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Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits this semi-annual Safety and Operational Metrics Report (SOMs) in compliance with California Public Utilities Commission Decision (D.) 21-11-009. This is PG&E’s sixth SOMs report which covers the period from January 1 to June 30, 2024. The report is provided as Attachment 1.

To assist in the review of this report, PG&E has identified material changes from the last report in blue font. PG&E has done this as a courtesy to parties. PG&E asks for the parties’ understanding should there be any inadvertent mistakes in our good faith attempt at this formatting.

Separately, PG&E is concurrently filing and serving a “Notice of Availability of Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s ‘Safety and Operational Metrics Report:

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4 **INTRODUCTION**

5 For this report, Pacific Gas and Electric Company is identifying material changes
6 report in blue font.

7 **A. Introduction**

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

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

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

- 21 a) Report on each SOM, using data for the preceding 12 months and
22 providing all available historical data;¹
- 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

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.²

4 This report outlines [PG&E’s January through June 2024](#) performance and is
5 organized into 32 individual metric chapters as defined in Attachment A of
6 D.21-11-009. Each chapter provides discussion on performance and progress
7 against 1- and 5-year 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

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) continue to
8 participate in monthly meetings to discuss questions arising from prior
9 reports, or, in some instances to preview expected performance or
10 target-setting for upcoming reports. These meetings have proven
11 successful in providing PG&E ongoing guidance for target-setting and as an
12 effective way to resolve questions through metric owner presentations.
13 Additionally, PG&E uses feedback from these meetings to engage
14 leadership and to address SPD recommendations where possible. PG&E
15 will continue to drive performance improvement where appropriate, and
16 prioritize the safety of our customers, 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 2024 targets for 30 of 32 metrics. The following two
20 metrics are not meeting expectations at mid year:

- 21 • The SOM 1.1, Employee Serious Injury and Fatality (SIF) Actual, is
22 currently trending above target. In Chapter 1.1 of this report, we
23 discuss the status of the Employee SIF Actual target and an overview
24 of current and planned activities to reduce employee SIFs.
- 25 • The SOM 6.1, Quality of Service, is off track as of June 2024. The
26 Emergency Average Speed of Answer (ASA) performance was 17
27 seconds, with a target of less than 15 seconds but is expected to be
28 back within target by August of 2024. The increase in ASA in the first
29 half of 2024 was due to the fact that in February of 2024, California
30 experienced a storm of historic proportions, causing major outages
31 across PG&E's territory.

32 Below is a summary of each metric January through June 2024 performance
33 and targets. The details for each metric can be found in each of the metric
34 report chapters that follow.

TABLE 1-1
SUMMARY OF JANUARY- JUNE 2024 METRIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS

#	Metric	Jan – June 2024 Performance	2024 Target
Safety			
1.1	Rate of Serious Injury or Fatality (SIF) Actual (Employee)	Rate: 0.062	Rate: 0.060
1.2	Rate of SIF Actual (Contractor)	Rate: 0.018	Rate: 0.100
1.3	SIF Actual (Public)	0 confirmed	Demonstrate progress towards 0
Reliability			
2.1	System Average Interruption Duration (Unplanned)	1.66 hrs.	3.71 – 5.73 hrs.
2.2	System Average Interruption Frequency (Unplanned)	0.716 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 MEDs	46 outages due to 2 MEDs	Maintain
2.4	System Average Outages due to Vegetation and Equipment Damage in HFTD Areas (Non-MEDs)	762 outages	Range: 1,523 – 1,980

**TABLE 1-1
SUMMARY OF JANUARY – JUNE 2024 METRIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS
(CONTINUED)**

#	Metric	Jan-June 2024 Performance	2024 Target
Electric			
3.1	Wires Down MED in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	0.88 wires down (WD) events/1,000 mi. due to 2 MEDs	Maintain/65.94
3.2	Wires Down Non-MED in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	13.02 WD events/1,000 mi.	Maintain/41.30
3.3	Wires Down MED in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	2.777 WD events/1,000 mi, due to 2 MEDs	Maintain/8.433
3.4	Wires Down Non-MED in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	1.851 WD events/1,000 mi.	Maintain/≤4.440
3.5	Wires Down Red Flag Warning Days in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	0 WD due to 0 WD events	Maintain/0.00057
3.6	Wires Down Red Flag Warning Days in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	0 WD due to 0 WD events	Maintain
Patrols and Inspections			
3.7	Missed Overhead Distribution Patrols in HFTD Areas	0%	0% – 4%
3.8	Missed Overhead Distribution Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas	0%	0% – 2%
3.9	Missed Overhead Transmission Patrols in HFTD Areas	0.00%	0.0% – 0.03%
3.10	Missed Overhead Transmission Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas	0.00%	0.0% – 0.03%
3.11	GO-95 Corrective Actions in HFTDs	73.7%	69%
3.12	Electric Emergency Response Time	Average: 28 min Median: 27 min	Average: 44 min Median: 43 min

**TABLE 1-1
SUMMARY OF JANUARY – JUNE 2024 METRIC PERFORMANCE AND TARGETS
(CONTINUED)**

#	Metric	Jan-June 2024 Performance	2024 Target
Ignitions and Wildfire			
3.13	Number of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	30 ignitions	Range: 72 – 84
3.14	Percentage of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Distribution)	1.21/1,000 circuit miles	Range: 2.89 – 3.38
3.15	Number of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	2 ignitions	Range: 0 – 10
3.16	Percentage of CPUC-Reportable Ignitions in HFTD Areas (Transmission)	0.37/1,000 circuit miles	0 – 1.85
Gas			
4.1	Number of Gas Dig-Ins per 1,000 USA tickets on Transmission and Distribution pipelines	1.24	≤1.93
4.2	Number of Overpressure Events	1	≤10
4.3	Time to Respond On-Site to Emergency Notification	Average (mins): 19.5 Median (mins): 18.0	Average (mins): ≤21.4 Median (mins): ≤19.7
4.4	Gas Shut-In Times, Mains	83.6 mins	≤84.9 mins
4.5	Gas Shut-In Times, Services	34.3 mins	≤40.2 mins
4.6	Uncontrolled Release of Gas on Transmission Pipelines	616	≤3,474
4.7	Time to Resolve Hazardous Conditions	132.8 mins	≤182.5 mins
Clean Energy			
5.1	Clean Energy Goals Compliance Metric	N/A	≥2366.1 MW
Quality of Service			
6.1	Quality of Service Metric	17 sec	15 sec

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2 **SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:**
3 **CHAPTER 1.1**
4 **RATE OF SIF ACTUAL**
5 **(EMPLOYEE)**

6 The material updates to this chapter since the April 1, 2024, report are identified
7 in blue font.

8 **A. (1.1) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

17 **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

30 The EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria are updated annually based on
31 additional learnings from injury classification to provide further clarification or
32 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.¹ 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.

¹ 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)² model to classify its SIF incidents. The EEI
5 SCL model classifies incidents into categories: High-Energy SIF (HSIF),³
6 Low-Energy SIF (LSIF),⁴ Potential SIF (PSIF),⁵ Capacity,⁶ Exposure,⁷
7 Success,⁸ and Low Severity.⁹ 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,¹⁰ 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

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**

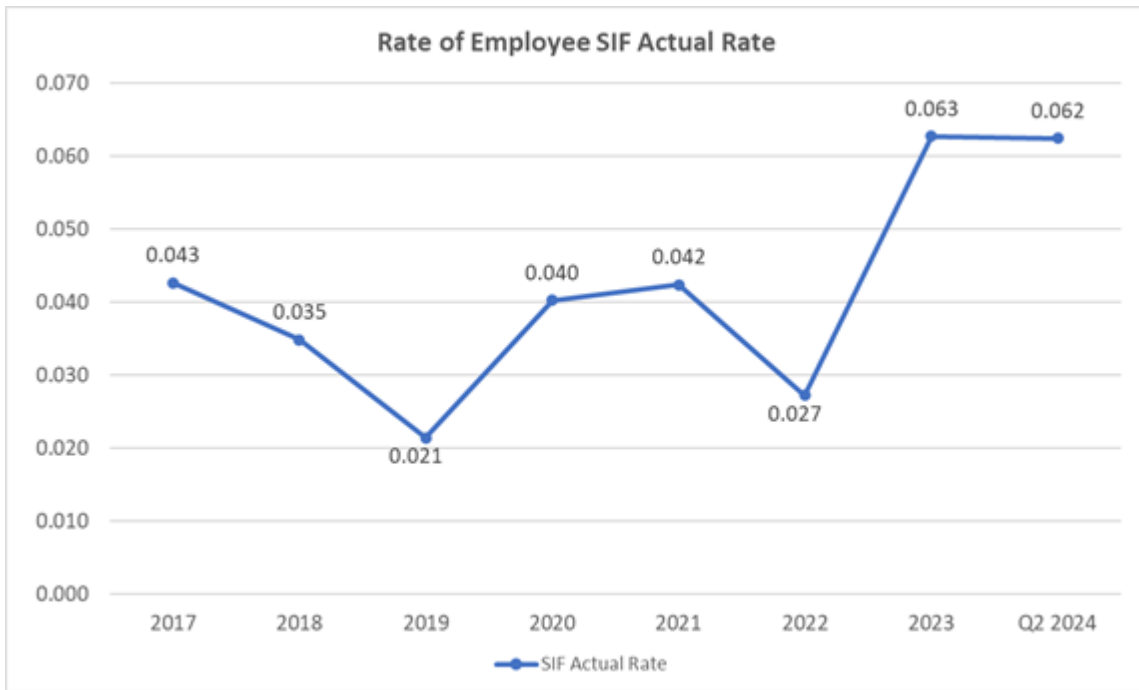
4 **1. Historical Data (2017 – Q2 2024)**

5 PG&E is including historical data for the years 2017 through Q2 2024¹¹
6 in this report. This timeframe is consistent with the implementation of
7 PG&E's SIF Program. The dataset includes injury type, incident date,
8 location, and EEI OS&HC injury classification. See corresponding
9 [Employee SIF SOM data file](#)
10 [\(21-11-009.PGE_SOM_1-1_Employee_SIF_A__06-30-2024.xlsx\)](#) for a list
11 of incidents.

12 Figure 1.1-1 illustrates the rate of employee serious injuries and
13 fatalities by year from 2017 through Q2 2024. From 2017 through Q2 2024
14 there are a total of 77 employee SIF Actuals that met the EEI OS&HC
15 serious injury criteria as described in Section A.2. above. Fifty-two percent
16 of the serious injury incidents (40 of 77) met the criteria of bone fracture,
17 including of the hands and feet. Six were fatalities, of those, one involved a
18 violent act of a third party, three involved operations of motor vehicles, one
19 involved a pipeline drying (pigging) line of fire incident, and one involved a
20 tire changing incident.

¹¹ 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 employee 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 Q2 2024 to determine if any met
17 one of the 14 EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria as summarized in

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

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

9 For the first half of 2024, there were 9 employee serious injuries.
10 44 percent of the employee serious injuries were due to bone fractures
11 (4 of 9). These included bone fractures of the ankle, foot, fingers, and chest.

12 The Q2 2024 SIF rate of 0.062 is a slight decrease from the year end
13 2023 rate of 0.063. PG&E' current and planned work activities for improving
14 the long-term performance of this metric are discussed in Section E below.

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

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

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

23 It should be known that although the 2024 EEI second to third quartile
24 value has shifted slightly upward from 0.070 to 0.090, PG&E's 2024 target
25 threshold for the employee SIF Actual remains as 0.060. We are continuing
26 to monitor this target and changes in EEI benchmarking data.

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

30 **2. Target Methodology**

31 To establish the 1-year and 5-year target thresholds, PG&E considered
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- Historical Data and Trends: PG&E pulled OSHA recorded injuries from 2017 to 2021 to review each injury against the EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria. This injury dataset was used because it aligns with the beginning of the PG&E SIF Program (est. in 2017). Over that historical data period, performance showed a consistent trend at or around 0.040 injury rate, with a dip in 2019 and trend back up in 2020 and 2021; A similar pattern occurred for the years 2022 and 2023 with a dip in rate and then an increase however still below the 2023 threshold target rate of 0.070. For 2024, PG&E's 2024 target threshold for the employee SIF Actual is 0.060 which represents 0.010 target decrease comparable with PG&E internal benchmarking practices. Given the 2024 EEI second to third quartile value has shifted slightly upward from 0.070 to 0.090, we are continuing to monitor the appropriateness of this target.
- Benchmarking: In July 2022, PG&E met with EEI leadership and confirmed that OS&HC serious injury criteria benchmarking is available for the metric going back to 2017. PG&E used the prior years' benchmarking data from EEI and compared it to PG&E's performance going back to 2017. Between 2017 and 2020, PG&E hovered between the top of first quartile and low second quartile. In 2021, PG&E ended the year in second quartile, 1/100th of a point above the first quartile performance. PG&E's performance for 2023 and through mid-year 2024 was between the first quartile and second quartile.
- Regulatory Requirements: None;
- Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes. The focus for SIF elimination is on planned/future work related to identifying high-energy hazards and building capacity to fail safely through the implementation of essential controls, while also driving down DART by reducing the potential of injuries.
- Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators: While the performance at or below the target threshold is sustainable, the more appropriate metric is to focus on injuries resulting from a high energy incident, which is 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 and we are continuing to monitor this target as appropriate based on changes in EEI benchmarking data

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

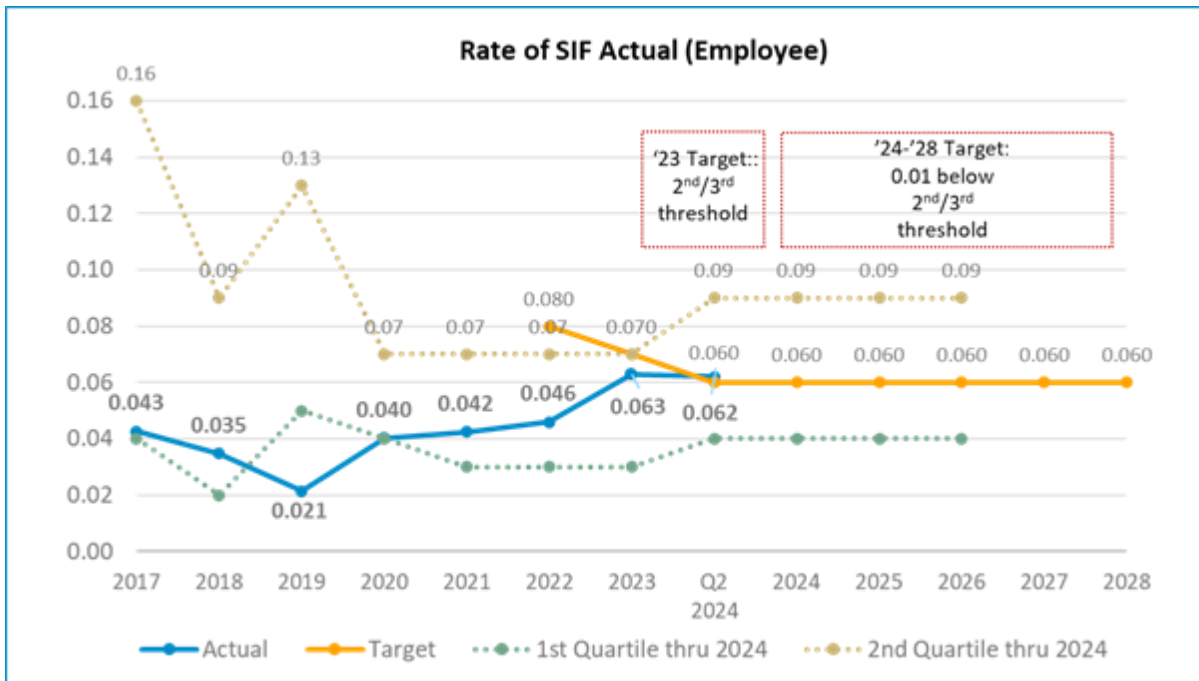
As demonstrated in Figure 1.1-2 below, PG&E saw an increase in the Employee SIF Actual rate from 0.027 in 2022 to 0.063 by the end of 2023. For the first half of 2024 there has been a slight decrease in the Employee SIF Actual rate. SOMs SIFs contributing to this rate continue to be primarily due to line of fire (e.g., caught between, dropped object) and falls, slips, and trips incidents.

