continue to be used in 2022. Beginning in 2022, assets added to  
11 the registry after July 31 or whose HFTD changes after July 31 will not be  
12 considered late as in 2021, provided that they are inspected or patrolled  
13 within 90 days of the addition to the registry or the HFTD change.

14 **B. (3.9) Metric Performance**

15 **1. Historical Data (2015 – 2023)**

16 Historical data is provided from 2015 – 2023. Data provided for  
17 2015-2019 reflects systemwide performance. HFTD-specific performance is  
18 not available prior to 2020. The percentage of missed patrols is calculated  
19 as the number of patrols not performed by the required deadline divided by  
20 the total number of patrols performed for that year. Through 2020, there  
21 was not a specific in-year deadline for patrols, so the deadline was  
22 considered December 31. The July 31 deadline for HFTD patrols in 2021  
23 allowed exceptions due to access issues and weather that may have  
24 prevented a helicopter to fly, or where access issues may have prevented a  
25 ground patrol. In 2021, HFTD structures added to the asset registry after  
26 July 31 and inspected after the July 31 deadline were counted as missed  
27 inspections, as well as instances where the asset location was corrected  
28 from non-HFTD to HFTD after July 31.

**FIGURE 3.9-1  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – 2023)**



1        **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2                Overhead patrols are tracked at the “maintenance plan” level, using data  
3                sheets to record completion and findings, if applicable, as well as the SAP  
4                data.

5        **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

6                There are no missed patrols in 2023 with a total of 44,981 patrols  
7                completed – 27,246 in Tier 2 HFTD areas, 16,899 in Tier 3 HFTD areas,  
8                451 in HFRA and 385 in Zone 1 areas.

9        **C. (3.9) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

10        **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

11                PG&E adjusted the 1-year 2024 target to 0.00-0.03 percent from the  
12                0.00-0.04 percent 1-year 2023 target to demonstrate incremental  
13                improvement. The 5-year 2028 target is set to be same as the 5-year 2027  
14                target of 0.00-0.02 percent.

15        **2. Target Methodology**

16                To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the  
17                following factors:



- 1 • Historical Data and Trends: The July 31 deadline for HFTD patrols was  
2 first applied in 2021 and is still in practice. Therefore, targets use 2021  
3 performance as a baseline with incremental improvement for the  
4 reasons described below;
- 5 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 6 • Regulatory Requirements: Relevant items include: (1) General Order  
7 165 requirements to follow internal maintenance procedures, and  
8 (2) Wildfire Mitigation Plan targets to perform HFTD inspections and  
9 patrols by July 31;
- 10 • Attainable Within known Resources/Work Plan: Targets are attainable  
11 within currently known resources;
- 12 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
13 Enforcement: Targets are suitable indicators for EOE as historical driver  
14 of worsening performance (asset registry changes after July 31) will  
15 have an allowance to be counted as on time if inspected within 90 days  
16 of the addition to the registry or HFTD change at the beginning of 2022.  
17 This update ensures that the metric is an appropriate indicator of  
18 performance by focusing the measure on timely action to complete  
19 inspections as opposed to asset registry completeness; and
- 20 • Other Qualitative Considerations: *None*.

### 21 **3. 2024 Target**

22 The 2024 target is to improve performance to 0.00-0.03 percent, based  
23 on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes and consideration of  
24 double circuits described in the methodology above.

### 25 **4. 2028 Target**

26 The 2028 target is to improve performance to 0.00-0.02 percent, based  
27 on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes and consideration of  
28 double circuits described in the methodology above, as well as a reduction  
29 over time in the number of asset registry additions from assets being  
30 discovered in the field.

1 **D. (3.9) Performance Against Target**

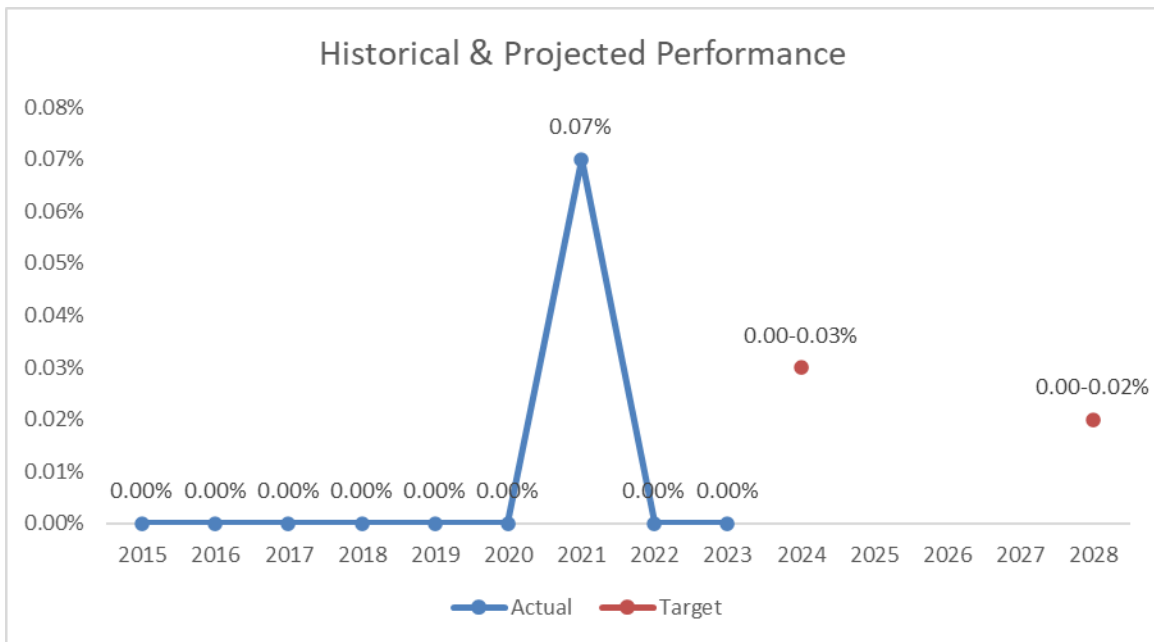
2 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

3 As demonstrated in Figure 3.9-2 below, PG&E saw 0.00 percent missed  
4 overhead Transmission patrols in 2023 which is consistent with company's  
5 1-year target.

6 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

7 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of  
8 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to  
9 meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.9-2**  
**HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – 2023) AND TARGET (2024 AND 2028)**



10 **E. (3.9) Current and Planned Work Activities**

11 Below is a summary description of the key activities that are tied to  
12 performance and their description of that tie:

- 13 • 2024 Inspection and Patrol Plan: The 2024 Inspection and Patrol plan has  
14 been created, which defines the initial scope of the HFTD patrols that fall  
15 under this metric. The plan contains approximately 170 circuits running  
16 through HFTD areas (containing approximately 31,000 HFTD structures)  
17 that will be patrolled.

- 1 • Monthly Inspection Validations: Monthly inspection validations, which also  
2 consider required patrols, will continue to identify required additions to the  
3 original plan arising from additions or changes to the asset registry.  
4 Changes in HFTD affect the scope of patrols covered by this metric.
- 5 • In-Year Deadline Requirements: The in-year deadline of July 31 introduced  
6 in 2021 for patrols in HFTD will continue to be used in 2024, with the same  
7 provisions for access issues as in 2021 and the addition of the 90-day  
8 requirement described above for additions and changes to the asset  
9 registry. The deadline is tracked with the patrol orders so that each HFTD  
10 patrol is identified as having the July 31 compliance requirement.

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7                   found in Sections B, C and D. Material changes from the prior report are identified  
8   in blue font.  
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10 **A. (3.10) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.10 – Missed Overhead  
13                   Transmission Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas is defined as:

14                   *Overhead (OH) Transmission Detailed Inspections in High Fire Threat*  
15                   *District (HFTD): Total number of structures that fell below the minimum*  
16                   *inspection frequency requirements divided by the total number of structures*  
17                   *that required inspection, in HFTD area in past calendar year where,*  
18                   *“Minimum inspection frequency” refers to the frequency of scheduled*  
19                   *inspections requirements, as applicable. “Structures” refers to electric*  
20                   *assets such as transformers, switching protective devices, capacitors, lines,*  
21                   *poles, etc.*

22       **2. Introduction of Metric**

23                   Detailed inspections are performed using several methods (ground,  
24                   aerial, and climbing) to identify non-conformances affecting safety or  
25                   reliability. Within HFTD areas, non-conformances identified by inspections  
26                   can involve conditions that represent a wildfire ignition risk. Performing  
27                   inspections on time allows non-conformances to be identified in a timely  
28                   manner so that they can be prioritized for repair in accordance with the risk  
29                   of the condition.

30                   Due to the importance of detailed inspections in identifying conditions  
31                   that affect wildfire, other safety, and reliability risks, the OH transmission  
32                   detailed inspection program has undergone significant evolution over the  
33                   reporting period for the metric, 2015-present. Prior to 2019, detailed ground  
34                   inspections were performed by circuit with a frequency depending on the

1 voltage and whether the majority of the structures on the circuit were wood  
2 (2-year cycle) or steel (5-year cycle).

3 The Wildfire Safety Inspection Program (WSIP), which began in late  
4 2018 and extended into 2019, introduced several key improvements to OH  
5 transmission inspections including the use of an 'enhanced' inspection  
6 methodology with a questionnaire developed from a wildfire-ignition Failure  
7 Modes and Effects Analysis and the addition of aerial inspections using  
8 high-resolution drone photographs to provide a second vantage point from  
9 above to complement the ground inspections performed with the inspector  
10 standing at the base of the structure. These improvements from WSIP were  
11 incorporated into the regular OH inspection program beginning in 2020.

12 The 2020 inspections replaced the old wood- or steel-based inspection  
13 cycles with cycles that called for more frequent inspections in HFTD areas,  
14 annually for Tier 3 and on a 3-year cycle for Tier 2, compared to a 5-year  
15 cycle for non-HFTD areas. The 2020 inspections also included non-HFTD  
16 structures in High Fire Risk Areas (HFRA), which were treated like Tier 2.

17 The 2021 inspection program continued using the HFTD-based cycles  
18 introduced in 2020 and imposed an in-year deadline for HFTD and HFRA  
19 inspections of July 31, consistent with Pacific Gas and Electric Company's  
20 (PG&E or the Company) 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). The intent of  
21 this deadline was to allow completion of the inspections and any emergency  
22 repairs found from the inspections prior to peak fire season. Monthly  
23 validations of the inspection plan were started in June 2021 to ensure that  
24 all assets requiring an inspection under their prescribed cycles were  
25 included in the plan, including assets that were newly added to the asset  
26 registry.

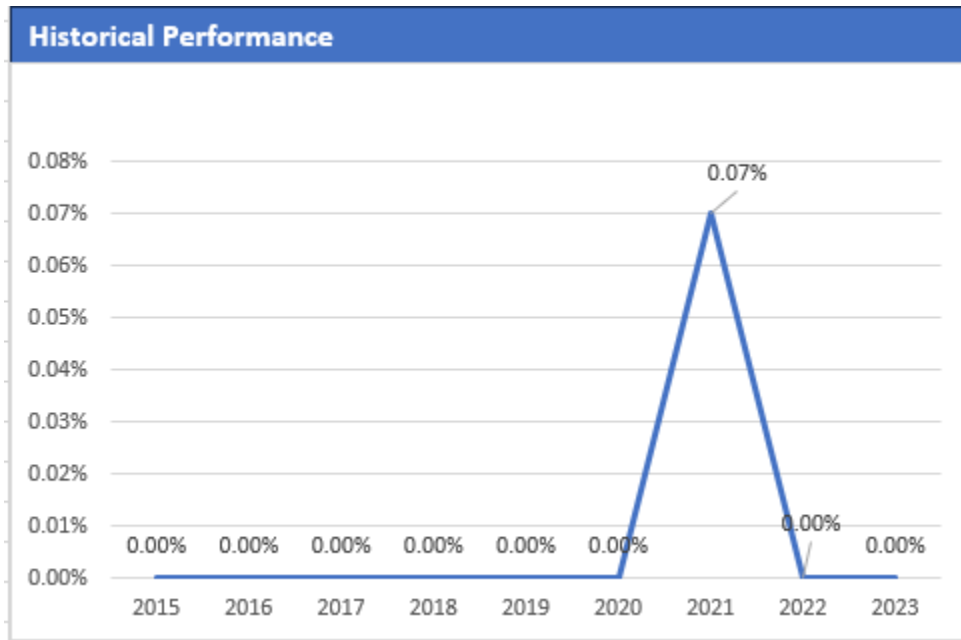
27 The 2022 inspection scope introduced the use of wildfire risk and  
28 consequence scores at the structure level to inform the selection of assets  
29 to be inspected. At the beginning of 2022, assets were added to the registry  
30 after July 31 or whose HFTD changes after July 31 will not be considered  
31 late, provided that they are inspected within 90 days of the addition to the  
32 registry or the HFTD change.

1 **B. (3.10) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2015 – 2023)**

3 Historical data is provided from 2015 –2023. Data provided for  
4 2015-2019 reflects systemwide performance. HFTD-specific performance is  
5 not available prior to 2020. The percentage of missed inspections is  
6 calculated as the number of inspections not performed by the required  
7 deadline divided by the total number of inspections performed for that year.  
8 Through 2020, there was not a specific in-year deadline for inspections, so  
9 the deadline was considered December 31. The July 31 deadline for HFTD  
10 inspections in 2021 allowed exceptions due to access issues, landowner  
11 refusal, or site-specific worker safety situations (i.e., Cannot Get In (CGI))  
12 where an unsuccessful inspection attempt was made prior to the deadline.  
13 In 2021, HFTD structures added to the asset registry after July 31 and  
14 inspected after the July 31 deadline were counted as missed inspections, as  
15 well as instances where the asset location was corrected from non-HFTD to  
16 HFTD after July 31.

**FIGURE 3.10-1  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE PERCENT LATE (2015 – Q2 2023)**





1       **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2               The currently used data collection methodology was implemented in  
3               2020. It uses a mobile platform for completing overhead inspections,  
4               recorded at structure (pole) level using a detailed inspection checklist.

5       **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

6               There were no missed inspections in 2023 with a total of 54,717  
7               inspections completed – 40,480 in Tier 2 HFTD areas, 11,720 in Tier 3 HFTD  
8               areas, 2445 in HFRA and 72 in Zone 1 areas.

9       **C. (3.10) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

10       **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

11               PG&E adjusted the 2024 1-year target to 0.00-0.03 percent from the  
12               0.00-0.04 percent 2023 1-year target to demonstrate incremental  
13               improvement. The 2028 5-year target is set to be same as the 2027 5-year  
14               target of 0.00-0.02 percent.

15       **2. Target Methodology**

16               To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the  
17               following factors:

- 18       • Historical Data and Trends: The July 31 deadline for HFTD patrols was  
19       first applied in 2021 and is still in practice. Therefore, targets use 2021  
20       performance as a baseline with incremental improvement for the  
21       reasons described below;
- 22       • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 23       • Regulatory Requirements: Relevant items include: (1) General  
24       Order 165 requirements to follow internal maintenance procedures, and  
25       (2) Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) targets to perform certain HFTD  
26       inspections and patrols by July 31;
- 27       • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Targets are attainable  
28       within currently known resources;
- 29       • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
30       Enforcement: Targets are suitable indicators for EOE as historical driver  
31       of worsening performance (asset registry changes after July 31) will  
32       have an allowance to be counted as on time for any assets discovered  
33       after January 1 of the given year and due for a baseline frequency

1 inspection based on installation date (via the created date in SAP), will  
2 be inspected within 90 days of when added to the asset registry or by  
3 July 31 or the given year, whichever is later. Structures in scope for the  
4 given year with HFTD tier changes from Non-HFTD to HFTD after  
5 January 1st are also given an allowance for inspection within 90 days of  
6 the change or July 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever is later. This update beginning in  
7 2022 ensures that the metric is an appropriate indicator of performance  
8 by focusing the measure on timely action to complete inspections as  
9 opposed to asset registry completeness.

- 10 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

### 11 **3. 2024 Target**

12 The 2024 target is to improve performance to 0.00-0.03 percent, based  
13 on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes described in the  
14 methodology above.

### 15 **4. 2028 Target**

16 The 2028 target is to improve performance to 0.00-0.02 percent, based  
17 on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes described in the  
18 methodology above, as well as a reduction over time in the number of asset  
19 registry additions from assets being discovered in the field.

## 20 **D. (3.10) Performance Against Target**

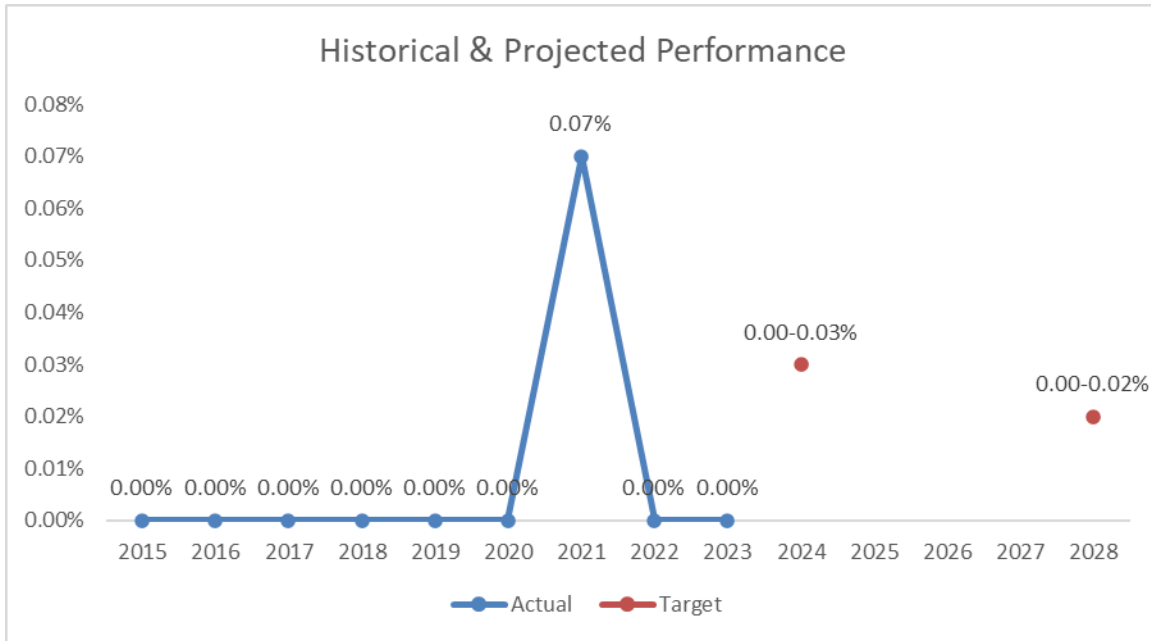
### 21 **1. Progress Towards the 1-year Target**

22 As demonstrated in Figure 3.10-2 below, PG&E saw 0.00 percent  
23 missed overhead Transmission detailed inspections in the first half of 2023  
24 which is consistent with Company's 1-year target.

### 25 **2. Progress Towards the 5-year Target**

26 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has deployed a number of  
27 programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to  
28 meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.10-2  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015-2023) AND TARGETS (2024 AND 2028)**



**E. (3.10) Current and Planned Work Activities**

Below is a summary description of the key activities that are tied to performance and their description of that tie.

- 2024 Inspection and Patrol Plan: The 2024 inspection plan has been created and contains Tier 3 and Tier 2 structures totaling approximately 26,000 receiving ground inspection, 24,000 aerial inspections, and approximately 1,700 structures that also will receive a climbing inspection.
- Monthly Inspection Validations: Monthly inspection validations will continue to identify required additions to the original plan arising from additions or changes to the asset registry. Changes in HFTD may affect the scope of inspections covered by this metric
- In-Year Deadline Requirements: The in-year deadline of July 31 introduced in 2021 for inspections in HFTD will continue to be used in 2024, with the same provisions for CGI access issues as in 2021 and the addition of the 90-day requirement described above for additions and changes to the asset registry. The deadline is tracked with the inspection and patrol orders so that each HFTD inspection is identified as having the July 31 compliance requirement.

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2                                   **SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:**  
3   **CHAPTER 3.11**  
4                                   **GO-95 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN HFTDS**

5                   The material updates to this chapter since the October 2, 2023, report can be  
6                   found in Sections B, C, D and E. Material changes from the prior report are  
7                   identified in blue font.  
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9   **A. (3.11) Overview**

10   **1. Metric Definition**

11                   Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.11 – General Order (GO) 95  
12                   Corrective Actions in High Fire Threat Districts (HFTD) is defined as:

13                   *The number of Priority Level 2 notifications that were completed on time*  
14                   *divided by the total number of Priority Level 2 notifications that were due in*  
15                   *the calendar year in HFTDs. Consistent with General Order (GO) 95*  
16                   *Rule 18 provisions, the proposed metric should exclude notifications that*  
17                   *qualify for extensions under reasonable circumstances.<sup>1</sup>*

18                   GO 95, Rule 18, Priority Level 2 has four relevant timeframes for  
19                   corrective action of which 2 are relevant for HFTD criteria used in SOMs:  
20                   (1) six months for potential violations that create a fire risk in Tier 3 of HFTD;  
21                   (2) 12 months for potential violations that create a fire risk in Tier 2 of  
22                   HFTD.<sup>2</sup>

23                   This metric is also reported as Metric 29 in the annual Safety  
24                   Performance Metrics Report.

25   **2. Introduction to the Metric**

26                   The GO 95 Corrective Actions in HFTD metric measures the number of  
27                   Priority Level 2 electric corrective notifications (tags) in HFTD that are  
28                   completed in accordance with the GO 95 Rule 18 timelines. This metric is  
29                   associated with our Failure of Electric Distribution Overhead Asset Risk and

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1   Correction times may be extended under reasonable circumstances, such as:  
third-party refusal, customer issue, no access, permits required, system emergencies  
(e.g., fires, severe weather conditions).

2   GO 95 Rule 18, B1ai-aiii.

1 our Wildfire Risk, which are part of our 2020 Risk Assessment and  
2 Mitigation Phase Report filing. Vegetation Management (VM) work  
3 generally follows wildfire risk priorities. Priority notifications are tracked to  
4 completion against procedural timelines that are consistent with the  
5 underlying risk of the work.

### 6 **3. Background**

7 This metric consists of two major activities: corrective notification  
8 repairs and VM. The Section below describes the work, including  
9 risk-informed prioritization and associated activities. We also compare  
10 Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E or the Company) priority  
11 classifications against GO 95 Rule 18's classification and timelines for  
12 completion.

- 13 • Corrective Notifications Identified from Inspections: PG&E routinely  
14 inspects our electric assets using a variety of methods, including  
15 observations when performing work in the area, periodic patrols, and  
16 inspections, and targeted condition-based and/or diagnostic testing and  
17 monitoring. These inspections of our overhead and underground  
18 electric assets are designed to meet GO 95, 165, and 174 requirements.  
19 Regarding our equipment inspections process, when an inspector  
20 identifies a maintenance condition, the inspector may immediately  
21 correct the condition (e.g., performs minor repair work) and records the  
22 correction or records the uncorrected condition, which is also reviewed  
23 by a centralized inspection review team (CIRT). This additional review  
24 performed by the CIRT is to drive consistency in inspection results by  
25 having a centralized team review all field findings prior to recording the  
26 finding as a tag.

27 If the condition is not immediately corrected, the inspector fills out  
28 the initial tag. The centralized review team approves and prioritizes the  
29 corrective notification tag in our Work Management system. These tags  
30 are prioritized based on the risk posed by the condition and urgency of  
31 repairs. We also inspect vegetation in the vicinity of our facilities and  
32 apply a similar process, described below.

33 Regarding Priority Level 2 electric notifications pertaining to our  
34 equipment inspections, we have subdivided Priority Level 2 into two

1 categories: Priority “B” and Priority “E”. Priority “B” notifications are  
2 scheduled to be addressed within 3 months for Tiers 2 and 3. Priority  
3 “E” are scheduled to be completed within 6 months for Tier 3 and  
4 12 months for Tier 2.

- 5 • Vegetation Management: Regarding our VM Program, we routinely  
6 inspect clearances between our electric assets and adjacent vegetation  
7 through a variety of methods, including observations during annual  
8 patrols, targeted program inspections, and aerial light detection and  
9 ranging flights. These inspections are conducted by our VM personnel  
10 and are designed to meet or, in some cases, exceed GO 95 Rule 35  
11 requirements and fire safety regulations that require a minimum  
12 clearance of 4 feet year-round for high-voltage power lines in the  
13 California Public Utilities Commission-designated HFTD areas. GO 95  
14 Rule 35 also requires the removal of dead, diseased, defective, and  
15 dying trees that could fall into the lines.

16 When an inspector identifies a clearance condition or a potential  
17 tree hazard, they record an abatement prescription (tree work) within  
18 VM’s data systems. This tree work is assigned to tree crews unless  
19 there are constraints that require prior resolution (e.g., customer access,  
20 city or agency permits). Once the constraint has been resolved, the tree  
21 work is addressed within 30 days or within the initial timeline based on  
22 HFTD Tier from the date it was inspected, which is either 180 days for  
23 Tier 3 or 365 days for Tier 2. Tree crews confirm the completion of tree  
24 work within the VM data systems. VM tree work identified in this way  
25 does not follow the Electric Corrective notifications (EC for Distribution)  
26 and Line Corrective notifications (LC for Transmission) priority  
27 assignments. Our VM timeline to complete this tree work generally  
28 aligns with the risk presented by the vegetation and the risk reduction  
29 objectives of the VM Program. It is important to note that this data is  
30 classified into two categories: (1) Vegetation Dead and Dying and  
31 (2) Vegetation Priority 2, where each record reflects work completed on  
32 a tree.

- 33 • Priority Classifications and Timelines for Completion: We manage our  
34 corrective actions in HFTDs with a risk-informed prioritization of our



1 work plans. Our strategy focuses on reducing wildfire risk associated  
2 with open corrective notifications. To accomplish this, we address the  
3 highest risk Level 2 corrective notifications first. After that, we manage  
4 the inventory of Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications in a  
5 risk-informed manner, where the highest risk Level 2 Priority “E”  
6 corrective notifications are targeted first, while deploying safety controls  
7 to manage the lower risk Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications.  
8 This approach allows strategic and targeted wildfire risk reductions,  
9 informed by customer impact and risk spend efficiencies, to continue to  
10 be our primary focus.

11 We recognize that our electric Priority “B” notifications, which we  
12 consider having a higher likelihood of creating an equipment failure than  
13 other Level 2 Priority notifications, have a more aggressive timeline to  
14 address than GO 95 Rule 18 Priority Level 2. However, consistent with  
15 the safety and operational metric definitions provided in  
16 Decision 21-11-009, we are reporting our performance against the  
17 timelines set forth in GO 95 Rule 18 and can provide, upon request,  
18 additional information as to how we are performing against our more  
19 aggressive internal timelines for our electric Priority “B” notifications.  
20 Furthermore, we are including all EC and LC notifications, as well as all  
21 inspection-identified vegetation safety hazards that meet the definition of  
22 GO 95 Rule 18 Level 2.

23 At the end of 2022, Priority “B” was eliminated for newly created  
24 transmission (LC) notifications so that priority “E” LC notifications now  
25 directly align to Rule 18 Level 2. Priority “E” notifications may have  
26 timelines shorter than the maximum allowable Level 2 timelines, so  
27 3-month notifications still can be created as priority “E.” Although new  
28 “B” priority LC notifications will not be created, the existing population of  
29 “B” priority notifications will continue to be closed in 2023.

30 The following table summarizes the priority classifications we use to  
31 comply with GO 95 Rule 18. The changes to transmission’s priority  
32 levels will be reflected in the next update.

**TABLE 3.11-1  
GO 95 RULE 18 RISK CATEGORIES AND TIMELINES**

Line No.	GO 95 Rule 18	PG&E Priority	Description	GO 95 Rule 18 Timeline for Corrective Action	PG&E Internal Timeline for Corrective Action (Electric Notifications)	PG&E Internal Timeline for Corrective Action (Vegetation Tree Work)
1	Level 1	A (Electric) Priority 1 (Vegetation)	An immediate risk of high potential impact to safety or reliability	Take corrective action immediately, either by fully repairing or by temporarily repairing and reclassifying to a lower priority	Consistent with GO 95 Rule 18	Within 24 hrs. after identification
2	Level 2	B (Electric) Priority 2 or Dead & Dying (Vegetation)	Any other risk of at least moderate potential impact to safety or reliability: Take corrective action within specified time period (either by fully repair or by temporarily repairing and reclassifying to Level 3 priority).	Time period for corrective action to be determined at the time of identification by a qualified Company representative, but not to exceed: 1. Six months for potential violations that create a fire risk located in Tier 3 of the HFTD. 2. 12 months for potential violations that create a fire risk located in Tier 2 of the HFTD. 3. 12 months for potential violations that compromise worker safety; and 4. 36 months for all other Level 2 potential violations.	Corrective action within 3 months from date condition identified for electric equipment	1. Within 20 business days from identification Priority 2 Tag. 2. Dead & Dying tree: a. Six months within Tier 3 & Tier 2 of the HFTD; and b. 12 months outside Tier 3 & Tier 2 of the HFTD.
3		E (Electric)	Any other risk of at least moderate potential impact to safety or reliability: Take corrective action within specified time period (either by fully repair or by temporarily repairing and reclassifying to Level 3 priority).	Same as above	Corrective action within: 1. Six months for conditions that create a fire risk located in HFTD Tier 3 2. 12 months for conditions that create a fire risk located in HFTD Tier 2 Field Safety Re-assessment performed annually on time dependent tags to confirm Priority "E" Notification has not escalated to Priority A or B. If notification has escalated to Priority A or B, address according to timelines above.	N/A
4		H (Electric)	These are PG&E Priority "E" Notifications that are planned to be addressed by a planned System Hardening Project	Same as above	Field Safety Re-assessment performed annually on time dependent tags to confirm Priority "E" Notification has not escalated to a Priority A or B. If notification has escalated to Priority A or B, address according to timelines above.	N/A
5	Level 3	F (Electric)	Any risk of low potential impact to safety or reliability	Take corrective action within 60 months subject to the specific exceptions. <sup>(a)</sup>	1. Corrective actions for distribution assets to be addressed within five years from date condition identified. 2. Corrective actions for transmission assets to be addressed within two years from date condition identified.	N/A

(a) EXCEPTION – Potential violations specified in Appendix J or subsequently approved through Commission processes, including, but not limited to, a Tier 2 Advice Letter under GO 96B, that can be completed at a future time as opportunity-based maintenance. Where an exception has been granted, repair of a potential violation must be completed the next time the Company's crew is at the structure to perform tasks at the same or higher work level (i.e., the public, communications, or electric level). The condition's record in the auditable maintenance program must indicate the relevant exception and the date of the corrective action.

1 **B. (3.11) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2020 – 2023)**

3 We are reporting historical data from the years 2020 through 2023.

4 Our history of available data, which is recorded in our electric work  
5 management systems (e.g., SAP) goes back to 2010. However, we are  
6 focusing our historical reporting for this metric starting at 2020 due to  
7 various changes that occurred prior to 2020, which reshaped GO 95 and  
8 GO 165 to include boundaries for HFTD, as well as informed our current  
9 inspection methods to be more enhanced towards identifying ignition risks.

10 Reported timelines generally align with VM adoption of updated internal  
11 timeliness for Priority Tag mitigation and additional ‘Dead & Dying’ tree  
12 abatement identified through the implementation of PG&E Enhanced VM  
13 Program in 2019. The VM Program’s work management system tracking  
14 these corrective actions is tracked in two separate databases; the  
15 Vegetation Management Database (VMD) and OneVM to track work  
16 identified through its annual inspection programs.

17 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

18 Data collected prior to year 2020 is excluded due to the various GO 165  
19 and GO 95 Rule 18 changes mentioned above.

20 We are including all EC (Distribution) and LC (Transmission)  
21 notifications, as well as all inspection-identified vegetation safety hazards  
22 that meet the definition of GO 95 Rule 18 Level 2. Note that due dates must  
23 be manually adjusted in our data to align with the GO 95 Rule 18 timelines  
24 which vary from our internal timelines as previously mentioned.

25 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

26 Metric performance is comprised of an aggregated performance for  
27 electric distribution and electric transmission corrective notifications, as well  
28 as vegetation safety hazards.