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.

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

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

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



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

7 SIF Capacity & Learning Model: PG&E is implementing the SIF Capacity &
8 Learning model which redefines safety as measured by the presence of
9 essential controls and the capacity to experience failures safely. Worksite
10 essential controls directly target the stuff that can kill or seriously injure a
11 co-worker or contract partner. When the controls are installed, verified, and
12 used properly, they are not vulnerable to human error. Looking at safety
13 differently with the SIF Capacity and Learning Model advances how we
14 understand, manage, and prevent serious injuries and fatalities. Instead of
15 measuring our success by the number of incidents, we are defining safety by
16 the presence of controls that give coworkers the ability to fail safely. Last
17 year PG&E ended the year at 49 percent presence of controls for high energy

1 hazards (using post-incident analysis). This year the presence of controls is
2 approximately 76 percent as of July. A year end update will be provided with
3 the Q1 2025 report.

4 Human Performance (HU) Tools: PG&E is implementing the 10 HU Tools
5 which include: Questioning Attitude, Tailboards and Pre-Job Brief, Situational
6 Awareness, Self-Checking (STAR), Two-Minute Rule, Three-Way
7 Communication, Stop When Unsure, Procedure Use and Adherence,
8 Phonetic Alphabet, and Placekeeping (i.e., physically marking steps in a
9 procedure or other guiding document that have been completed). The HU
10 Tools are deeply connected to the SIF Prevention Program and allow
11 coworkers to slow things down and reduce the chances of human errors
12 caused by internal and external factors. When used effectively, these tools
13 can also help ensure essential controls effectively remain in place and do not
14 break down.

15 PG&E Safety Excellence Management System (PSEMS): PSEMS is the
16 systematic management of our processes, assets, and occupational health
17 and safety programs to prevent injury and illness, effectively and safely
18 control and govern our assets, and manage the integrity of operating systems
19 and processes. PSEMS attributes of a strong independent assurance
20 program and a training program that encourages a positive attitude toward
21 safety are part of a safety conscience work environment and reinforce
22 performance in Asset Management, Occupational Health & Safety and
23 Process Safety. PSEMS is also part of the Performance Playbook along with
24 Breakthrough Thinking and the Lean Operating Model.

25 PSEMS follows the Plan, Do, Check, Act (PDCA), cycle ensuring processes
26 are evaluated, coursed, and measured annually. In 2023, A Lloyd's Register
27 Quality Assurance pre-assessment was conducted on the PSEMS
28 implementation, Non-conformities were found in Management of Change,
29 Operational Control, Performance Evaluation & Improvement and Assurance.
30 Gap Closure Plan completion is in progress. In 2024, desktop
31 self-assessments were conducted determining baseline maturity scores and
32 in Q4 a management review is scheduled to evaluate the progress and
33 effectiveness of the management system to date and review the strategy
34 moving forward.

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 and
4 sustainability through the application of best safety practices in each region,
5 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 or
11 mistake is made. Additional efforts include supporting incident investigations,
12 training, safety tailboards, and emergency response.

13 PG&E’s Serious Injury or Fatality (SIF) Prevention Program: All injuries and
14 reported near hits are evaluated to determine the hazards classification and if
15 the situation is a SIF-actual (work-related high-energy incident from work at or
16 for PG&E that results in a fatality, life-threatening, or life-altering injury) or a
17 SIF-potential (high-energy incident where a fatality or life threatening or
18 altering injury is not sustained) event. The SIF [Cause Evaluations](#) team
19 conducts or coordinates in-depth cause evaluations for all incidents classified
20 as SIF-potential or SIF-actual. The results of these investigations and the
21 identified corrective actions are monitored through the corrective action
22 program to ensure timely completion and effectiveness including the
23 elimination of recurrence. The SIF Prevention program is continuously
24 improved through the annual review of existing program processes for
25 enhancement and optimization. This ensures alignment with all FA¹² for
26 enterprise-wide consistency and continuity.

27 Injury Management: The SIF-A (Employee) SOM definition includes injuries
28 that can occur during any work activity (including low or no energy tasks such
29 as lifting, walking, managing tools like knives), which is broader than the high
30 energy incidents that a mature SIF Program focuses on. Therefore, a
31 significant driver for improvement is within our occupational health
32 organization where our OSHA and DART cases are managed. DART cases

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

1 are employee OSHA-recordable injuries that involve Days Away from work
2 and/or days on Restricted duty or a job Transfer because the employee is no
3 longer able to perform his or her regular job. From 2019 through 2023 year
4 end, there was a 66 percent decrease in the employee DART rate (number of
5 DART cases per 100 fulltime employees divided by number of hours worked).
6 The efforts supporting this reduction include the expansion of PG&E's
7 ergonomic programs and increased Industrial Athlete Specialists for job site
8 evaluations. A primary goal of the efforts is reduced injury severity through
9 injury prevention and early intervention care for employees. In alignment with
10 this, we have strengthened the identification of the highest risk work groups
11 and tasks for field and vehicle ergonomic injuries. We identify high-risk
12 computer users through predictive modeling and provide targeted
13 interventions. Additional efforts also include enhanced injury management
14 containment for injuries at risk for escalation to DART and providing our
15 people leaders with additional injury management training.

16 Safety Leadership Development: PG&E is continuing to improve Safety
17 Leadership Development and supervisor coaching by continuing to update an
18 impactful, practical training course for front line leaders. The Safety
19 Leadership development program provides training for crew leaders
20 (i.e., those individuals who lead teams of front-line employees doing field
21 operations and maintenance work) so they have the necessary safety skills to
22 create trust, set expectations, remove barriers to safety and identify and
23 mitigate at risk behaviors.

24 Field Safety Engagements (i.e., Observations) Program: Safety Observations
25 Program plays a critical role in helping to reduce employee and contractor
26 injuries and fatalities by increasing awareness of hazards and exposures in
27 the field, reinforcing positive work practices, and driving PG&E's Speak-Up
28 culture. The Program includes the use of the SafetyNet observation analysis
29 and reporting tool, and the Safety Observations dashboard to communicate
30 safety successes and improvement opportunities to leadership. [For the first
31 half of 2024, approximately 88,000 co-worker \(i.e., employee\) and contractor
32 safety engagement observations were conducted across PG&E with at-risk
33 findings communicated to the respective FAs.](#)

1 For the first half of 2024, PG&E continued High Energy Control
2 Assessments (HECA) as part of the Field Safety Engagement program.
3 HECA defines safety through the presence of controls for high energy
4 hazards to assess whether front-line employees are adequately protected
5 against life-threatening hazards. HECA is computed as the percentage of
6 high-energy hazards that have corresponding direct controls.

7 Transportation Safety: PG&E Transportation Safety programs are designed
8 to protect our employees and the public by establishing requirements and
9 processes to help mitigate risks that can lead to motor vehicle incidents,
10 improve safety performance, and increase awareness of all PG&E employees
11 related to the operation of our motor vehicles. This comprehensive program
12 was established to reduce the number of motor vehicle incidents that have
13 the potential for serious injury, including fatal injury, to PG&E's employees,
14 staff augmentation employees operating vehicles on Company business, and
15 the public. Driver performance data is used to identify specific risk drivers for
16 targeted intervention, including driver training, driver action plans and
17 implementing vehicle safety technology. In addition, PG&E's Transportation
18 Safety Department also ensures compliance with both the Federal
19 Department of Transportation and California state regulations. Additional
20 Motor Vehicle Safety Incident risk reduction programs including cell phone
21 blocking and in-cab camera technologies were discussed in the PG&E 2020
22 Risk Assessment and Mitigation Phase (RAMP) Report.¹³ The cellular phone
23 blocking program is currently in use with approximately 2,000 active users.

24 The program has effectively suppressed over 613,000 texts, over
25 1.3 million app notifications, and over 154,000 calls since the start of the
26 program through June of 2024. The distraction and fatigue in-cab camera
27 technology program is expected to launch in 3Q 2024 to take advantage of
28 technology bundling and reduce costs.

29 A Safe Driving policy and Driver Scorecard enhancement launched in
30 August of 2023. Since then, 300 Action Plans have been initiated and 296
31 Action Plans have been completed through June 2024. In addition, Smith

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

1 Driving courses are initiated for apprentice and new hires including behind the
2 wheel and close quarter maneuvering courses.

3 The retrofit of 744 trouble trucks with Brigade Backeye 360 Camera
4 System technology with an audible backing sensor and rear distance display.
5 The four high-mounted external cameras eliminate blind spots with an in-cab
6 HD display of front, back and both vehicle sides providing the driver improved
7 visibility to see everything in the vehicle's path.

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

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2 **SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:**
3 **CHAPTER 1.2**
4 **RATE OF SIF ACTUAL**
5 **(CONTRACTOR)**

6 The material updates to this chapter since the April 1 ,2024, report are identified
7 in blue font.

8 **A. (1.2) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

17 **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

30 The EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria are updated annually based on
31 additional learnings from injury classification to provide further clarification or
32 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.¹ 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

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

1 Learning (SCL)² model to classify its SIF incidents. The EEI SCL model
2 classifies incidents into categories: High-Energy SIF (HSIF),³ Low-Energy
3 SIF (LSIF),⁴ Potential SIF (PSIF),⁵ Capacity,⁶ Exposure,⁷ Success⁸ and
4 Low Severity.⁹ 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.¹⁰ 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 criteria¹¹ 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

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 – Q2 2024)**

6 PG&E is including [the years 2017 through Q2 2024](#) 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_Q2](#)) for a list of
10 incidents. Following the Kern Order Instituting Investigation (OII) Settlement
11 Agreement,¹² 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 Program¹³ 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 report¹⁴ compared to prior
21 years.¹⁵

22 [Figure 1.2-1 illustrates the rate of contractor serious injuries and](#)
23 [fatalities by year from 2017 through Q2 2024 based on historical data](#)
24 [availability as discussed above. For 2020 through Q2 2024, the dataset](#)
25 [reflects the expanded SIF-P incident reporting requirements for contractors](#)

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

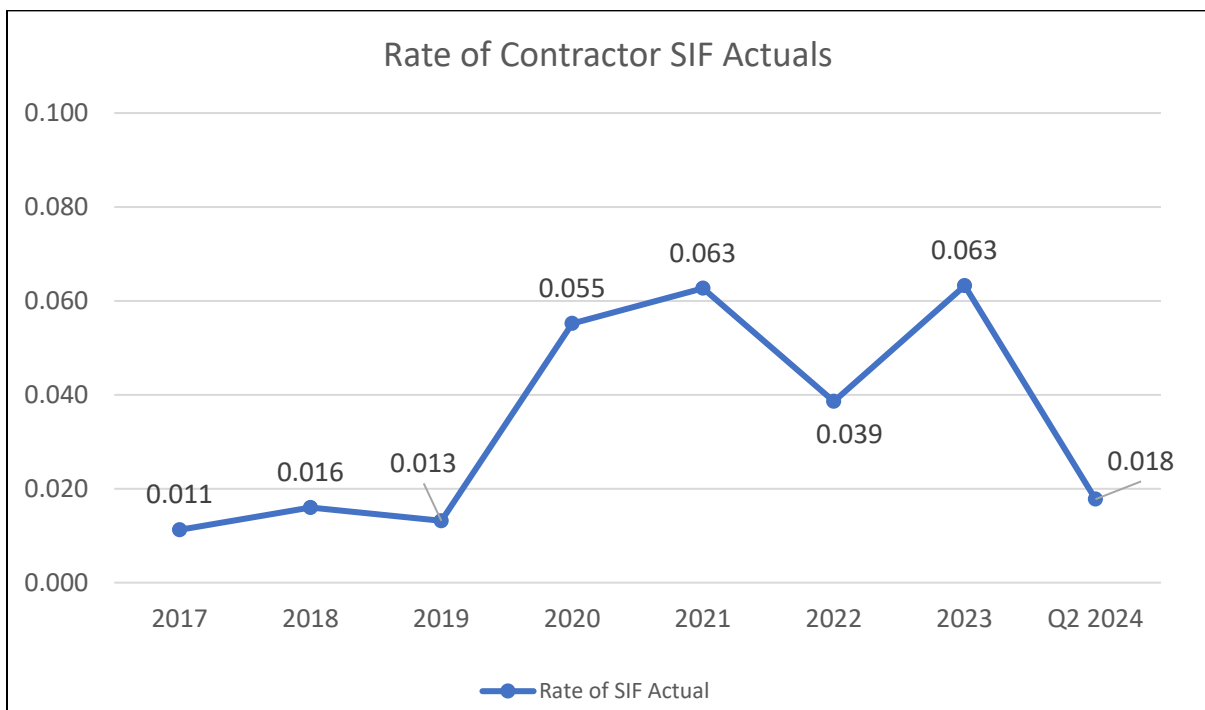
13 SAFE-1100S Rev. 00 (2017): SIF Program.

14 SAFE-1100S-B001.

15 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 2020.¹⁶ The 2017 through Q2 2024 dataset
2 includes a total of 74 contractor SIF Actuals that met the EEI OS&HC
3 serious injury criteria as described in Section A.2. above. Sixty-five percent
4 of the serious injury incidents (39 of 60) met the criteria of bone fracture,
5 including of the hands and feet. Fourteen were fatalities, where one
6 helicopter crash in 2020 claimed the lives of three individuals; the other
7 fatalities involved an act of a third party, falls from trees, electrical pole gas
8 pipe placement, and 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 Incidents¹⁷ 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

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

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

1 program for SIF review and classification.¹⁸ PG&E's SIF Program¹⁹ 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 through Q2 2024](#), 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, [343 were reviewed for](#)
17 [2023, and 298 were reviewed during the first half of 2024](#).

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

19 [For the first half of 2024](#), there were two contractor serious injuries and
20 no contractor fatalities. One of the [contractor serious injuries](#) was due to a
21 [motor vehicle incident resulting in a bone fracture](#). The other was due to a
22 [falling object resulting in a dislocation of a major joint](#). These included bone
23 [fracture of the foot and dislocation of the shoulder](#). The Q2 2024 SIF rate of
24 0.018 is a decrease from the end of year 2023 rate of 0.060. PG&E' current
25 and planned work activities for improving the long-term performance of this
26 metric are discussed in [Section E below](#).

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

¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ SAFE-1100S: SIF Standard determined SIF classification and management.

1 Performance through Q2 2024 against target is further discussed in
2 Section D.1 below.

3 C. (1.2) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

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

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

11 2. Target Methodology

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

- 14 • Historical Data and Trends: The target threshold takes into
15 consideration the historical increase (from 0.013 to 0.063) between
16 2019, 2020 and 2021, after expanding the contractor reporting
17 requirements in 2020. This increased the amount and rate of contractor
18 serious injuries (as defined by the EEI OS&HC serious injury criteria) by
19 over 466-percent. It also takes into consideration that in 2022 PG&E
20 expanded contractor injury reporting requirements to meet the SOM
21 SIF-A OS&HC criteria;
- 22 • Benchmarking: Not available. This metric uses new methodology not
23 used in the industry; therefore, benchmarking is not available. PG&E
24 confirmed with EEI that it is starting to collect these data among its utility
25 members and hopes to increase benchmarking capability as more
26 utilities begin to track contractor incident data. For establishing the
27 SOM 1.2: SIF-A (Contractor) target threshold PG&E used the industry
28 data that were available as a proxy to establish approximate
29 calculations. PG&E will continue to refine its targets as benchmark data
30 comes available;
- 31 • Regulatory Requirements: None;

- 1 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes. The main focus
2 for driving down injuries is noted below in planned/future work related to
3 Contractor Safety initiatives;
- 4 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators: While the performance at or below
5 the target may be sustainable, the more appropriate metric is to focus
6 on injuries resulting from a high energy incident, which is consistent with
7 both industry SIF-A monitoring and the SPM; and
- 8 • Other Qualitative Considerations: This target approach was established
9 to account for all job-related tasks with the potential to cause injury as
10 defined by the EEI OS&HC criteria.

11 3. 2024 and 2028 Target

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

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

28 D. (1.2) Performance Against Target

29 1. Progress on Sustaining the 1-Year Target

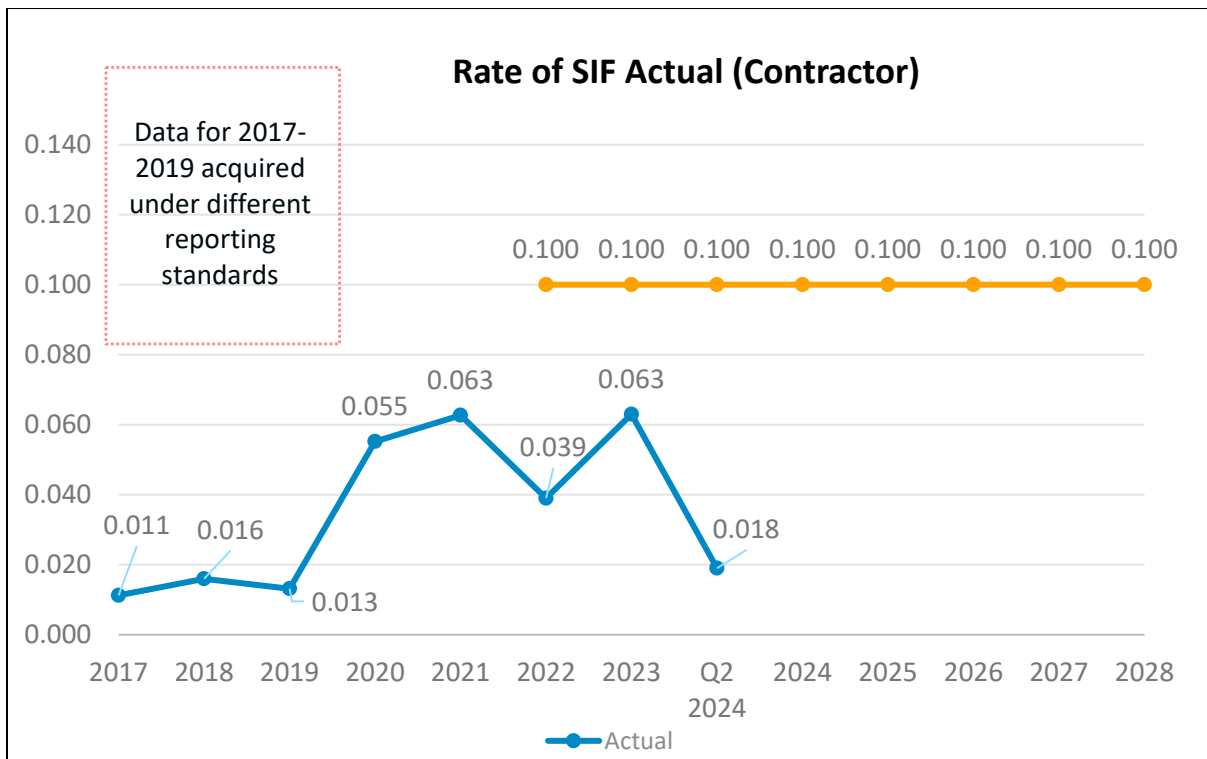
30 As demonstrated in Figure 1.1-2 below, PG&E experienced an increase
31 in the Contractor SIF Actual rate during the first half of 2023, with a
32 downward trend during the second half of 2023. This trend has continued
33 through the first half of 2024.

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

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

6 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is continuing to deploy a
 7 number of programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this
 8 metric to meet the Company’s 5-year performance target and will continue
 9 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**



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

- 11 • SIF Capacity & Learning Model: PG&E has implemented the SIF Capacity
 12 & Learning model which redefines safety as measured by the presence of
 13 essential controls and the capacity to experience failures safely. Worksite
 14 essential controls directly target the stuff that can kill or seriously injure a
 15 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 increases our
3 understanding of the management and thus prevention of serious injuries
4 and fatalities. Instead of measuring our success by the number of incidents,
5 we are defining safety by the presence of controls that give coworkers and
6 contractors the ability to fail safely.

- 7 • Human Performance (HU) Tools: PG&E is implementing the 10 Human
8 Performance (HU) Tools which include: Questioning Attitude, Tailboards and
9 Pre-Job Brief, Situational Awareness, Self-Checking (STAR), Two-Minute
10 Rule, Three-Way Communication, Stop When Unsure, Procedure Use and
11 Adherence, Phonetic Alphabet, and Placekeeping (i.e., physically marking
12 steps in a procedure or other guiding document that have been completed).
13 The HU Tools are deeply connected to the SIF Prevention Program and
14 allow coworkers to slow things down and reduce the chances of human
15 errors caused by internal and external factors. When used effectively, these
16 tools can also help ensure essential controls effectively remain in place and
17 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 as well as for all new contractors when they begin performing work on behalf
22 of PG&E. This includes contractors new in business, as well as contractors
23 new to PG&E. PG&E utilizes our third-party administrator (TPA), ISNetWorld
24 (ISN), to facilitate these CSQARs. The purpose is to partner directly with
25 our contract partners, perform a comprehensive review of their safety
26 programs and culture, and implement controls to eliminate serious injuries
27 and fatalities. The contractors participate in a six-week examination of their
28 safety culture within their company. Opportunities are identified, they
29 undergo a barrier analysis, and corrective actions are designed and
30 implemented. Following the successful completion of the initial six weeks,
31 PG&E checks in with contractors every 30 days for a minimum of three
32 months to conduct an effectiveness review to ensure the corrective actions
33 were implemented as designed, were effective and self-sustaining, and do

1 not expose employees to unforeseen hazards. As of Q2 of 2024, 196
2 CSQARs have been completed, and there are 26 currently in progress.

- 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. In 2023, PG&E contractors went 155
6 consecutive days without a motor vehicle rollover event. This was a
7 154 percent improvement in the most consecutive days rollover free
8 compared to 2022, and a 214 percent improvement over the previous year
9 (the average number of days of 52.1 between rollover events compared to
10 last years' 16.6 days between rollover events). PG&E attributes this
11 progress to the partnership with high-risk contract companies in the
12 improvement of their driving safety programs and the development and
13 implementation of company specific rollover prevention plans.
- 14 • PG&E has also implemented a Driving Safety Program. This program is
15 intended to ensure our prime contractors and subcontractors are meeting
16 the PG&E driving program expectations, as well as the Department of
17 Transportation's regulatory agencies, and best in class procedures adapted
18 from the ANSI Z15.1 2017 standard. PG&E continues to strengthen the
19 requirements in the areas of fatalities and safety performance evaluation,
20 including requiring a mitigation plan, and adding the requirement of a safety
21 observation program.
- 22 • PG&E's Contractor Safety Program: Programs that support this metric
23 include PG&E's Enterprise Health and Safety organization and the
24 Contractor Safety Program. Beginning in 2016, PG&E implemented a
25 formal Contractor Safety Program to help our contractor partners reduce
26 illness and injuries when working with PG&E. The program was
27 implemented as required by the CPUC, Kern Oil Settlement Agreement.
28 PG&E's Contractor Safety Program includes all contractors and
29 subcontractors (currently over 2,100) performing high and medium-risk work
30 on behalf of PG&E, on either PG&E owned, or customer owned, sites and
31 assets. The Contractor Safety Program consists of the following primary
32 elements:
 - 33 – Contractor Company Pre-Qualification: PG&E leverages the capabilities
34 of ISNetworld (ISN) to collect performance and safety compliance

1 program information from all prime and subcontractors that conduct
2 work classified as high or medium risk. PG&E is responsible for the
3 performance of its contractors. As part of this effort, ISNetworkd a
4 third-party administrator, independently assesses contractors' historical
5 safety data, and safety, drug/alcohol, and written safety programs to
6 evaluate whether contractors meet PG&E's minimum performance
7 standards and have the necessary risk management programs in place
8 to proactively mitigate risk. A variance to work for PG&E is required for
9 contractors who do not meet the prequalification requirements. The
10 variance process includes a review of the contractor's safety
11 performance, an improvement plan and the business need in relation to
12 the proposed scope of work. The decision to award a variance requires
13 Vice President and Chief Safety Officer approval, or Chief Executive
14 Officer designee approval.

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

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

- 6 • Contractor Job Safety Planning: Safety must be factored into every job plan
7 from start to finish. Safety considerations include formal training, job site
8 work controls, specialized equipment to reduce hazards, and personal
9 protective equipment. Each of PG&E's functional areas have safety plan
10 requirements unique to its operations. Prior to commencement of work,
11 PG&E is required to review the adequacy of the safety plans, including
12 contractor safety personnel qualifications where applicable, and perform a
13 safety assessment to evaluate whether additional safety mitigations are
14 required, including whether to assign PG&E onsite safety personnel. These
15 reviews must be conducted by PG&E employees that are qualified to
16 perform such work or PG&E engages third-party experts as appropriate to
17 perform this safety analysis.
- 18 • Contractor Oversight: Work activities are governed by qualified PG&E
19 oversight personnel to ensure work follows a PG&E reviewed and approved
20 safety plan designed for the job. PG&E conducts field safety observations
21 of the contractor. [For the first half of 2024, approximately 59,000 contractor](#)
22 [observations were conducted](#). High-risk findings are reviewed daily, and
23 corrective actions are discussed. Observation data collected by all
24 observers (e.g., PG&E and contractors) are analyzed to support continuous
25 improvement.
- 26 • Contractor Safety Performance Evaluation: To maximize and capture
27 lessons learned, the results of which are shared across the enterprise, as
28 well as providing a means of determining future contract award, Functional
29 Area Representatives evaluate contractor safety performance. Prime
30 Contractors must also evaluate all Subcontractors performing any active
31 work during the year. Evaluations must be completed at the conclusion of
32 the contracted work or at least once every calendar year. Safety
33 performance evaluations must include the following minimum performance
34 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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5 **(PUBLIC)**

6 The material updates to this chapter since the April 1, 2024, report are identified
7 in blue font.

8 **A. (1.3) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

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.” Our goal is zero public
22 safety incidents that result from the failure or malfunction of a PG&E asset
23 or the failure of PG&E to follow rules and/or standards. In support of this,
24 PG&E is continuing to invest in programs to protect the public including
25 electric transmission (ET) and distribution system reliability and the
26 reduction of wildfire risk. PG&E remains committed to building an
27 organization where every work activity is designed to facilitate safe
28 performance, every member of our workforce knows and practices safe
29 behaviors, and every individual is encouraged to speak up if they see an
30 unsafe or risky behavior with the confidence that their concerns and ideas
31 will be heard and followed up on. As part of this stand, the Public SIF Actual
32 metric is integral in ensuring the 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.”¹

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 – Q2 2024)**

25 In this report, [PG&E is providing fourteen and a half years of historical](#)
26 [data from 2010 through Q2 2024.](#)² The data include a description of the
27 incident, type of injury, and identification of the authority with jurisdiction that
28 has determined or may determine that incorrect operations, malfunction, or
29 failure to meet a standard was the cause of the SIF. As mentioned above,
30 the data collection and internal reporting processes for public safety serious

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

² See [21-11-009.PGE_SOM_1-3_Public_SIF_A_Q2 2024](#) for a detailed list of incidents.