29 As described in earlier sections, we are reporting and setting targets  
30 against the timeframes identified in GO 95 Rule 18 rather than the timelines  
31 articulated in our internal electric Priority “B” and “E” notifications, and  
32 internal VM Priority 2 and Dead and Dying Tree abatement corrective  
33 notifications.

1 To address the unprecedented wildfire risk in our service territory, in  
2 2019 we launched our Wildfire Safety Inspection Program (WSIP) as part of  
3 our Wildfire Safety Plan. The intent of that program was to expand our  
4 focus during inspections to include fire ignition risk posed by failure modes  
5 on our electric assets and accelerate the inspections to be complete by the  
6 beginning of the 2019 wildfire season. The WSIP generated a volume much  
7 greater than what we have typically experienced for our annual electric  
8 corrective notification volume, with the majority of electric corrective  
9 notifications being of lower risk (e.g., Level 2 Priority “E” & Level 3).

10 Given the high volume (e.g., approximately 4x the volume from prior  
11 years) of identified electric distribution and transmission corrective  
12 notifications in the 2019 WSIP, we pivoted from managing our electric  
13 corrective notifications based on due date to focusing our priority through a  
14 wildfire risk informed approach. This means we would complete Level 1 and  
15 Level 2 Priority “B” corrective notifications first and manage the inventory of  
16 Level 2 Priority “E” and Level 3 corrective notifications.

17 Our approach for managing the inventory of Level 2 Priority “E” is to:  
18 (1) group high concentrations of individual capital intensive rebuild corrective  
19 notifications into new, more comprehensive, System Hardening projects,  
20 and (2) permanently remove electric lines out of service that have multiple  
21 corrective notifications and serve small numbers of customers, where  
22 service can be provided via alternate line interconnections or remote grid  
23 solutions and (3) bundle and prioritize corrective work execution for those  
24 Level 2 Priority “E” notifications that were of high wildfire risk informed  
25 priority based on risk spend efficiency as indicated in WMP RN-04. PG&E  
26 address its distribution maintenance tag log more quickly through the  
27 isolation zone bundling approach described in PG&E’s 2023-2025 Wildfire  
28 Mitigation Plan (WMP), which was approved by the Office of Energy  
29 Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) on December 29, 2023. EC  
30 notifications are bundled by isolation zone to maximize the number of  
31 notifications completed within a single outage and/or planned day of work.  
32 Isolation zones are circuit segments located between sectionalizing devices.  
33 A bundle consists of all open notifications within a given isolation zone.  
34 Bundles are created across all EC types (pole, non-pole capital, non-pole

1 expense). While PG&E’s maintenance tag plan described in its 2023-2025  
2 WMP will result in some lower-risk maintenance tags exceeding the current  
3 GO 95, Rule 18 timelines, the plan is prudent because it will allow PG&E to  
4 reduce the maintenance tag log more quickly and execute more tags with  
5 the same amount of resources while reducing the amount of clearances  
6 needed per unit executed.

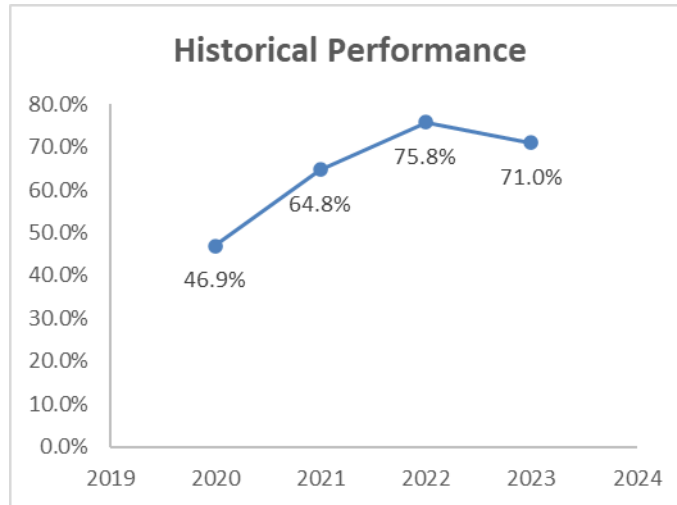
7 January through December 2023 saw a performance of 71 percent as  
8 shown in Figure 3.11-1 below. This performance exceeded the 2023  
9 one-year target of 69 percent. 2023 Work Plan for Distribution focused to  
10 work down risk bundles based on highest risk spend efficiency per our  
11 commitment in the Wildfire Mitigation Plan rather than execute on individual  
12 tags with the highest risk which resulted in 4.8 percent lower 2023 on time  
13 performance as compared 2022 performance but with an increase in  
14 reduced wildfire risk of a forecasted 48 percent with an actual greater than  
15 52 percent. Lastly, there is a net reduction of approximately 10,700 EVM  
16 tree work units on the cessation of that program from the end of 2022,  
17 reducing the amount of on time completed units.

18 For those electric corrective Level 2 Priority “E” notifications that were  
19 going to remain open past their original due date, and that had the potential  
20 to degrade over time, we performed Field Safety Reassessments (FSR) of  
21 those open Level 2 Priority “E” electric notifications to determine if the  
22 conditions of the electric asset had degraded. If they had, we would  
23 accelerate those corrective notifications for repair.

24 We are also currently completing available vegetation priority corrective  
25 notifications within our internal timelines, limiting inventory to corrective  
26 notifications where we have access issues, such as customer property  
27 access issues or related permitting concerns, which are worked as  
28 dependencies are resolved. This is consistent with our Dead and Dying  
29 Tree Abatements.

30 The following figure plots our historical performance for GO 95 Rule 18  
31 Level 2 HFTD Corrective Notifications.

**FIGURE 3.11-1  
GO 95 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN HFTDS – HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2020 – Q2 2023)**



**TABLE 3.11-2  
GO 95 RULE 18 PRIORITY LEVEL 2 ACTUAL 2023  
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET  
(ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)**

Line No.	Year 2022	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	185,065
2	Past Due	75,874
3	% On Time	71%

**TABLE 3.11-3  
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 ACTUAL 2023  
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET  
(ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2023	Level 2 Priority "E"	Level 2 Priority "B"	Level 2 Priority "B" From "E"	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	2,105	3,791	122	6,018
2	Past Due	63,305	1,546	37	64,888
3	% On Time	3%	71%	77%	8%

**TABLE 3.11-4  
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 ACTUAL 2023  
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET  
(ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2023	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	7116
2	Past Due	8008
3	% On Time	47%

Note: Per PG&E Utility Procedure TD-8123P-103, effective 1/03/2023, all Level 2 Transmission tags are considered priority "E" which aligns with GO 95, Rule 18 Levels 1, 2, and 3. Tag priority categorization will no longer be provided for Transmission tags.

**TABLE 3.11-5  
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 ACTUAL 2023  
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET  
(VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)**

Line No.	Year 2023	EVM Dead and Dying	Vegetation Dead and Dying	Vegetation Priority 2	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	39,427	104,813	27,691	171,931
2	Past Due	800	2,163	15	2,978
3	% On Time	98%	98%	100%	98%

1 **C. (3.11) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 There is no change to the 1-year targets.

4 The 5-year target decreased from 80 percent to 79 percent.

5 **2. Target Methodology**

6 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, we considered the following  
7 factors:

- 8 • Historical Data and Trends: The targets are based on the projected  
9 volume of GO 95 Rule 18 Priority Level 2 notifications, which consider  
10 existing open tags and forecasted new tags that are due for each year;
- 11 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 12 • Regulatory Requirements: GO 95 Rule 18 requirements;
- 13 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Attainability is subject  
14 to other emerging higher risk priorities that may influence our ability to

1 meet projected targets. If emerging higher risk priorities emerge  
2 throughout the course of the year, we may need to prioritize our  
3 available resources to address these higher risk priorities and adjust our  
4 work plan accordingly;

- 5 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
6 Enforcement: Yes, performance at projected levels is sustainable,  
7 subject to other emerging higher risk priorities may influence ability to  
8 meet projected targets. If emerging higher risk priorities emerge  
9 throughout the course of the year, we may need to prioritize our  
10 available resources to address these higher risk priorities and adjust our  
11 work plan accordingly; and
- 12 • Other Qualitative Considerations: This target was established with the  
13 consideration of our risk informed strategy, as opposed to a corrective  
14 notification due date prioritization approach.

### 15 **3. 2024 Target**

16 Our target for Priority Level 2 corrective maintenance notifications on  
17 time completion rates is 69 percent for the year 2024. This metric  
18 performance is comprised of an aggregated score combining performance  
19 of electric distribution, electric transmission and Vegetation Management.  
20 In 2023, the on time corrective actions in these three areas were 6,018;  
21 7,116; and 171,931, respectively.

22 For year 2024, electric distribution notifications completed on  
23 time percentage is projected at approximately 11 percent and electric  
24 transmission notifications completed on time percentage is projected at  
25 approximately 80 percent. The projected forecast for Vegetation  
26 Management is approximately 98 percent. As the volume of Vegetation  
27 Management decreases in 2024 we expect the aggregated score of this  
28 metric to correspondingly decline.

29 Our distribution corrective notifications strategy will continue to focus on  
30 reducing wildfire risk associated with our open corrective notifications by  
31 working the highest risk spend efficiency bundles for Level 2 corrective  
32 notifications first versus managing corrective notification due dates. Using  
33 this approach in 2023, we reduced the relative wildfire risk associated with



1 open electric distribution corrective maintenance notifications in HFTD Tiers  
2 2 and 3 by as much as 52 percent.

3 Also, it is important to note that within this aggregated year 2023  
4 performance, we are forecasting that our electric Level 2 Priority “B”  
5 notifications performance to achieve completed on time percentages of  
6 95 percent for electric distribution notifications. As described earlier, we  
7 consider electric Level 2 Priority “B” notifications to have a higher likelihood  
8 of creating an equipment failure than other electric Level 2 Priority  
9 notifications.

10 The following tables summarize PG&E’s Year 2023 Target for Priority  
11 Level 2 notifications completed on time percentage, as well as a breakdown  
12 between the electric distribution, electric transmission and VM Priority  
13 Level 2 notifications performance. Since the “B” priority will no longer be  
14 assigned to transmission notifications, as described above, transmission  
15 projections are not separated by “B” and “E” priority levels. Table 3.11-6  
16 has been updated only to reflect Level 2 results due to the priority level  
17 changes in transmission.

18 Table 3.11-9 Vegetation Management 2023 forecast is lower than 2022,  
19 based upon an anticipated reduction in the volume of D&D tree work.  
20 Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM) Program concluded at the end of  
21 2022.

**TABLE 3.11-6  
GO 95 RULE 18 PRIORITY LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2024  
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET  
(ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)**

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Level 2 Results</u>
1	On Time	172,488
2	Past Due	76,808
3	% On Time	69%

**TABLE 3.11-7  
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2024  
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET  
(ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2023	Level 2 Priority "E"	Level 2 Priority "B"	Level 2 Priority "B" From "E"	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	634	7932	272	8838
2	Past Due	70,795	232	768	71795
3	% On Time	1%	97%	26%	11%

**TABLE 3.11-8  
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2024  
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET  
(ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2023	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	8530
2	Past Due	2133
3	% On Time	80%

**TABLE 3.11-9  
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2024  
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET  
(VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)**

Line No.	Year 2023	Vegetation Dead and Dying	Vegetation Priority 2	EVM Dead and Dying	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	119,560	27,720	7840	155,120
2	Past Due	2440	280	160	2880
3	% On Time	98%	99%	98%	98%

**4. 2028 Target**

Our 5-year target for Priority Level 2 corrective maintenance notifications on time is 79 percent. Target decreased by 1 percent, compared to 2027 target due to 1.36 percent projected decrease of Priority Level 2 notifications that were completed on time (185,197 in 2028 vs 187,760 in 2027) and 0.24 percent projected decrease of Priority Level 2 notifications completed late (47,971 in 2028 vs 47,908 in 2027). This metric performance is comprised of an aggregated performance where the projected year 2028 volume of on time corrective notifications for electric

1 distribution, electric transmission and vegetation are at 28,406; 8,541; and  
 2 148,250, respectively.

3 For year 2028, we are projecting an on-time percentage of  
 4 approximately 39 percent, 98 percent, 98 percent for electric distribution,  
 5 electric transmission, and vegetation notifications performance, respectively.

6 Our distribution corrective notifications strategy will continue to focus on  
 7 reducing the most wildfire risk associated with our open corrective  
 8 notifications per dollar spent by working the highest risk bundles by isolation  
 9 zone first versus managing corrective notification due dates. Furthermore,  
 10 we are also revisiting opportunities to further align our distribution electric  
 11 corrective action Priority levels (e.g., A, B, E, F, and H) with that of GO 95  
 12 Rule 18 (e.g., Levels 1, 2, and 3), which we expect will improve our  
 13 performance in the long-term.

14 The following tables summarize our Year 2028 Target for Priority  
 15 Level 2 notifications completed on time percentages, as well as a  
 16 breakdown between the electric distribution, electric transmission and  
 17 vegetation Priority Level 2 notifications completed on time percentages.

**TABLE 3.11-10  
 GO 95 RULE 18 PRIORITY LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2028  
 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET  
 (ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)**

Line No.	Year 2027	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	185,197
2	Past Due	47,791
3	% On Time	79%

**TABLE 3.11-11  
 GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2028 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS  
 PERFORMANCE AND TARGET  
 (ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2027	Level 2 Priority "E"	Level 2 Priority "B"	Level 2 Priority "B" From "E"	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	21016	3152	4238	28406
2	Past Due	44658	166	223	45047
3	% On Time	32%	95%	95%	39%

**TABLE 3.11-12  
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2028 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS  
PERFORMANCE AND TARGET  
(ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2027	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	8541
2	Past Due	174
3	% On Time	98%

**TABLE 3.11-13  
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 PROJECTED 2028 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS  
PERFORMANCE AND TARGET  
(VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)**

Line No.	Year 2027	Vegetation Dead and Dying	Vegetation Priority 2	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	121520	26730	148250
2	Past Due	2480	270	2750
3	% On Time	98%	99%	98%

1                   The Figure 3.11-2 plots our aggregated historical and aggregated  
2                   projected performance for GO 95 Rule 18 Level 2 HFTD Corrective  
3                   Notifications.

4     **D. (3.11) Performance Against Target**

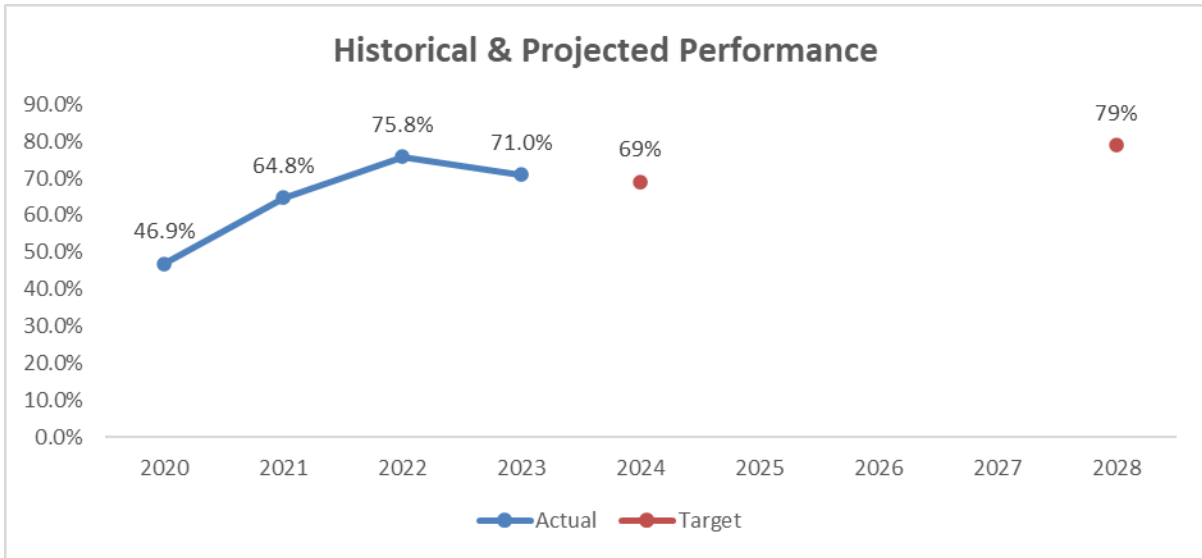
5         **1. Progress Towards 1-Year Target**

6                   As demonstrated in Figure 3.11-2 below, PG&E saw a performance of  
7                   71 percent in 2023, which exceeds the Company’s 1-year target of  
8                   69 percent.

9         **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

10                  As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying a number of  
11                  programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to  
12                  meet the Company’s 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.11-2  
GO 95 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN HFTDS – HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED PERFORMANCE**



**E. (3.11) Current and Planned Work Activities**

Below is a summary description of the key activities that are tied to performance and their description.

- System Hardening:** System Hardening Program focuses on mitigating wildfire risk posed by distribution overhead assets in and near Tier 2 and 3 HFTDs in our service territory. This program targets high wildfire risk miles and applies various mitigation activities, including: (1) line removal, (2) conversion of distribution lines from overhead to underground, (3) application of Remote Grid alternatives, (4) mitigation of exposure through relocation of overhead facilities, and (5) in-place overhead system hardening.
- Overhead Preventative Maintenance and Equipment Repair:** Focuses on repair of electric equipment identified with corrective notifications. Our corrective notifications strategy will continue to focus on reducing wildfire risk associated with our open corrective notifications by working the highest risk Level 2 corrective notifications in a risk spend efficiency approach (bundling all open notifications by isolation zone and prioritizing by the most risk reduced per dollar spent starting in 2024) versus managing corrective notification due dates. We plan to accomplish this by continuing to complete Level 1 and Level 2 Priority “B” corrective notifications first and manage the

1 inventory of Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications in a risk informed  
2 manner, where the highest risk pend efficiency isolation zone of bundled  
3 open notifications are targeted first, while deploying safety controls to  
4 manage the lower risk Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications. The  
5 approach allows strategic and targeted wildfire risk reductions, informed by  
6 customer impact and risk spend efficiencies, to continue to be our primary  
7 focus. Using this approach in 2024, we are forecasting to reduce the  
8 relative wildfire risk associated with open electric distribution corrective  
9 maintenance notifications in HFTD Tiers 2 and 3 by as much as 68 percent.

10 Furthermore, we are also revisiting opportunities to further align our  
11 electric corrective action Priority levels (e.g., A, B, E, F, and H) with that of  
12 GO 95 Rule 18 (e.g., Levels 1, 2, and 3).

13 See Exhibit (PG&E-4), Chapters 4.3, 9, and 11 in PG&E’s 2023 General  
14 Rate Case for more information.

15 In 2024, PG&E will introduce priority X tags for Level 2 extremely urgent  
16 conditions that pose a high potential to safety or reliability but does not pose  
17 an immediate risk. These conditions should not wait six months to be  
18 addressed similar to other Level 2 conditions and will be addressed within  
19 seven days. These conditions are planned to be reflected in the September  
20 reporting period.

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9                   identified in blue font.

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11   **A. (3.12) Overview**

12       **1. Metric Definition**

13               Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.12 – Electric Emergency  
14       Response Time is defined as:

15               *Average time and median time in minutes to respond on-site to an*  
16       *electric-related emergency notification from the time of notification to the*  
17       *time a representative (or qualified first responder) arrived onsite.*

18       *Emergency notification includes all notifications originating from 911 calls*  
19       *and calls made directly to the utilities' safety hotlines. The data used to*  
20       *determine the average time and median time shall be provided in*  
21       *increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c) as supplemental*  
22       *information, not as a metric.*

23       **2. Introduction of Metric**

24               This metric measures the average and median time for Pacific Gas and  
25       Electric Company (PG&E or the Company) to respond on-site to an electric  
26       emergency once a notification is received. Measuring response to 911 calls  
27       within 60 minutes has been a long-standing top public safety measure for  
28       PG&E and within the industry, and this metric, although calculated  
29       differently, is similar in its intent for responding quickly to our customers and  
30       any potentially unsafe conditions reported.

1 **B. (3.12) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2015 – 2023)**

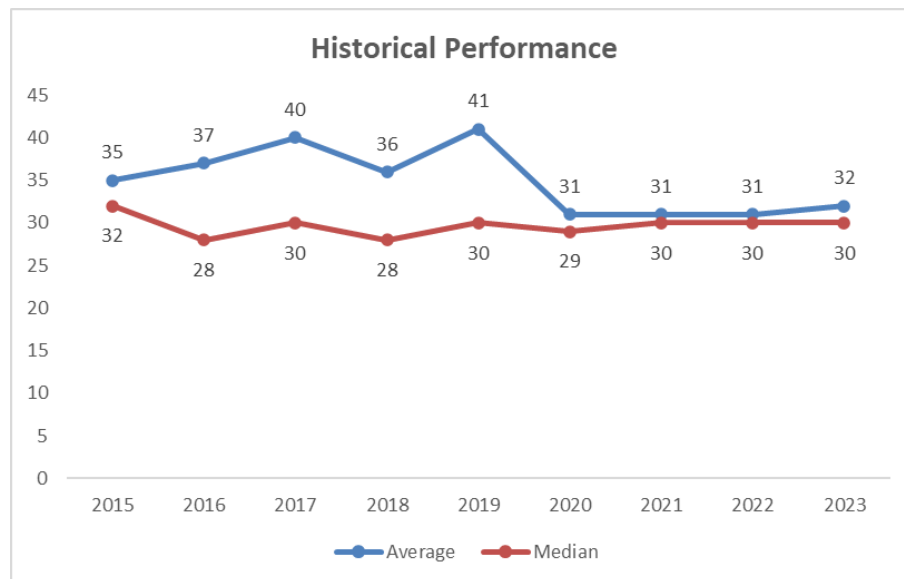
3 Historical data is provided from 2015 through 2023. Although  
4 emergency response data exists prior to 2015 (as mentioned below), current  
5 validation practices were not in place until 2015 and therefore only data from  
6 2015 is reported here for consistency and comparability.

7 Over the timeframe of 2015-2023, there has been almost 9 percent  
8 reduction in total average response time from 35 minutes in 2015 to 32  
9 minutes in 2023. The median response time also reduced by around  
10 6 percent from 32 minutes in 2015 to 30 minutes in 2023.

11 Since 2015, PG&E’s historical performance has been within the first  
12 quartile and has been in the first decile for several years when  
13 measuring percentage of response times within 60 minutes, which is the  
14 industry benchmarkable definition.

15 Metric performance has been driven by accurately predicting when large  
16 volumes of calls will occur (based on weather forecasts), proactive  
17 scheduling of resources for 911 response, cross-functional coordination  
18 across PG&E to train non-traditional stand-by staff, availability of resources  
19 for weather days and improved understanding of shifts in storm fronts and  
20 impacts on the system.

**FIGURE 3.12-1**  
**ELECTRIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME HISTORICAL DATA (2015 –2023)**



1           **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2           The metric performance data is captured and stored in the Outage  
3           Information System (OIS) database. Each 911 call has a time stamp. The  
4           start time of a 911 call involves receipt by utility personnel and entry into the  
5           OIS database (creation of a tag). The tag is created in the OIS database  
6           when the PG&E personnel is on the phone with the 911 dispatch agency  
7           (there is a direct 911 stand-by line into Gas Dispatch, where all 911 stand by  
8           calls are routed). This process removes the delay between the time the call  
9           is received and entered into the system, and the raw data is then reviewed  
10          for duplicate entries, which are cancelled (if found). The timestamp of when  
11          PG&E personnel responds on site is when they select the “onsite” button on  
12          their mobile data terminals, which marks the completion of the response. If  
13          there is a discrepancy or uncertainty, our Electric Dispatch team will validate  
14          the exact arrival time by leveraging GPS data from our employee’s vehicles  
15          and/or mobile data terminals. The response time in minutes is calculated by  
16          the difference between the two timestamps. From each call’s response  
17          time, the average and median time is calculated for all calls.

18          **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

19          In 2023, average response time was 32 minutes and median response  
20          time was 30 minutes. In context of the historic volume of atmospheric river  
21          events experienced across PG&E’s service territory, these results are  
22          considered a strong performance as: (1) weather severity and timing are  
23          known uncontrollable variables, and (2) the corresponding benchmarkable  
24          calculation, percent response time within 60 minutes, remains at the top of  
25          industry performance. Even with dramatically increased volumes of  
26          emergency calls during the first quarter, PG&E still performed very well in its  
27          average electric emergency response time. This average time performance  
28          improved month over month in 2023 and is below the 2023 SOM threshold.

29          **C. (3.12) 1-Year and 5-Year Target**

30               **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

31               There have been no changes to 1- and 5-Year targets since the last  
32               report filing.

## 2. Target Methodology

To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the following factors:<sup>1</sup>

- Historical Data and Trends: Comparable data is available starting in 2015 although historical benchmarking trends (under alternative definition) are informative back to 2012. This historical data context confirms PG&E's current results are improved, sustained, and reasonably considered strong performance, which has informed the target setting direction to "maintain";
- Benchmarking: Industry benchmarking is available under the emergency response time measure calculated as percent time responding on site within 60 minutes. PG&E is first quartile within this benchmark, and has used this industry data as the key datapoint to inform target setting:
  - To do this, PG&E used available industry benchmark data for the percentage time within 60 minutes metric to apply assumptions and generally extract estimated performance quartiles under the measures of average time and median time would equate to as a measures of average time and median time. The extrapolated estimated performance ranges for first quartile were then used. Specifically, these estimated values represent the point at which, when exceeded, performance would move out of first quartile and into second quartile;
  - PG&E's intent is to stay in first quartile performance. Given the context that benchmarking provides, PG&E targets are meant to maintain current performance at levels better than the first quartile threshold, and would consider a performance change on the magnitude of exceeding these targets (i.e., moving into a worse estimated quartile, a signal of concern);
  - In other words, target values in this case represent performance levels that PG&E does not want to exceed or move performance

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<sup>1</sup> Targets represent values that serve as appropriate indicator lights to signal a review of potential performance issues. Targets should not be interpreted as intention to worsen performance, as further described below.

1 towards. Values should not be interpreted as a plan for or  
2 expectation of worsening performance;

- 3 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 4 • Attainable With Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;
- 5 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
6 Enforcement: Historical data and trends confirm that maintaining  
7 estimated first quartile performance is a sustainable target in both the  
8 1-year and 5-year timeframes. A change in performance on the  
9 magnitude of reaching the targets (i.e., performance moving into the  
10 estimated second quartile) is an appropriate indicator light to examine  
11 potential performance issues as PG&E's intent is to maintain current  
12 practices and past improvements and mitigate any future operational  
13 impacts that may arise; and
- 14 • Other Considerations: None.

### 15 3. 2024 Target

16 The 2024 Target is to remain better than 44 minutes for average  
17 emergency response time and better than 43 minutes for median  
18 emergency response time. Targets are based on maintaining first quartile  
19 performance.

### 20 4. 2028 Target

21 The 2028 Target is to remain better than 44 minutes for average  
22 emergency response time and better than 43 minutes for median  
23 emergency response time. Targets are based on maintaining first quartile  
24 performance.

## 25 D. (3.12) Performance Against Target

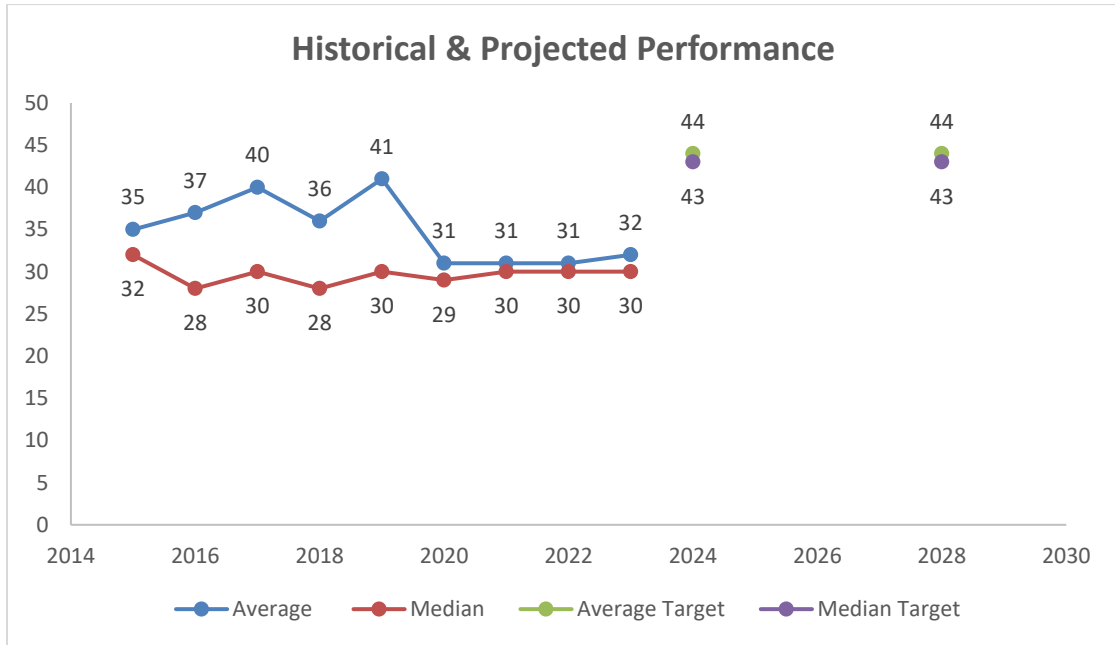
### 26 1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target

27 As demonstrated in Figure 3.12-2 below, PG&E saw an average of 32  
28 response minutes and a median of 30 response minutes in 2023 which is  
29 consistent with the Company's 1-year target.

### 30 2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target

31 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has deployed two programs to  
32 maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to meet the  
33 Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.12-2  
ELECTRIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED DATA**



**E. (3.12) Current and Planned Work Activities**

PG&E continues to refine the following actions in 2024 to maintain its top-level performance:

- Meteorology, Operations, and Dispatch Support:
  - PG&E Meteorology validated and enhanced 911 forecasting by using historical data to train the forecasting model and to provide 911 resource requirement recommendations based on predicted weather. Improved modeling will allow for more effective staffing.
  - A ‘concierge’ Meteorology advisor is assigned pre-event and identified for in event support.
  - Meteorology proactively reaches out to Electric Dispatch if a specific geographic area is looking to worsen over the forecast period. Meteorology will also modify PG&E’s general wind alert system to provide in event systematic support to Dispatchers.
- Mobile Solution Deployment: Transition non-electric standby personnel into Field Automation System tool allowing for quicker dispatching to 911 standby requests.

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10 **A. (3.13) Overview**

11 **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.13 – the Number of California  
13                   Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat  
14                   Districts (HFTD) Areas (Distribution) is defined as:

15                   *The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead*  
16                   *distribution circuits in HFTD Areas.*

17                   *A CPUC-Reportable Ignition refers to a fire incident where the following*  
18                   *three criteria are met: (1) ignition is associated with Pacific Gas and Electric*  
19                   *Company (PG&E) electrical assets, (2) something other than PG&E facilities*  
20                   *burned, and (3) the resulting fire travelled more than one linear meter from*  
21                   *the ignition point.<sup>1</sup>*

22                   For this SOM, reporting is specific to Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs.

23                   PG&E provides the CPUC with annual ignition data in the Fire Incident  
24                   Data Collection Plan, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety  
25                   quarterly via quarterly geographic information system, data reporting, in  
26                   quarterly Wildfire Mitigation Plan updates, and the Safety Performance  
27                   Metrics Report.

28 **2. Introduction of Metric**

29                   The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions in HFTDs provides one way to  
30                   gauge the level of wildfire risk that customers and communities are exposed

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1                   Please see CPUC Decision (D.) 14-02-015, issued February 5, 2014 for additional  
                  details.

1 to from overhead distribution assets. PG&E’s objective is to reduce the  
 2 number of CPUC reportable ignitions that may trigger a catastrophic wildfire.

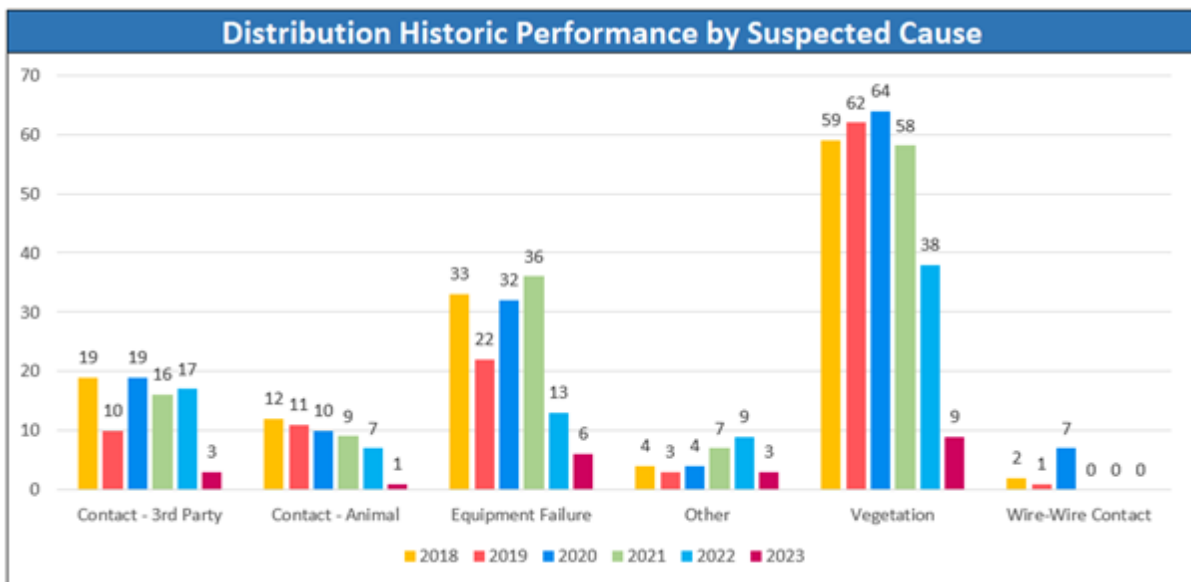
3 **B. (3.13) Metric Performance**

4 **1. Historical Data (2015–2023)**

5 PG&E implemented the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan in response  
 6 to D.14-02-015 in June 2014. PG&E’s Ignitions Tracker includes all  
 7 CPUC-reportable ignitions from June 2014 to present. The 2014 data does  
 8 not represent a complete year and is excluded in this analysis.

9 PG&E’s overhead distribution circuits traverse approximately  
 10 25,000 miles of terrain in the HFTD areas where the overhead conductor is  
 11 primarily bare wire, supported by structures consisting of poles, cross arms,  
 12 associated insulators, and operating equipment such as transformers, fuses  
 13 and reclosers. The main causes of CPUC-reportable ignitions have been  
 14 collected and classified. These fall into six broad categories: vegetation  
 15 contact, equipment failure, third party contact, animal contact, wire to wire  
 16 contact, and other causes. The counts for 2018 to 2023, are shown in the  
 17 graph below, highlighting the degree of variability that occurs from year to  
 18 year relative to each category.

**FIGURE 3.13-1  
 HISTORIC PERFORMANCE BY SUSPECTED CAUSE**



1            There is also a seasonal pattern to the ignition events as shown in the  
 2 chart of ignitions by month below for each of the years from 2018 through  
 3 2023.

**FIGURE 3.13-2  
 HISTORIC PERFORMANCE BY YEAR/MONTH**

Historic Performance by Year/Month						
Month	2018 Total	2019 Total	2020 Total	2021 Total	2022 Total	2023 Total
January	1	1		19	2	
February	4		7	2	5	8
March	6	2	3	5	4	2
April	5	4	3	6	9	6
May	4	8	9	17	11	4
June	19	14	25	22	14	2
July	30	23	23	24	12	8
August	25	15	27	17	10	14
September	6	16	17	7	9	8
October	15	13	17	6	7	2
November	14	12	2		1	2
December	0	1	3	1		1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>57</b>

4            **2. Data Collection Methodology**

5            Data will be collected per PG&E’s Fire Incident Data Collection Plan  
 6 (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P). Results will be inclusive of  
 7 unique HFTD CPUC-reportable ignitions attributable to the distribution asset  
 8 class with overhead construction types.

9            The following ignition events captured by PG&E’s Fire Incident Data  
 10 Collection Plan will be excluded for this metric:

- 11            • Duplicate events;
- 12            • Ignitions that do not meet CPUC reporting criteria;
- 13            • Ignition events outside of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD;
- 14            • Transmission ignitions; and
- 15            • Ignitions attributable to underground or pad-mounted assets as these  
 16 are not associated overhead assets. (Ignitions caused by non-overhead  
 17 assets in HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the  
 18 asset, pose less of a wildfire risk.)

1 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

2 PG&E finished 2023 with 57 CPUC reportable ignitions in HFTD  
3 attributable to overhead distribution assets. These results were lower than  
4 each previous year in PG&E’s record (see Section 3.13) and PG&E  
5 completed the year better than target.

6 Most importantly, PG&E has observed 21 ignitions where the Fire  
7 Potential Index Rating was in R3 or greater conditions. This is compared to  
8 34 in 2022, and a 3-year previous average of 70 ignitions in R3 or greater  
9 conditions. This is aligned with PG&E’s strategy of reducing ignitions when  
10 and where they matter, to reach our goal of stopping catastrophic wildfires.

11 Please see the Target Methodology section for an overview of our Fire  
12 Potential Index (FPI) model and our strategy to focus operational  
13 mitigations, like Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS), on reducing  
14 ignitions where consequences are more likely.

15 **C. (3.13) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

16 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

17 PG&E proposes to reduce our target range for this metric to account for  
18 favorable performance in 2022 and 2023, representing two complete years  
19 after the implementation of our maturing EPSS strategy. PG&E proposes a  
20 reduced, more-challenging, target range of 72 to 84 ignitions for 2024 and  
21 2028, shifting the higher end of the range to match the 2022 end of year  
22 value.

23 This existing range will continue to challenge the organization to reduce  
24 ignitions of consequence. Ignition counts, occurring in consequential and  
25 non-consequential environmental conditions, are highly variable and subject  
26 to a variety of causes such as migratory bird patterns, red flag warning days,  
27 and contact from external parties.

28 PG&E remains focused on reducing those ignitions in R3+ conditions  
29 and, as future strategies with direct ignition impact emerge, these targets will  
30 be reevaluated.

31 **2. Target Methodology**

32 The two major programs that most directly impact ignition reduction in  
33 the near-term are PSPS and EPSS. Other important resiliency programs

1 like undergrounding, system hardening, and vegetation management (VM)  
2 will have an impact as multiple years of work are completed.

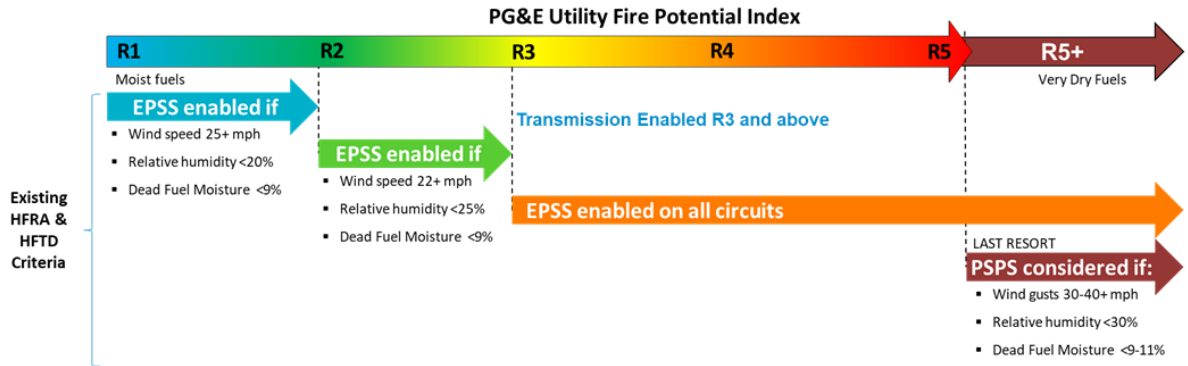
3 PG&E has observed success with EPSS in terms of mitigating ignitions  
4 in R3+ Fire Potential Index (FPI) conditions. These ignitions in R3+  
5 conditions represent all historical reportable ignitions resulting in a fatality,  
6 all ignitions over 100 acres in size, and 99 percent of reportable ignitions  
7 where a structure was destroyed. See Figure 3.13-4 for fire statistics by FPI  
8 rating.

**FIGURE 3.13-4  
2018-2020 HFTD OVERHEAD REPORTABLE IGNITION STATISTICS  
BY FPI, ALL ASSET CLASSES**

	R2+	R3+
% of Total Reportable Ignitions in HFTD	84%	60%
% of Wildfires >10 Acres	81%	71%
% of Wildfires >100 Acres	100%	100%
% of Total Structures Destroyed	100%	99%
% of Total Fatalities	100%	100%

9 In 2022, PG&E enabled EPSS technology on over 1,000 circuits,  
10 protecting approximately 44,000 overhead distribution miles in our service  
11 territory, including all distribution milage within HFTD. We also refined when  
12 to enable this tool to mitigate fires of consequence by targeting the right  
13 meteorological conditions. When a circuit is forecasted to be in FPI  
14 conditions of R3+, EPSS is enabled on protective devices. However, PG&E  
15 further refined enablement conditions prior to the R3 threshold based on a  
16 combination of wind speed, relative humidity, and dead fuel moisture  
17 triggers to further mitigate ignitions and reduce risk. See Figure 3.13-5 for  
18 details on this enablement criteria.

**FIGURE 3.13-5  
EPSS ENABLEMENT CRITERIA BASED ON FIRE POTENTIAL INDEX**



1            In 2023, PG&E expanded on the capabilities of this program to reduce  
 2 ignitions where and when they matter by layering additional system  
 3 protection strategies to complement the capabilities of EPSS, including  
 4 installing a Downed Conductor Detection (DCD) algorithm on recloser  
 5 controllers.

6            PG&E expects continued success with the EPSS program to reduce  
 7 ignitions of consequence in 2024 and is actively exploring additional layers  
 8 of protection through technology deployment to further reduce risk (please  
 9 see Current and Planned Work Activities). However, ignition counts (in both  
 10 low and potentially high consequence environments) are dependent on  
 11 weather conditions and are highly variable. As a result, PG&E forecasts a  
 12 range of 72 to 84 reportable ignitions to account for variability.

13            To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the  
 14 following factors:

- 15            • Historical Data and Trends: As 2021 was the first year of EPSS  
 16 deployment and given the expansion of the program in 2022, there is no  
 17 comparable historical data, outside of PG&E’s own ignition record, to  
 18 help guide in target setting. However, PG&E has two complete years of  
 19 ignitions data after the widespread implementation of the EPSS  
 20 program; this data was leveraged to propose 2024-2028 targets.
- 21            • Benchmarking: None;
- 22            • Regulatory Requirements: D.14-02-015;
- 23            • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;

- Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they consider the potential for an increase in severe weather events due to climate change; and
- Other Qualitative Considerations: The target range takes consideration for some variability in weather.

### 3. 2024 Target

The 2024 target is 72-84 ignitions. The upper end of this range represents a 32 percent reduction relative to the 3-year average (2018-2020). The lower end of this range represents a 40 percent reduction for the same period.

### 4. 2028 Target

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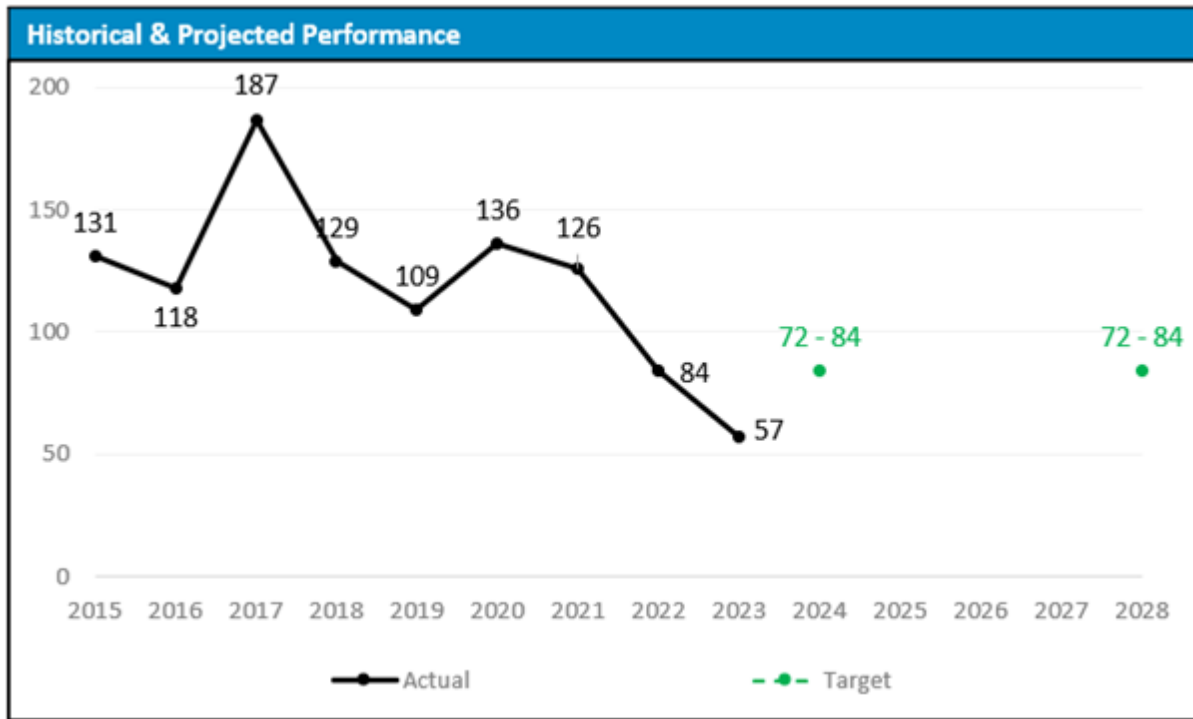
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11   **A. (3.14) Overview**

12       **1. Metric Definition**

13               Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.14 – The number of California  
14               Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat  
15               Districts (HFTD) areas (Distribution) is defined as:

16               *The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead (OH)*  
17               *distribution circuits in HFTD areas divided by circuit miles of OH distribution*  
18               *lines in HFTD multiplied by 1000 miles (ignitions per 1000 HFTD circuit*  
19               *miles).*

20               *A CPUC-Reportable Ignition refers to a fire incident where the following*  
21               *three criteria are met: (1) Ignition is associated with PG&E electrical assets,*  
22               *(2) something other than PG&E facilities burned, and (3) the resulting fire*  
23               *travelled more than one linear meter from the ignition point.<sup>1</sup>*

24               For this SOM, reporting is specific to Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs.

25               PG&E provides the CPUC with annual ignition data in the Fire Incident  
26               Data Collection Plan, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety  
27               quarterly via quarterly geographic information system, data reporting, in  
28               quarterly Wildfire Mitigation Plan updates, and the Safety Performance  
29               Metrics Report.

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1   Please CPUC Decision (D.) 14-02-015, issued February 5, 2014, for additional details.

1 **2. Introduction of Metric**

2 The number of CPUC-reportable Ignitions in HFTDs, normalized by  
3 circuit mileage, provides one way to gauge the level of wildfire risk that  
4 customers and communities are exposed to from OH distribution assets.  
5 PG&E’s objective is to reduce the number of CPUC reportable ignitions that  
6 may trigger a catastrophic wildfire.

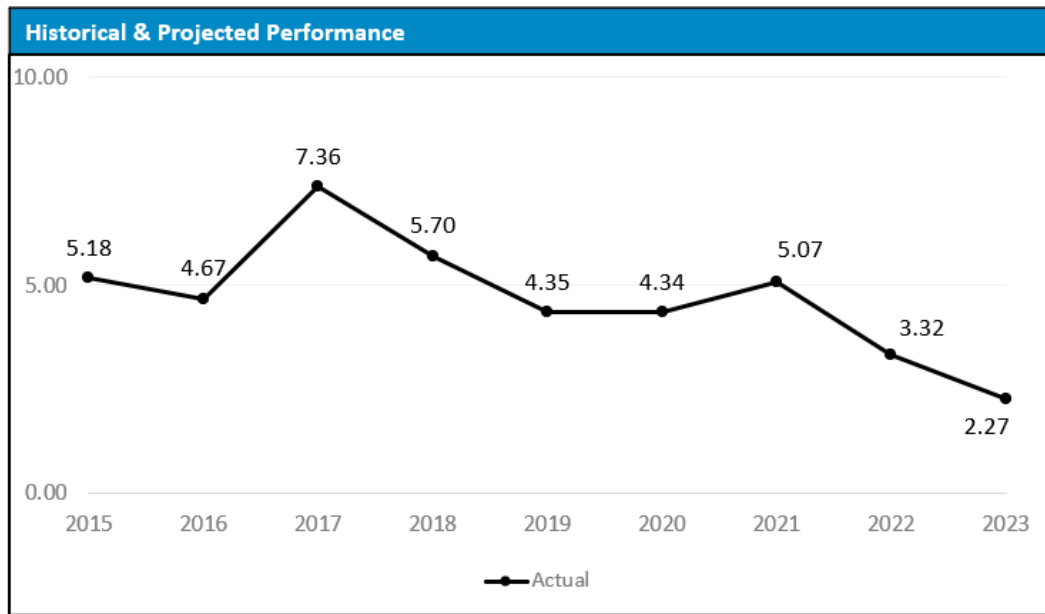
7 **B. (3.14) Metric Performance**

8 **1. Historical Data (2015–2023)**

9 PG&E implemented the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan, in response  
10 to D.14-02-015, in June 2014 and our record, the Ignitions Tracker, includes  
11 all CPUC-reportable ignitions from June 2014 to present. The 2014 data  
12 does not represent a complete year and is excluded in this analysis.

13 PG&E’s OH distribution circuits traverse approximately 25,000 miles of  
14 terrain in the HFTD areas where the OH conductor is primarily bare wire,  
15 supported by structures consisting of poles, cross arms, associated  
16 insulators, and operating equipment such as transformer, fuses and  
17 reclosers. Given the volume of equipment within the 25,000 miles of HFTD,  
18 the annual number of CPUC-reportable ignitions is too low to detect any  
19 statistical pattern.

**FIGURE 3.14-1  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – 2023)**



## 2. Data Collection Methodology

Data will be collected per PG&E's Fire Incident Data Collection Plan (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P). Results will be inclusive of unique HFTD CPUC-reportable ignitions attributable to the distribution asset class with OH construction types.

The following ignition events captured by PG&E's Fire Incident Data Collection Plan ) will be excluded for this metric:

- Duplicate events;
- Ignitions that do not meet CPUC reporting criteria;
- Ignition events outside of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD;
- Transmission Ignitions; and
- Ignitions attributable to underground or pad mounted assets as these are not associated OH assets. (Ignitions caused by non-OH assets in HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the asset, pose less of a wildfire risk.)

The circuit mileage utilized to calculate the 2015-2022 performance of this metric originates from PG&E's Electrical Asset Data Reports, refreshed December 2022. The 2023 performance and targets is based on an updated sum of overhead circuit mileage, refreshed in 2023.

## 3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period

PG&E finished 2023 with 57 CPUC reportable ignitions in HFTD attributable to overhead distribution assets (corresponding to a rate of 2.27 ignitions per 1,000 circuit miles). These results were lower than all previous years in PG&E's ignition record.

Most importantly, PG&E has observed 21 ignitions where the Fire Potential Index Rating was in R3 or greater conditions. This compared to 30 in 2022, and a 3-year previous average of 70 ignitions in R3 or greater conditions. This is aligned with PG&E's strategy of reducing ignition when and where they matter, to reach our goal of stopping catastrophic wildfires.

Please see the Target Methodology section for an overview of our Fire Potential Index (FPI) model and our strategy to focus operational mitigations, like Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS), on reducing ignitions where consequences are more likely.



1 **C. (3.14) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

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8 end of the range to match the 2022 end of year value.

9 This existing range will continue to challenge the organization to reduce  
10 ignitions of consequence. However, ignition counts, occurring in  
11 consequential and non-consequential environmental conditions, are highly  
12 variable and subject to a variety of causes such as migratory bird patterns,  
13 red flag warning days, and contact from external parties. This existing range  
14 will continue to challenge the organization to reduce ignitions of  
15 consequence.

16 PG&E remains focused on reducing those ignitions in R3+ conditions  
17 and, as future strategies with direct ignition impact emerge, these targets will  
18 be reevaluated.

19 **2. Target Methodology**

20 The two major programs that most directly impact ignition reduction in  
21 the near-term are PSPS and EPSS. Other important resiliency programs  
22 like undergrounding, system hardening, and vegetation management will  
23 have an impact as multiple years of work are completed.

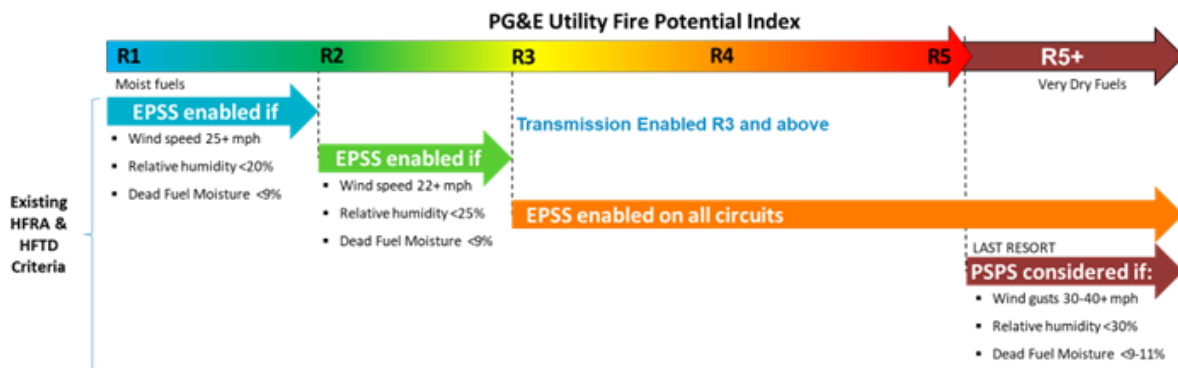
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25 in R3+ FPI conditions. These ignitions in R3+ conditions represent all  
26 historical reportable ignitions resulting in a fatality, all ignitions over  
27 100 acres in size, and 99 percent of reportable ignitions where a structure  
28 was destroyed. See Figure 3.14-4 for fire statistics by FPI rating.

**FIGURE 3.14-4  
2018-2020 HFTD OVERHEAD REPORTABLE IGNITION STATISTICS BY FPI,  
ALL ASSET CLASSES**

	R2+	R3+
% of Total Reportable Ignitions in HFTD	84%	60%
% of Wildfires >10 Acres	81%	71%
% of Wildfires >100 Acres	100%	100%
% of Total Structures Destroyed	100%	99%
% of Total Fatalities	100%	100%

1            In 2022, PG&E enabled EPSS technology on over 1,000 circuits,  
 2            protecting approximately 44,000 overhead distribution miles in our service  
 3            territory, including all distribution milage within HFTD. We also refined when  
 4            to enable this tool to mitigate fires of consequence by targeting the right  
 5            meteorological conditions. When a circuit is forecasted to be in FPI  
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 7            further refined enablement conditions prior to the R3 threshold based on a  
 8            combination of wind speed, relative humidity, and dead fuel moisture  
 9            triggers to further mitigate ignitions and reduce risk. See Figure 3.14-5 for  
 10           details on this enablement criteria.

**FIGURE 3.14-5  
EPSS ENABLEMENT CRITERIA BASED ON FIRE POTENTIAL INDEX**



1 in 2023, PG&E expanded on the capabilities of this program to reduce  
2 ignitions where and when they matter by layering additional system  
3 protection strategies to complement the capabilities of EPSS, including  
4 installing a Downed Conductor Detection (DCD) algorithm on recloser  
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9 see Current and Planned Work Activities). However, ignition counts (in both  
10 low and potentially high consequence environments) are dependent on  
11 weather conditions and are highly variable. As a result, PG&E forecasts a  
12 range of 72 to 84 reportable ignitions to account for variability.

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14 following factors:

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16 deployment and given the expansion of the program in 2022, there is no  
17 comparable historical data, outside of PG&E's own ignition record, to  
18 help guide in target setting. However, PG&E has two complete years of  
19 ignitions data after the widespread implementation of the EPSS  
20 program; this data was leveraged to propose 2024-2028 targets;
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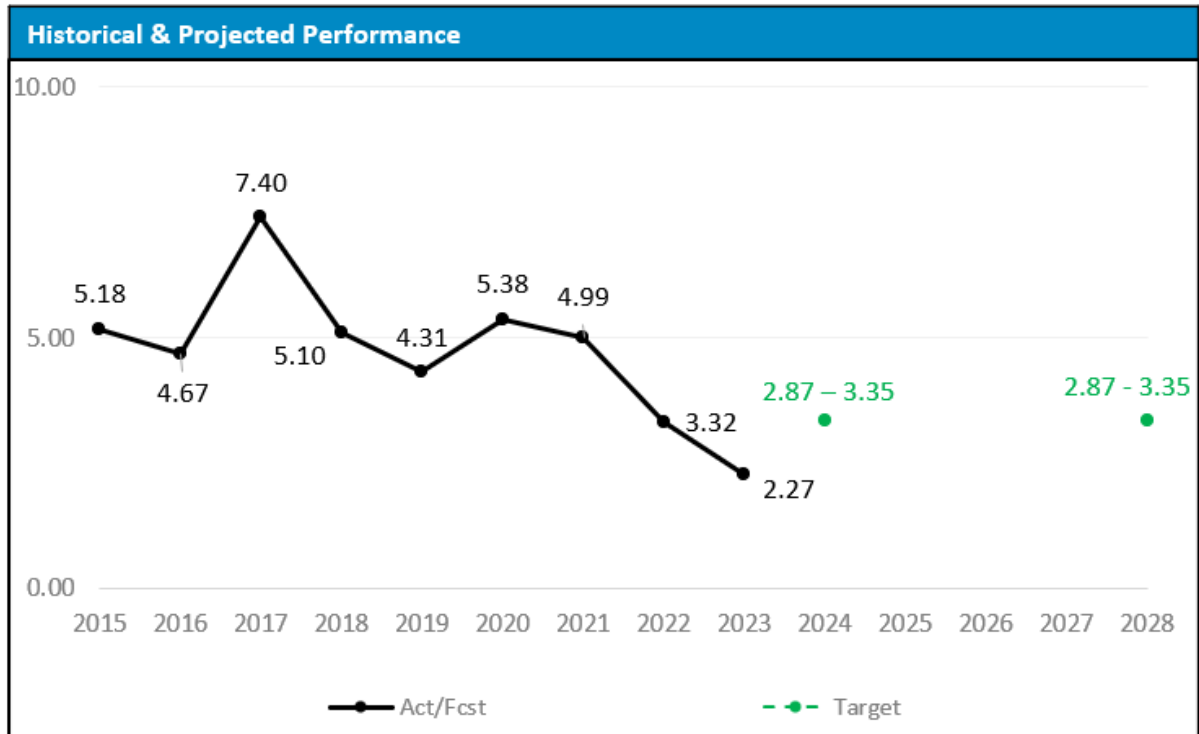
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10   **A. (3.15) Overview**

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12           Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.15 – Number of California  
13           Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)-Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat  
14           District (HFTD) areas (Transmission) is defined as:

15                   *Number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead transmission*  
16                   *circuits in HFTD Areas.*

17                   *A CPUC-Reportable Ignition refers to a fire incident where the following*  
18                   *three criteria are met: (1) Ignition is associated with Pacific Gas and Electric*  
19                   *Company (PG&E) electrical assets, (2) something other than PG&E facilities*  
20                   *burned, and (3) the resulting fire travelled more than one linear meter from*  
21                   *the ignition point.<sup>1</sup>*

22           For this SOM, reporting is specific to Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs.

23           PG&E provides the CPUC with annual ignition data in the Fire Incident  
24           Data Collection Plan, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety  
25           quarterly via quarterly geographic information system, data reporting, in  
26           quarterly Wildfire Mitigation Plan updates, and the Safety Performance  
27           Metrics Report.

28       **2. Introduction of Metric**

29           The number of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTDs provides one way  
30           to gauge the level of wildfire risk that customers and communities are

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1   Please CPUC Decision (D.) 14-02-015, issued February 5, 2014 for additional details.

1 exposed to from overhead transmission assets. PG&E's objective is to  
2 minimize the number of CPUC-Reportable ignitions in the right locations  
3 during the right conditions that may trigger a catastrophic wildfire.

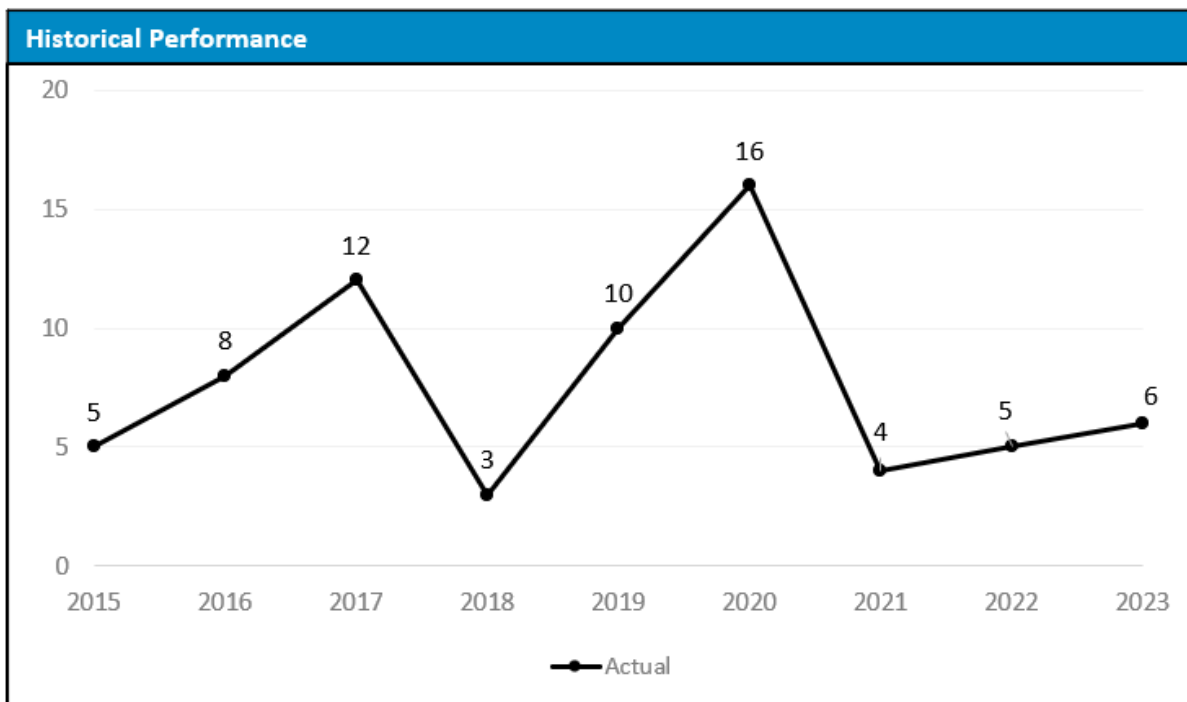
4 **B. (3.15) Metric Performance**

5 **1. Historical Data (2015 – 2023)**

6 PG&E implemented the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan, in response  
7 to D.14-02-015, in June 2014 and our record, the Ignitions Tracker, includes  
8 all CPUC-Reportable ignitions from June 2014 to present. The 2014 data  
9 does not represent a complete year and is excluded in this analysis.

10 PG&E's overhead transmission circuits traverse approximately  
11 5,400 miles of terrain in the HFTD areas where the overhead conductor is  
12 primarily bare wire, supported by structures consisting of poles and towers.  
13 The annual number of CPUC-Reportable ignitions is too low to detect any  
14 statistical pattern.