1 incidents were improved in 2012. Historical data for the Public SIF Actual
2 metric are based on this timeframe and also include available data for the
3 years of 2010 and 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_Q2 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.

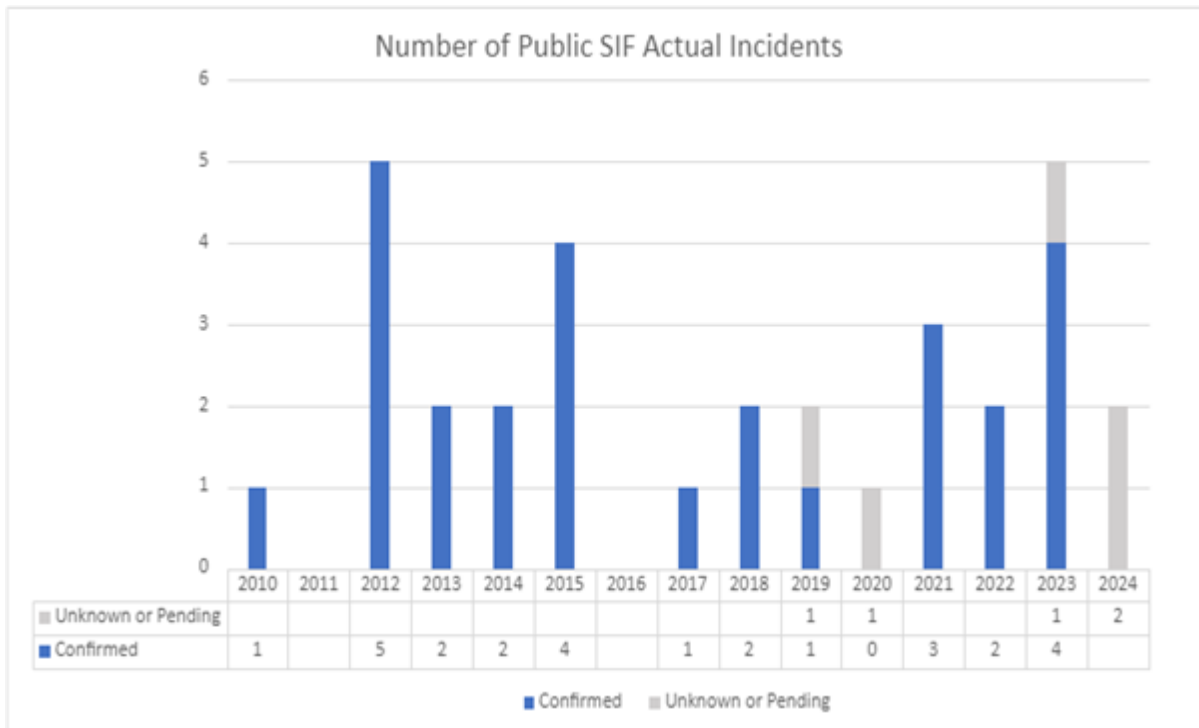
31 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

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

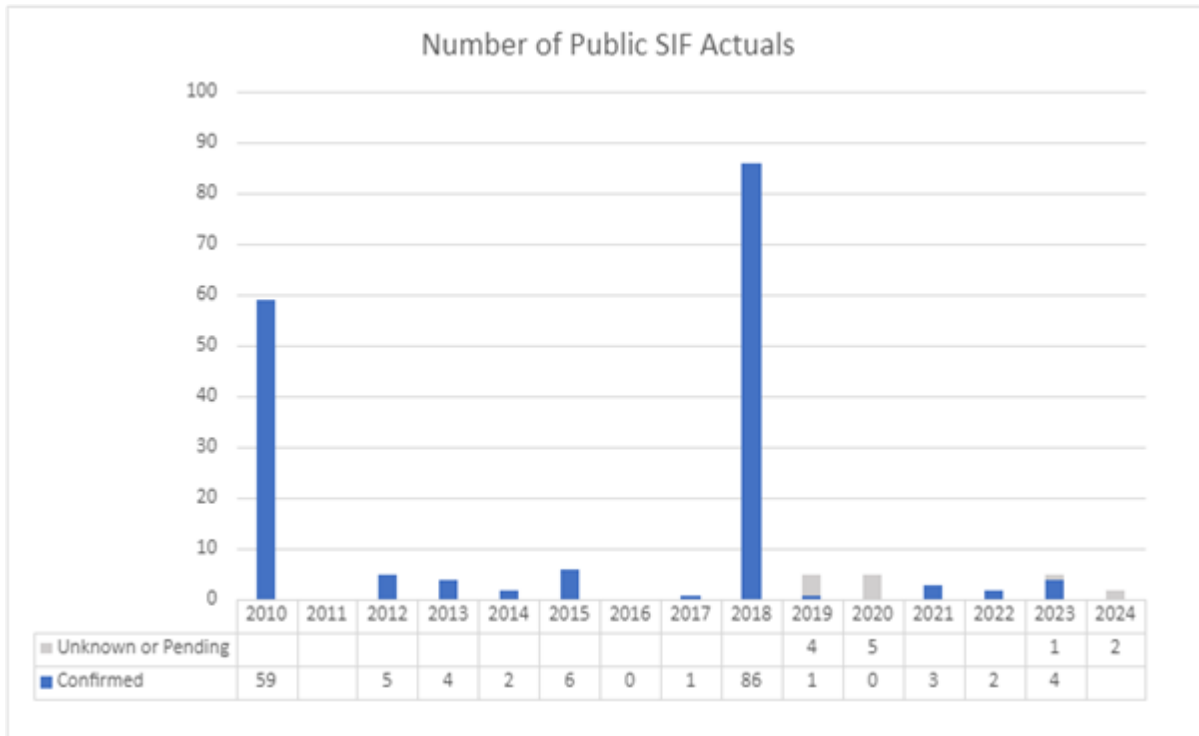
for each identified incident. Between 2010 through Q2 2024, there were 27 confirmed incidents where Public SIF Actuals occurred (Figure 1.3-1), which resulted in a total of 173 public SIFs (Figure 1.3-2). There are two incidents related to wildfire where a serious injury or fatality to a member of the public occurred that are shown as “unknown” due to ongoing investigation and/or litigation. There was one incident that occurred on September 30, 2023, involving a motorcyclist who made contact with a low hanging de-energized power line that was removed as not meeting any of the Public SIF definition criteria.

For the first half of 2024, there are two Public SIF incidents that are currently pending due to on-going investigations.

**FIGURE 1.3-1
NUMBER OF PUBLIC SIF ACTUAL INCIDENTS 2010 – Q2 2024
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.

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

- 2 • Historical Data and Trends: From 2010 through Q2 2024, there were a
3 total of 27 confirmed incidents where Public SIF Actuals occurred
4 (Figure 1.3-1), which resulted in a total of 173 public SIFs (Figure 1.3-2).
5 Five incidents where a serious injury or fatality occurred are pending
6 due to ongoing investigation and/or litigation. Historical data will
7 continue to inform PG&E’s plans and actions to achieve its goal of zero
8 public safety incidents.
- 9 • Benchmarking: Not available. This is a new metric definition;
- 10 • Regulatory Requirements: CPUC, FERC, and Department of
11 Transportation (DOT), public safety reporting requirements;
- 12 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes. PG&E’s work and
13 resource plan prioritizes public safety risk reduction. This includes
14 minimizing the risk of catastrophic wildfires in alignment with the
15 continued execution of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and
16 maturation of key wildfire mitigation strategies. It also includes
17 mitigation of other public safety risks related to the elimination of serious
18 injuries and fatalities (zero Public SIF Actual incidents);
- 19 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight
20 Enforcement: A 1-year goal of zero Public SIF Actuals was established
21 in 2022 and has not changed for 2024 through 2028 (5-year). The goal
22 reflects PG&E’s intent to immediately and continuously operate without
23 creating risk to the public; and
- 24 • Other Qualitative Considerations: PG&E’s approach is aligned to and
25 anchored on PG&E’s goal and commitment to “always” safe operations.

26 **3. 2024 Target**

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

1 **4. 2028 Target**

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

7 **D. (1.3) Performance Against Target**

8 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Directional Target**

9 For the first half of 2024 there are no confirmed Public SIF Actual
10 incidents that meet the SOMs criteria as described in section B.3. above.

11 **2. Progress Towards the 5-Year Directional Target**

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

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

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

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

- 23 • Gas System Damage Prevention team (Chapter 4.1): PG&E's Damage
24 Prevention team is responsible for the overall management of PG&E's
25 Damage Prevention Program, by managing the risks associated with
26 excavations around PG&E's facilities and conducting investigations. As an
27 additional control to manage the Damage Prevention Program, the Dig-in
28 Reduction team works closely with various local PG&E operations personnel
29 and respond to referrals from those employees when they observe
30 excavations potentially not in compliance with regulatory requirements.
31 DiRT personnel also assist the Ground Patrol team when they respond to
32 immediate threats identified in the air by the Aerial Patrol team and other

1 PG&E groups, in order to intervene in unsafe digging activities by third
2 parties and follow up to educate excavators as necessary.

3 • Gas Public Awareness and Damage Prevention Programs (Chapter 4.1):

4 Gas public awareness programs reduce the threat of third-party damage to
5 pipelines through educational outreach regarding safe excavation near
6 pipelines. PG&E's Damage Prevention activities include educational
7 outreach activities for professional excavators, local public officials,
8 emergency responders, and the public who lives and works within PG&E's
9 service territory. The program communicates safe excavation practices,
10 required actions prior to excavating near underground pipelines, availability
11 of pipeline location information, and other gas safety information through a
12 variety of methods throughout the year. These efforts are aimed at
13 increasing public awareness about the importance of utilizing the
14 811 Program before an excavation project is started, understanding the
15 markings that have been placed, and following safe excavation practices
16 after subsurface installations have been marked.

17 • Gas Field Service and Gas Dispatch (Chapter 4.3): PG&E's Field Service
18 and Gas Dispatch partner together to respond to customer Gas Emergency
19 (odor calls). There is a shared responsibility in the overall performance of
20 this work. Gas Service Representatives are deployed systemwide, 24 hours
21 a day—utilizing an on-call as needed.

22 • Gas Leak Management (Chapter 4.6): The Leak Management Program
23 addresses the risk of Loss of Containment by finding and fixing leaks.
24 PG&E performs leak survey of the gas transmission and storage system
25 twice per year, by either ground or aerial methods in accordance with
26 General Order (GO) 112-F. Leak surveys of pipeline and equipment are
27 commonly accomplished on foot or vehicle, by operator-qualified personnel,
28 using a portable methane gas leak detector. Aerial leak surveys, in remote
29 locations and areas difficult to access on the ground, are performed by
30 helicopter using Light Detection and Ranging Infrared technology.
31 Additional activities that complement the Leak Management Program
32 include risk-based leak surveys, mobile leak quantification, and
33 replacing/removing high bleed pneumatic devices at its compressor stations
34 and storage facilities.

1 • Gas Transmission Integrity Management (Chapter 4.6): The Integrity
2 Management Program provides the tools and processes for risk ranking and
3 prioritization of remediation efforts. This program enables PG&E to focus on
4 identifying and remediating threats to its system. The Transmission Integrity
5 Management Program assesses the threats on every segment of
6 transmission pipe, evaluates the associated risks, and acts to prevent or
7 mitigate these threats.

8 The current and planned work activities for reducing the risk of ET and
9 distribution system equipment failure or malfunction are discussed in
10 Chapters 2.1 through 2.4, and Chapters 3.1 through 3.16 of this report. The
11 list below touches upon some of these:

12 • Vegetation Management (Chapter 2.1): Vegetation Management for
13 Operational Mitigations is a new transitional program which began 2023.
14 This program is intended to help reduce outages and potential ignitions
15 using a risk-informed, targeted plan to mitigate potential vegetation contacts
16 based on historic vegetation outages on Enhanced Powerline Safety
17 Setting-enabled circuits. The focus is on mitigating potential vegetation
18 contacts in Circuit Protection Zones that have experienced vegetation
19 caused outages.

20 Focused Tree Inspections is another new transitional program that began in
21 2023 stemming from the conclusion of the Enhanced Vegetation
22 Management Program. PG&E is developed Areas of Concern to better
23 focus Vegetation Management efforts to address high risk areas that have
24 experienced higher volumes of vegetation damage during Public Safety
25 Power Shutoff (PSPS) events, outages, and/or ignitions. These areas are
26 inspected by Vegetation Management Inspectors with a Tree Risk
27 Assessment Qualification which provides a higher level of rigor to the
28 inspection.

29 • Downed Conductor Detection (DCD) (Chapter 2.1): To further mitigate high
30 impedance faults that can lead to ignitions, PG&E is piloting specific
31 distribution line reclosers utilizing advanced methods to detect and isolate
32 previously undetectable faults. This innovative solution is called DCD and
33 has been implemented on over 1,100 reclosing devices as of January 31,
34 2024. This technology uses sophisticated algorithms to determine when a

1 line-to-ground arc is present (i.e., electrical current flowing from one
2 conductive point to another) and the recloser will immediately de-energize
3 the line once detected. Although this technology is new, it has already
4 proven successful in detecting faults that would have otherwise been
5 undetectable. PG&E will continue to learn from these installations through
6 the 2024 wildfire season and expects to optimize and adjust this technology
7 to address system risks as needed.

- 8 • Overhead (OH) Patrols and Inspections (Chapter 3.1): PG&E monitors the
9 condition of OH conductor through patrols and inspections consistent with
10 GO 165. Tags are created for abnormal conditions, including those that can
11 lead to a wire down. Work is prioritized in a risk-informed manner to
12 address the issues identified in the tags. In addition, PG&E has
13 implemented risk based aerial inspections using drones in targeted areas.
14 Drone inspections significantly improve our ability to assess deteriorated
15 conditions on the conductor.

- 16 • Asset Inspection (Chapter 3.3): Detailed inspections of overhead
17 transmission assets seek to proactively identify potential failure modes of
18 asset components which could create future wire down, outage, and/or
19 safety events if left unresolved or allowed to “run to failure.” Detailed
20 inspections for transmission assets involve at least two detailed inspection
21 methods per structure (ground and aerial), though not necessarily in the
22 same calendar year which allows for staggered inspection methods across
23 multiple years. Aerial inspections may be completed either by drone,
24 helicopter, or aerial lift.

25 In addition to the ground and aerial inspections, climbing inspections are
26 also required for 500 kilovolt structures or as triggered. All these inspection
27 methods involve detailed, visual examinations of the assets with use of
28 inspection checklists that are in accordance with the ET Preventive
29 Maintenance standards, as well as the Failure Modes and Effects Analysis.