**FIGURE 3.15-1  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – 2023)**

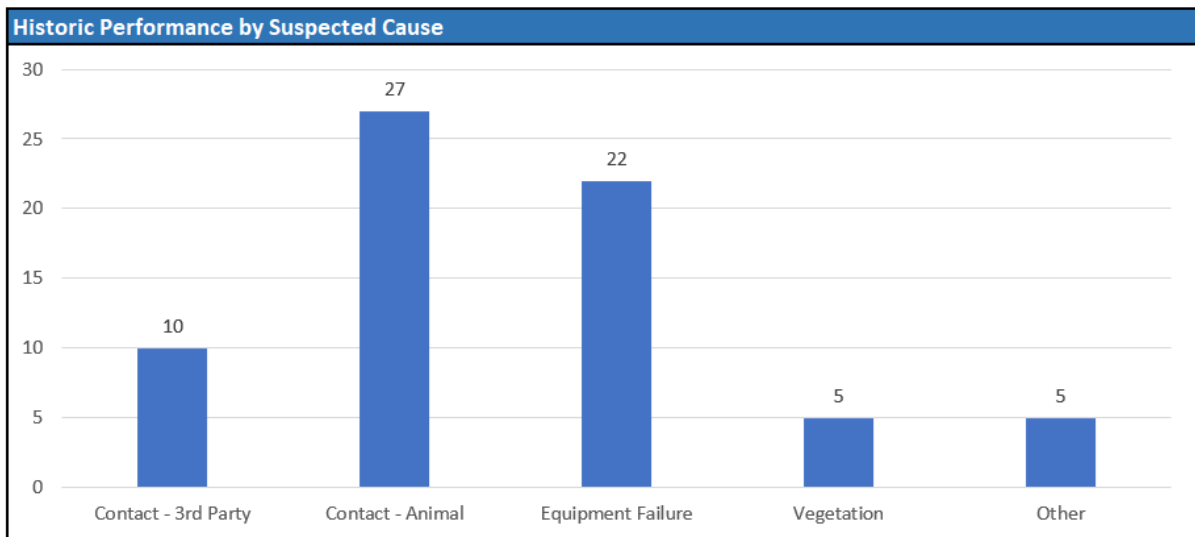


15 The main causes of CPUC-Reportable ignitions have been collected  
16 and classified. These fall into five broad categories: third-party contact,

1 animal contact, equipment failure, vegetation contact, and other causes.  
2 The counts for 2015 through 2023 are shown in the graph below  
3 (Figure 3.15-2).

4 Note that all of the 2023 ignitions resulted from causes external to  
5 PG&E.

**FIGURE 3.15-2**  
**HISTORIC (2015 – 2023) PERFORMANCE BY SUSPECTED CAUSE**



## 6 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

7 Data will be collected per PG&E’s Fire Incident Data Collection Plan  
8 (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P). Results will be inclusive of  
9 unique HFTD CPUC-Reportable ignitions attributable to the transmission  
10 asset class with overhead construction types.

11 The following ignition events captured by PG&E’s Fire Incident Data  
12 Collection Plan (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P) will be excluded  
13 for this metric:

- 14 • Duplicate events;
- 15 • Ignitions that do not meet CPUC reporting criteria;
- 16 • Ignition events outside of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD;
- 17 • Distribution Ignitions; and
- 18 • Ignitions attributable to underground or pad mounted assets as these  
19 are not overhead assets. Ignitions caused by non-overhead assets in

1 HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the asset, pose  
2 less of a wildfire risk.

### 3 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

4 Historically, reportable transmission ignitions in HFTD are low in volume  
5 with variability year-to-year, which complicates the detection of significant  
6 trends. PG&E observed six CPUC-reportable ignitions on overhead  
7 transmission assets in 2023; one caused by third-party vehicle contact,  
8 one caused by a gunshot by a third party, and four caused by avian strikes.

#### 9 **C. (3.15) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

##### 10 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

11 There have been no changes to the 1-year target since the last SOMs  
12 report filing. PG&E has proposed a reduction in the 5-year target below.

##### 13 **2. Target Methodology**

14 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the  
15 following factors:

- 16 • Historical Data and Trends: Target ranges are based on both PG&E's  
17 stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop and historical performance.  
18 The bottom end of the range is 0 in both 2024 and 2028, which reflects  
19 our stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the  
20 range is 10 in 2024 , which is based on our past average performance.  
21 The upper end of the range will reduce to 8 ignitions for 2028 to account  
22 for continual wildfire mitigation work planned in the future;
- 23 • Benchmarking: None;
- 24 • Regulatory Requirements: CPUC D.14-02-015;
- 25 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
26 Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they  
27 consider the potential for an increase in severe weather events due to  
28 climate change; and
- 29 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The target range takes consideration  
30 for some variability in weather.

##### 31 **3. 2024 Target**

32 PG&E's target for 2024 is 0-10. The bottom end of the range is 0 in  
33 2024, which reflects our stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The

1 upper end of the range is 10 in 2024, which is based on our past average  
2 performance. The upper end of the range stays at 10 in 2024 and 2028  
3 because the volume of transmission ignitions is low, while variability  
4 year-to-year remains high.

5 **4. 2028 Target**

6 PG&E’s target for 2028 is 0-8. The bottom end of the range is 0 in  
7 2028, which reflects our stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The  
8 upper end of the range is 8 in 2028, which accounts for our continual focus  
9 to reduce ignitions associated with transmission assets.

10 **D. (3.15) Performance Against Target**

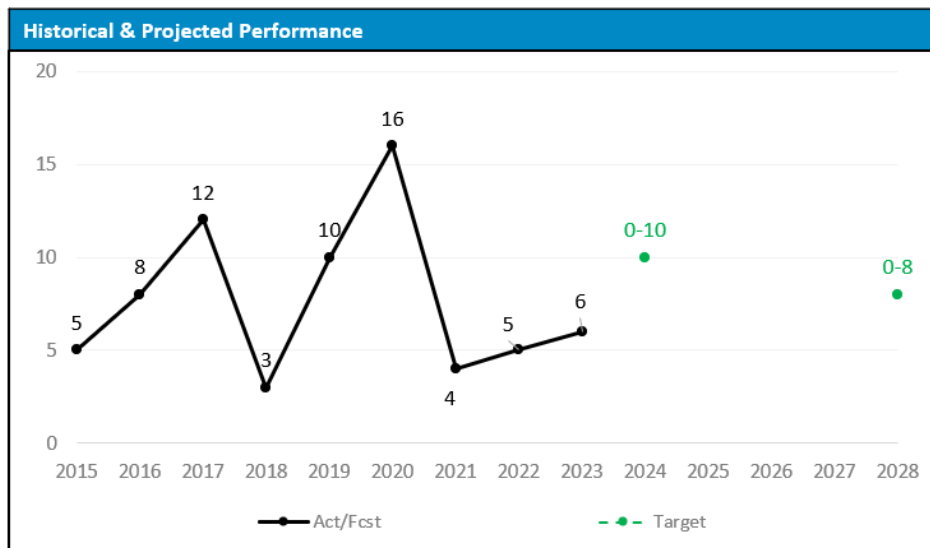
11 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

12 As demonstrated in Figure 3.15-3 below, PG&E observed six  
13 CPUC-reportable ignitions on overhead transmission assets in 2023, within  
14 our 2022 target range of 0 – 10 ignitions. One incident was caused by  
15 third-party vehicle contact; one incident was caused by a third-party  
16 gunshot; and four incidents were caused by avian strikes.

17 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

18 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is continuing to deploy several  
19 programs to keep metric performance within the Company’s target range.  
20 PG&E expects no deviation from delivering the 2028 goal for this metric.

**FIGURE 3.15-3  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – 2023) AND  
TARGETS (2024 AND 2028)**



1 **E. (3.15) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 Through continual execution of its WMP, PG&E has taken action to reduce  
3 ignition risk associated with its transmission system, including:

- 4 • Utility Defensible Space Program: In 2023, PG&E expanded on Defensible  
5 Space Requirements in Public Resources Code Section 4292. Defensible  
6 Space is defined by three primary zones of clearance whereas in 2022 there  
7 were two zones. Starting in 2023 the first zone (0-5 feet (ft.)) from energized  
8 equipment or building is referred to as Zone 0 or the “Ember – Resistant  
9 Zone” and is intended to be void of any combustibles. The second zone  
10 (5-30 ft.) surrounding energized equipment and building is called the “Clean  
11 Zone” and in most cases (with minimal exceptions) is clear of trees and  
12 most vegetation. The third and final zone of clearance (30-100 ft.) is the  
13 “Reduced Fuel Zone” where vegetation is permitted if it is reduced or  
14 thinned and maintained regularly and within the requirements listed within  
15 PG&E’s hardening procedures.

16 Please see Section 8.2.3.5, Substation Defensible Space (Mitigation) in  
17 PG&E’s 2023-2025 WMP for additional details.

- 18 • Conductor Replacement and Removal: In 2021, PG&E completed  
19 93.8 miles of conductor replacements and 10 miles of conductor removals.  
20 All this work took place on lines traversing HFTD areas. In 2022, PG&E  
21 removed or replaced 32 circuit miles of conductor in HFTD or High Fire Risk  
22 Area. In 2023, PG&E removed or replaced 43 circuit miles of conductor in  
23 HFTD or High Fire Risk Area. An additional 5 miles are planned through  
24 2025.

25 Please see Section 8.1.2.5.1, Traditional Overhead Hardening –  
26 Transmission Conductor in PG&E’s 2023-2025 WMP for additional details.

- 27 • Conductor Splice Shunts: A conductor splice is a potential point of failure  
28 within a conductor span, due to factors such as corrosion, moisture  
29 intrusion, vibration, and workmanship variability. To reduce the risk of  
30 failure, PG&E had initiated a program to install a shunt splice on top of the  
31 existing splices on This installation eliminates the splice as a single point of  
32 failure, as a failure of the original splice would not result in down conductor.  
33 Lines prioritized for this program are based on higher risk splice and wildfire



1 consequence. In 2023, 20 transmission lines had splice shunts installed.  
2 An additional 45 lines are planned through 2025.

3 Please see Section 8.1.2.5.1, Traditional Overhead Hardening –  
4 Transmission Conductor in PG&E’s 2023-2025 WMP for additional details.

- 5 • Conductor Segment Replacements: Another program has been initiated to  
6 replace targeted conductor segments within a line. A transmission line may  
7 consist of multiple conductor types, including spans of higher-risk segments  
8 such as small-sized conductors. This program reduces risk for lines where  
9 the conductor segments are may be at higher risk, but the supporting  
10 structures are generally in good condition and there is no expected  
11 additional electrical capacity need to increase the conductor size. This  
12 program is prioritized based on risk and wildfire consequence.

13 Please see Section 8.1.2.5.1, Traditional Overhead Hardening –  
14 Transmission Conductor in PG&E’s 2023-2025 WMP for additional details.

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**CHAPTER 3.16**  
**PERCENTAGE OF CPUC-REPORTABLE IGNITIONS IN**  
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**(TRANSMISSION)**

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5   **HFTD AREAS**  
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11   **A. (3.16) Overview**

12       **1. Metric Definition**

13               Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.16 – percentage of California  
14               Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)-Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat  
15               District (HFTD) Areas (Transmission) is defined as:

16               *The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead*  
17               *transmission circuits in HFTD divided by circuit miles of overhead*  
18               *transmission lines in HFTD multiplied by 1,000 miles (ignitions per*  
19               *1,000 HFTD circuit mile).*

20               A CPUC-reportable ignition refers to a fire incident where the following  
21               three criteria are met: (1) Ignition is associated with Pacific Gas and Electric  
22               Company (PG&E) electrical assets, (2) something other than PG&E facilities  
23               burned, and (3) the resulting fire travelled more than one linear meter from  
24               the ignition point.<sup>1</sup>

25               For this SOM, reporting is specific to Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs.

26               PG&E provides the CPUC with annual ignition data in the Fire Incident  
27               Data Collection Plan, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety  
28               quarterly via quarterly GIS data reporting, in quarterly Wildfire Mitigation  
29               Plan (WMP) updates, and the Safety Performance Metrics Report.

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1   Please see CPUC Decision (D.) 14-02-015, issued February 5, 2014 for additional details.

1 **2. Introduction of Metric**

2 The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions in HFTDs, normalized by  
3 circuit mileage, provides one way to gauge the level of wildfire risk that  
4 customers and communities are exposed to from overhead transmission  
5 assets. PG&E’s objective is to minimize the number of CPUC-reportable  
6 ignitions in the right locations during the right conditions that may trigger a  
7 catastrophic wildfire.

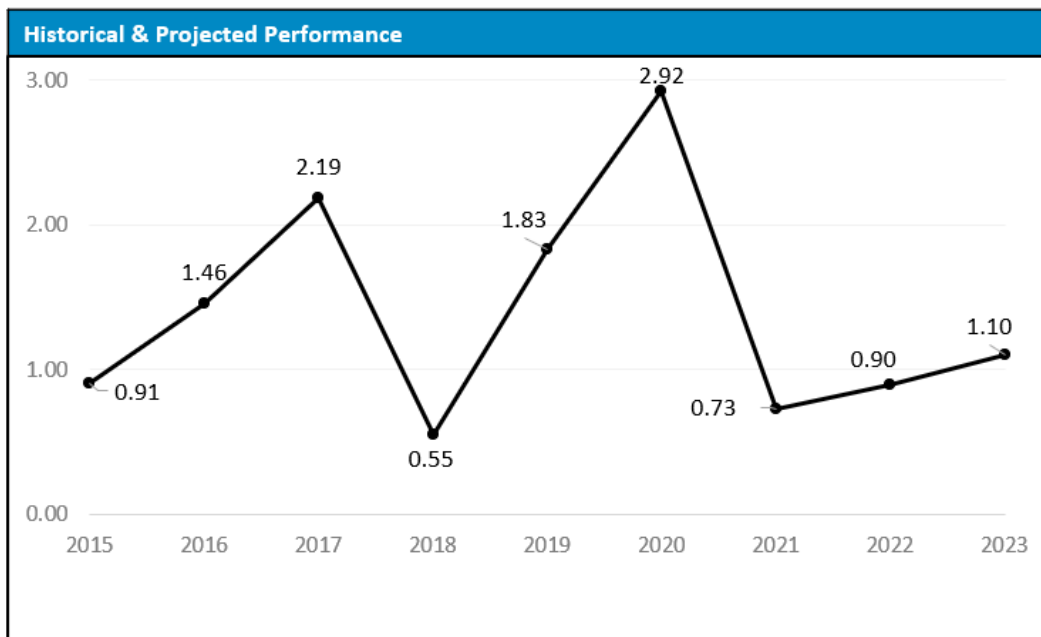
8 **B. (3.16) Metric Performance**

9 **1. Historical Data (2015 – 2023)**

10 PG&E implemented the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan, in response  
11 to CPUC D.14-02-015, in June 2014 and our record, the Ignitions Tracker,  
12 includes all CPUC-reportable ignitions from June 2014 to present. The 2014  
13 data does not represent a complete year and is excluded in this analysis.

14 PG&E’s overhead transmission circuits traverse approximately  
15 5,400 miles of terrain in the HFTD areas where the overhead conductor is  
16 primarily bare wire, supported by structures consisting of poles and towers.  
17 The annual number of CPUC-reportable ignitions is too low and too variable  
18 to detect any statistical pattern.

**FIGURE 3.16-1  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – Q2 2023)**



1       **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2               Data will be collected per PG&E’s Fire Incident Data Collection Plan  
3               (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P). Results will be inclusive of  
4               unique HFTD CPUC-reportable ignitions attributable to the transmission  
5               asset class with overhead construction types.

6               The following ignition events captured by PG&E’s Fire Incident Data  
7               Collection Plan (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P) will be excluded  
8               for this metric:

- 9               • Duplicate events;
- 10              • Ignitions that do not meet CPUC reporting criteria;
- 11              • Ignition events outside of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD;
- 12              • Distribution Ignitions; and
- 13              • Ignitions attributable to underground or pad mounted assets, as these  
14              are not overhead assets. Ignitions caused by non-overhead assets in  
15              HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the asset, pose  
16              less of a wildfire risk.

17              The circuit mileage utilized to calculate the 2015 – 2022 performance of  
18              this metric originates from PG&E’s Electrical Asset Data Reports, refreshed  
19              December 2022. The 2023 performance and targets is based on an  
20              updated sum of overhead circuit mileage, refreshed in 2023.

21       **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

22              Historically, reportable transmission ignitions in HFTD are low in volume  
23              with variability year-to-year, which complicates the detection of significant  
24              trends. PG&E observed six CPUC reportable ignitions on overhead  
25              transmission assets in 2023 (corresponding to a rate of 1.10 ignitions per  
26              1,000 circuit miles).

27       **C. (3.16) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

28       **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

29              There have been no changes to the 1-year target since the last SOMs  
30              report filing. PG&E has proposed a reduction in the 5-year target below.

31       **2. Target Methodology**

32              To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the  
33              following factors:

- 1 • Historical Data and Trends: Target ranges are based on both PG&E's  
2 stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop and historical performance.  
3 The bottom end of the range is 0 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles  
4 in both 2024 and 2028, which reflects our stand that catastrophic  
5 wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is 1.84 ignitions per  
6 1,000 HFTD circuit miles in 2024 , which is based on past average  
7 performance. The upper end of the range will reduce to 1.47 for 2028 to  
8 account for continual wildfire mitigation work planned in the future;
- 9 • Benchmarking: None;
- 10 • Regulatory Requirements: CPUC D.14-02-015;
- 11 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
12 Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they  
13 consider the potential for an increase in severe weather events due to  
14 climate change; and
- 15 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The target range takes consideration  
16 for some variability in weather.

### 17 3. 2024 Target

18 PG&E's target for 2024 is 0-1.84 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles.  
19 The bottom end of the range is 0 in 2024, which reflects our stand that  
20 catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is  
21 1.84 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles in 2024, which is based on our  
22 past average performance.

### 23 4. 2028 Target

24 PG&E's target for 2028 is 0-1.47 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles.  
25 The bottom end of the range is 0 in 2028, which reflects our stand that  
26 catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is  
27 1.47 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles in 2028, which accounts for our  
28 continual focus to reduce ignitions associated with transmission assets

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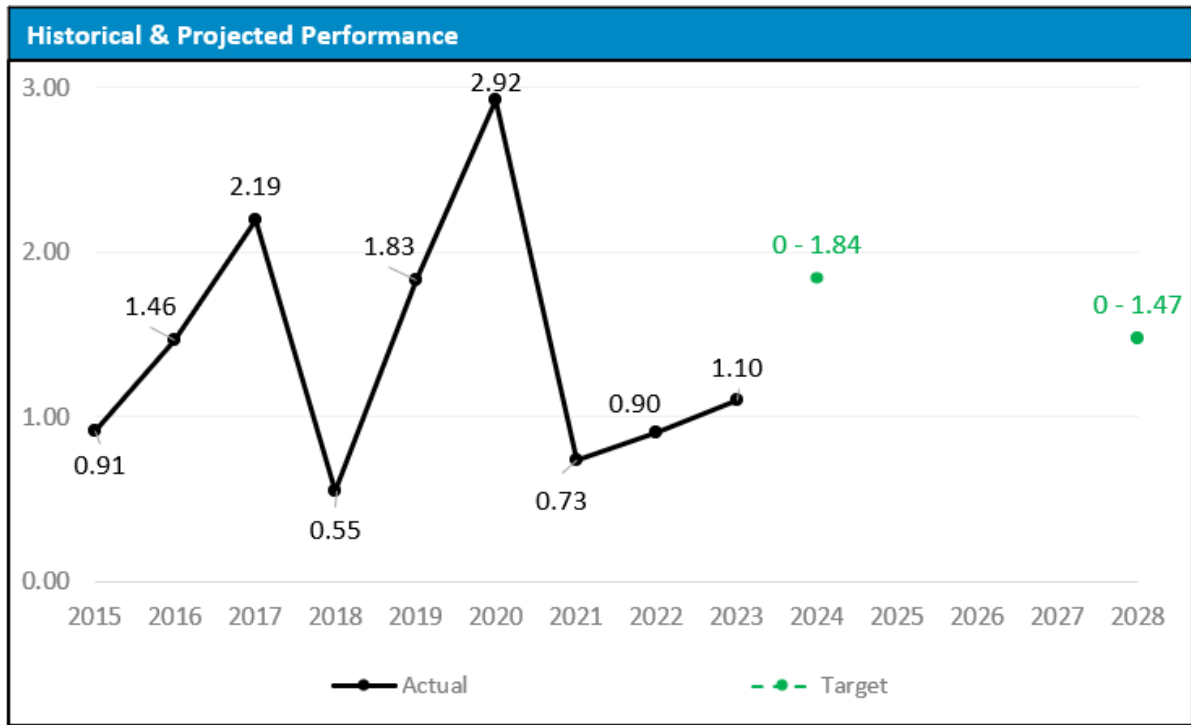
### 30 1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target

31 As demonstrated in Figure 3.16-2 below, PG&E has observed  
32 six CPUC-reportable transmission overhead ignitions in 2023 which is a rate  
33 of 1.10 per 1,000 circuit miles.

1 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

2 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is continuing to deploy several  
3 programs to keep metric performance within the Company’s target range.  
4 PG&E expects no deviation from delivering the 2028 goal for this metric.

**FIGURE 3.16-2  
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015- Q2 2023) AND  
TARGETS (2023 AND 2028)**



5 **E. (3.16) Current and Planned Work Activities**

6 Through continual execution of its WMP, PG&E has taken action to reduce  
7 ignition risk associated with its transmission system, including:

- 8 • Utility Defensible Space Program: In 2023, PG&E expanded on Defensible  
9 Space Requirements in Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 4292.  
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11 2022 there were two zones. Starting in 2023 the first zone (0-5 ft.) from  
12 energized equipment or building is referred to as Zone 0 or the “Ember –  
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30 the conductor segments are may be at higher risk, but the supporting  
31 structures are generally in good condition and there is no expected  
32 additional electrical capacity need to increase the conductor size. This  
33 program is prioritized based on risk and wildfire consequence.

- 1 Please see Section 8.1.2.5.1, Traditional Overhead Hardening –
- 2 Transmission Conductor in PG&E's 2023-2025 WMP for additional details.

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:**

**CHAPTER 4.1**

**NUMBER OF GAS DIG-INS PER 1,000 UNDERGROUND  
SERVICE ALERT (USA) TICKETS ON  
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION PIPELINES**

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
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9                   identified in blue font.  
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11   **A. (4.1) Overview**

12       **1. Metric Definition**

13                   Safety and Operational Metric 4.1 – Number of Gas Dig-Ins per  
14                   1,000 tickets on Transmission and Distribution Pipelines is defined as:

15                   *The number of gas dig-ins per 1,000 Underground Service Alert (USA)*  
16                   *tickets received for gas. A gas dig-in refers to damage (impact or exposure)*  
17                   *which occurs during excavation activities and results in a repair or*  
18                   *replacement of an underground gas facility. Excludes fiber and electric*  
19                   *tickets. Also excludes tickets originated by the utility itself or by utility*  
20                   *contractors.*

21       **2. Introduction of Metric**

22                   Reducing gas dig-ins increases public safety and improves reliability. It  
23                   is therefore important to take reasonable steps reduce this risk because gas  
24                   dig-ins represent a potential risk to people, property, and the environment.

25                   If ignited, gas from a dig-in could produce a fire or explosion, either of  
26                   which, could result property damage, injury or even death. Release of gas  
27                   from a dig-in also produces a possible health hazard from inhalation of  
28                   natural gas. Finally, dig-ins typically produce a disruption or loss of service  
29                   to one or more customers.

30                   For all these reasons, fewer dig-ins reduces risk to public safety and  
31                   minimizes interruption to the gas business and customers.

1 **B. (4.1) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2018 – 2023)**

3 For this metric, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E or the  
4 Company) has six years of historic data available, which includes  
5 2018-2023. The past six years were used for analysis in target setting.  
6 Over the historical reporting period, performance improved as demonstrated  
7 by both an overall increase in USA tickets and a decrease in gas dig-ins.

**FIGURE 4.1-1  
THIRD-PARTY TICKETS AND TOTAL DIG-IN COUNTS 2018 – 2023**

	3rd Party Ticket Counts						Dig-In Count					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	66,605	66,900	74,736	69,544	83,536	60,314	100	89	93	118	118	79
February	62,387	58,586	70,016	74,323	80,127	61,733	131	78	119	116	106	79
March	66,538	74,563	69,991	95,177	93,432	68,744	103	103	98	126	143	66
April	71,514	85,215	67,071	93,335	83,657	73,186	147	140	117	147	120	111
May	75,794	86,339	71,786	87,432	87,005	83,866	209	140	128	139	150	123
June	69,824	81,989	80,614	93,008	88,319	80,983	176	176	170	183	149	121
July	68,927	92,787	80,926	84,316	81,346	75,831	190	196	201	170	145	110
August	74,158	89,869	76,521	87,507	94,628	85,879	186	200	182	175	156	135
September	64,678	84,840	79,684	84,126	86,949	79,082	173	167	178	163	124	139
October	77,779	91,022	81,680	82,106	87,461	84,875	179	191	155	135	131	117
November	64,861	72,476	72,089	82,859	79,547	76,765	139	149	131	101	96	119
December	56,219	64,452	73,995	71,744	62,951	63,816	110	87	126	64	45	73
Total	819,284	949,038	899,109	1,005,477	1,008,958	895,074	1,843	1,716	1,698	1,637	1,483	1,272

8 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

9 The data used for this metric reporting is maintained in two files.  
10 Together, these databases identify the number of dig-ins and the  
11 811 tickets, respectively. To ensure accuracy of the Master Dig-In File data,  
12 three data sources are reviewed:

- 13 1) The repair data file recorded in SAP- (Obtained using Business Objects  
14 GCM058 Quarterly GQI Extract Report);
- 15 2) The Event Management (EM) Tool obtained from Gas Dispatch, data  
16 file; and
- 17 3) The Dig-In Reduction Teams (DiRT) Pronto download file, obtained from  
18 the DiRT team data download report.

19 Events that meet the definition of dig-in are recorded as a ratio of total  
20 dig-ins (count) divided by the third-party USA tickets (count) multiplied  
21 by 1,000. This metric does not include tickets originated by the utility itself  
22 or by utility contractors.

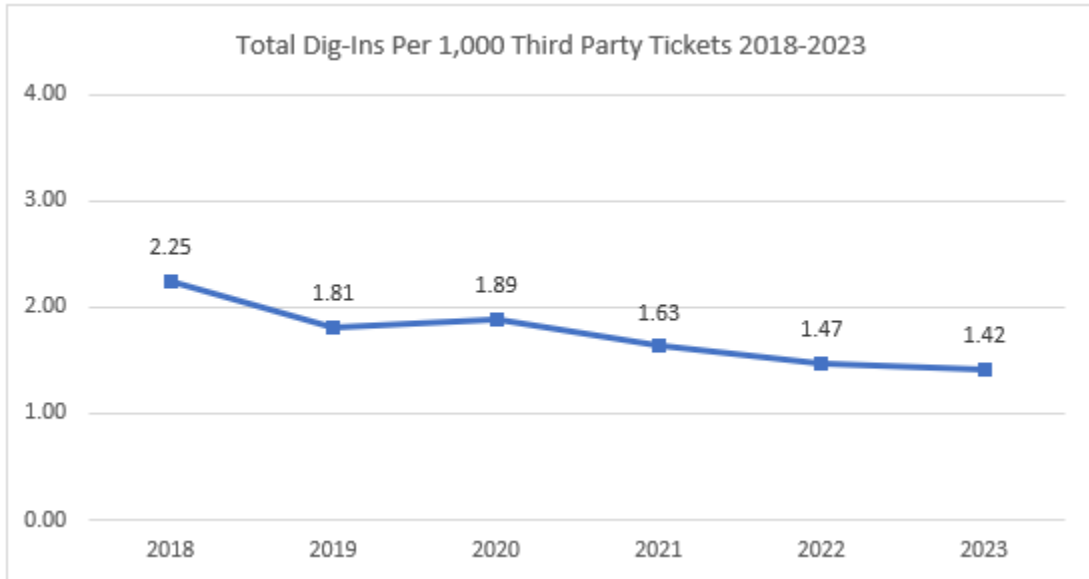
1 This metric also does not include PG&E dig-ins to third parties  
2 (e.g., sewer, water, telecommunications). Dig-ins are reported in real-time,  
3 so they should be captured for the reporting period. However, in the event  
4 dig-ins are reported after the reporting cycle is closed, the dig-in would be  
5 captured in the next reporting cycle (i.e., the next quarter of the current year  
6 or the first quarter of the next year). Electric and Fiber dig-ins are also  
7 excluded from the dig-in count. Also excluded from the dig-in count are the  
8 following (since damages are not from excavation activity):

- 9 • Damages to above-ground infrastructure, such as meters and risers, or  
10 overbuilds.
- 11 • Pre-existing damages (e.g., due to corrosion or old wrap).
- 12 • Any intentional damage to a pipeline (e.g., drilling or cutting).
- 13 • Damage caused by driving over a covered facility (heavy vehicles  
14 damage gas pipe, non-excavation).
- 15 • Damage to abandoned facilities.
- 16 • Damage due to materials failure (e.g., Aldyl-A pipe);
- 17 • Damage caused to gas or electric lines by trench collapse or soldering  
18 work; and
- 19 • Facility has been fully exposed, and damage is not as a result of  
20 excavation activity (as defined by California Government  
21 Code 4216 (G)) (e.g., cutting tree roots, object/person contact to  
22 exposed gas line).

### 23 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

24 There has been an overall downward trend in the number of dig-ins per  
25 1,000 third-party USA tickets. PG&E attributes the reduction to current and  
26 planned Damage Prevention activities. Overall, PG&E has worked to  
27 increase knowledge of the requirement to call 811 before digging through  
28 Public Awareness Campaigns and by providing training and education to  
29 contractors. PG&E continues to show an improvement in its dig-in ratio.

FIGURE 4.1-2  
TOTAL DIG-INS PER 1,000 THIRD-PARTY TICKETS 2018 – 2023



1 **C. (4.1) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 Updated Targets are provided below.

4 **2. Target Methodology**

5 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the  
6 following factors:

- 7 • Historical Data and Trends: Comparable data is available starting in  
8 2018. Performance has been consistent with a downward trend from  
9 2018-2023.
- 10 • Benchmarking: Although this metric is not benchmarkable as defined  
11 (benchmarkable metrics include total tickets rather than only a subset of  
12 tickets), benchmark data was used and derived as proxy guideposts to  
13 understand PG&E performance for third-party tickets to inform target  
14 setting. The target is set at a level consistent with strong performance.
- 15 • Regulatory Requirements: None.
- 16 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes.
- 17 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight  
18 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the set target is a



1 sustainable assumption for maintaining metric performance, plus room  
2 for non-significant variability; and

- 3 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

### 4 **3. 2024 Target**

5 The 2024 target is to maintain improved metric performance at or better  
6 than a rate of 1.93 based on the factors described above. This improvement  
7 is based upon the Damage Prevention Organization's Dig-in Reduction  
8 Program. This target represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a  
9 review of potential performance issues. Target should not be interpreted as  
10 intention to worsen performance.

### 11 **4. 2028 Target**

12 The 2027 target is to maintain performance better than a rate of 1.89  
13 based on the factors described above. Annual targets should continue to be  
14 informed by available benchmarking data.