- 30 • Public Safety Power Shut Off (PSPS) (Chapter 3.13): PSPS is a wildfire
31 mitigation strategy, first implemented in 2019, to reduce powerline ignitions
32 during severe weather by proactively de-energizing powerlines (remove the
33 risk of those powerlines causing an ignition) prior to forecasted wind events
34 when humidity levels and fuel conditions are conducive to wildfires. PG&E’s

1 focus with the PSPS Program is to mitigate the risks associated with a
2 catastrophic wildfire and to prioritize customer safety. In 2021, PG&E
3 continued to make progress to its PSPS Program to mitigate wildfire risk,
4 including updating meteorology models and scoping processes. In 2023,
5 PG&E continued a multi-year effort to install additional distribution
6 sectionalizing devices, Fixed Power Solutions, and other mitigations
7 targeted at reducing the risk of wildfire.

- 8 • Public Awareness Programs: Electric public awareness programs educate
9 non-PG&E contractors and the public about power line safety and the
10 hazards associated with wire down events and are intended to reduce the
11 number of third-party electrical contacts. Outreach efforts include social
12 media campaigns focused on increasing customer awareness of overhead
13 lines, representation at local fire safe councils and community events and
14 the automated customer notification system. Security improvements can
15 include proactive equipment replacement, security measures and intrusion
16 detection devices.

17 In addition, PG&E's 2023 WMP³ also includes information regarding grid
18 system hardening and enhancements to reduce the risk of wildfire.

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

- 21 • Power Generations Hydroelectric Programs: Hydroelectric programs
22 include procedures for planning for unusual water releases, along with their
23 associated safety warnings.
- 24 • Power Generation Compliance Programs: Public Safety Plans are
25 published and routinely updated as required by PG&E hydroelectric facility
26 FERC licenses. FERC required Emergency Action Plans exist for all
27 significant and high hazards dams. The Plans are exercised annually with a
28 seminar and phone drill.
- 29 • Hydro Facility Unusual Water Releases and Water Safety Warning Standard
30 and accompanying procedure: Hydroelectric facility Unusual Water
31 Releases and Water Safety Warning documentation establishes Hydro

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

1 facility requirements for planning and making unusual water releases or high
2 flow events and their associated safety warnings.

- 3 • In addition, public safety has distributed hydroelectric safety brochures that
4 included dam safety, water safety, and recreational safety information. The
5 brochures notify the recipient that they live near a hydroelectric facility in
6 order to minimize potential reaction time and encourage them to be aware of
7 dangerous spring flows. [PG&E mailed brochures to 7,000 recipients for](#)
8 [annual FERC compliance.](#)
- 9 • PG&E Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Program: This program
10 establishes and defines PG&E's Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring
11 Program for the continued long-term safe and reliable operation of PG&E's
12 dams. Dam surveillance involves the collection of data by various means,
13 including inspections and instrumentation, whereas monitoring involves the
14 review of the collected data as obtained and over time for any adverse
15 trends.
- 16 • Canals and Waterways Safety: In 2022, PG&E Power Generation and
17 external public safety representatives successfully tested a new rope system
18 designed to enable members of the public who might accidentally fall into a
19 hydro canal to pull themselves out of danger. Since 2019, an additional
20 8.3 miles of barrier fencing has been installed along with
21 139 newly-designed escape ladders. In addition, 327 warning signs have
22 been posted, identifying the canal and specific GPS location.

23 Power Generation has also distributed safety information to property owners
24 with canals that bisect their property. A canal entry emergency response plan
25 has been published to guide efficient and timely communications between PG&E
26 personnel and local first responders when responding to emergencies resulting
27 from public entry into PG&E-owned water conveyance systems. [PG&E mailed](#)
28 [brochures to 1,000 recipients in late spring.](#) Brochures included information to
29 help people understand the dangers around canals and to help people prepare
30 and plan for what to do in case of a safety emergency.

- 31 • Recreation safety posters are posted for recreation sites identified below
32 time sensitive EAP dams. These recreation areas include campgrounds,
33 river access, trails, and boat ramps. Recreation safety posters illustrate
34 what to do in the event of a high flow event or dam safety emergency.

1 Posters provide the public with information on inundation areas, warning
2 signs of a dam safety emergency, safety precautions, and local agency
3 emergency contacts in order to prevent, moderate, or alleviate the effects of
4 an incident. [Annually, public safety works with land agents to check all
5 locations and replace signage where needed.](#)

- 6 • Drowning hazard safety signs: In response to public safety concerns
7 associated with specific locations, public safety personnel prepared unique
8 drowning hazard safety signs that informed the public of potentially
9 dangerous river currents and changing water levels. PG&E produced
10 multiple signs that were posted at sites for public information. These signs
11 included potential hazards and safety precautions.

12 The current and planned work activities for reducing the risk enterprise-wide
13 include:

- 14 • K- through 8th grade safety awareness education. We are continued our
15 long-standing utility public safety awareness education initiative that offers
16 various interactive and educational materials and programs for
17 K-8 educators, their students, and students' families. These resources help
18 educators increase student awareness of utility safety issues, including
19 safety around hydroelectric facilities and waterways. The content of the
20 materials provided to teachers are aligned with STEM (Science,
21 Technology, Engineering, and Math) standards. These classroom materials
22 are offered to districts and educators in all zip codes within PG&E's service
23 territory. Educators are made aware of these resources using a blend of
24 direct mailing, and one-on-one conversations between company
25 representatives and stakeholders. PG&E representatives make direct
26 telephone calls to local school officials and educators to alert them to the
27 availability of materials. PG&E has made additional phone calls to
28 K- through 8th grade schools located within zip codes where PG&E
29 hydroelectric facilities are located. Each of these schools is contacted up to
30 six times to confirm that the schools have received PG&E's offer of
31 educational classroom booklets and encourage stakeholders to use online
32 educational resources that PG&E makes available on its dedicated Safe
33 Kids website. In 2023, PG&E reached approximately 67,000 teachers and

1 delivered educational materials for nearly 300,000 K-8 students and their
2 families. [This same outreach is in progress for 2024.](#)

3 Transportation Safety: PG&E Transportation Safety programs protect our
4 employees and the public by establishing requirements and processes to control
5 risks that can lead to motor vehicle accidents, improve safety performance, and
6 increase awareness of all PG&E employees related to the operation of motor
7 vehicles. This comprehensive program was established to reduce the number of
8 motor vehicle incidents that have the potential for serious injury, including fatal
9 injury, to PG&E's employees, staff augmentation employees operating vehicles
10 on Company business, and the public. Driver performance data is used to
11 identify specific risk drivers for targeted intervention, including driver training and
12 implementing vehicle safety technology including the cellular phone blocking
13 program currently in use with approximately 2,000 active users. The program
14 has effectively suppressed over 335,000 texts and over 83,000 calls. Other
15 programs include:

- 16 – A Safe Driving policy and Driver Scorecard enhancement launched in
17 August of 2023. Since then, 161 Action Plans have been initiated.
18 Of those, 93 Action Plans have been completed.
- 19 – The initiation of Smith Driving courses for apprentice and new hires
20 including behind the wheel and close quarter maneuvering courses.
- 21 – The retrofit of 568 trouble trucks with Brigade Birdseye External 360
22 Cameras technology. The cameras are designed to eliminate blind spots,
23 where areas around the vehicle that are obscured to the driver by bodywork
24 or machinery, and provide the driver with the ability to see everything in the
25 vehicle's path.
- 26 – Improvements to vehicle roll-over performance through targeted campaigns
27 and by enabling "harsh cornering" monitoring using vehicle telematics.

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

31 Contractor Safety Programs: Pre-qualification requirements for the PG&E
32 Contractor Safety Program include a review of the 3-year history of Serious
33 Safety Incidents (Life Altering/Life Threatening) affecting the public. This

- 1 information must be updated annually. Additional information on the Contractor
- 2 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 April 1, 2024, report are identified
8 in blue font.

9 **A. (2.1) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

19 **2. Introduction of Metric**

20 The measurement of SAIDI unplanned represents the amount of time
21 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 SAIDI measurement does not
24 include planned outages, which occur when PG&E deactivates power to
25 safely perform system work. This metric is associated with risk of Asset
26 Failure, which is associated with both utility reliability and safety. The metric
27 measures outages due to all causes including impacts of various external
28 factors, but excludes MED. It is an important industry-standard measure of
29 reliability performance as it is a direct measure of a customer’s electric
30 reliability experience.

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

2 **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2024)**

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).

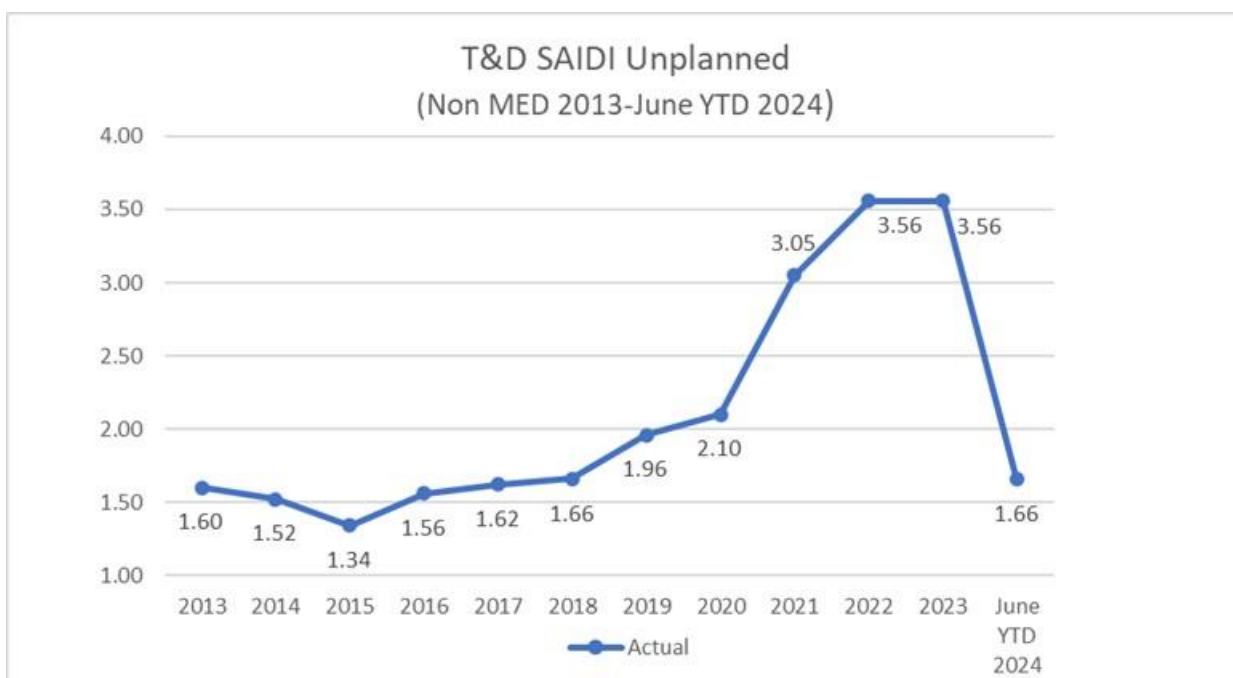
25 Reliability performance has consistently degraded since 2017 as
26 PG&E's focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation, with a
27 45 percent unplanned SAIDI increase occurring in 2021 from 2020.

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 were EPSS enabled.

FIGURE 2.1-1
TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION HISTORICAL UNPLANNED SAIDI PERFORMANCE
(2013-JUNE 2024 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.

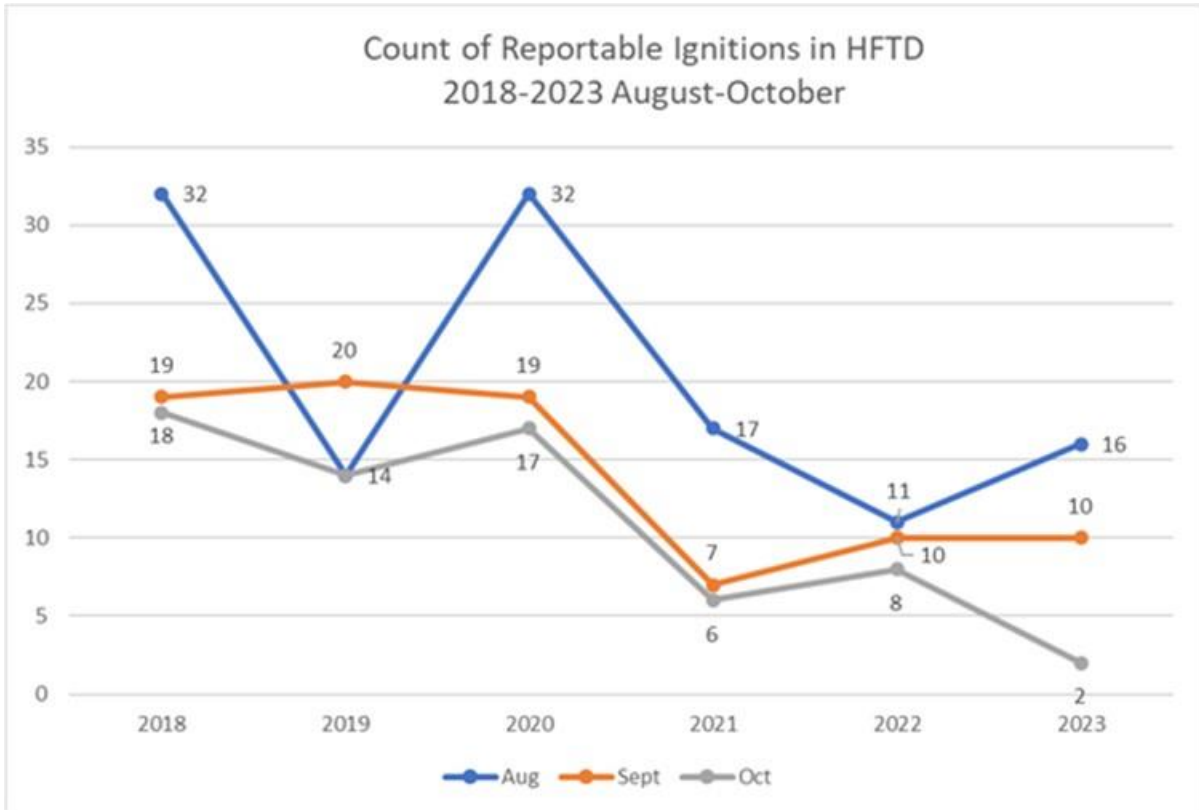
14 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

15 As of June 2024, the unplanned SAIDI metric performance was 1.66
16 hours. This is above the SAIDI result of 1.62 hours for mid-2023 and above
17 1.52 hours for mid-2022.

18 As stated in the April 2024 report, the full-year 2023 unplanned SAIDI
19 metric performance was 3.56 hours, finishing the year the same as 2022.
20 This is largely due to the following factors:

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

**FIGURE 2.1-3
2018-2023 COUNT OF CPUC-REPORTABLE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION IGNITIONS
AUG-OCT**



- 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 had 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.

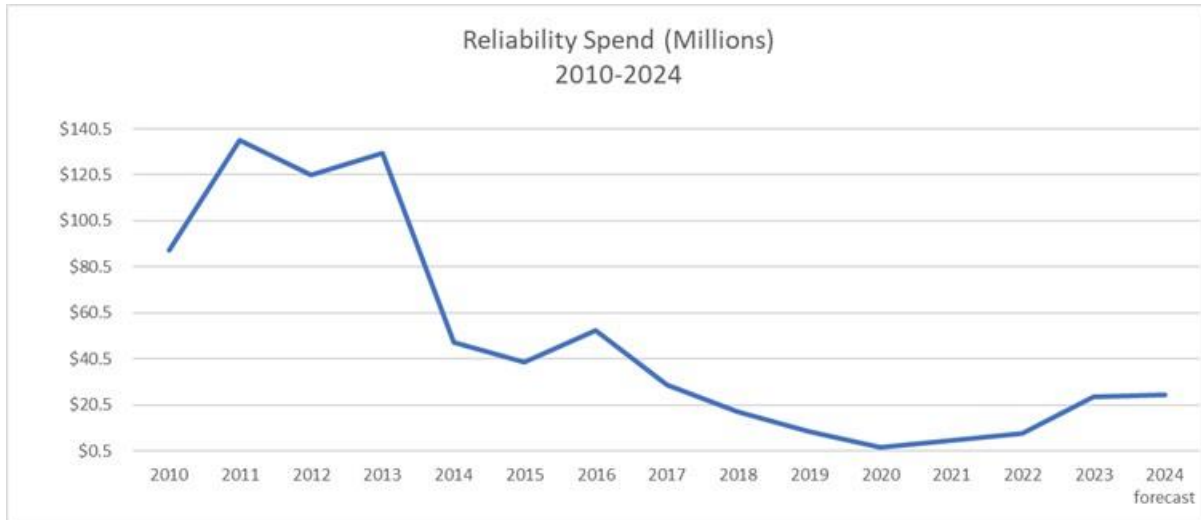
28 The following factors were also considered in establishing targets:

- 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 SAIDI 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**

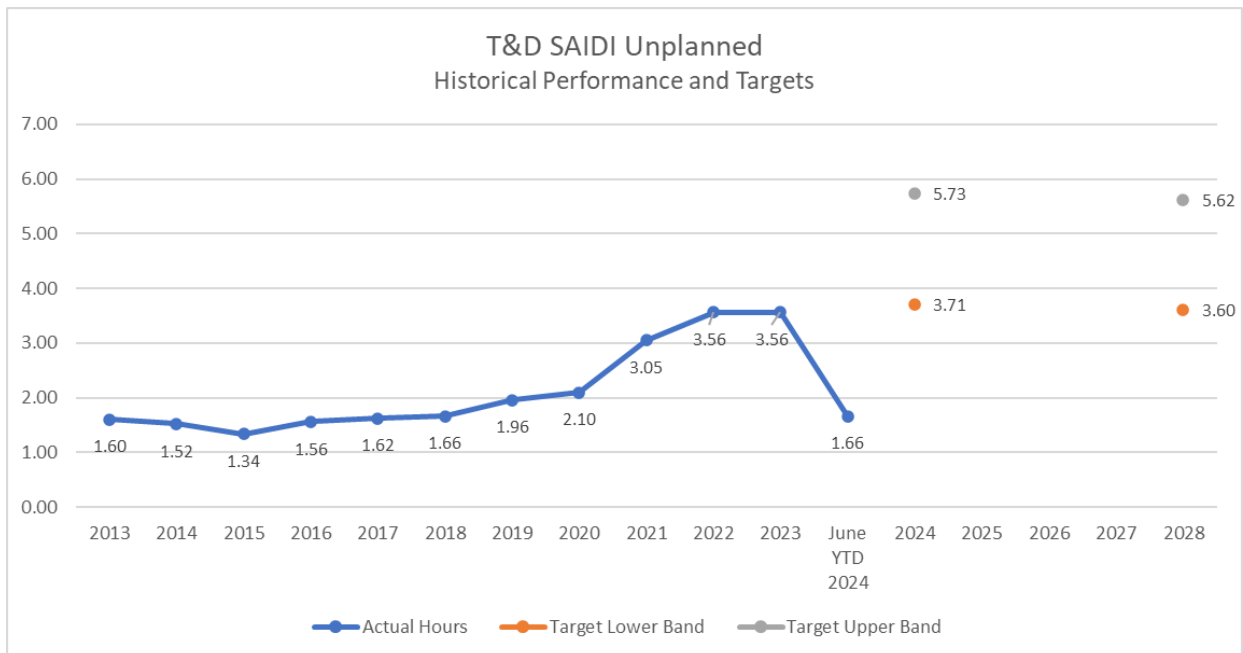
4 **1. Progress Towards 1-Year Target**

5 PG&E currently has a SAIDI performance of 1.66. This is above the
6 SAIDI result of 1.62 hours for mid-2023 and above 1.52 hours for mid-2022.

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

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

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



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

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

- 14 • Vegetation Management: The EVM Program targeted OH distribution lines
15 in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplemented PG&E's annual routine VM
16 work with California Public Utilities Commission mandated clearances. Our

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

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

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2 Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

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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
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11 364 circuit miles of undergrounding work, including Butte County Rebuild
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 9 (Switches, Disconnects), Capacitors, and Conductors—that plays an
 10 important role in preventing customer interruptions.

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 12 possible, numbers for each device may change quickly upon reporting.¹
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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 will be reflected in PG&E's March 2025 report. Table includes planned outages.

¹ Information on COE equipment can be provided upon request.

**TABLE 2.1-3
EPSS CIRCUIT SAIDI SUMMARY (JAN-JUN 2018-2024)**

Line No.	SAIDI	Non-EPSS Circuit	EPSS Circuit
1	2018	21.1	26.1
2	2019	25.2	31.7
3	2020	26.8	28.6
4	2021	31.4	35.0
5	2022	39.4	49.6
6	2023	37.4	59.4
7	2024	43.2	58.5

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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6 The material updates to this chapter since the April 1, 2024, report are identified
7 in blue font.

8 **A. (2.2) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

17 **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

30 **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2024)**

31 PG&E has measured unplanned SAIFI for over 20 years; however, this
32 report uses 2013 to 2023 unplanned SAIFI values for target analysis to align

1 with the same timeframe used for the wire down SOMs metrics. 2013 was
2 the first full year PG&E uniformly began measuring wire down events.

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

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

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

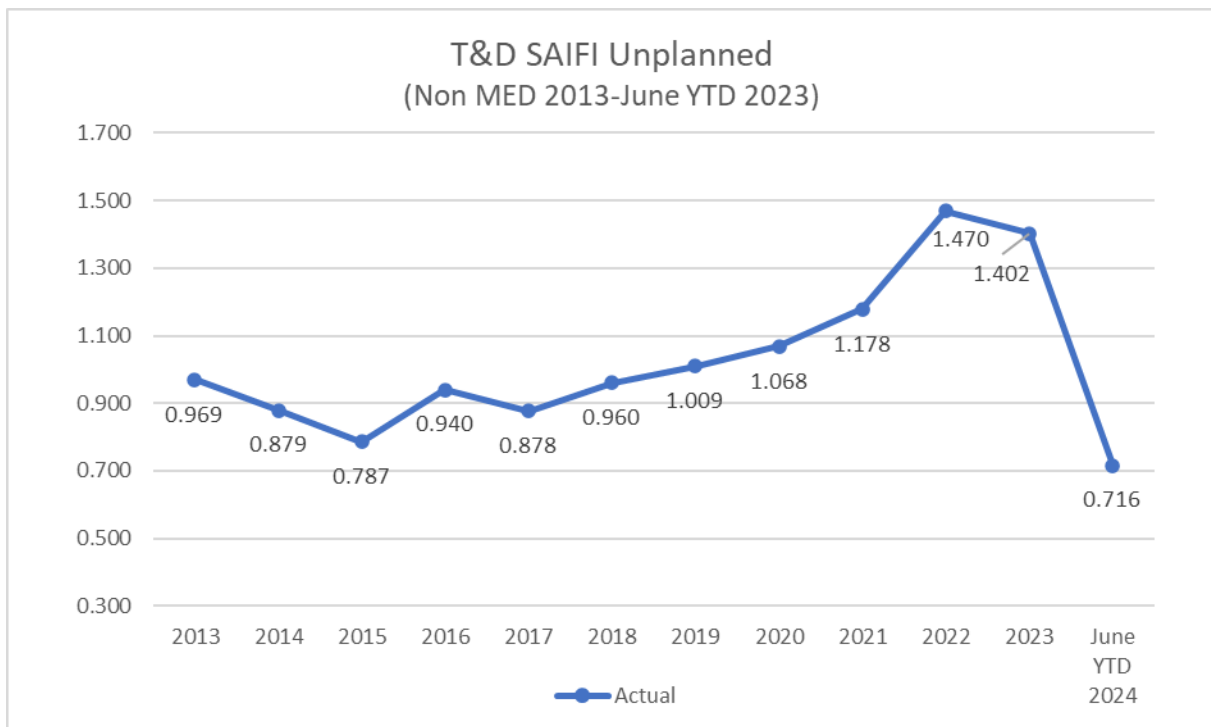
16 Other factors that contribute to reliability improvement include (but are
17 not limited to) reliability project investments and project execution, favorable
18 weather conditions, outage response and repair time, vegetation
19 management (VM), and switching device locations and function (including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

21 Reliability performance has consistently degraded since 2017 as
22 PG&E's focus pivoted to wildfire risk prevention and mitigation, with a
23 25 percent unplanned SAIFI increase occurring in 2022 from 2021.

24 In 2021, Hot Line Tag, which was soon named Enhanced Powerline
25 Safety Settings (EPSS) became an additional mitigation for wildfires. This
26 was used in conjunction with Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). The
27 EPSS on all protective devices feeding into HFRA areas were set very
28 sensitively so they could quickly and automatically turn off power if a
29 problem was detected on the line. This significant reduction in time for
30 clearing a fault had come into conflict with normal utility practices of
31 maintaining coordination between devices. Where there was one device
32 operating for an issue on the line, we now had multiple devices leading to
33 more customers out and worsen reliability.

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

FIGURE 2.2-1
TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION HISTORICAL UNPLANNED SAIFI PERFORMANCE
(2013-JUNE 2024 NON-MEDS ONLY)



6 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

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

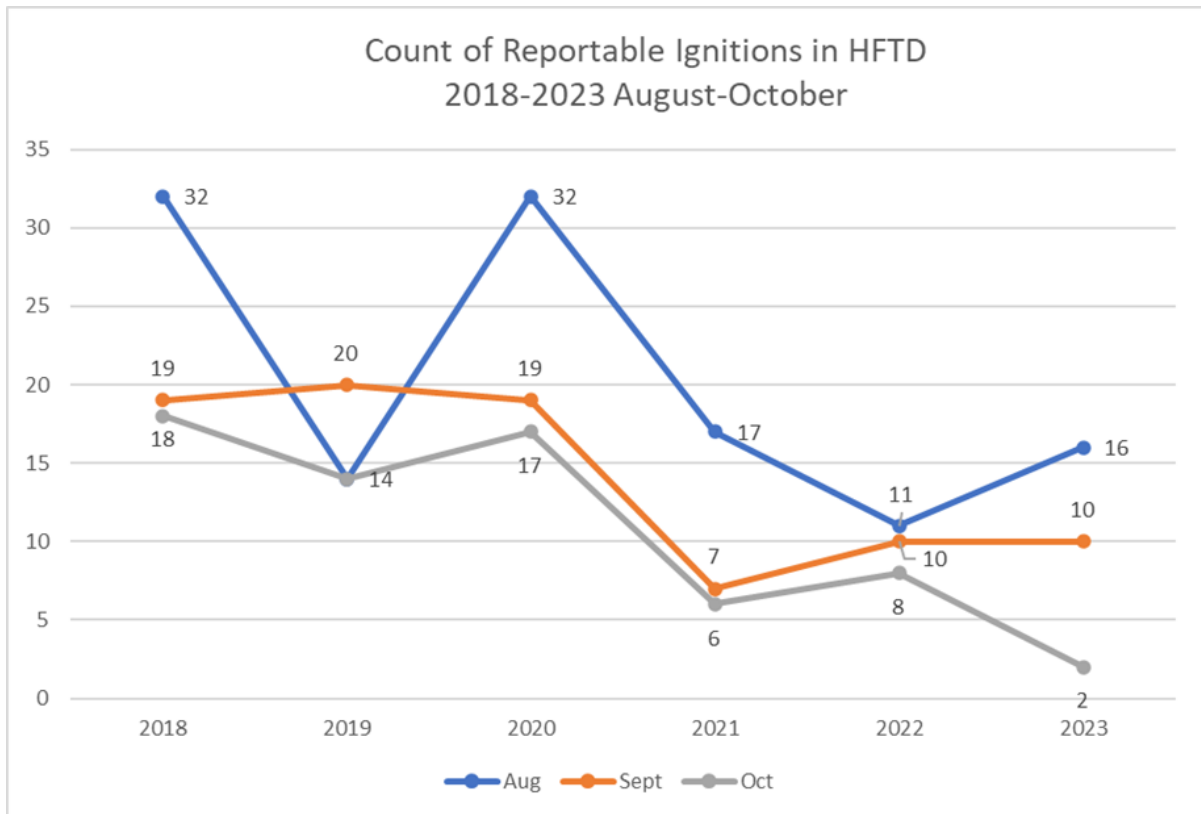
15 **3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period**

16 As of June 2024, the unplanned SAIFI metric performance was 0.716.
17 This performance is slightly worse than mid-2022 performance of 0.642 and
18 mid-2023 performance of 0.595.