## 15 **D. (4.1) Performance Against Target**

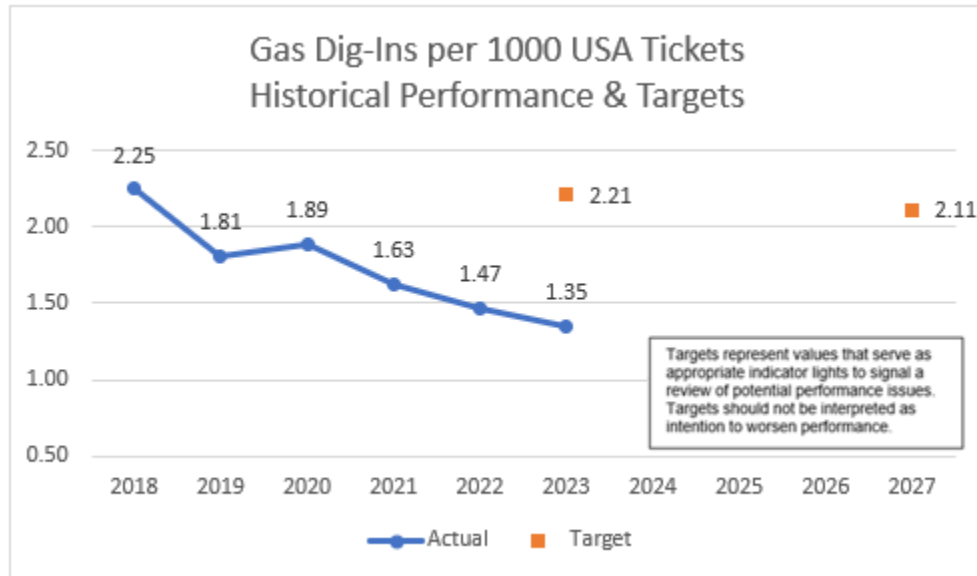
### 16 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-year Target**

17 As demonstrated in Figure 4.1-3, PG&E saw a 1.42 Gas Dig-In rate in  
18 2023, which is better than the Company's 1-year target of 2.21 and remains  
19 consistent with the Company's objective of maintaining first quartile  
20 performance. 2023 Performance of 1.42 Gas Dig-in rate also exceeded the  
21 2022 Performance of 1.47.

### 22 **2. Maintaining Performance against the 5-year Target**

23 As discussed in Section E, PG&E continues to use the Damage  
24 Prevention and DiRT programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward  
25 the Company's 5-year target.

**FIGURE 4.1-3  
TOTAL DIG-INS PER 1,000 THIRD-PARTY TICKETS 2018 – 2023  
AND TARGETS THROUGH 2028**



1 **E. (4.1) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 PG&E’s Damage Prevention team is responsible for the overall  
 3 management of PG&E’s Damage Prevention Program, by managing the risks  
 4 associated with excavations around PG&E’s facilities and conducting  
 5 investigations. As an additional control to manage the Damage Prevention  
 6 Program, PG&E has its DiRT). DiRT consists of 25 people (18 PG&E  
 7 Employees and 7 Contractors) deployed systemwide to investigate dig-ins.  
 8 Team members work closely with various local PG&E operations personnel and  
 9 respond to referrals from those employees when they observe excavations  
 10 potentially not in compliance with the requirements of California Government  
 11 Code Section 4216. DiRT personnel also assist the Ground Patrol team when  
 12 they respond to immediate threats identified in the air by the Aerial Patrol team  
 13 and other PG&E groups, in order to intervene in unsafe digging activities by third  
 14 parties and follow-up to educate excavators as necessary.

15 PG&E’s Damage Prevention activities include educational outreach activities  
 16 for professional excavators, local public officials, emergency responders, and  
 17 the general public who lives and works within PG&E’s service territory. The  
 18 program communicates safe excavation practices, required actions prior to  
 19 excavating near underground pipelines, availability of pipeline location

1 information, and other gas safety information through a variety of methods  
2 throughout the year. These efforts are aimed at increasing public awareness  
3 about the importance of utilizing the 811 Program before an excavation project is  
4 started, understanding the markings that have been placed, and following safe  
5 excavation practices after subsurface installations have been marked. Specific  
6 activities aimed at preventing dig-ins include:

- 7 • Updating the Locate and Mark Field Guide to provide clear instruction  
8 around critical processes for locating underground assets, including  
9 troubleshooting of difficult to locate facilities.
- 10 • [PG&E participates in the Common Ground Alliance \(CGA\) – Damage](#)  
11 [Prevention Institute \(DPI\). The Common Ground Alliance acquired the Gold](#)  
12 [Shovel Standard in 2023.](#) PG&E began this program that is now run by a  
13 third-party and available to utilities and excavators across the nation. The  
14 program sets safety criteria that PG&E contractors are required to meet to  
15 be eligible to do work on behalf of the Utility. [The Common Ground Alliance](#)  
16 [is an internationally-recognized program](#), with companies in Canada  
17 adopting and implementing its certification requirements. The [DPI](#) is a way  
18 that PG&E is making its own communities safer, and bringing best safety  
19 practices to the industry; and
- 20 • An 811 Ambassador program, which utilizes all PG&E employees to  
21 properly identify unsafe excavation activities where employees learn how to  
22 identify excavation-related delineations and utility operator markings.

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6                   found in Section B, C, D and E. Material changes from the prior report are  
7                   identified in blue font.  
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9   **A. (4.2) Overview**

10   **1. Metric Definition**

11                   Safety and Operational Metric 4.2 – Number of Overpressure (OP)  
12                   events is defined as:

13                   *OP events as reportable under General Order (GO) 112-F 122.2(d)(5).*

14   **2. Introduction of Metric**

15                   An OP event occurs when the gas pressure exceeds the Maximum  
16                   Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of the pipeline, plus the build ups, set  
17                   forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) – 49 CFR 192.201.

18                   This metric tracks the occurrence of OP events, which includes:

- 19   1) High pressure Gas Distribution (GD):  
20                   a) (MAOP 1 pound per square inch gauge (psig) to 12 psig) greater  
21                   than 50 percent above MAOP.  
22                   b) (MAOP 12 psig to 60 psig) greater than 6 psig above MAOP; and  
23   2) Gas Transmission (GT) pipelines greater than 10 percent above MAOP  
24                   (or the pressure produces a hoop stress of  $\geq 75$  percent Specified  
25                   Minimum Yield Strength, whichever is lower).

26                   OP events on low pressure systems are excluded from this metric  
27                   because they are not defined in federal code 49 CFR 192.201.

28                   OP events have the potential to overstress pipelines which pose  
29                   significant safety and operational risks to Pacific Gas and Electric  
30                   Company's (PG&E) gas system. PG&E has implemented multiple controls  
31                   and mitigations to reduce OP events.

32                   Following the San Bruno event in 2010, an Overpressure Elimination  
33                   (OPE) task force was established to identify the root causes of OP events  
34                   and develop corrective actions.

1           In 2011, several decisions were made in response to San Bruno  
2 incident. One of the most important corrective actions was to lower the  
3 normal operating pressure below the MAOP across the system, which  
4 resulted in a significant drop-off of OP events from 2011-2012.

5           Beginning in 2013, causal evaluations were conducted on all OP events.  
6 Corrective actions from these evaluations included: equipment and design  
7 review, training, fatigue management, improved Gas Event Reporting, and  
8 improved work procedures.

9           In 2015, several benchmarking studies and industry evaluations were  
10 conducted to learn OP elimination best practice. The benchmarking studies  
11 and analyses helped influence the development and strategies of the OPE  
12 Program.

13           In 2017, after the Folsom OP event,<sup>1</sup> the OPE Program was stood up  
14 under one sponsor with dedicated resources. The OPE Program formalized  
15 a two-pronged strategy to mitigate the risk of large OP events, while  
16 reducing operational risk: (1) Human (HU) Performance Strategy, and  
17 (2) Equipment (EQ)-Related Strategy.

18           In 2020, PG&E retooled an effort to reduce the number of HU  
19 Performance-related events. PG&E contracted with Exponent to perform an  
20 analysis on the OP and near hit events using the Human Factors Analysis  
21 and Classification System to drive focused actions to improve. This effort  
22 helped the team to develop the HU Performance tools to: identify and  
23 control risk, improve efficiency, avoid delays, reduce errors, prevent events,  
24 and promote excellent performance at every facility.

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<sup>1</sup> On January 24, 2017, the Hydraulically Independent System that delivers gas to the Folsom area experienced a large OP event in excess of the system's 60 psig MAOP. The OP event caused damage to the regulator station equipment and resulted in a significant number of leaks on plastic distribution piping. Inspection of the station revealed that the station filter had been clogged with debris and the regulator boot had been eroded by contaminants. Further investigation revealed that an upstream pigging project scraped corrosion scales from internal pipe walls. The scale—along with other debris—traveled downstream, until eventually collecting at Folsom, causing the OP event.

1 **B. (4.2) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2011 – 2023)**

3 Historical data of OP events is available since year 2011. Various data  
4 points of each OP event including location, Corrective Action Program  
5 (CAP) number, date, cause, corrective action, etc. are documented in the  
6 OP master list file attachment.

7 Data source of the metric is commonly from the Supervisory Control and  
8 Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, and from direct accounts, including  
9 gauge pressure readings, chart recorders, electronic recorders, and  
10 metering data.

11 The availability of data has expanded throughout the years due to the  
12 increase in pressure monitoring devices allowing more OP events to be  
13 identified and recorded. [In 2012, PG&E had 1,409 SCADA pressure points  
14 on its pipeline system, and by end of December 2023, that number has  
15 grown to 7,042.](#)

16 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

17 PG&E has both an automated process and field process for logging Gas  
18 OP events. For the automated process, the SCADA system monitors EQ  
19 pressure and notifies potential issues to Gas Control through alarms. For  
20 the field process, field personnel are required to gauge pressure during  
21 maintenance and clearances and report to Gas Control if an abnormal  
22 operating condition arises. The Gas OP metric reporting process flow is as  
23 follows:

- 24 1) Control Room Alarm/Third-Party Notification of abnormal pressure  
25 reading or Gas Pipeline Operations and Maintenance (GPOM) finds  
26 abnormal pressure reading during maintenance.
- 27 2) GPOM performs on-site investigation (validates pressure reading and  
28 compares onsite pressure with SCADA pressure upon arrival).  
29 “As-found” and “as-left” pressures are recorded on maintenance form.
- 30 3) Gas Control Room creates Abnormal Incident Report and issues  
31 e-page. FIMP reviews the e-page, creates a CAP, and prepares a  
32 Quick Hit.



- 1 4) OP event is recorded on OP Master List, and Apparent Cause  
2 Evaluation is conducted to determine root cause and any corrective  
3 actions as applicable.

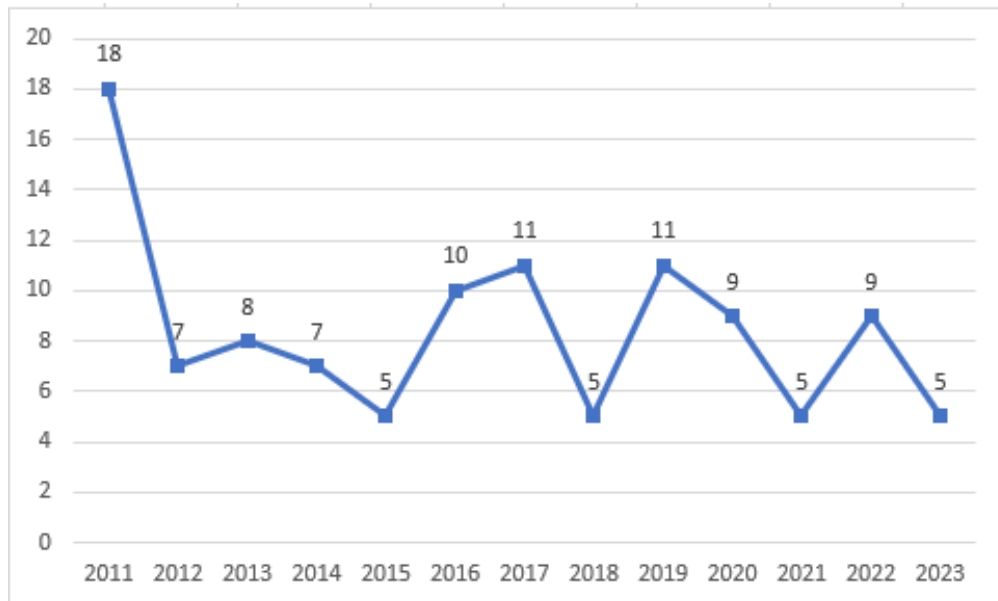
4 Several controls are in place for this metric:

- 5 1) Each OP event is entered into our system of record SAP system CAP to  
6 ensure retention of record history.
- 7 2) Each OP event's datasets (location, CAP number, date, cause,  
8 corrective action etc.) are reviewed by Facility Integrity Management  
9 Program team to ensure accuracy and are logged in the OP Master List  
10 which is viewable by all PG&E employees; and
- 11 3) Each OP event is distributed to stakeholders by an electronic page  
12 (e-page) and an e-mail (Quick Hit), reviewed on the next Daily  
13 Operations Briefing with leadership.

### 14 3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period

15 In 2023, 5 overpressure events occurred in the PG&E gas system, an  
16 improvement from 2022 that experienced 9 events.

FIGURE 4.2-1  
OVERPRESSURE EVENTS 2011 – 2023



1 **C. (4.2) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 The 2024 target is set to be 10 (i.e., same or lower than 2023 target);  
4 the 2028 target is set to be 9 (i.e., no change from the 2027 target).

5 **2. Target Methodology**

6 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the  
7 following factors:

- 8 • Historical Data and Trends: OP events have ranged from 5 to 11 events  
9 per year since 2012. We exclude data from 2011, because it was the  
10 first year OP data was collected and several anomalies were embedded  
11 in the data and is shown for reference purposes only. The target is  
12 based on the maximum number of events in the past twelve years.
- 13 • Benchmarking: This metric is not traditionally benchmarkable; however,  
14 PG&E has contracted with third parties to conduct international and  
15 North American industry evaluations. The benchmarking studies  
16 indicated that PG&E has demonstrated strong performance in this area.
- 17 • Regulatory Requirements: OP events as reportable under California  
18 Public Utilities Commission GO No.112-F, 122.2(d)(5).
- 19 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Workplan: Yes.
- 20 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
21 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the maximum of the past  
22 eight years is a sustainable assumption for maintaining metric  
23 performance, plus room for non-significant variability; and
- 24 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The approach of using the maximum  
25 of the past eight years includes the consideration of the expected impact  
26 of ongoing SCADA device installations—improved system visibility and  
27 monitoring points may result in a higher number of observed OP events.  
28 Additionally, as the OP Program has expanded, there has been an  
29 increase in pressure monitoring devices throughout the system, which  
30 allows more OP events to be identified and recorded.

31 **3. 2024 Target**

32 The 2024 target is based on the maximum of the past eight years  
33 historical performance. The target is based on the highest number annual

1 events, is within 95 percent confidence level (within two standard deviations)  
2 of the average number of events, and reflects a trend of continuous  
3 improvement. This target represents an appropriate indicator light to signal  
4 a review of potential performance issues. Target should not be interpreted  
5 as intention to worsen performance.

#### 6 **4. 2028 Target**

7 The 2028 target reflects a 5-year outlook target demonstrating continued  
8 focus on improvement year-over-year. This target demonstrates continued  
9 focus on improvement year-over-year. PG&E continues to review  
10 operations and look for opportunities to perform work to further reduce OP  
11 events and contribute to system safety. However, it should be noted that in  
12 D.21-11-069 the Commission denied or reduced funding for a number of the  
13 Overpressure Elimination mitigation programs in the 2023 General Rate  
14 Case final decision, especially in the GD area.<sup>2</sup> It is unknown what impact  
15 this will have on the future trend of OP events, but ending these programs is  
16 expected to decrease the pace of our mitigation efforts to reduce OP events  
17 in the future. Therefore, despite not receiving funding from the rate case,  
18 PG&E continues to fund the OP elimination efforts although at a reduce  
19 pace.

#### 20 **D. (4.2) Performance Against Target**

##### 21 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

22 In 2023, 5 overpressure events occurred in PG&E's gas system which is  
23 consistent with the Company's 1-year target of equal to or less than 11.

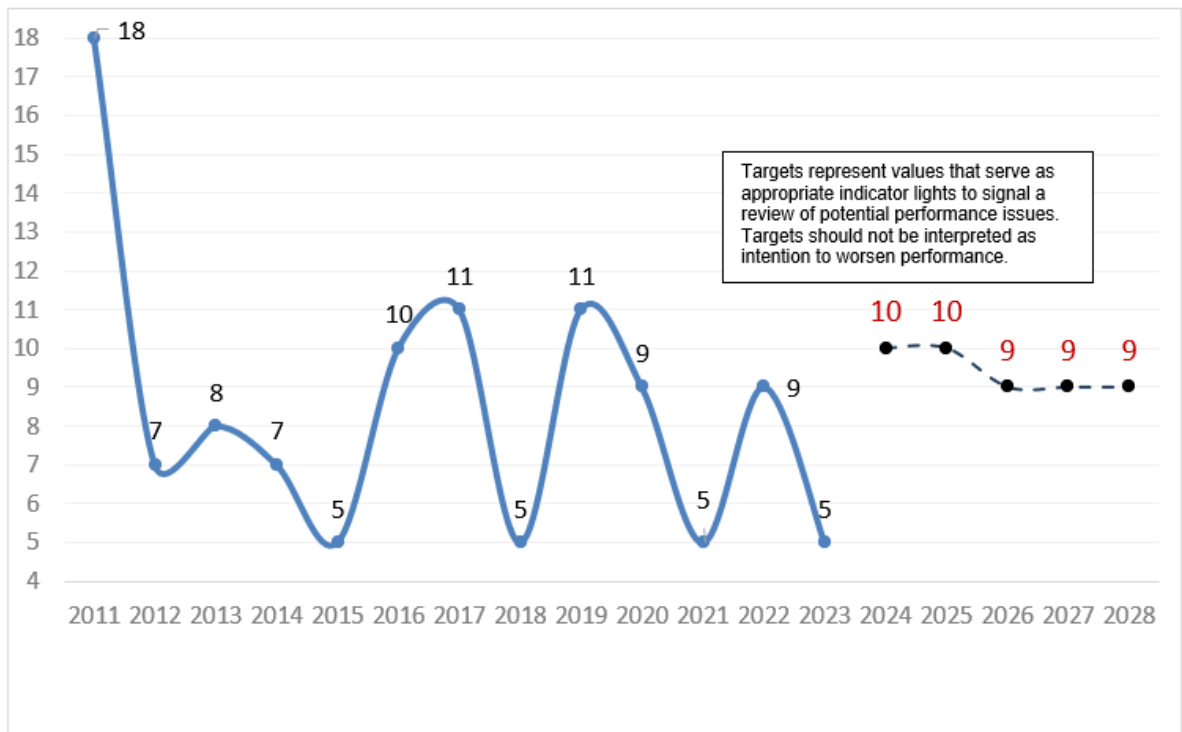
##### 24 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

25 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying several programs  
26 to maintain or improve the long-term performance of the Over Pressure  
27 metric to meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

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2 The GT and GD Station OPP Enhancement Programs were not adopted by the commission. Similarly, GD SCADA RTU installations were not adopted. All three of these programs are risk mitigations for large OP events.

**FIGURE 4.2-2  
OVERPRESSURE EVENTS 2011 – 2023 AND TARGETS THROUGH 2028**



**E. (4.2) Current and Planned Work Activities**

PG&E’s initial objective included plans to execute the secondary Overpressure Protection Program (OPP) to mitigate common failure mode failure OP events for both GT and GD over a 10-year period (2018-2027). As noted, funding for the following mitigation programs was eliminated in the 2023 GRC decision:

- **Gas Distribution:** For 2019-2023, PG&E has retrofitted approximately 939 GD pilot-operated stations. By end of 2023, PG&E has exceeded the goal of retrofitting 50 percent of GD pilot-operated stations. PG&E will continue the retrofitting of GD pilot-operation stations to mitigate the common failure mode OP events in the Gas Distribution System. These retrofits will be executed at a considerably reduced pace in comparison to what was proposed in the GRC (see footnote 2 on page 4.2-6).
- **Gas Transmission:** In 2019, PG&E started rebuilding and retrofitting Large Volume Customer Regulators (LVCR) sets specifically to address OP risks and started rebuilding and retrofitting Large Volume Customer Meter (LVCM) sets in 2023. From 2019 – 2023, PG&E has rebuilt and retrofitted

1 approximately 77 LVCRs/LVCMs. PG&E will continue modifying GT  
2 LVCRs/LVCMs to mitigate the common failure mode OP events in the Gas  
3 Transmission System. The modification of this regulation equipment will be  
4 executed at a considerably reduced pace in comparison to what was  
5 proposed in the GRC (see footnote 2 on page 4.2-6).

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6                   found in Sections B, C and D. Material changes from the prior report are identified  
7                   in blue font.  
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9                   **A. (4.3) Overview**

10                  **1. Metric Definition**

11                         Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 4.3 – Time to Respond On-Site to  
12                         Emergency Notification is defined as:

13                                 *Average time and median time to respond on-site to a gas-related*  
14                                 *emergency notification from the time of notification to the time a Gas Service*  
15                                 *Representative (GSR) (or qualified first responder) arrived onsite.*  
16                                 *Emergency notification includes all notifications originating from 911 calls*  
17                                 *and calls made directly to the utilities' safety hotlines.*

18                         The data used to determine the average time and median time shall be  
19                         provided in increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c) as  
20                         supplemental information, not as a metric.

21                  **2. Introduction of Metric**

22                         Gas emergency response measures Pacific Gas and Electric  
23                         Company's (PG&E) ability to respond with urgency to hazardous or unsafe  
24                         situations that may be a threat to customer and public safety. In some  
25                         situations, GSRs respond to emergency situations as first responders.  
26                         Responding to emergency situations is PG&E's highest priority so that  
27                         PG&E can prevent or ameliorate hazardous situations. PG&E's goal is to  
28                         have a GSR on-site as quickly as possible for customer generated gas odor  
29                         calls. Faster response time to Emergency Notifications reduces the length  
30                         of emergent situations.

31                         PG&E's GSRs respond to approximately 500,000 gas service customer  
32                         requests annually. These requests include investigating reports of possible  
33                         gas leaks; carbon monoxide monitoring; Pilot re-lights; appliance safety



1 checks; and maintenance work, including Atmospheric Corrosion  
2 remediation and regulator replacements.

3 Consistent with current practice, PG&E will continue to treat all  
4 customer-reported gas odor calls as Immediate Response (IR) and will  
5 attempt to respond to such calls within 60 minutes. To meet this goal,  
6 PG&E utilizes industry best practices, such as: mobile data terminals,  
7 real-time Global Positioning Systems, backup on-call technicians, and shift  
8 coverage of 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## 9 **B. (4.3) Metric Performance**

### 10 **1. Historical Data (2011-2023)**

11 Historical data is presented as a value in minutes for response time,  
12 indicated as both an average and a median value for all Emergency  
13 Notifications for each calendar year.

14 Data sets prior to 2014 come from historically submitted documentation;  
15 data sets from 2014 forward come from the Customer Data Warehouse  
16 system (a database for Field Automated Systems (FAS) data) and go  
17 through a rigorous, multi-step audit process prior to submission to ensure  
18 accuracy and precision.

### 19 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

20 The response time by PG&E is measured from the time PG&E is  
21 notified—defined as the order creation time in Customer Care and Billing by  
22 the contact center—to the time a GSR or a PG&E-qualified first responder  
23 arrives on-site to the emergency location (including Business Hours and  
24 After Hours). PG&E notification time is defined as when a gas emergency  
25 order is created and timestamped.

26 Using PG&E's FAS, the average response time is measured for all IR  
27 gas emergency orders generated where a GSR or qualified first responder is  
28 required to respond.

29 The following IR gas emergency jobs are excluded in the total gas  
30 emergency orders volume count:

- 1 • Level 2 and above emergencies;<sup>1</sup>
- 2 • If the source is a non-planned release of PG&E gas, the original call is
- 3 included—the gas emergency itself—and all subsequent related orders
- 4 are excluded;
- 5 • If the source is either a planned release of PG&E gas or another
- 6 non-leak-related event, all related orders from the metric are excluded,
- 7 including the original call;
- 8 – If technician finds Grade 1 or Class A leak not previously identified
- 9 by Company personnel, the order will be included in the metric even
- 10 if the leak was clearly not source of odor complaint.
- 11 • Duplicate orders for assistance;
- 12 • Cancelled orders;
- 13 • For multiple leak calls from the same Multi-Meter Manifold;<sup>2</sup>
- 14 • Unknown premise tag with no nearby gas facility; and
- 15 • If the FAS system is unavailable—such as during a tech down event—
- 16 the jobs cannot be created in our system, and are therefore, an
- 17 exception (not available to be included in the volume).

### 18 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

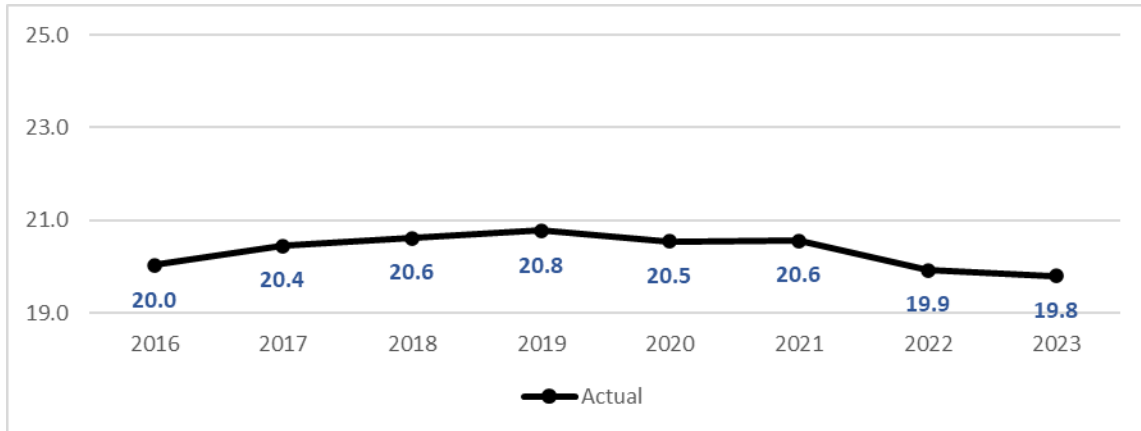
19 Since 2011, PG&E has improved and maintained strong performance in  
20 this metric. In 2023, we have achieved an average response time of 19.8  
21 minutes and a recorded median response time of 18.2 minutes, compared to  
22 19.9 minutes of average response time and 18.3 median response time for  
23 the same period in 2022. Our performance in 2023 outperformed target and  
24 was our best response time in 8 years as shown in Figure 4.3-1. This was  
25 made possible by continued focus by our Field Teams and Gas Dispatch  
26 deploying Lean practices, cross collaboration and continued accountability  
27 and focus to this metric.

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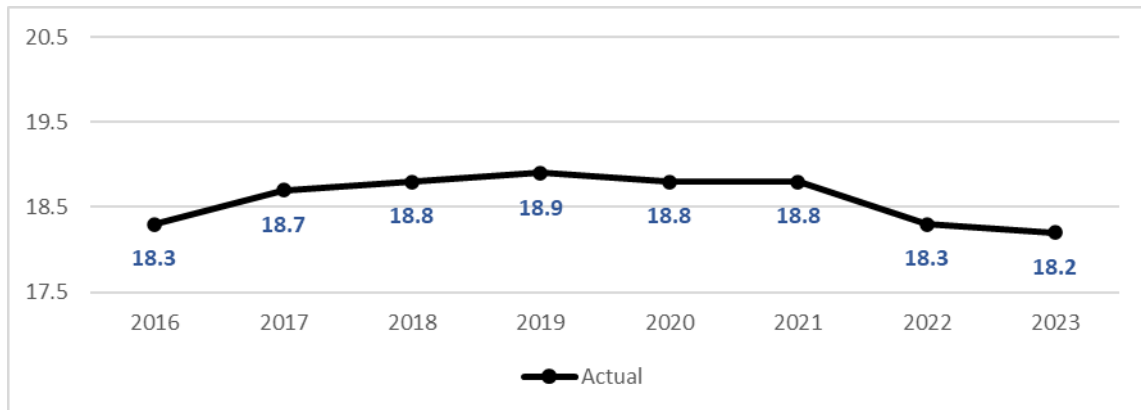
1 Defined in the Gas Emergency Response Plan as a region-wide emergency event that may require 1-2 days for service restoration.

2 The first order is included, and all subsequent orders are excluded.

**FIGURE 4.3-1  
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME 2016- 2023**



**FIGURE 4.3-2  
MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2016- 2023**



**C. (4.3) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

**1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

Applying the same methodology as in the last SOMs report, there will be a reduction to the 1-year and 5-year targets as described below, reflecting a trend of improved performance.

**2. Target Methodology**

To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the following factors:

- Historical Data and Trends: Comparable data is available starting in 2015. Performance has been consistent from 2015-2023 and maintains top quartile.

- 1 • Benchmarking: The targets for average response time and median  
2 response time are informed by available benchmarking data and targets  
3 are set at a level consistent with strong performance.
- 4 • Regulatory Requirements: None.
- 5 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes.
- 6 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
7 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the set targets is a  
8 sustainable assumption for maintaining average and median response  
9 time performance, plus room for non-significant variability; and
- 10 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

### 11 **3. 2024 Target**

12 The 2024 target is to maintain performance better than or equal to  
13 21.4 minutes for average response time and 19.7 minutes for median  
14 response time, based on the factors described above. These targets  
15 represent values that serve as appropriate indicator lights to signal a review  
16 of potential performance issues. Targets should not be interpreted as  
17 intention to worsen performance.

### 18 **4. 2028 Target**

19 The 2028 target is to maintain performance better than or equal to  
20 21.0 minutes for average response time and 19.3 minutes for median  
21 response time, based on the factors described above. Annual targets  
22 should continue to be informed by available benchmarking data.

## 23 **D. (4.3) Performance Against Target**

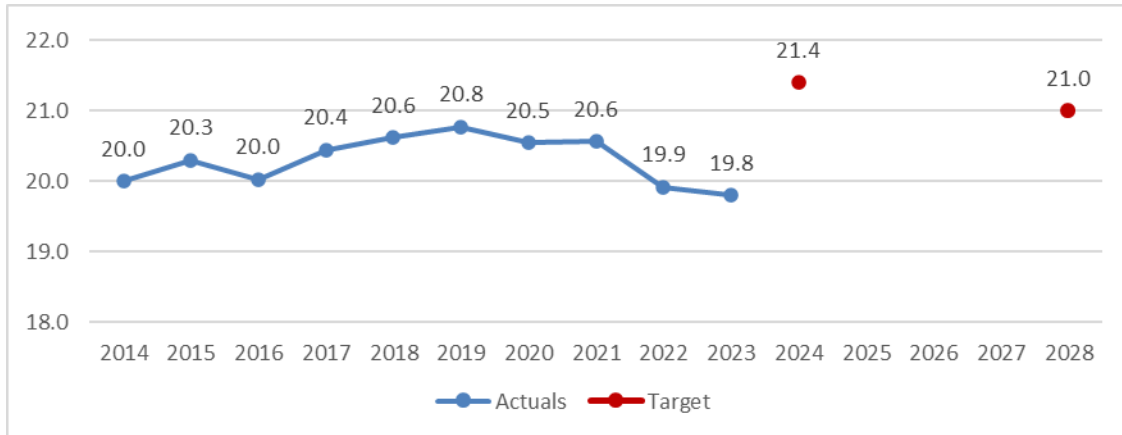
### 24 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

25 As demonstrated in Figure 4.3-3 and 4.3-4, PG&E saw an average  
26 response time of 19.8 minutes and a median response time of 18.2 minutes  
27 in 2023 which exceeded the Company's 2023 target of 21.5 and  
28 19.8 minutes respectively.

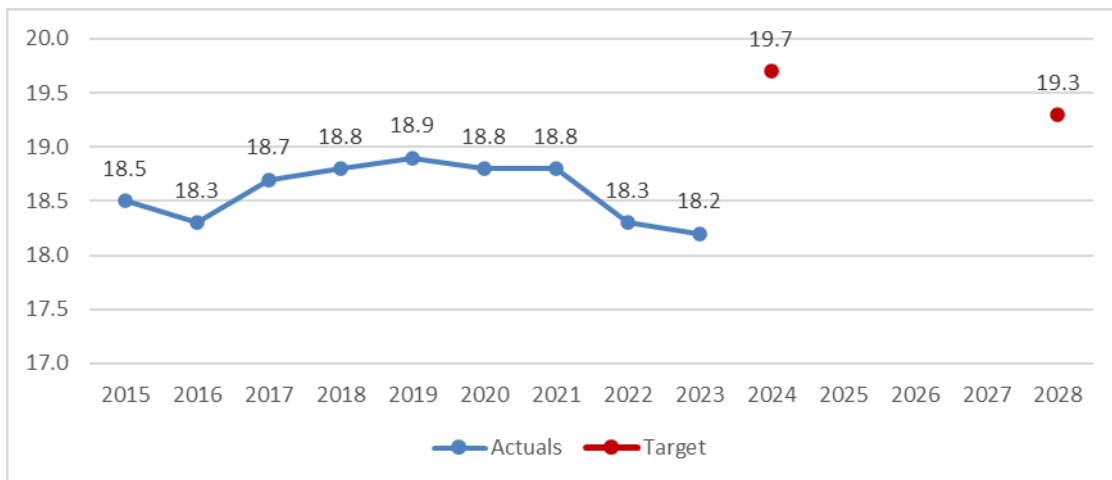
### 29 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

30 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E continues to employ thorough  
31 review, auditing, and cross-functional programs to maintain performance in  
32 pursuit of the Company's 5-year target.