19 As stated in the April 2024 report, 2023-year end unplanned SAIFI
20 metric performance was 1.402 and was slightly better than the 2023
21 one-year target of 1.426 – 2.205. Even though 2023 performance was
22 slightly lower than the 2022 performance, the 2023 performance result is still
23 higher than previous years due to the following factors:

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

**FIGURE 2.2-2
2018-2023 COUNT OF CPUC-REPORTABLE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION IGNITIONS
AUG-OCT**



- 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 were
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.

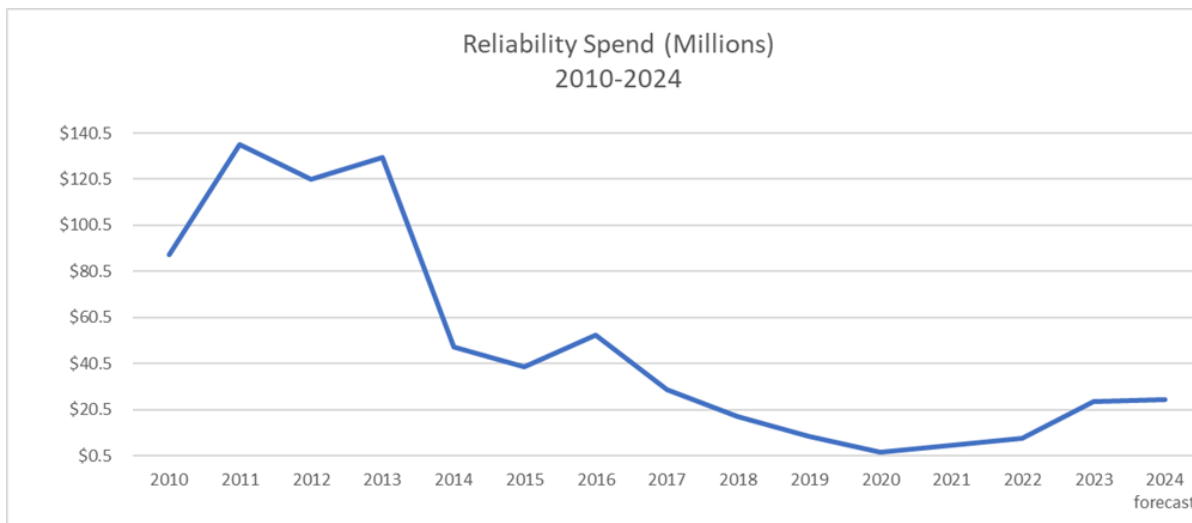
23 Finally, unpredictable variability in weather from year to year is also a
24 consideration in target setting. For example, as of March 1, 2023, PG&E
25 had experienced 29 storm days. Although 14 of the storm days are
26 excluded in MEDs, 15 of the storms were not, and the widespread outages
27 that 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
4 acknowledged as an indicator of PG&E’s opportunity to improve for our
5 customers over the long-run as risk reduction allows;
- 6 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 7 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
8 Enforcement: The target range for this metric is suitable for EOE as it
9 accounts for our current work plan and the unknowns of EPSS;
- 10 • Attainable With Known Resources/Work Plan: Based on 2023 results and
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:
 - 16 – PG&E’s top financial and resource priority of minimizing the risk of
17 catastrophic wildfires has led to declining reliability performance and
18 does not support an improvement of the unplanned SAIFI metric.
19 However, some of the wildfire hardening projects have reliability
20 benefits for those customers in high risk areas. Those projects should
21 reduce the frequency of outages experienced, in both the short and the
22 long term. PG&E also has an allocated budget of an additional
23 \$7 million to support areas affected by EPSS by reducing customer
24 impacted areas and resolving some of the asset health issues in those
25 areas. As PG&E moves forward into 2024, our asset spending is to
26 maintain reliability but looking further into 2025, PG&E is exploring an
27 additional \$19 million in spending on new gang-operated equipment
28 that will coordinate more effectively with our currently available
29 protective devices. This program will reduce customer impact during
30 EPSS but could have future reliability benefits for non-HFTD areas.

**FIGURE 2.2-3
RELIABILITY SPEND 2010 – 2024**



- 1 – The most significant driver of reliability performance is Equipment
- 2 Failure, specifically Overhead Conductor;
- 3 – Current replacement rates from 2017-2023 have been on average
- 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**

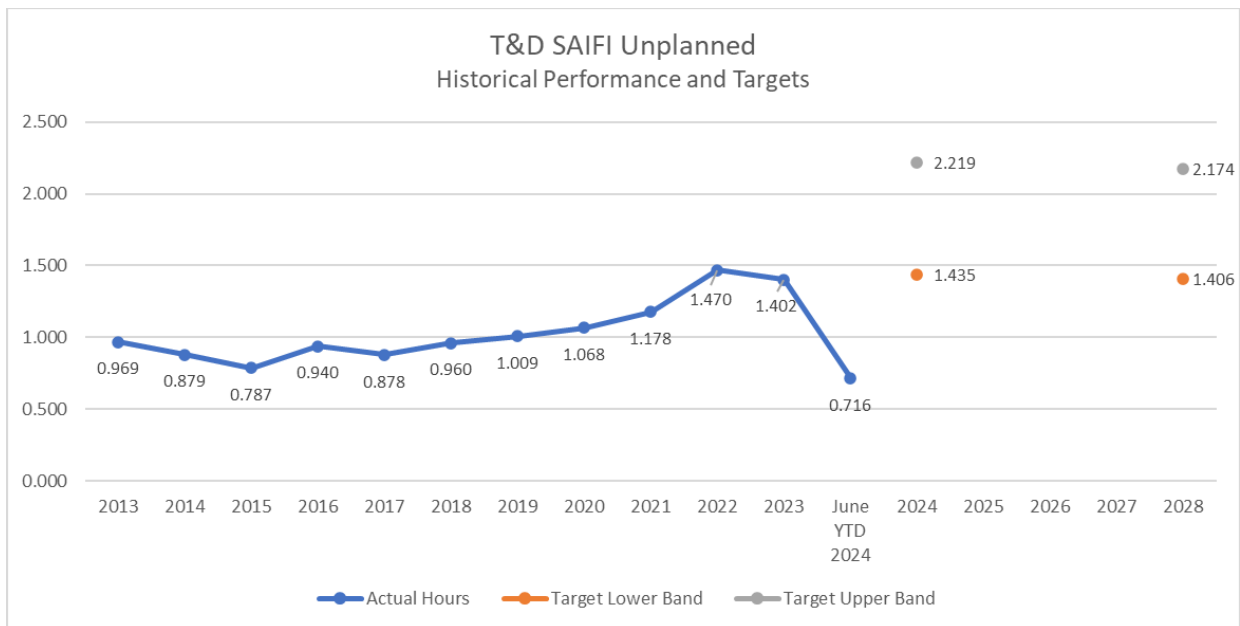
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1 target range of 1.426 – 2.205. This performance is slightly worse than
2 mid-2022 performance of 0.642 and mid-2023 performance of 0.595.

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

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

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



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

8 Existing Programs that could improve Reliability Metric Performance and
9 historical trend data for SAIFI are listed below.

- 10 • Vegetation Management: The EVM Program targeted OH distribution lines
11 in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplemented PG&E’s annual routine VM
12 work with California Public Utilities Commission mandated clearances. Our
13 EVM Program went above and beyond regulatory requirements for
14 distribution lines by expanding minimum clearances and removing
15 overhangs in HFTD areas. Due to the emergence of other wildfire mitigation
16 programs (namely EPSS and Undergrounding), the program was
17 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, prioritized by risk
3 rank using our latest Wildfire Distribution Risk Model (WDRM). The WMP
4 has commitments for this program of the removal of 15K trees in 2023, 20K
5 trees in 2024, and 25K trees in 2025.

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9 risk-informed, targeted plan to mitigate potential vegetation contacts based
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**FIGURE 2.2-6
SAIFI PERFORMANCE DRIVERS HISTORICAL DATA**

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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%

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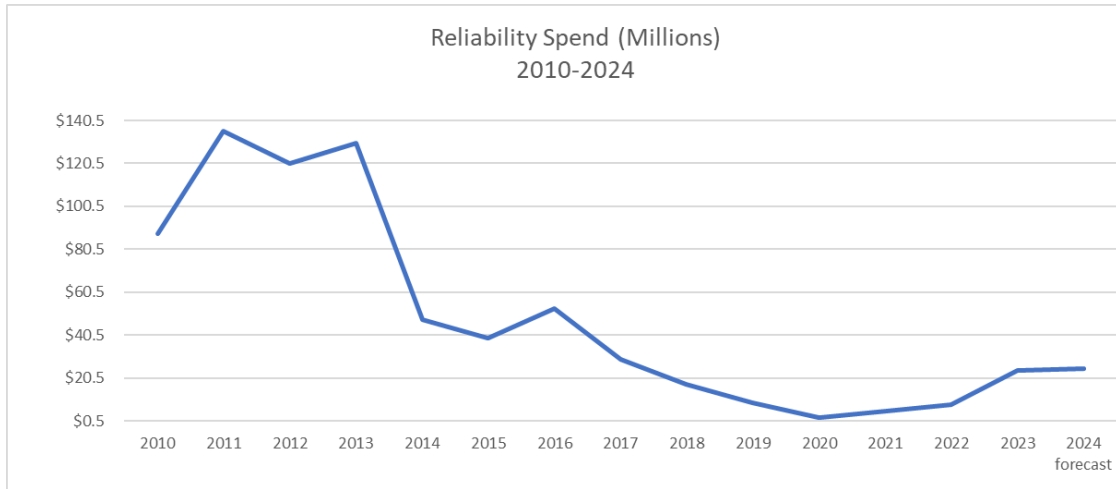
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11 that experience a sustained (> 5 minutes) outage.

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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
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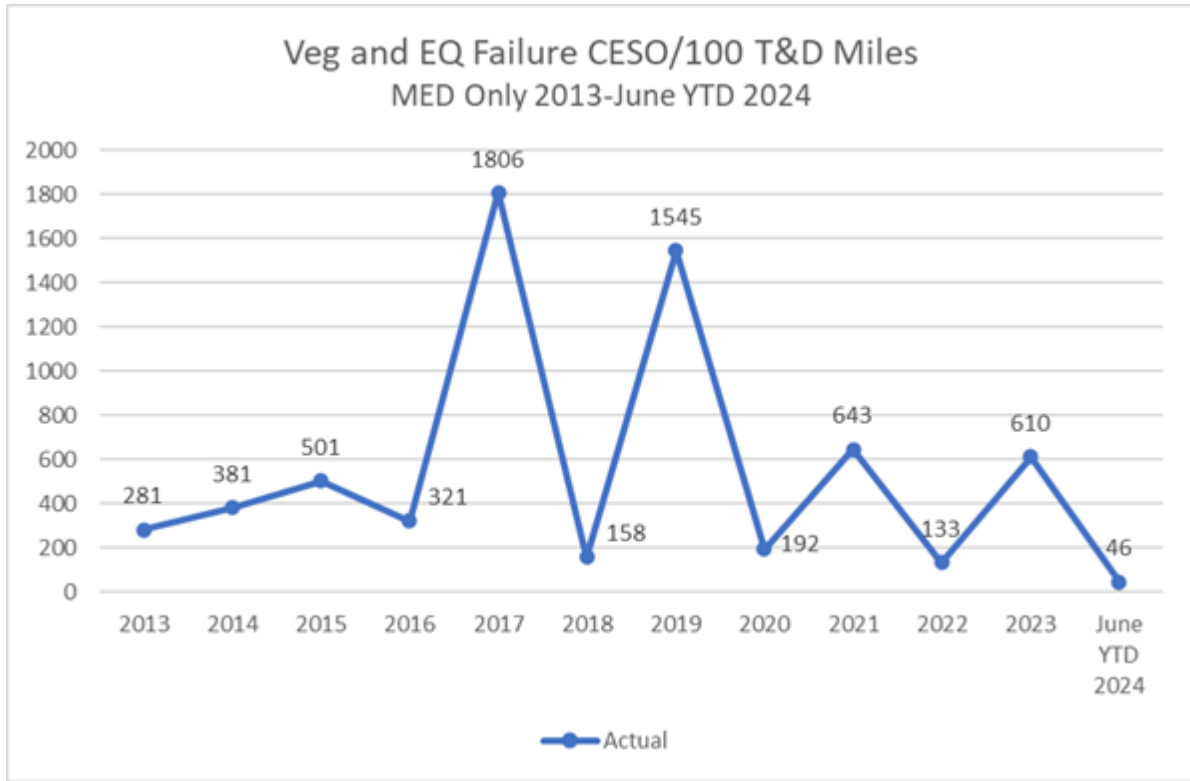
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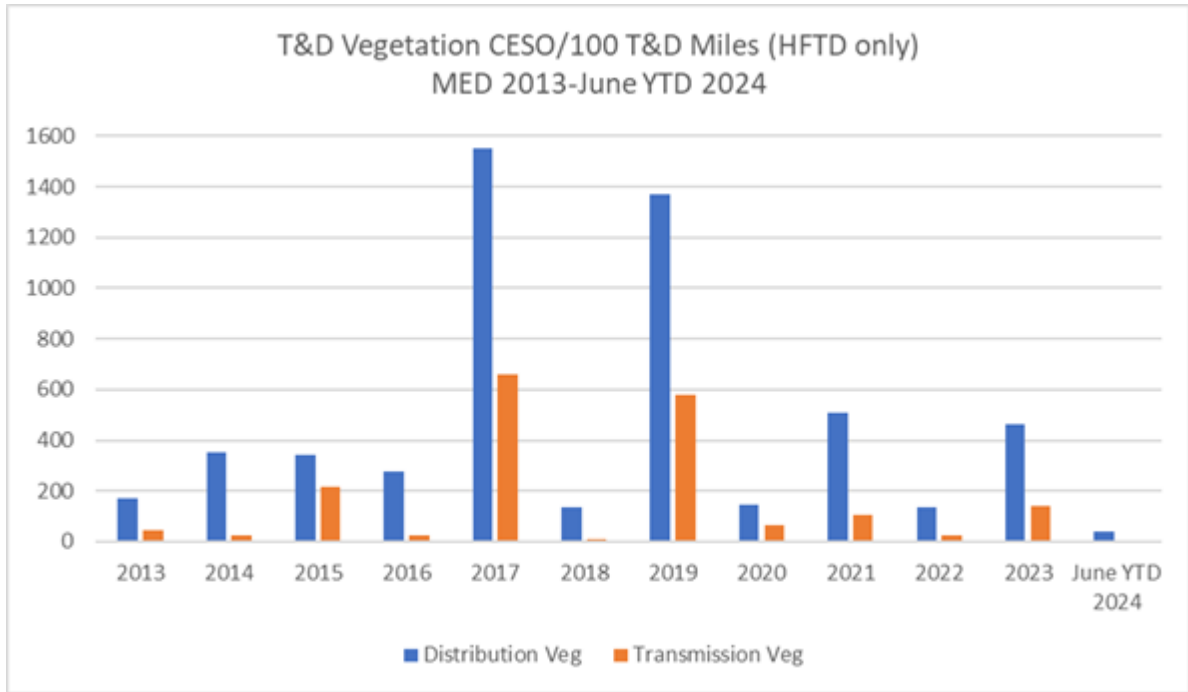
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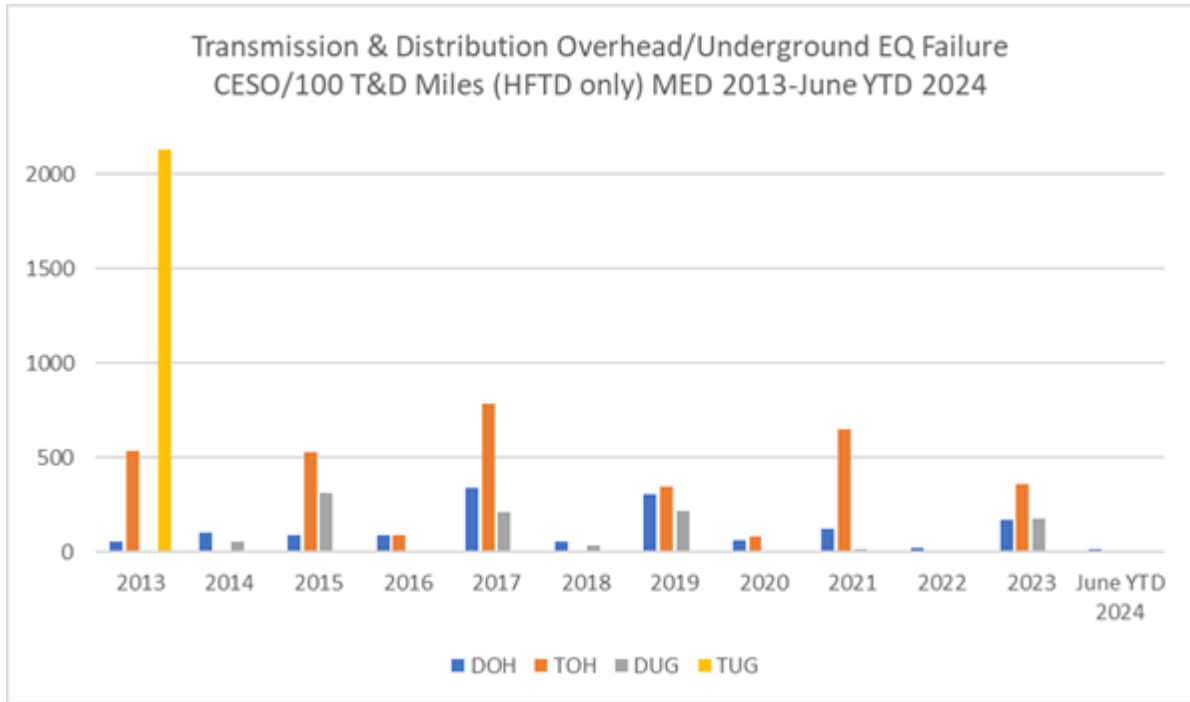
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ANNUAL MAJOR EVENT DAYS (2013-JUNE 2024)**