**FIGURE 4.3-3  
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME 2013- 2023 AND TARGETS THROUGH 2028**



**FIGURE 4.3-4  
MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2013-2023 AND TARGETS THROUGH 2028**



**E. (4.3) Current and Planned Work Activities**

Below is a summary description of the key activities that are tied to performance and their description of that tie.

- Field Service and Gas Dispatch: PG&E’s Field Service and Gas Dispatch partner together to respond to customer Gas Emergency (odor calls). There is a shared responsibility in the overall performance of this work. GSRs are deployed systemwide, 24 hours a day—utilizing an on-call as needed.
- Monitoring Controls: Activities which help us to maintain our Gas Emergency Response include continued focus and visibility in our Daily Operating Reviews, Weekly Operating Reviews, and Cross Functional

1           Reviews. These help to illustrate several key drivers, including Dispatch  
2           Handle Time, Drive Time, and Wrap Time.

- 3           • Audits: PG&E performs audits on Emergency calls to identify opportunities.
- 4           • Data Analysis: Staffing and historical Gas Emergency Response volume  
5           are reviewed to help drive decisions. We utilize Best Practice of Dispatching  
6           to the closest resource. In addition, Dispatcher Ride Alongs with GSRs  
7           have been implemented to drive cross-functional understanding.

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6                   found in Sections B, C, D and E. Material changes from the prior report are  
7                   identified in blue font.  
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9   **A. (4.4) Introduction**

10   **1. Metric Definition**

11                   Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 4.4 – Gas Shut-In Time, Mains is  
12                   defined as:

13                   *Median time to shut-in gas when an uncontrolled or unplanned gas*  
14                   *release occurs on a main. The data used to determine the median time*  
15                   *shall be provided in increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c)*  
16                   *as supplemental information, not as a metric.*

17   **2. Introduction of Metric**

18                   The measurement of Gas Shut in Time captures the median duration of  
19                   time required to respond to and mitigate potentially hazardous gas leak  
20                   conditions. These leak conditions are associated with the public safety risk  
21                   of loss of containment on Gas Distribution Main or Service. The term “shut  
22                   in” refers to the act of stopping the gas flow. It is important for the flow of  
23                   gas to be stopped to avoid consequences such as overpressure events or  
24                   explosions and so that work can be safely performed to make repairs in a  
25                   timely manner. Performance aims for faster response times as a measure  
26                   of prevention resulting in lower risk of an incident impacting public safety  
27                   and minimized interruption to the gas business and customers. It is  
28                   imperative that we promptly and effectively resolve any hazardous  
29                   conditions on our distribution network while balancing timeliness, customer  
30                   outages, and employee safety.

31                   The timing for the response starts when the Pacific Gas and Electric  
32                   Company (PG&E, the Company, or the Utility) first receives the report of a  
33                   potential gas leak and ends when the Utility’s qualified representative  
34                   determines, per the Utility’s emergency standards, that the reported leak is

1 not hazardous, a leak does not exist, or the Utility’s representative  
2 completes actions to mitigate a hazardous leak and render it as being  
3 non-hazardous (i.e., by shutting-off gas supply, eliminating subsurface leak  
4 migration, repair, etc.) per the Utility’s standards.

5 This metric measures the median number of minutes required for a  
6 qualified PG&E responder to arrive onsite and stop the flow of gas as result  
7 of damages impacting gas mains from PG&E distribution network. It does  
8 not include instances where a qualified representative determines that the  
9 reported leak is not hazardous, or a leak does not exist.

## 10 **B. (4.4) Metric Performance**

### 11 **1. Historical Data (2014 – 2023)**

12 Historical data for shut-in the gas (SITG) Main metric is available for the  
13 period 2014 through 2023. The data captures the median time that a  
14 qualified first responder requires to respond and stop gas flow during  
15 incidents involving an unplanned and uncontrolled release of gas on  
16 distribution mains. This data includes incidents related to distribution main  
17 pipelines and regulator stations because of third-party dig-ins, vehicle  
18 impacts, explosion, pipe rupture, and material failure.

19 Before 2014, PG&E used a decentralized emergency process to  
20 manage emergencies (i.e., each division used its own resources like  
21 mappers, planners, among others to track and manage emergencies).  
22 Similarly, support organizations like Dispatch, Mapping and Planning used  
23 their own management tools to help schedule and manage emergency  
24 information. Dispatch used a management tool called Outage Management  
25 that recorded times at various stages of the process (i.e., when the  
26 emergency call came in, when the Gas Service Representative (GSR)  
27 arrived at the site, when the leak was isolated, etc.). The Distribution  
28 Control Room used a tool called Gas Logging System to record incoming  
29 information.

30 In 2014, a centralized process was implemented to allow Distribution,  
31 Transmission, Dispatch, Planning and Mapping personnel to be co-located  
32 and work together as a team to manage emergencies. This centralized

1 process also allowed the development of the Event Management Tool  
2 (EMT) system.

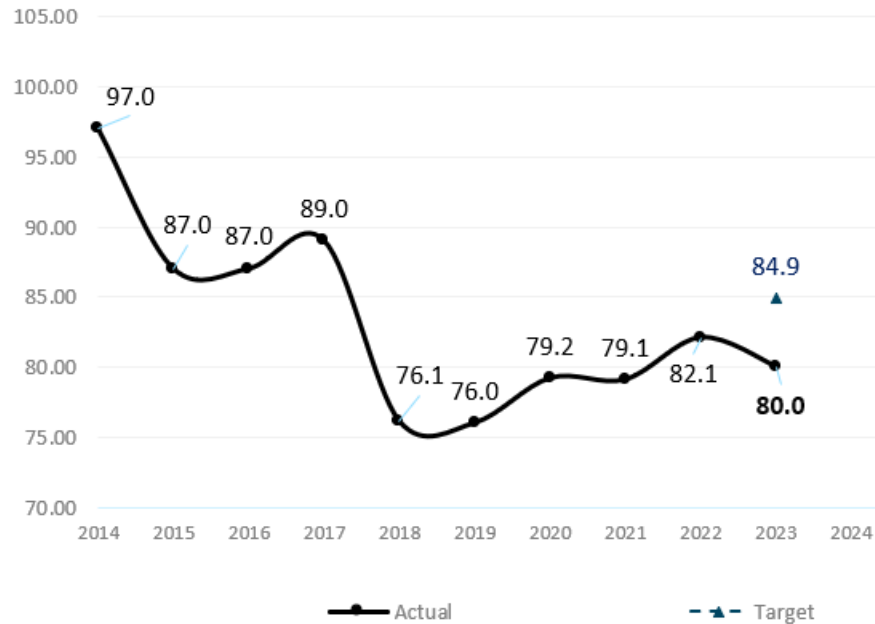
### 3 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

4 The EMT is currently used as the official system to track gas  
5 emergencies from start to finish. It is used by Dispatch and Gas Distribution  
6 Control Center (GDCC) teams to create emergency events and collect  
7 incident information and allows PG&E to run reports and retrieve historical  
8 information. The data captures the time that a qualified first responder  
9 requires to respond and stop gas flow during incidents involving an  
10 unplanned and uncontrolled release of gas on distribution mains. There are  
11 distinct types of incidents recorded in the EMT: explosions, corrosion, cross  
12 bore, pipe damage, dig-ins, evacuations, exposed pipe—no gas leak, fires,  
13 gas leaks (including Grade 1), high concentration areas, Hi/Lo pressures,  
14 material failure, pipe ruptures, vehicle impacts, among others. The EMT  
15 provides access to the latest information on an incident. All emergency data  
16 is consolidated and stored in one place.

### 17 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

18 The range of data available to calculate the historical shut-in the gas  
19 median time for Mains is from 2014 through 2023. Over this reporting  
20 period, performance improved, decreasing from 97 minutes in 2014 to  
21 80.0 minutes median time in 2023. [Mains median response time in 2023](#)  
22 [improved by 2.6 percent compared to 2022 EOY performance of](#)  
23 [82.1 minutes. This improvement is due to strategically prearranging](#)  
24 [construction crews in locations with high frequency of damages after](#)  
25 [business hours and weekends, understanding root causes for long shut-in](#)  
26 [time incidents and sharing best practices system wide during weekly](#)  
27 [performance review calls.](#)

**FIGURE 4.4-1  
GAS SHUT-IN TIME, MAINS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014-2023**



1 **C. (4.4) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 PG&E proposes to keep the 1-year and 5-year targets flat, compared  
 4 to 2023 target of 84.9 minutes. This recommendation is to prioritize the  
 5 safety of our customers, employees, and to minimize service disruptions by  
 6 allowing PG&E personnel to make informed shut-in gas isolation decisions  
 7 according to field conditions rather than hastily take actions to shut-in the  
 8 gas to meet a more stringent target.

9 **2. Target Methodology**

10 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the  
 11 following factors:

- 12 • Historical Data and Trends: The target is based on the average of the  
 13 2018 – 2021 median historical data, plus 10 percent. The 4-year period  
 14 was used because 2018 was when the FAS system was first utilized,  
 15 and this data period is consistent with current operational practices. The  
 16 use of 10 percent allows for non-significant variability, and accounts for  
 17 the consideration of risk during shut in events.
- 18 • Benchmarking: Not available.

- 1 • Regulatory Requirements: None.
- 2 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes.
- 3 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
- 4 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the
- 5 2018-2021 annual median response time plus 10 percent is a
- 6 sustainable assumption for maintaining the improvement from
- 7 2018-2023 time frame plus room for non-significant variability; and
- 8 • Other Qualitative Considerations: Reducing shut in time to the lowest
- 9 possible result is not necessarily the best approach from a public safety
- 10 standpoint, and there is consideration of risk in various situations. In
- 11 some instances, the safest decision for our employees and the public is
- 12 to allow the gas to escape before crews shut it off.

### 13 **3. 2024 Target**

14 The 2024 target is to maintain performance at or lower than  
15 84.9 minutes based on the factors described above. This target was  
16 established to account for the consideration of risk in various situations and  
17 aligns with our commitment to the safe operations of our assets. This target  
18 represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a review of potential  
19 performance issues. Target should not be interpreted as intention to worsen  
20 performance.

### 21 **4. 2028 Target**

22 The 2028 target is to maintain performance at or lower than  
23 84.9 minutes, based on the factors described above.

## 24 **D. (4.4) Performance Against Target**

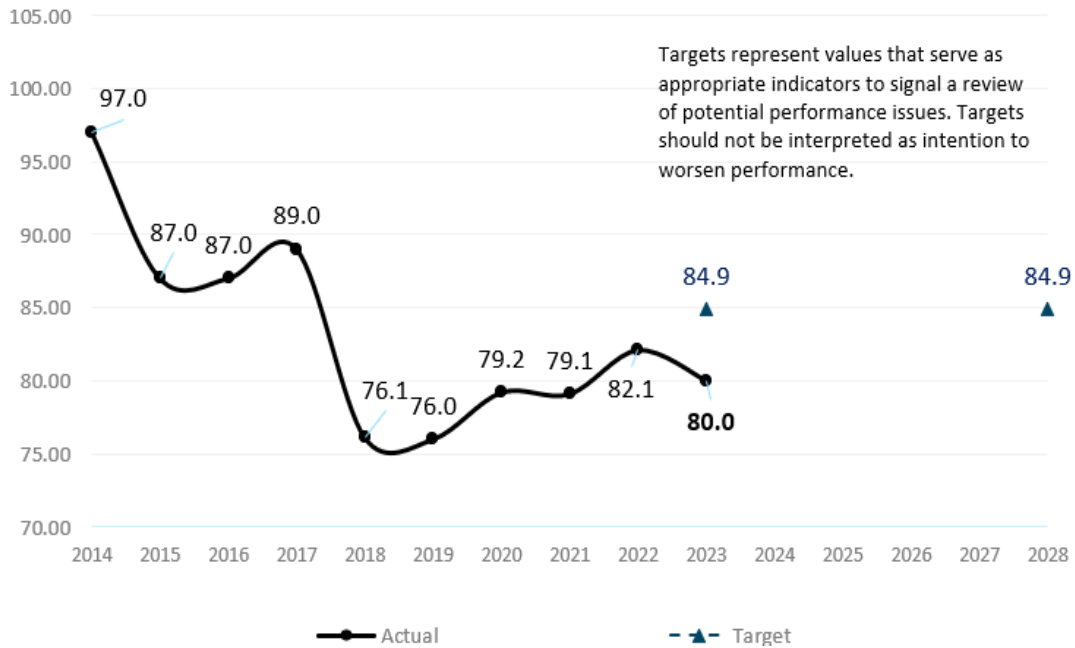
### 25 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

26 As demonstrated in Figure 4.4-2, PG&E saw a median response time of  
27 80.0 minutes in 2023 which is better than the Company's 1-year target of  
28 84.9 minutes.

### 29 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

30 As discussed in Section E, PG&E will continue mitigating the risk of loss  
31 of containment on Gas Distribution Mains and Services and employing its  
32 various programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward its 5-year  
33 target.

**FIGURE 4.4-2  
GAS SHUT IN TIME, MAINS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014- 2023 AND  
TARGETS THROUGH 2028**



1 **E. (4.4) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 PG&E will continue to drive metric progress through performance  
3 management and supervisor-out-in-the-field initiatives. This metric will continue  
4 to mitigate the risk of loss of containment on Gas Distribution Main or Service by  
5 reducing distribution pipeline rupture with ignition.

6 The metric is supported by the following programs which focus on improving  
7 public safety: Field Services and Gas Maintenance and Construction (M&C).

- 8 • Gas Field Service: Field Service responds to gas service requests, which  
9 include investigation reports of possible gas leaks, carbon monoxide  
10 monitoring, customer requests for starts and stops of gas service, appliance  
11 pilot re-lights, appliance safety checks, as well as emergency situations as  
12 first responders.
- 13 • Gas Maintenance and Construction: Gas M&C performs routine  
14 maintenance of PG&E’s gas distribution facilities, which includes emergency  
15 response due to dig-ins, as well as leak repairs.

16 The following process improvement initiatives have been implemented to  
17 help achieve metric results:

- 1 • Enhanced plastic squeeze capability from approximately 50 percent to all  
2 GSRs for < 1.5” plastic pipe.
- 3 • Purchased and implemented emergency trailers in every division, allowing  
4 for emergency equipment to be accessed quickly and easily.
- 5 • Purchased additional steel squeezers for 2-8” steel pipe (housed on  
6 emergency trailers).
- 7 • Implemented Emergency Management tool (EM tool) to alert maintenance  
8 and construction (M&C) of SITG events when notified by third-party  
9 emergency organizations.
- 10 • Established concurrent response protocol (dispatch M&C and Field Service  
11 resources) when notified by emergency agencies. Utility Procedure  
12 TD-6100P-03 Major Gas Event Response: Fire, Explosion, and Gas Pipeline  
13 Rupture was updated in 2021 to align with PG&E’s response and  
14 communication protocols.
- 15 • Implemented 30-60-90-120+ minute communication protocols between Gas  
16 Distribution Control Center and Incident Commander to ensure consistent  
17 communication and issue escalation during events; and  
18 The following process improvement initiatives are on-going to help achieve  
19 metric results:
  - 20 • [Daily Operating Reviews to identify deviations from the targets for the](#)  
21 [previous 24 hours and identify countermeasures for continuous](#)  
22 [improvement.](#)
  - 23 • [Weekly Operating Review meetings weekly to share best practices and](#)  
24 [review long duration events.](#)
  - 25 • Provide yearly plastic squeeze training for all Field Service employees as  
26 part of Operator Qualification refresher.
  - 27 • [Live action drills to simulate emergency scenarios, practicing isolation](#)  
28 [procedures and documenting lessons learned.](#)

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12                   defined as:

13                   *Median time to shut-in gas when an uncontrolled or unplanned gas*  
14                   *release occurs on a service. The data used to determine the median time*  
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7 of damages impacting gas mains from PG&E distribution network. It does  
8 not include instances where a qualified representative determines that the  
9 reported leak is not hazardous, or a leak does not exist.

## 10 **B. (4.5) Metric Performance**

### 11 **1. Historical Data (2014 – 2023)**

12 Historical data for Shut-In the gas (SITG) Services metric is available for  
13 the period 2014 – 2023. The data captures the median time that a qualified  
14 first responder is required to respond and stop gas flow during incidents  
15 involving an unplanned and uncontrolled release of gas on services. This  
16 data includes incidents related to distribution services and related  
17 components such as service lines, valves, risers, and meters due to  
18 third party dig-ins, vehicle impacts, explosion, pipe rupture, and material  
19 failure.

20 Before 2014, PG&E used a decentralized emergency process to  
21 manage emergencies, i.e., each division used its own resources like  
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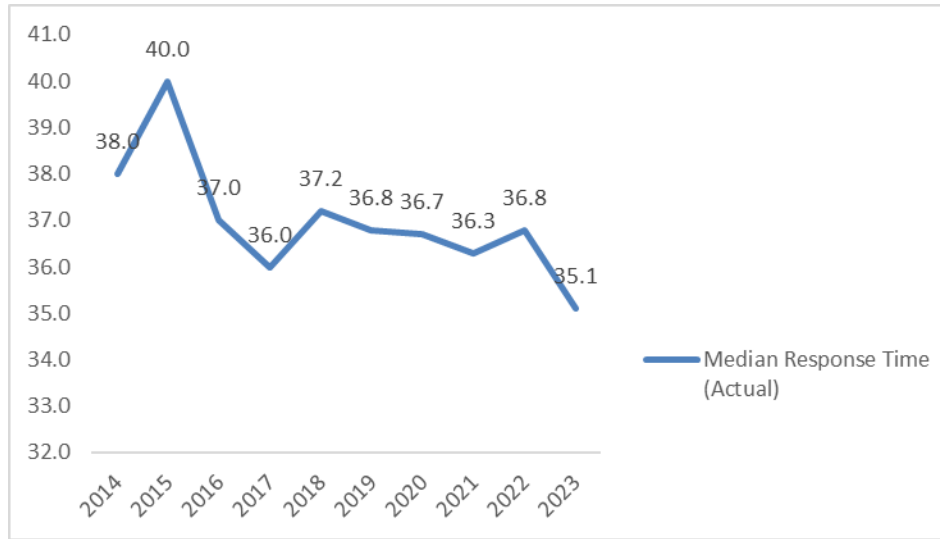
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7 collect incident information and allows PG&E to run reports and retrieve  
8 historical information. There are distinct types of incidents recorded in the  
9 EMT: explosions, corrosion, cross bore, pipe damage, dig-ins, evacuations,  
10 exposed pipe—no gas leak, fires, gas leaks (including Grade 1), high  
11 concentration areas, Hi/Lo pressures, material failure, pipe ruptures, vehicle  
12 impacts, among others. The EMT provides access to the latest information  
13 on an incident. All emergency data is consolidated and stored in one place.

### 14 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

15 The range of data available to calculate the historical SITG median time  
16 for Services is from 2014 to 2023. [Over this reporting period, performance  
17 improved, decreasing from 38.0 minutes in 2014 to 35.1 minutes in 2023.](#)  
18 [This response time represents an improvement of 4 percent compared to  
19 same period in 2022. This improvement is due to strategically prearranging  
20 construction crews in locations with high frequency of damages after  
21 business hours and weekends, understanding root causes for long shut-in  
22 time incidents, sharing best practices system wide during weekly  
23 performance review calls, and First Responders personnel squeezing  
24 services on arrival when possible.](#)

**FIGURE 4.5-1  
GAS SHUT IN TIME, SERVICES MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014-2023**



1 **C. (4.5) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1-Year and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 PG&E proposes to keep the 1-year and 5-year targets flat, compared  
 4 to 2023 target of 40.2 minutes. This recommendation is to prioritize the  
 5 safety of our customers, employees, and to minimize service disruptions by  
 6 allowing PG&E personnel to make informed shut-in gas isolation decisions  
 7 according to field conditions rather than hastily take actions to shut-in the  
 8 gas to meet a more stringent target.

9 **2. Target Methodology**

10 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the  
 11 following factors:

- 12 • Historical Data and Trends: The target is based on the average of the  
 13 2018 - 2021 median historical data, plus 10 percent. The four-year  
 14 period was used because 2018 was when the FAS system was first  
 15 utilized, and this data period is consistent with current operational  
 16 practices. The use of 10 percent allows for non-significant variability,  
 17 and accounts for the consideration of risk during shut in events;
- 18 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 19 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 20 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;

- 1 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
2 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the  
3 2018-2021 annual median response time plus 10 percent is a  
4 sustainable assumption for maintaining the improvement from  
5 2018-2023 time-frame plus room for non-significant variability; and
- 6 • Other Qualitative Considerations: Reducing shut in time to the lowest  
7 possible result is not necessarily the best approach from a public safety  
8 standpoint, and there is consideration of risk in various situations. In  
9 some instances, the safest decision for our employees and the public is  
10 to allow the gas to escape before crews shut it off.

### 11 **3. 2024 Target**

12 The 2024 target is to maintain performance at or lower than  
13 40.2 minutes based on the factors described above. This target was  
14 established to account for the consideration of risk in various situations and  
15 aligns with our commitment to the safe operations of our assets. This target  
16 represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a review of potential  
17 performance issues. Target should not be interpreted as intention to worsen  
18 performance.

### 19 **4. 2028 Target**

20 The 2028 target is to maintain performance at or lower than  
21 40.2 minutes based on the factors described above.

## 22 **D. (4.5) Performance Against Target**

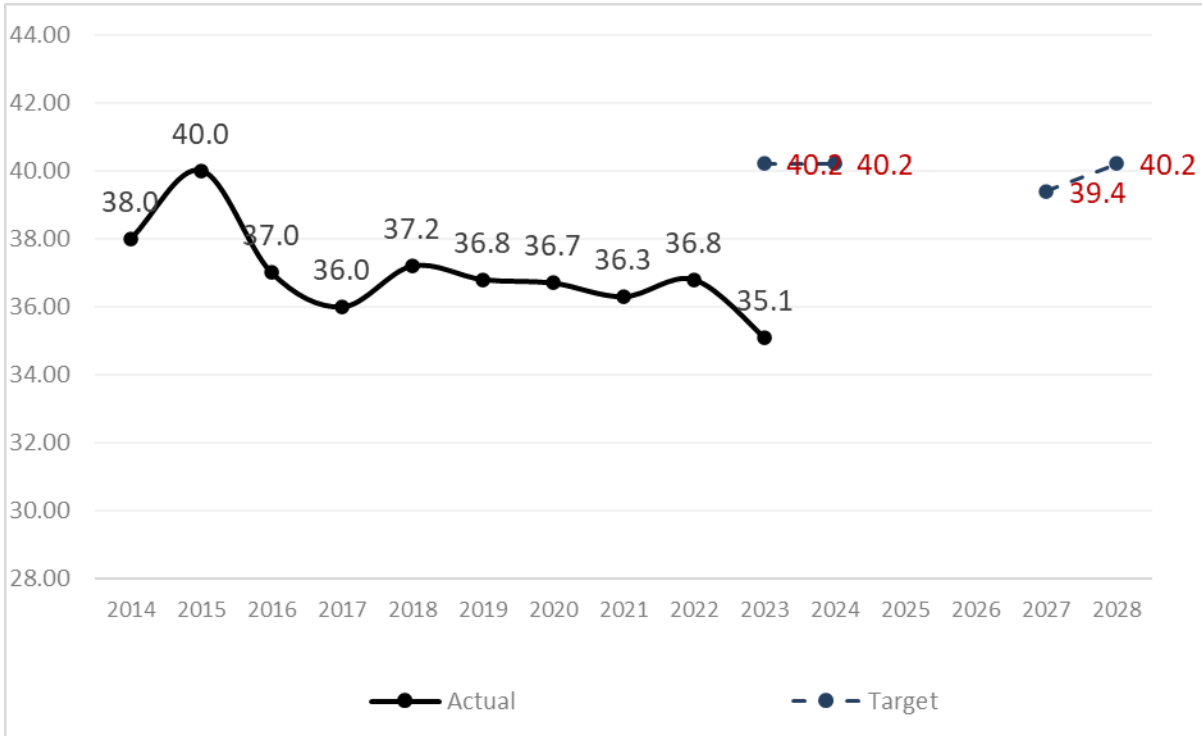
### 23 **1. Maintain Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

24 As demonstrated in Figure 4.5-2, PG&E saw a median response time of  
25 35.1 minutes in 2023, which is better than the Company's 1-year target of  
26 40.2 minutes.

### 27 **2. Maintain Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

28 As discussed in Section E, PG&E will continue mitigating the risk of loss  
29 of containment on Gas Distribution Mains and Services and employing its  
30 various programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward its 5-year  
31 target.

**FIGURE 4.5-2  
GAS SHUT IN TIME, SERVICES MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014- 2023 AND  
TARGETS THROUGH 2028**



1 **E. Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 PG&E will continue to drive metric progress through performance  
 3 management and supervisor-out-in-the-field initiatives. This metric will continue  
 4 to mitigate the risk of loss of containment on Gas Distribution Main or Service by  
 5 reducing distribution pipeline rupture with ignition.

6 The metric is supported by the following programs which focus on improving  
 7 public safety: Field Services and Gas Maintenance and Construction (M&C).

- 8 • Gas Field Service: Field Service responds to gas service requests, which  
 9 include investigation reports of possible gas leaks, carbon monoxide  
 10 monitoring, customer requests for starts and stops of gas service, appliance  
 11 pilot re-lights, appliance safety checks, as well as emergency situations as  
 12 first responders.
- 13 • Gas M&C: Gas M&C performs routine maintenance of PG&E’s gas  
 14 distribution facilities, which includes emergency response due to dig-ins, as  
 15 well as leak repairs.

1           The following process improvement initiatives have been implemented to  
2 help achieve metric results:

- 3       • Enhanced plastic squeeze capability from approximately 50 percent to all  
4       GSRs for < 1.5” plastic pipe.
- 5       • Purchased and implemented emergency trailers in every division, allowing  
6       for emergency equipment to be accessed quickly and easily.
- 7       • Purchased additional steel squeezers for 2-8” steel pipe (housed on  
8       emergency trailers);
- 9       • Implemented Emergency Management tool (EM tool) to alert M&C of SITG  
10      events when notified by third-party emergency organizations.
- 11     • Established concurrent response protocol (dispatch M&C and Field Service  
12      resources) when notified by emergency agencies. Utility Procedure  
13      TD-6100P-03 Major Gas Event Response: Fire, Explosion, and Gas  
14      Pipeline Rupture was updated in 2021 to align with PG&E’s response and  
15      communication protocols; and
- 16     • Implemented 30-60-90-120+ minute communication protocols between  
17      GDCC and Incident Commander to ensure consistent communication and  
18      issue escalation during events.

19           The following process improvement initiatives are on-going to help achieve  
20 metric results:

- 21     • [Daily Operating Reviews to identify deviations from the targets for the](#)  
22      [previous 24 hours and identify countermeasures for continuous](#)  
23      [improvement.](#)
- 24     • [Weekly Operating Review meetings weekly to share best practices and](#)  
25      [review long duration events.](#)
- 26     • Provide yearly plastic squeeze training for all Field Service employees as  
27      part of Operator Qualification refresher.
- 28     • [Live action drills to simulate emergency scenarios, practicing isolation](#)  
29      [procedures and documenting lessons learned.](#)



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8                   identified in blue font.  
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10 **A. (4.6) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 4.6 – Uncontrolled Release of  
13                   Gas on Transmission Pipelines is defined as:

14                   *The number of leaks, ruptures, or other loss of containment on*  
15                   *transmission lines for the reporting period, including gas releases reported*  
16                   *under Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 191.3.*

17       **2. Introduction of Metric**

18                   This metric tracks the total number of Grade 1, 2, and 3 leaks, as well as  
19                   ruptures and other losses of containment on gas transmission (GT)  
20                   pipelines. Leaks are an important indicator because each leak's  
21                   uncontrolled flow of gas into the surrounding area can increase the  
22                   consequence of incidents and cause disruption to our customers' gas  
23                   service. Leaks are also an important indicator in evaluating the likelihood for  
24                   where other incidents could occur due to similar criteria or conditions.

25 **B. (4.6) Metric Performance**

26       **1. Historical Data (2016 – 2023)**

27                   Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) started by reviewing six  
28                   years of historical data, comprising the years 2016 through 2021. In  
29                   evaluating the data, PG&E noted changes in detection capabilities and  
30                   frequency of surveys for the years after 2018. For this reason, the data  
31                   used to develop these metrics is focused on 2019-2021.

1       **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2               Leak data is managed and pulled by the PG&E Leak Survey Process  
3 team. This data is extracted from PG&E’s GCM013 report using SAP data.  
4 This report aggregates all leaks found during the reporting period including  
5 the location, line type, and grade of leak. Original grade is used for the  
6 metric criteria because it is not subject to change even if the leak condition  
7 or status changes due to regrade, cancelation, or repair.

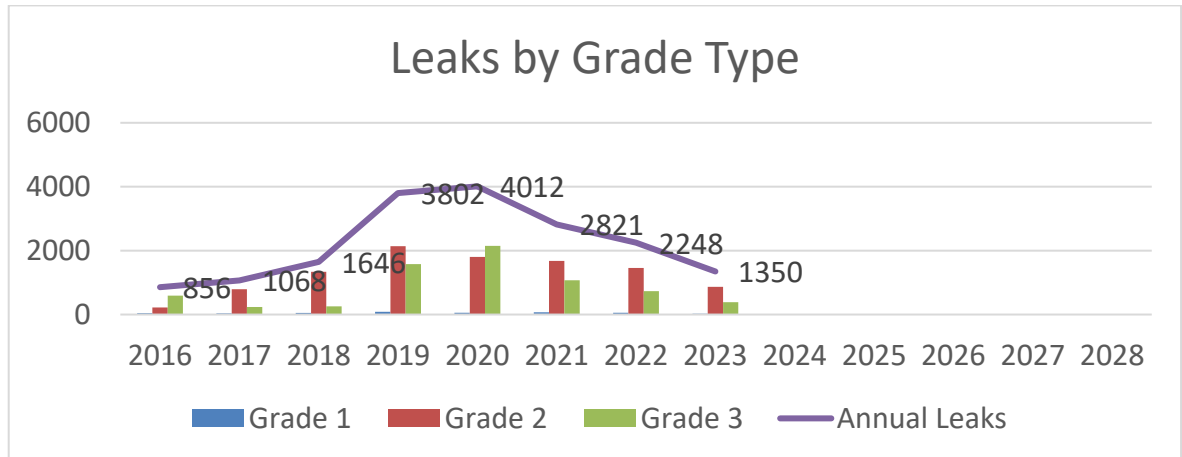
8               In addition, transmission incidents reported to Pipeline and Hazardous  
9 Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) that meet the incident reporting  
10 definition in CFR 191.3 are considered for metric inclusion. These events  
11 may be leaks, ruptures, or other incidents. For each reporting period, PG&E  
12 will review any transmission incidents reported to PHMSA and compare  
13 against the GCM013 leaks using available information like incident location  
14 (Route/MP, latitude/longitude, or street address) and date/time of incident to  
15 remove any duplicates between the two datasets.

16       **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

17               The annual count of all leaks, ruptures, and loss of containment had  
18 been increasing steadily since 2016, with the largest increase seen from  
19 2018 to 2019. This increase is primarily due to a California Air Resources  
20 Board (CARB) rule change which requires more frequent leak surveys. The  
21 increase has improved visibility and resulted in a larger leak dataset relative  
22 to prior years. In March 2017, CARB finalized and approved the Oil and  
23 Gas Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Rule codified under California Code of  
24 Regulations, Title 17, Division 3, Chapter 1, Subchapter 10, “Climate  
25 Change,” Article 4. Effective January 1, 2018, the GHG Rule covers  
26 emission standards, including, but not limited to, stringent leak detection and  
27 repair requirements for facilities in certain Oil and Gas sectors. This rule  
28 applies to PG&E’s underground natural gas storage facilities and GT  
29 compressor stations. As a result, PG&E performs a quarterly leak survey at  
30 the impacted facilities and performs leak repairs based on CARB’s repair  
31 timelines. [The 1,350 year-to-date \(YTD\) leaks for 2023 are trending down](#)  
32 [compared to 2,248 YTD leaks for the same period in 2022.](#) The proactive  
33 maintenance performed, and replacement of components as required by

1 CARB Oil and Gas Rule have contributed to the overall decline in  
2 transmission leaks recorded in 2023.

**FIGURE 4.6-1  
LEAKS BY GRADE TYPE 2016- 2023**



3 **C. Note: Data has been corrected from 2022.(4.6) 1-Year Target and 5-Year**  
4 **Target**

5 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

6 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year target  
7 methodology since the last SOMs report filing. Applying this methodology,  
8 the targets have been updated as described below.

9 **2. Target Methodology**

10 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the  
11 following factors:

- 12 • Historical Data and Trends: The targets are based on annual 1 percent  
13 reduction starting with the average of the three years of historical data  
14 between 2019-2021. Those three years were used as the timeframe  
15 most representative of current leak survey practices.
- 16 • Benchmarking: Not available.
- 17 • Regulatory Requirements: None.
- 18 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes.
- 19 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
20 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the past

1 three years (2019 – 2021) is a sustainable assumption and allows for  
2 non-significant variability; and

- 3 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The target also takes into  
4 consideration that the results for this metric may fluctuate based on  
5 miles of leak surveys performed. The number of leaks found has a  
6 correlative relationship to the miles of leak surveys performed. While  
7 this is a positive impact for risk visibility and mitigation, it can be a driver  
8 of varying trends appearing in the results.

### 9 **3. 2024 Target**

10 The 2024 target is to maintain performance at or lower than 3,474 leaks,  
11 ruptures, or other loss of containment on GT pipelines. This proposed target  
12 is based on the average of total leaks found from 2019-2021 (3,545 leaks,  
13 ruptures, or other loss of containment on GT pipelines). Then the 1%  
14 annual reduction is applied to this baseline target which could be impacted  
15 by the factors described above, see Figure 4.6.2. This target aligns with our  
16 commitment to the safe operations of our assets. This target represents an  
17 appropriate indicator light to signal a review of potential performance issues.  
18 Even though the target is set at a performance level worse than 2023  
19 performance, it should not be interpreted as intention to worsen  
20 performance.

### 21 **4. 2028 Target**

22 The 2028 target is to maintain performance at or lower than  
23 3,336 events, which reflects a continued focus on improvement year over  
24 year and is based on the factors described above.

## 25 **D. (4.6) Performance Against Target**

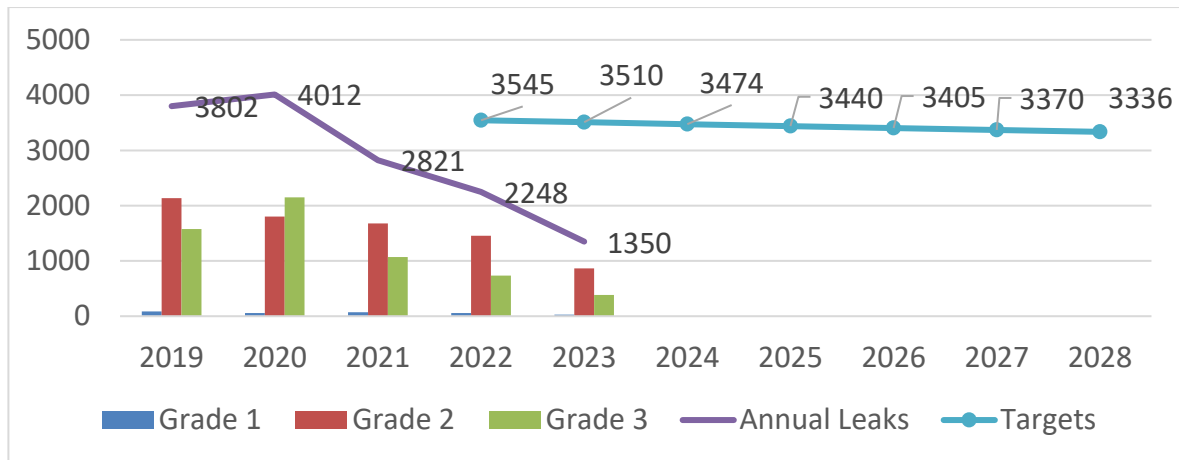
### 26 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

27 Figure 4.6-3 demonstrates that PG&E identified 1,350 leaks in 2023,  
28 which is 62 percent less than the Company's 1-year target of 3,510 leaks.

### 29 **2. Progress Towards/Deviation From the 5-Year Target**

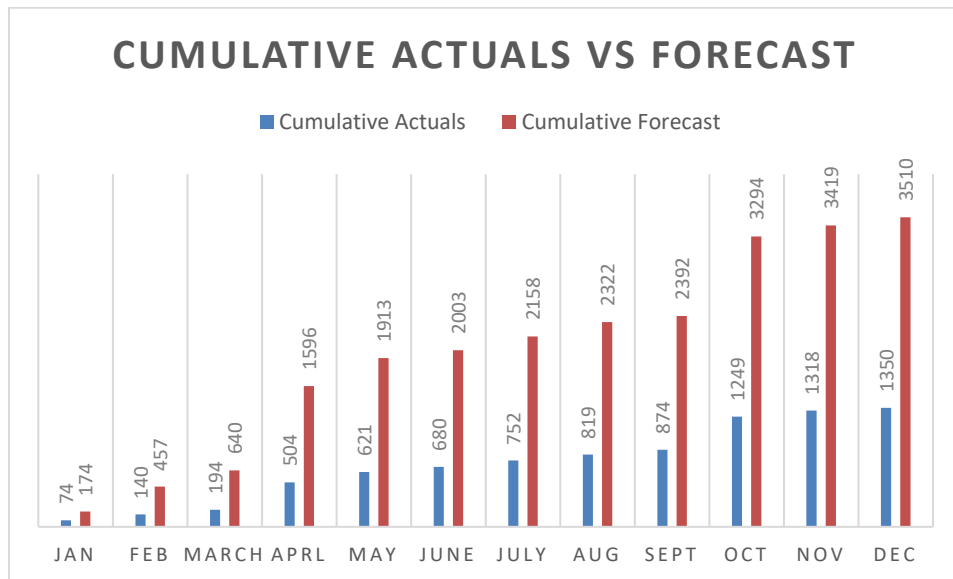
30 As discussed in Section E, PG&E continues using surveys and  
31 assessments, risk mitigation, and its programs to achieve the Company's  
32 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 4.6-2  
LEAKS BY GRADE TYPE 2019- 2023 AND TARGETS THROUGH 2028**



Note: Data corrected for 2022.

**FIGURE 4.6-3  
UNCONTROLLED RELEASE OF GAS INCIDENTS IN 2023**



1 **E. (4.6) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 The primary programs that support the risk reduction goals of this metric are  
3 Transmission Integrity Management and Leak Management.

- 4 • Transmission Integrity Management: The Integrity Management Program  
5 provides the tools and processes for risk ranking and prioritization of  
6 remediation efforts. This program enables PG&E to focus on identifying and  
7 remediating threats to its system. The Transmission Integrity Management

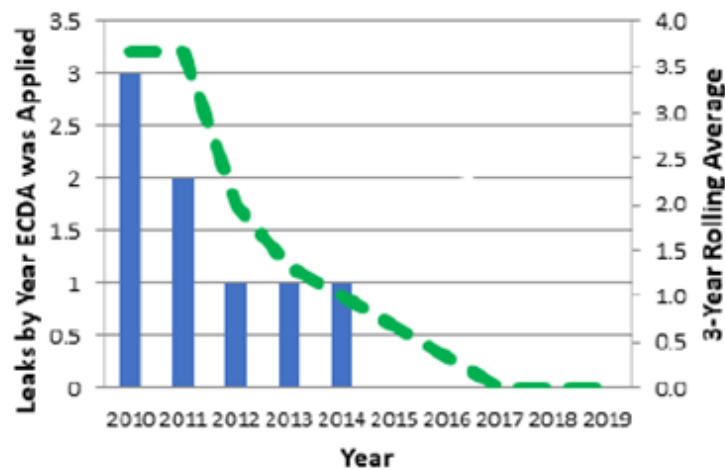
1 Program (TIMP) assesses the threats on every segment of transmission  
2 pipe, evaluates the associated risks, and acts to prevent or mitigate these  
3 threats. The TIMP approach for assessing risk is based on methodologies  
4 consistent with American Society of Mechanical Engineers B31.8S and is in  
5 compliance with 49 CFR Part 192 Subpart O. Many of PG&E's programs  
6 that mitigate, and control transmission pipe asset risks are developed and  
7 managed within the TIMP program. Examples of assessments or mitigative  
8 work that contribute to reducing or preventing significant incidents include  
9 strength testing, inline inspection, direct assessment, direct examination,  
10 and pipe replacement.

- 11 • Leak Management: The Leak Management Program addresses the risk of  
12 Loss of Containment (LOC) by finding and fixing leaks. PG&E performs leak  
13 survey of the GT and storage system twice per year, by either ground or  
14 aerial methods in accordance with General Order 112-F. Leak surveys of  
15 pipeline and equipment are commonly accomplished on foot or vehicle, by  
16 operator-qualified personnel, using a portable methane gas leak detector.  
17 Aerial leak surveys, in remote locations and areas difficult to access on the  
18 ground, are performed by helicopter using Light Detection and Ranging  
19 Infrared technology. Additional activities that complement the TIMP include  
20 risk-based leak surveys, mobile leak quantification, and replacing/removing  
21 high bleed pneumatic devices at its compressor stations and storage  
22 facilities.
- 23 • In-line Inspection (ILI): In-line inspection is the most effective integrity  
24 assessment tool for identifying and repairing pipe anomalies whose  
25 continued growth could result in loss of containment. To utilize ILI, a  
26 pipeline must be upgraded to allow the passage of the ILI tools. PG&E  
27 plans on performing ILI upgrades at a pace of 4 upgrades per year. At the  
28 end of 2023, PG&E has 50.5 percent of the system capable of ILI. Work  
29 during the 2023 rate case period will contribute to PG&E's overall goal of  
30 upgrading the system so that 65 percent of PG&E's GT pipeline miles, are  
31 capable of ILI by end of 2038.
- 32 • External Corrosion Direct Assessment (ECDA): PG&E has assessed the  
33 effectiveness of its ECDA Program by evaluating the leak rates on pipe  
34 where ECDA has previously been applied, and by tracking the number of



1 immediate indications found during the ECDA surveys. Both indicators are  
 2 trending down over time. Figure 5-4 shows the leaks found over time in  
 3 locations where ECDA was previously applied. The significant decline over  
 4 time, indicates that the ECDA Program is reducing leaks. PG&E expects to  
 5 conduct ECDA indirect inspections on approximately 268 miles of  
 6 transmission pipeline in HCAs during the rate case period.

**FIGURE 4.6-4  
 LEAK REDUCTION OVER TIME BY ECDA**



- 7 • Close Interval Survey: PG&E also has a Close Interval Survey (CIS)  
 8 Program targeted at monitoring the effectiveness of the transmission  
 9 pipelines' cathodic protection (CP) systems by reading the CP levels  
 10 between the annual monitoring locations. This program annually assesses  
 11 8-10 percent of PG&E's gas transmission pipelines. Assessing the levels of  
 12 CP between test points provides increased confidence that the readings  
 13 obtained at test stations reflect conditions along the entire system and  
 14 enable PG&E to make CP adjustments where CIS indicates additional CP is  
 15 warranted. CIS is recognized as a best practice to assess CP along the  
 16 entire pipeline, verify electrical isolation, and identify potential interference  
 17 gradients that may compromise the integrity of the system.
- 18 • Strength Testing: Strength tests reduce significant loss of containment  
 19 incidents like ruptures by confirming the integrity of a pipeline at its

1 Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP). They are conducted as a  
2 qualifying test for MAOP reconfirmation and for integrity assessments when:

- 3 – Class location changes.
- 4 – A Section of pipe lacks a Traceable, Verifiable, and Complete (TVC)  
5 record of a test that supports the MAOP; or
- 6 – As an integrity assessment to verify pipeline integrity.

7 Currently, approximately 90 percent of PG&E's GT pipelines have a  
8 valid strength test. PG&E's plan is to continue to perform strength tests on  
9 all HCA pipe that lack a TVC test record, and where the pipeline requires  
10 MAOP reconfirmation under the new federal regulations. Locations  
11 operating over 30 percent specified minimum yield strength will be the  
12 highest priority. This work will also enable PG&E to confirm the MAOP of all  
13 gas transmission lines in HCAs, Class 3 and 4 locations and MCAs requiring  
14 assessment by July 2035.

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9   **A. (4.7) Overview**

10   **1. Metric Definition**

11                   Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 4.7 – Time to Resolve Hazardous  
12                   Conditions (TRHC) is described as:

13                   *Median response time to resolve Grade 1 leaks. Time starts when the*  
14                   *utility first receives the report and ends when a utility’s qualified*  
15                   *representative determines, per the utility’s emergency standards, that the*  
16                   *reported leak is not hazardous or the utility’s representative completes*  
17                   *actions to mitigate a hazardous leak and render it as being non-hazardous*  
18                   *(i.e., by shutting-off gas supply, eliminating subsurface leak migration,*  
19                   *repair, etc.) per the utility’s standards.*

20                   The data used to determine the Median Time shall be provided in  
21                   increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c) as supplemental  
22                   information, not as a metric.

23   **2. Introduction of Metric**

24                   The measurement of TRHC captures the duration of time required to  
25                   mitigate hazardous gas leak conditions. These leak conditions are  
26                   associated with the public safety risk of loss of containment on Gas  
27                   Distribution Main or Service. Performance aims for faster resolution times  
28                   as a measure of prevention resulting in lower risk of an incident impacting  
29                   public safety and minimized interruption to the gas business and customers.  
30                   It is imperative that we promptly and effectively resolve any hazardous  
31                   conditions on our distribution network while balancing timeliness, customer  
32                   outages, and employee safety. Long duration blowing gas events have the  
33                   potential to negatively impact public safety if an ignition source is present, as  
34                   well as it poses a risk if migration into sub-surface structures occurs.

1 **B. (4.7) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2018 – 2023)**

3 Historical data for TRHC Grade 1 Leaks metric is available for  
4 2018- 2023. The data captures the time that a qualified first responder  
5 requires to respond and stop gas flow due to Grade 1 leaks. This data  
6 includes leaks identified in our distribution system and includes all facility  
7 types, i.e., customer facilities, service and main pipelines, meters, regulator  
8 stations, service risers, valves. It includes leaks identified by Pacific Gas  
9 and Electric Company (PG&E) personnel only and with a final resolution of  
10 leak repaired.

11 Before 2014, PG&E used a decentralized emergency process to  
12 manage emergencies (i.e., each division used its own resources like  
13 mappers, planners, among others to track and manage emergencies).  
14 Similarly, support organizations like Dispatch, Mapping and Planning used  
15 their own management tools to help schedule and manage emergency  
16 information. Dispatch used a management tool called Outage Management  
17 that recorded times at various stages of the process (i.e., when the  
18 emergency call came in, when the Gas Service Representative arrived at  
19 the site, when the leak was isolated, etc.). The Distribution Control Room  
20 used a tool called Gas Logging System to record incoming information.

21 In 2014, a centralized process was implemented to allow Distribution,  
22 Transmission, Dispatch, Planning and Mapping personnel to be co located  
23 and work together as a team to manage emergencies. This centralized  
24 process also allowed the development of the Event Management Tool  
25 (EMT) system which was implemented in 2018.

26 PG&E started tracking gas flow stop times for Grade 1 leaks in 2018  
27 although this has not been a mandatory requirement, except when the  
28 incident is California Public Utilities Commission or Department of  
29 Transportation reportable.

30 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

31 The EMT is currently used as the official system to track gas  
32 emergencies from start to finish. The EMT provides access to latest

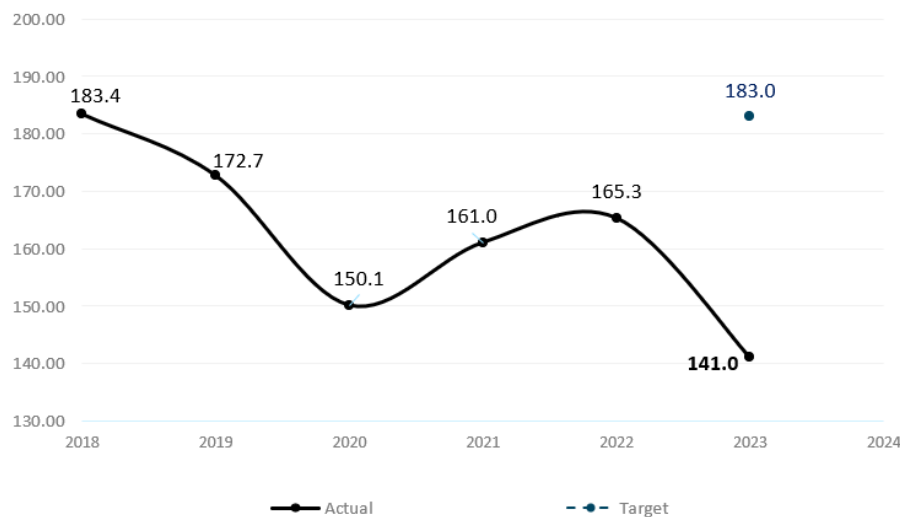
1 information on an incident. All emergency data is consolidated and stored in  
2 one place.

3 The EMT is used by Dispatch and Gas Distribution Control Center  
4 teams to create emergency events and collect incident information. It also  
5 allows us to run reports and retrieve historical information. There are  
6 distinct types of incidents recorded in the EMT: explosions, corrosion, cross  
7 bore, pipe damage, dig-ins, evacuations, exposed pipe—no gas leak, fires,  
8 gas leaks (including Grade 1), high concentration areas, Hi/Lo pressures,  
9 material failure, pipe ruptures, vehicle impacts, among others. No  
10 transmission events are included in the metric.

### 11 **3. Metric Performance for Reporting Period**

12 The range of data available to calculate the historical TRHC for Grade 1  
13 leaks is from 2018 to 2023. In this timeframe, performance improved  
14 significantly, decreasing from 183.4 minutes in 2018 to 141.0 minutes in  
15 2023. The performance in 2023 represents a 14.7 percent improvement  
16 over the performance of 165.3 minutes in 2022. This improvement is due to  
17 strategically prearranging construction crews in locations with high  
18 frequency of Grade 1 leaks after business hours and weekends,  
19 understanding root causes for long shut-in time incidents, sharing best  
20 practices system wide during weekly performance review calls, and  
21 improved partnership between Field Service and Maintenance and  
22 Construction (M&C) organizations.

**FIGURE 4.7-1  
TIME TO RESOLVE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2018-2023**



**C. (4.7) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

**1. Updates to 1- and-5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

The 2024 target is set to the 2023 target minus 0.5 minutes for annual improvement. The 2028 target demonstrates a continued focus on improvement by reducing an additional 0.5 minutes each subsequent year.

**2. Target Methodology**

To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the following factors:

- Historical Data and Trends: The target is based on the average of the 2018-2021 historical data, plus 10 percent. The four-year period was used because 2018 is the first year of available historical data. The use of 10 percent allows for non-significant variability, as well as unknown variability given that this is a new metric that has not been well measured and tracked in the past.
- Benchmarking: Not available.
- Regulatory Requirements: None.
- Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes.
- Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the 2018-2021 period, plus 10 percent, is a sustainable assumption for



1 maintaining the improvement from 2018-2023 time-frame, plus room for  
2 non-significant variability and other unknown variables; and

- 3 • Other Qualitative Considerations: This is a new metric to PG&E that  
4 has not yet been closely tracked or well understood.

### 5 **3. 2024 Target**

6 The 2024 target is to maintain performance at or lower than 182.5 minutes  
7 based on the factors described above. 2024 Target is the 2023 target minus  
8 0.5 minute for annual improvement. This target aligns with our commitment  
9 to the safe operations of our assets. This target represents an appropriate  
10 indicator light to signal a review of potential performance issues. Target  
11 should not be interpreted as intention to worsen performance.

### 12 **4. 2028 Target**

13 The 2028 Target is to maintain performance at or lower than 180.5 minutes  
14 based on the factors described above along with stepped improvement of  
15 0.5 minutes year-over-year.

## 16 **D. (4.7) Performance Against Target**

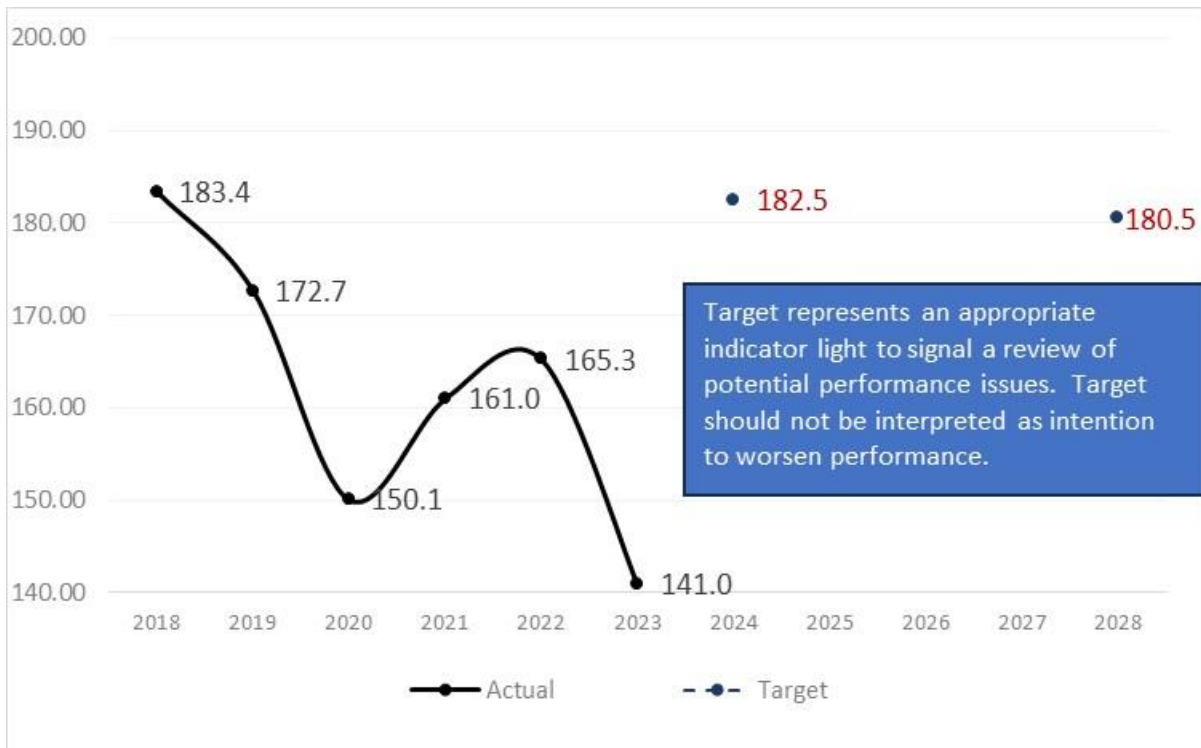
### 17 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

18 As demonstrated in Figure 4.7-2, PG&E saw a median response time of  
19 141.0 minutes in 2023 which is better than the Company's one-year target.

### 20 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

21 As discussed in Section E, PG&E will continue mitigating the risk of loss of  
22 containment on Gas Distribution Mains and Services and employing its  
23 various programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward its five-year  
24 target.

**FIGURE 4.7-2  
TIME TO RESOLVE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2018-2023 AND  
TARGETS THROUGH 2028**



1 **E. (4.7) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 Starting in 2022, PG&E is applying the definition as stated in  
 3 Decision 21-11-009 to existing data for further visibility. There are on-going  
 4 efforts in place to ensure traceable and verifiable data. PG&E plans to  
 5 implement SAP controls to ensure that Field Service and Maintenance and  
 6 Construction (M&C) personnel are capturing this data at each occurrence. This  
 7 will drive visibility into the metric to allow for performance management. This  
 8 metric will continue to mitigate the risk of loss of containment on Gas Distribution  
 9 Main or Service by reducing distribution pipeline rupture with ignition.

10 The metric is supported by the following programs which focus on improving  
 11 public safety: Field Services and Gas M&C.

- 12 • Gas Field Service: Field Service responds to gas service requests, which  
 13 include investigation reports of possible gas leaks, carbon monoxide  
 14 monitoring, customer requests for starts and stops of gas service, appliance  
 15 pilot re-lights, appliance safety checks, as well as emergency situations as  
 16 first responders.

- 1 • Gas M&C: Gas M&C performs routine maintenance of PG&E's gas  
2 distribution facilities, which includes emergency response due to dig-ins, as  
3 well as leak repairs.

4 The following process improvement initiatives are on-going to help achieve  
5 metric results:

- 6 • Daily Operating Reviews to identify deviations from the targets for the  
7 previous 24hrs and identify countermeasures for continuous improvement.  
8 • Weekly Operating Review meetings weekly to share best practices and  
9 review long duration events.  
10 • Provide yearly plastic squeeze training for all Field Service employees as  
11 part of Operator Qualification refresher.  
12 • Live action drills to simulate emergency scenarios, practicing isolation  
13 procedures and documenting lessons learned.

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5                   The material updates to this chapter since the October 2, 2023, report can be  
6                   found in Sections B, C, D and E. Material changes from the prior report are  
7   identified in blue font.  
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10   **A. (5.1) Overview**

11       **1. Metric Definition**

12                   Safety and Operational Metric 5.1 – Clean Energy Goals Compliance  
13                   Metric is defined as:

14                   *Progress towards Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E)*  
15                   *procurement obligations as adopted in Decision (D.) 21-06-035,*  
16                   *D.19-11-016 and any subsequent decision(s) in Rulemaking (R.) 20-05-003,*  
17                   *or a successor proceeding, updating these requirements.*

18       **2. Introduction to the Clean Energy Goals Compliance Metric**

19                   The Clean Energy Goals Compliance Metric (CEG Metric) directs PG&E  
20                   to report on its progress towards meeting the procurement obligations in the  
21                   following California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) decisions:  
22                   (1) D.19-11-016, (2) D.21-06-035, and (3) D.23-02-040 (together, the  
23                   Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Decisions).<sup>1</sup>

24                   In November 2019, the Commission issued D.19-11-016 in part to  
25                   address near-term system reliability concerns beginning in 2021.  
26                   D.19-11-016 requires incremental procurement of system-level Resource  
27                   Adequacy (RA) capacity of 3,300 megawatts (MW) by all  
28                   Commission-jurisdictional Load-Serving Entities (LSE).<sup>2</sup> In line with state

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1   See D.22-02-004 directing PG&E to make progress towards procuring a 95 MW 4-hour energy storage project at the Kern-Lamont substation and a 50 MW 4-hour energy storage project at the Mesa substation, pp. 160-162; Ordering Paragraph (OP) 13 of D.22-02-004 exempts these energy storage projects from the Clean Energy Goals Compliance Metric.

2   D.19-11-016, p. 34.

1 policy goals, the Commission also expressed a preference that LSEs pursue  
2 “preferred resources” such as new clean electricity capacity.<sup>3</sup> Of the  
3 3,300 MW procurement order, PG&E is directed to procure 716.9 MW of RA  
4 capacity on behalf of its bundled service customers with online dates  
5 between the years 2021-2023.<sup>4</sup>

6 D.19-11-016 also allowed each non-investor-owned utility (non-IOU)  
7 LSE an opportunity to “opt-out” of its procurement obligation and required  
8 notification to the Commission in February 2020 to exercise this option. On  
9 April 15, 2020, the Commission issued a ruling increasing PG&E’s  
10 procurement obligation by 48.2 MW, to an aggregated total of 765.1 MW, to  
11 account for LSE opt-outs.<sup>5</sup> PG&E is required to procure the 765.1 MW with  
12 the following online dates: 50 percent (382.6 MW) by August 1, 2021,  
13 25 percent (191.3 MW) by August 1, 2022, and 25 percent (191.3 MW) by  
14 August 1, 2023.<sup>6</sup>

15 On July 29, 2022, PG&E filed supplemental Advice Letter  
16 (AL) 6654-E-A, discussing the fact that three “opt-out” LSEs ceased serving  
17 customers in California. As stated in AL 6654-E-A, PG&E consulted with the  
18 Commission’s Energy Division, and it was determined that the total opt-out  
19 procurement obligation assigned to these three LSEs is 1.2 MW. As set  
20 forth in D.22-05-015, in the event of an “LSE bankruptcy, or any other exit  
21 from the market,” any associated costs attributable to the opt-out  
22 procurement shall be allocated to the traditional cost allocation mechanism  
23 (CAM). On January 12, 2023, the Commission adopted Resolution  
24 (Res. E-5239 and clarified that the 1.2 MW of procurement that PG&E  
25 conducted on behalf of opt-out LSEs that subsequently ceased serving

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**3** D.19-11-016, Conclusion of Law (COL) 22.

**4** D.19-11-016, OP 3.

**5** See Administrative Law Judge’s Ruling Finalizing Load Forecasts and GHG Benchmarks for Individual 2020 IRP Filings and Assigning Procurement Obligations Pursuant to D.19-11-016, issued on April 15, 2020, p. 11.

**6** Due to rounding, numbers presented throughout this chapter may not add up precisely to the totals provided.

1 customers will continue to count towards PG&E’s procurement obligation  
2 under D.19-11-016.<sup>7</sup>

3 In June 2021, the Commission issued D.21-06-035 to address the  
4 mid-term (period of 2023-2026) reliability needs of the electric grid and to  
5 help achieve the state’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets.  
6 In the decision, the Commission ordered 11,500 MW of incremental  
7 resource procurement exclusively from zero-emitting resources, unless the  
8 resource otherwise qualifies under California’s Renewables Portfolio  
9 Standard eligibility requirements.<sup>8</sup> Of this total, PG&E is required to procure  
10 2,302 MW with the following online dates: 400 MW by August 1, 2023;  
11 1,201 MW by June 1, 2024; 300 MW by June 1, 2025; and 400 MW by  
12 June 1, 2026. In addition, D.21-06-035 also required that 900 MW (of  
13 PG&E’s 2,302 MW) have specific operational characteristics to spur the  
14 development of long-duration energy storage, increase the availability of firm  
15 clean energy, and serve as a replacement source of clean energy for the  
16 retiring Diablo Canyon Power Plant.<sup>9</sup>

17 In February 2023, the Commission issued D.23-02-040 which requires  
18 incremental procurement of system-level capacity of 4,000 MW by all LSEs  
19 to address projected increases in electric demand, increasing impacts of  
20 climate change, the likelihood of additional retirements of fossil-fueled  
21 generation, and the likelihood that delays beyond 2026 of long-duration  
22 energy storage and firm clean energy (collectively, long lead-time resources)  
23 required under D.21-06-035 will be necessary. Of this total, PG&E is  
24 required to procure 777 MW with the following online dates: 388 MW by  
25 June 1, 2026; and 388 MW by June 1, 2027. The decision also revised the  
26 online dates of long lead-time resources from June 1, 2026, to June 1, 2028,  
27 for all Commission-jurisdictional LSEs.

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7 Res.E-5239, p. 11.

8 D.21-06-035, OP 1.

9 *Id.*, pp. 35-36; See also D.21-06-035, p. 56 requiring PG&E to procure 500 MW of zero-emitting resources by June 1, 2025, and 400 MW of long lead-time resources by June 1, 2026.



1 In aggregate, to date, the total amount of PG&E’s procurement ordered  
 2 under the IRP Decisions is 3,844.1 MW with online dates between  
 3 2021-2028. Table 1 outlines PG&E’s procurement obligation for each year.

**TABLE 5.1-1  
 PG&E’S TOTAL PROCUREMENT OBLIGATION PURSUANT TO THE IRP DECISIONS  
 (PRESENTED AS MW OF NET QUALIFYING CAPACITY (NQC))**

Line No.	Online Date	D.19-11-016	D.21-06-035	D.23-02-040	Total
1	8/1/2021	382.6			382.6
2	8/1/2022	191.3			191.3
3	8/1/2023	191.3	400		591.3
4	6/1/2024		1,201		1,201
5	6/1/2025		300		300
6	6/1/2026			388	388
7	6/1/2027			388	388
8	6/1/2028		400		400
9	Total	765.1	2,302	777	3,844.1

4 **3. Background on Net Qualifying Capacity**

5 For the purpose of assessing whether an LSE’s procurement obligation  
 6 has been met in accordance with the IRP Decisions, the Commission uses  
 7 capacity counting rules based on the Commission’s RA Program and the  
 8 results of effective load carrying capability (ELCC) modeling by consultants  
 9 E3 and Astrapé.<sup>10</sup> The counting rules are generally expressed as  
 10 a percentage that is applied to the nameplate capacity of the procured  
 11 resource. For example, a 4-hour energy storage resource with a nameplate  
 12 capacity of 100 MW can count 90.7 MW towards an LSE’s 2024 requirement  
 13 (100 MW \* 90.7 percent ELCC = 90.7 MW of NQC). PG&E’s procurement  
 14 progress in this report is presented as MW of NQC based on the applicable  
 15 counting rules and guidance provided by the Commission.<sup>11</sup>

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10 See D.21-06-035, p. 71 and D.23-02-040, pp. 28-29.

11 See the Incremental ELCC Study for Mid-Term Reliability Procurement (January 2023 Update), p. 10 at: [https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energy-division/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-plan-irp-ltpp/20230210\\_irp\\_e3\\_astrape\\_updated\\_incremental\\_elcc\\_study.pdf](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energy-division/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-plan-irp-ltpp/20230210_irp_e3_astrape_updated_incremental_elcc_study.pdf); See also the Staff Memo on Incremental ELCC to be Used for Mid-Term Reliability Procurement (D.21-06-035) at: [https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energy-division/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-plan-irp-ltpp/2023-02-irp\\_mtr\\_elccs-public\\_transmittal\\_memo\\_v1.pdf](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energy-division/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-plan-irp-ltpp/2023-02-irp_mtr_elccs-public_transmittal_memo_v1.pdf).

1 **B. (5.1) Metric Performance**

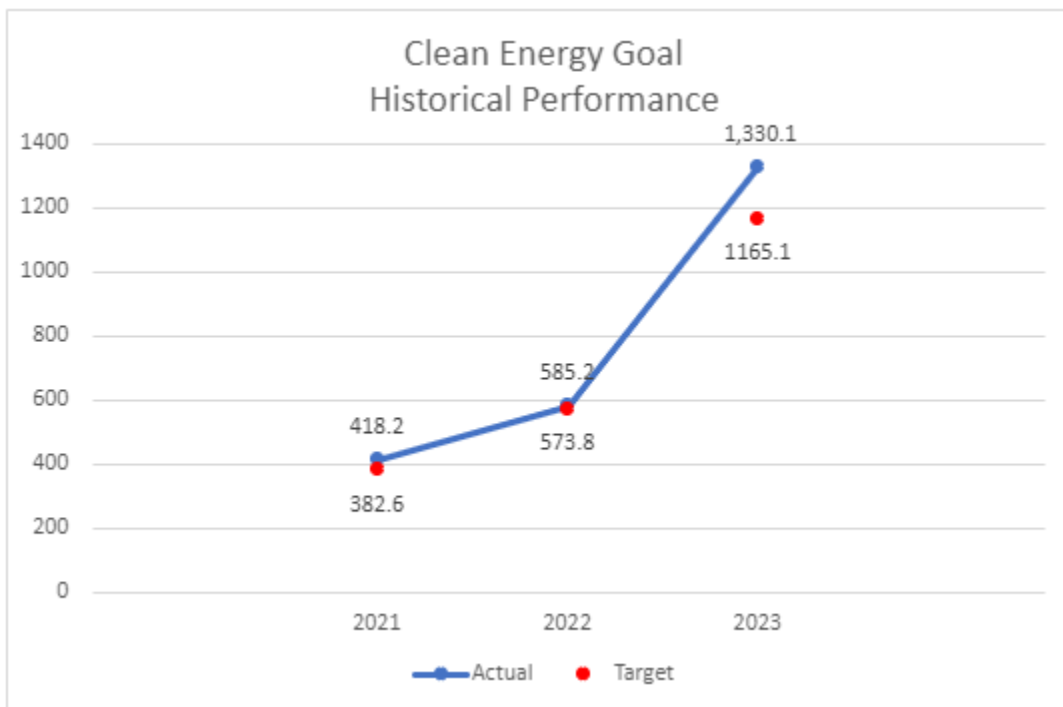
2 **1. Historical Data**

3 Pursuant to the IRP Decisions, resource procurement obligations and  
4 compliance milestones began in 2021. The projects pertaining to PG&E's  
5 resource procurement obligations and compliance milestone date  
6 requirements of August 1, 2021, August 1, 2022, and August 1, 2023 have  
7 all achieved commercial operation.

**TABLE 5.1-2  
PG&E'S HISTORICAL METRIC PERFORMANCE (MW OF NQC)**

Line No.	Online Date	Total Procurement Obligation	Actual Procured Capacity
1	8/1/2021	382.6	418.2
2	8/1/2022	573.8	585.2
3	8/1/2023	1165.1	1330.1

**FIGURE 5.1-1  
PG&E'S HISTORICAL METRIC PERFORMANCE (MW OF NQC)**



8 PG&E relies upon three main sources of available data to monitor its  
9 procurement progress toward the IRP Decisions: (1) the baseline list of

1 resources used to establish the procurement targets, (2) Commission rules  
2 and guidance on determining the MW of NQC, and (3) PG&E's internal  
3 database containing all of its energy procurement contracts approved by the  
4 Commission.

- 5 1) Baseline List of Resources: In establishing the procurement targets in  
6 the IRP Decisions, the Commission established baseline assumptions of  
7 resources available to meet system reliability needs. LSEs must  
8 demonstrate that the MW of NQC of the procured resource, new and/or  
9 existing, are incremental to the Commission's baseline assumptions.<sup>12</sup>  
10 PG&E uses this information to ensure resources are eligible to count  
11 towards its procurement obligations.
- 12 2) Commission Rules and Guidance on MW of NQC: As described above,  
13 the amount of MW of NQC that can be used to count towards an LSE's  
14 procurement obligation is based on the Commission's rules and  
15 guidance. PG&E uses this information to determine the amount of MW  
16 of NQC that is eligible to count towards its procurement obligations.
- 17 3) PG&E's Internal Database: This database contains PG&E's energy  
18 procurement contracts approved by the Commission, including  
19 procurement contracts to meet PG&E's procurement obligations under  
20 the IRP Decisions. The data contained in this database is consistent  
21 with the procurement contracts and respective ALs filed for Commission  
22 approval.

## 23 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

24 As described above, PG&E uses the baseline list of resources and the  
25 Commission's rules and guidance on MW of NQC to monitor its  
26 procurement progress.<sup>13</sup>

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12 See the Commission's baseline assumptions at: [https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energy-division/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-plan-irp-ltpp/20200103\\_procurement\\_baseline\\_list.xlsx](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energy-division/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-plan-irp-ltpp/20200103_procurement_baseline_list.xlsx) (D.19-11-016) and [https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energy-division/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-plan-irp-ltpp/d2106035\\_baseline\\_gen\\_list\\_20220902.xlsx](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energy-division/documents/integrated-resource-plan-and-long-term-procurement-plan-irp-ltpp/d2106035_baseline_gen_list_20220902.xlsx) (D.21-06-035).

13 See the information maintained by the Commission at: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/electrical-energy/electric-power-procurement/long-term-procurement-planning/more-information-on-authorizing-procurement/irp-procurement-track>.

1       **3. Metric Performance for Reporting Period**

2               As outlined in Table 5.1-2 above, PG&E has procured sufficient  
3 incremental MW of NQC to meet and exceed its procurement obligations for  
4 incremental capacity with online dates in 2023 pursuant to D.19-11-016 and  
5 D.21-06-035.<sup>14</sup> PG&E notes that the Commission stated that procurement:

6               ...amounts [that] are in excess of [an] LSE’s obligation under  
7 D.19-11-016...may be counted toward the capacity requirements [in  
8 D.21-06-035] if they otherwise qualify.<sup>15</sup>

9               Moreover, D.21-06-035 stated that the Commission:

10              ...will allow LSEs to show procurement that they have conducted to  
11 support the Commission’s orders or requirements in the context of the  
12 RPS program, as well as for emergency reliability purposes in  
13 R.20-11-003, as compliance toward the requirements herein.<sup>16</sup>

14              Accordingly, PG&E estimates that approximately 262 MW of NQC of its  
15 procurement toward the procurement for both D.19-11-016 and R.20-11-003  
16 that have been approved by the Commission, and that are in excess of what  
17 is required by each of those decisions, may be applied towards its  
18 procurement obligations under D.21-06-035.<sup>17</sup>

19              On January 21, 2022, PG&E filed AL 6477-E requesting Commission  
20 approval of nine agreements resulting from PG&E’s Mid-Term Reliability  
21 Phase 1 solicitation to meet its procurement obligations under D.21-06-035.  
22 These agreements total 1,434 MW of NQC and have been approved by the  
23 Commission.<sup>18</sup> Subsequently, unprecedented market upheavals affected  
24 the economic and commercial viability of several of the projects comprising  
25 of these nine agreements.<sup>19</sup> This unexpected market challenge posed a  
26 risk of project failures for all LSEs in the market procuring resources toward

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14 PG&E’s AL 5826-E, 6033-E, 6289-E, and 6477-E.

15 D.21-06-035, p. 80.

16 *Id.*

17 PG&E’s AL 6289-E.

18 On April 21, 2022, the Commission adopted Res.E-5202 approving the nine agreements without modification as filed in PG&E’s AL 6477-E.

19 For example, on July 20, 2022, PG&E filed AL 6658-E, requesting approval of contract amendments for the AMCOR and the North Central Valley projects after each developer described external barriers to completing their projects in line with their existing contract obligations.

1 the IRP Decisions, including PG&E. As a result, to maintain the commercial  
2 viability of the projects, PG&E negotiated amendments for four of the nine  
3 project which amendments were presented to the Commission for approval  
4 on September 23, 2022. The Commission approved these amendments on  
5 December 1, 2022.<sup>20</sup>

6 On January 13, 2023, PG&E filed AL 6825-E, on February 14, 2023,  
7 PG&E filed AL 6861-E, and on September 13, 2023, PG&E filed AL 7022-E,  
8 requesting Commission approval of four additional agreements resulting  
9 from PG&E's Mid-Term Reliability Phase 2 solicitation to further meet its  
10 procurement obligations under D.21-06-035. These agreements have been  
11 approved by the Commission.<sup>21</sup>

12 Despite the significant unprecedented market challenges PG&E has  
13 made steady progress towards achieving its procurement obligations under  
14 D.21-06-035.

15 As stated above, D.21-06-035 requires that 900 MW of NQC (of PG&E's  
16 2,302 MW of NQC) have specific operational characteristics. Specifically,  
17 PG&E is directed to procure 500 MW of NQC of firm zero-emitting resources  
18 by June 1, 2025, and 400 MW of NQC of long lead-time resources by  
19 June 1, 2028.<sup>22</sup> PG&E issued its Mid-Term Reliability Phase 3 solicitation  
20 on February 7, 2023 to solicit additional resources toward fulfilling all of its  
21 procurement obligations under D.21-06-035, including, the 900 MW of NQC  
22 with specific operational characteristics.

23 On February 27, 2024, PG&E filed AL 7177-E, requesting Commission  
24 approval of an agreement resulting from PG&E's Mid-Term Reliability  
25 Phase 3 solicitation. This agreement is currently pending at the  
26 Commission.

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**20** PG&E's AL 6711-E.

**21** On April 27, 2023, the Commission adopted Res.E-5262 and Res.E-5263 approving PG&E's AL 6825-E and AL 6861-E. On January 11, 2024, the Commission adopted Res.E-5297 approving AL 7022-E.

**22** The long lead-time (LLT) resources are comprised of: (1) firm zero-emitting generation with a capacity factor of at least 80 percent and (2) long-duration storage resources defined as having at least eight hours of duration.

1 **C. (5.1) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target Since Last Report**

3 The 1-year target has been updated to reflect PG&E’s required  
4 procurement for 2024 under the IRP Decisions which is to procure  
5 [2,366.1 MW of cumulative NQC by June 1, 2024, as outlined in Table 5.1-1.](#)  
6 The 5-year target has also been updated to reflect PG&E’s additional  
7 procurement requirements, as outlined in Commission decision—  
8 D.23-02-040—issued in February 2023.<sup>23</sup> [The new 5-year target for 2028 is](#)  
9 [to procure 3,844.1 MW of cumulative NQC by June 1, 2028, as is also](#)  
10 [summarized in Table 5.1-1.](#)

11 **2. Target Methodology**

12 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the  
13 following factors:

- 14 • Historical Data and Trends: Not Applicable
- 15 • Benchmarking: Not applicable.
- 16 • Regulatory Requirements: The targets are set to match the cumulative  
17 procurement obligations set forth in the IRP Decisions.
- 18 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes.
- 19 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and  
20 Enforcement: Yes.
- 21 • Other Considerations:
  - 22 – The target approach was established to meet the Commission’s  
23 current procurement obligations. PG&E’s procurement obligation  
24 may increase if other LSEs fail to meet their procurement  
25 obligations and PG&E is ordered by the Commission to make  
26 back-stop procurement on their behalf;<sup>24</sup> and
  - 27 – The ability for procured capacity to actually come online by  
28 established contractual online dates can be impacted by external  
29 factors, as has occurred recently due to impacts of the COVID-19  
30 pandemic, significant and unprecedented market challenges, supply

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23 D.23-02-040, p.31.

24 D.19-11-016, p. 67.

1 chain disruptions and the Department of Commerce’s investigation  
2 into potential solar module tariff circumvention.<sup>25</sup>

3 **3. 2024 Target**

4 The 1-year target for the CEG Metric is to procure 2,366.1 MW of  
5 cumulative NQC with an online date by June 1, 2024, which is equal to the  
6 cumulative procurement obligations for 2021, 2022,2023, and 2024 as  
7 outlined in Table 5.1-1.

8 **4. 2028 Target**

9 The 5-year target for the CEG Metric is to procure 3,844.1 MW of  
10 cumulative NQC with an online date by June 1, 2028, which is equal to the  
11 cumulative procurement obligations for 2021-2028 as outlined in  
12 Table 5.1-1. The potential exists under the IRP Decisions for PG&E to be  
13 ordered by the Commission to perform backstop procurement on behalf of  
14 non-IOU LSEs, which could increase the 5-year target in the future. PG&E  
15 is not making any assumptions on this specific item and is continuing to set  
16 its 5-year target for 2028 to be the cumulative procurement of 3,844.1 MW  
17 of NQC from incremental resources, as updated in D.23-02-040.  
18 Importantly, D.23-02-040 established a new online date of June 1, 2028, for  
19 LLT resources and, as such, the 400 MW of procurement in this category  
20 previously ordered by D.21-06-035 to come online in 2026 is now updated to  
21 2028. Furthermore, in D.24-02-047 allows PG&E to request an extension to  
22 bring LLT resources online by June 1, 2031 if it is unable to meet LLT  
23 resource procurement requirements by June 1, 2028.

24 **D. (5.1) Performance Against Target**

25 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

26 PG&E executed contracts for sufficient incremental capacity with online  
27 dates on or before June 1, 2024 to meet the 1-tear target. However,  
28 counterparties have cited ongoing supply chain disruptions, interconnection  
29 delays, and permitting delays as impacting project development schedules  
30 and their ability to meet contractual online dates. As impacts to project

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25 Erne, David, Mark Kootstra. 2023. Final Draft Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant Extension – CEC Analysis of Need to Support Reliability. California Energy Commission. Publication Number: CEC-200-2023-004.

1 online dates are identified, PG&E will look to procure bridge resources, as  
2 permitted in D.21-06-035 and D.23-02-040 to mitigate against project online  
3 date delays

## 4 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

5 PG&E continues to make progress towards meeting the 5-year target.  
6 Within this overall procurement target, PG&E has a requirement to procure  
7 900 MW of NQC with specific operational characteristics and the  
8 Commission decision for supplemental mid-term procurement as outlined  
9 above. In September 2023, PG&E filed for approval of one contract that is  
10 expected to count towards the operational characteristics as a Zero-Emitting  
11 Resource.

12 PG&E reiterates, and as outlined above, that developers and LSEs have  
13 experienced significant and unprecedented market challenges, increases in  
14 component prices, continued supply chain constraints, and industry-wide  
15 inflation on total project costs that have hindered the ability for developers to  
16 bring projects online by their contractual online dates.<sup>26</sup> In recognition of  
17 these challenges, the Commission has provided mitigation tools in  
18 D.23-02-040 and D.24-02-047 for LSEs to continue making progress  
19 towards their procurement obligations to ensure system reliability in the  
20 mid-term. These mitigation tools include extending the online date of long  
21 lead-time resources from 2026 to 2028, allowing LSEs to request for a  
22 further extension for long lead-time resources until 2031 for cost  
23 considerations or projects with later online dates, and allowing the use of  
24 bridge resources, including import energy, to serve as a bridge resource for  
25 all categories of procurement except for the zero-emitting resources.<sup>27</sup>  
26 PG&E will continue to work with developers and the Commission to address  
27 the challenges noted above in order to meet the current 5-year target, and  
28 any additional procurement requirements in support of the state's reliability  
29 needs.

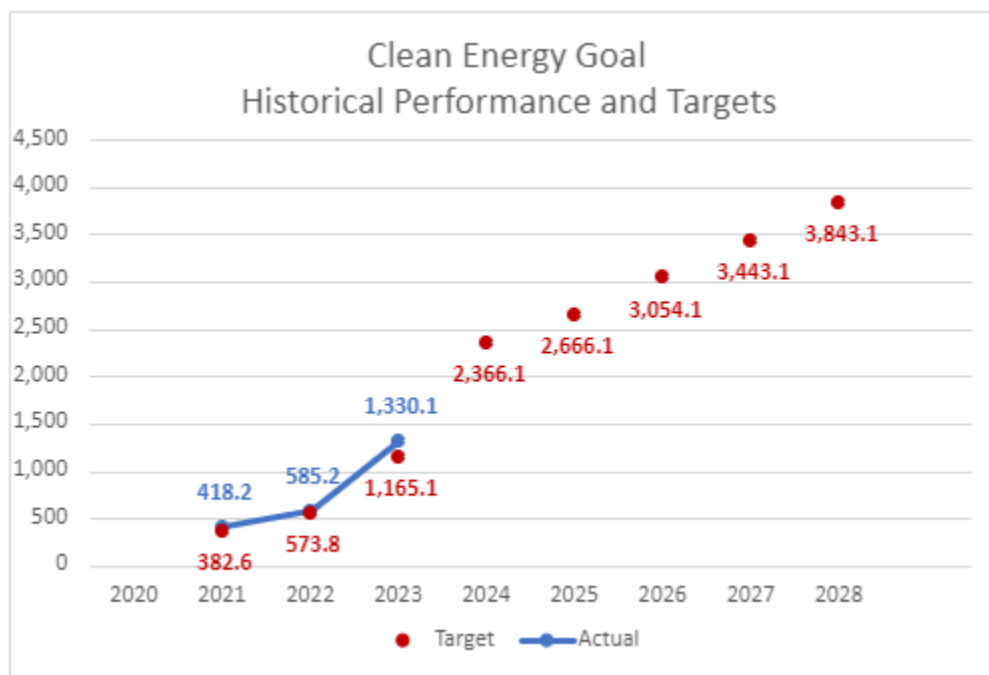
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<sup>27</sup> D.23-02-040, COLs 7 and 12. D.24-02-047, OPs 16 and 19.



**FIGURE 5.1-2  
PG&E'S CLEAN ENERGY GOAL HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS (MW OF NQC)**



**E. (5.1) Current and Planned Work Activities**

Below is a summary description of the key activities that are tied to performance and their description of that tie.

- Solicitation:** As noted above, PG&E launched its Mid-Term Reliability Phase 2 and Phase 3 solicitations in April 2022 and February 2023, respectively, seeking to satisfy its remaining procurement obligations under the IRP Decisions, specifically to procure 500 MW of NQC of zero-emitting resources by June 1, 2025, and 400 MW of NQC of long lead time resources by June 1, 2028. [These solicitations are scheduled for completion in 2024.](#)
- Supplemental Procurement Order:** As described earlier, on February 23, 2023, the Commission issued D.23-02-040 increasing PG&E's procurement requirements through 2028. Accordingly, PG&E has incorporated the supplemental procurements order by this decision into its current and planned work activities.
- Bridge procurement to mitigate delayed resources:** PG&E will pursue permitted bridge resources to bridge procurement gaps where resources are delayed, as authorized by the IRP.

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5           The material updates to this chapter since the October 2, 2023, report can be  
6           found in Sections B, C and D. Material changes from the prior report are identified  
7           in blue font.

8   **A. (6.1) Overview**

9           Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 6.1 – The Quality of Service Metric  
10          which is defined as:

11           *The Average Speed of Answer (ASA) for Emergencies metric is a safety*  
12          *measure related to multiple risks, as well as quality of service and management*  
13          *measure, and is defined as follows: ASA in seconds for Emergency calls*  
14          *handled in Contact Center Operations (CCO).<sup>1</sup>*

15   **1. Introduction of Metric**

16           A call is classified as an emergency when a caller selects the option of  
17          an emergency or hazard situation through the Interactive Voice Response  
18          (IVR) system. Once this option is selected the call is routed to an agent to  
19          receive the highest priority attention possible.

20           Not only is Emergency ASA a quality measurement of how efficiently we  
21          are able to answer customers calling us to report an emergency, but it is  
22          also a safety measurement. Answering the call is the first step ensuring the  
23          customer is safe.

24           The metric is calculated by determining the average amount of time it  
25          took to connect customers to a service representative for calls where the  
26          customer identifies via IVR that they are calling to report a hazardous or  
27          emergency situation, such as a suspected natural gas leak or downed  
28          power line.

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1   D.21-11-019, Appendix A, p. 12.

1           **2. Background**

2           On an annual basis, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) handles  
3           between 5 to 6 million customer calls. Between 2017 and 2021,  
4           emergency-related calls averaged nine percent of total call volume;  
5           however, in the 2020 and 2021 years, emergencies calls have increased  
6           due to weather-related storms events, rotating outages, Public Safety  
7           Shutoffs (PSPS), and Enhanced Power Safety Settings (EPSS). In 2020  
8           and 2021 emergency calls handled were 10 percent and 11 percent of total  
9           call volume, respectively.

10           Historically, PG&E has been able to successfully manage staffing needs  
11           to ensure emergency calls are answered quickly. The metric and  
12           associated targets are designed to maintain our performance.

13       **B. (6.1) Metric Performance**

14           **1. Historical Data (2015 – 2023)**

15           PG&E has eight years of historical data representing 2015 – 2023 to  
16           include the total emergency calls handled and ASA by month.

17           The historical data for this metric provided with this report provides total  
18           emergency calls handled and the ASA performance by month and year.

19           **2. Data Collection Methodology**

20           The performance data is gathered from PG&E’s telephony system,  
21           Cisco Unified Contact Center Enterprise (UCCE). The data includes the  
22           number of emergency calls handled and the total wait times (in seconds).  
23           Data is compiled each day for daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly reporting.

24           Historical data is collected using Microsoft’s Management Studio  
25           application via a Structured Query Language (SQL) server owned by the  
26           Workforce Management Reporting team.

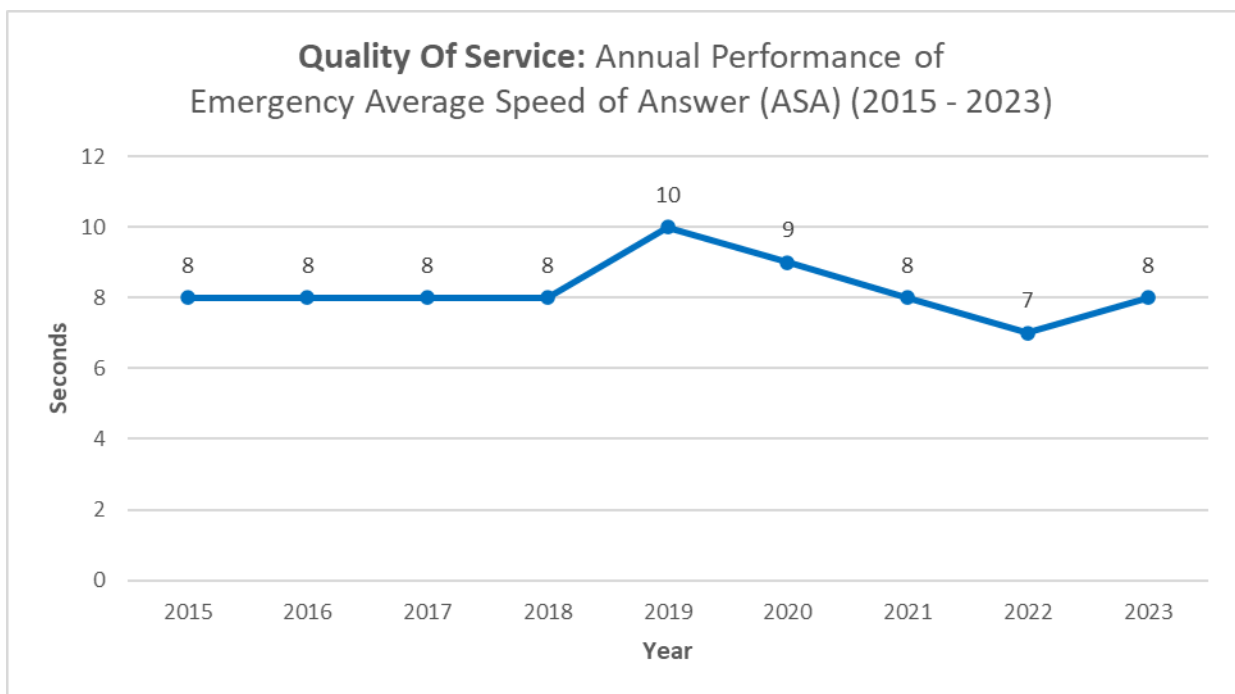
27           The data is gathered by extracting summarized data for emergency  
28           specific call types. The call types are created by the Workforce  
29           Management Routing Team, to categorize the types of calls that are  
30           entering the phone system, Cisco UCCE.

31           PG&E began archiving historical call data in 2015 once it was identified  
32           that Cisco UCCE system was truncating historical data as it was running out  
33           of storage.

1 **3. Metric Performance for Reporting Period**

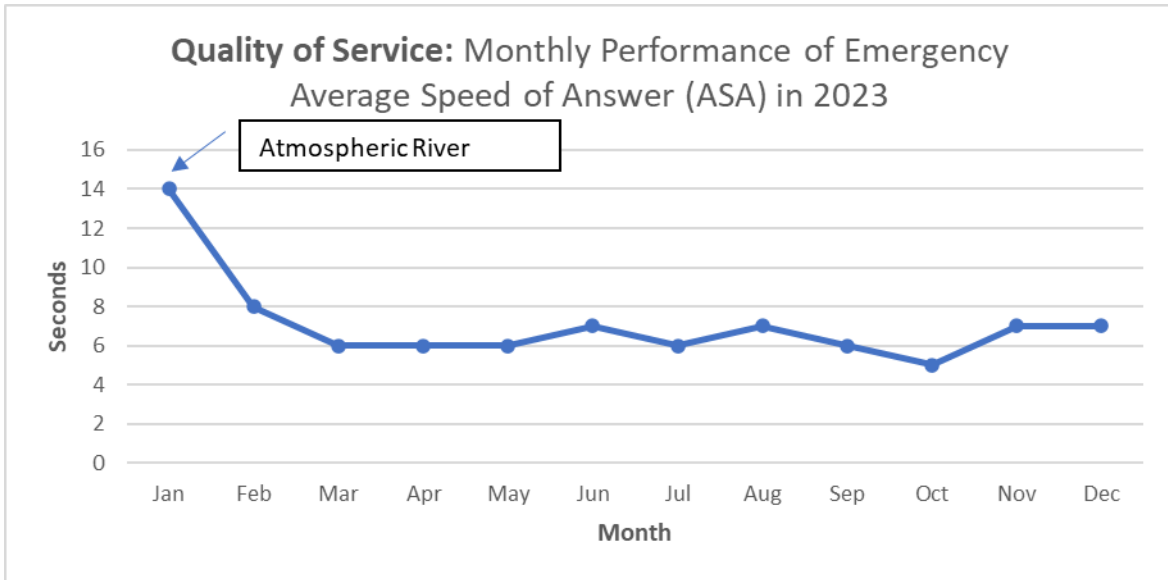
2 Between 2015 and 2023, the performance of Emergency ASA ranged  
3 between seven and 10 seconds, with a median performance of  
4 eight seconds (see Figure 6.1-1). In 2019, PG&E’s call handle time was  
5 highest (10 seconds) primarily due to the increased scope of PSPS events,  
6 and the website failure, in the fall of 2019.

**FIGURE 6.1-1  
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF EMERGENCY ASA BETWEEN 2015 AND 2023**



7 In 2023, the Emergency ASA performance was eight seconds.  
8 Throughout the year, monthly performance ranged between five seconds  
9 and fourteen seconds (see Figure 6.1-2). The primary drivers to the  
10 performance were based on unanticipated incidents (e.g., weather incidents  
11 impacting power outages, unplanned power outages) and call center  
12 representative staffing availability.

**FIGURE 6.1-2  
MONTHLY PERFORMANCE OF EMERGENCY ASA IN 2023**



1 **C. (6.1) 1 Year Target and 5 Year Target**

2 **1. Updates to 1- and 5-Year Targets Since Last Report**

3 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since  
 4 the last SOMs report filing. The 2024 1-year target is to be below 15  
 5 seconds and the 2028 5-year target is to be below 15 seconds.

6 **2. Target Methodology**

7 To establish the 1-year and 5-year targets, PG&E considered the  
 8 following factors:

- 9 • Historical Data and Trends: The target is based on the average of years  
 10 2015 to 2019 historical data. These years were utilized as they are  
 11 most consistent with current operational practices, including the  
 12 expansion of PSPS, EPSS, and Rotating outage programs. The  
 13 average of this period is used as a reasonable indicator for sustaining  
 14 and maintaining the performance going forward;
- 15 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 16 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 17 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes, performance at or  
 18 below the set target is sustainable; and
- 19 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

1       **3. 2024 Target**

2               The 2024 target is at 15 seconds for the year to maintain performance  
3               based on the factors described above.

4       **4. 2028 Target**

5               The 2028 target is 15 seconds for the year to maintain performance  
6               based on the factors described above.

7       **D. (6.1) Performance Against Target**

8       **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

9               As demonstrated in figure 6.1-2 above, PG&E saw an average  
10              performance of 8 seconds a month for 2023, which is consistent with the  
11              Company's 1-year target.

12      **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Target**

13              As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has implemented a number of  
14              processes to maintain longer-term performance of this metric to meet the  
15              Company's 5-year target.

16      **E. (6.1) Current and Planned Work Activities**

17              The performance of this metric is significantly driven by Contact Center  
18              Representative resourcing. The CCO are staffed to handle forecasted volume  
19              based on historical trends. As staffing needs change due to upcoming events  
20              (e.g., PSPS, weather impacts, storm, or heat-related outages) overtime is  
21              offered and planned in advance to increase staffing needs. Mandatory overtime  
22              (employees are required to stay on shift) and Emergency overtime (PG&E's  
23              Workforce Management team will send out notifications to offer Emergency  
24              overtime to employees currently not on shift) are available options during  
25              same-day operations to support additional staffing needs. PG&E is forecasting  
26              to maintain the current level of staffing for 2023-2026.

27              Additionally, providing customers upfront messages of extended wait times  
28              via IVR can be used to set expectations and advise customers to call back  
29              unless there is an emergency.