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	June YTD 2024
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3 customers. Outage information is entered into ILIS by distribution operators
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15 trends to be hidden by the large statistical effect of major events. Per the
16 Standard, the MED classification is calculated from the natural log of the
17 daily System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) values over the
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21 There is a total of approximately 33,579 transmission and distribution
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28 Due to data limitations, PG&E uses the Lat/Long of the operating device
29 as a proxy for determining the distribution outage events that occurred in the
30 Tier 2/3 HFTD areas.

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

32 The number of vegetation and equipment failure related customer
33 outages per 100 transmission and distribution line miles during MEDs has
34 varied each year and has been heavily driven by not just the number, but by

1 the severity of the MED experienced in that specific year (refer to table
2 above). 2021 performance increased by 235 percent from 2020 and
3 experienced nine more MEDs, largely due to historic snowstorms that
4 occurred in December. Due to the increase in the MED threshold, 2022
5 experienced 20 fewer MEDs than 2021. Other performance spikes were
6 experienced in 2017 and 2019, with both years also experiencing a high
7 number of MEDs. Lastly, the number of MED in 2023 has risen from 2022
8 and 2023 weather was more similar to 2019 and 2021. Given the
9 randomness of weather patterns, no discernable trends can be learned from
10 historical performance results.

11 The performance for the metric is 46 for mid-2024 results. This is
12 significantly lower than mid-2023 performance of 610 as 2024 had 2 MEDs
13 in the first half of the year compared to 19 in mid-2023.

14 C. (2.3) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

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

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

18 2. Target Methodology

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

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

27 In addition, the MED threshold increased from a daily SAIDI value of
28 3.50 in 2021 to 5.04 in 2022. In 2024, the MED threshold increases to
29 6.519. This new threshold will equate to fewer MEDs in 2024 compared to
30 previous years.

31 The following factors were also considered in establishing targets:

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

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

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

22 As demonstrated in Figure 2.3-2 above, PG&E experienced 2 MEDs
23 and performance remains in historical bounds for June year-to-date (YTD)
24 2024. The performance result for June YTD 2024 was 46, which is better
25 than June YTD 2023 but 2024 performance is more closely comparable to
26 2022 for this metric given the amount of MEDs.

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 align with the Company's 5-year directional performance target.

31 **E. (2.3) Current and Planned Work Activities**

32 Existing Programs that could improve Reliability Metric Performance are
33 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 VM work with California Public
4 Utilities Commission mandated clearances. Our EVM Program went above
5 and beyond regulatory requirements for distribution lines by expanding
6 minimum clearances and removing overhangs in HFTD areas. Due to the
7 emergence of other wildfire mitigation programs (namely EPSS and
8 Undergrounding), the program was discontinued in 2023. The trees that
9 were identified as part of the program and previous iterations and scopes
10 will be worked down over the next nine years under a program called Tree
11 Removal Inventory, prioritized by risk rank using our latest Wildfire
12 Distribution Risk Model (WDRM). The WMP has commitments for this
13 program of the removal of 15 thousand trees in 2023, 20 thousand trees in
14 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 WDRM. Vegetation outage extent of condition inspections
24 conducted on EPSS-enabled devices may generate additional tree work.

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

32 Please see Section 8.2, Vegetation Management, and Inspections in
33 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 General Rate Case (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 (DCD): To further mitigate high impedance
25 faults that can lead to ignitions, PG&E is piloting specific distribution line
26 reclosers utilizing advanced methods to detect and isolate previously
27 undetectable faults. This innovative solution is called DCD and has been
28 implemented on over 1100 reclosing devices as of January 31, 2024. This
29 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.

- 3 • Animal Abatement: The installation of new equipment or retrofitting of
4 existing equipment with protection measures intended to reduce animal
5 contacts. This includes avian protection on distribution and transmission
6 poles such as jumper covers, perch guards, or perching platforms.

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

- 9 • Overhead/Underground Critical Operating Equipment (COE) Replacement
10 Work: The Overhead COE Program is comprised of corrective maintenance
11 of certain defined equipment—including Protective Devices (Reclosers,
12 Cutouts, Sectionalizers), Voltage Devices (Regulators, Boosters), Switches
13 (Switches, Disconnects), Capacitors, and Conductors—that plays an
14 important role in preventing customer interruptions. Since COE Program is
15 expected to address equipment as quickly as possible, numbers for each
16 device may change quickly upon reporting.¹

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7 The material updates to this chapter since the April 1, 2024, report are identified
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9 **A. (2.4) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

18 **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

24 **B. (2.4) Metric Performance**

25 **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2024)**

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

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32 and reliability projects, and PG&E experienced its best reliability

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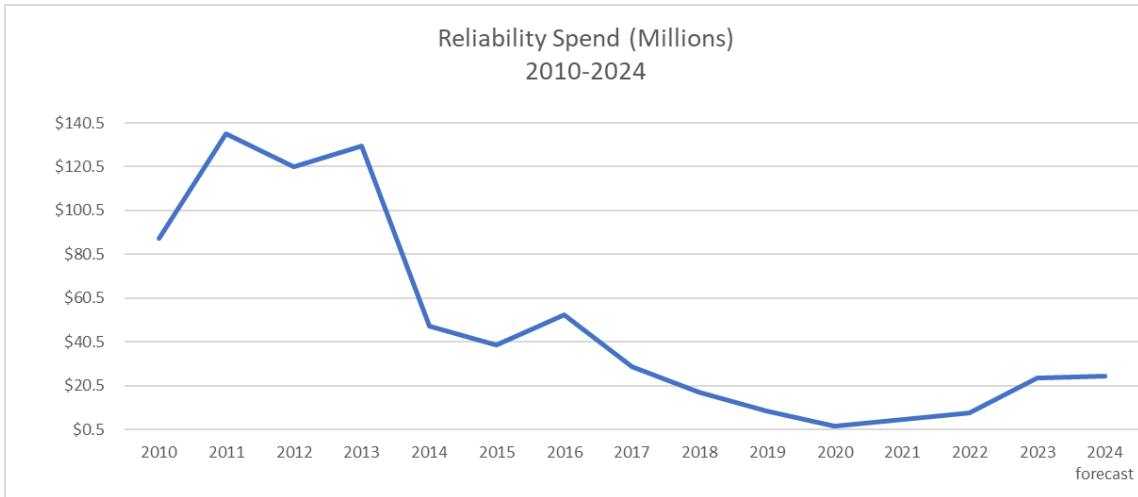
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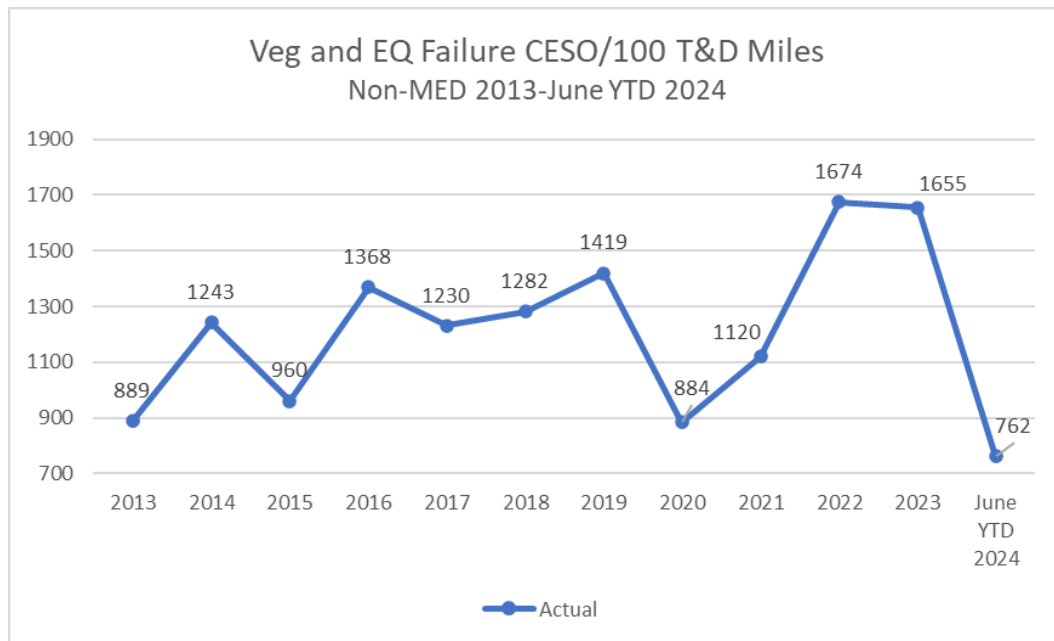
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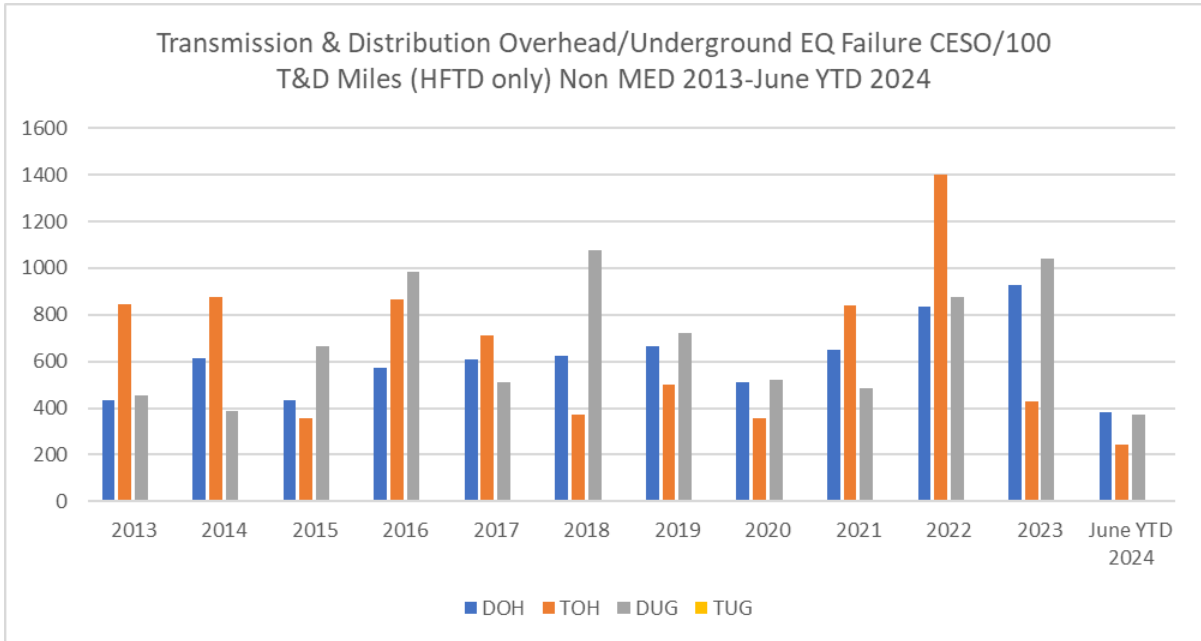
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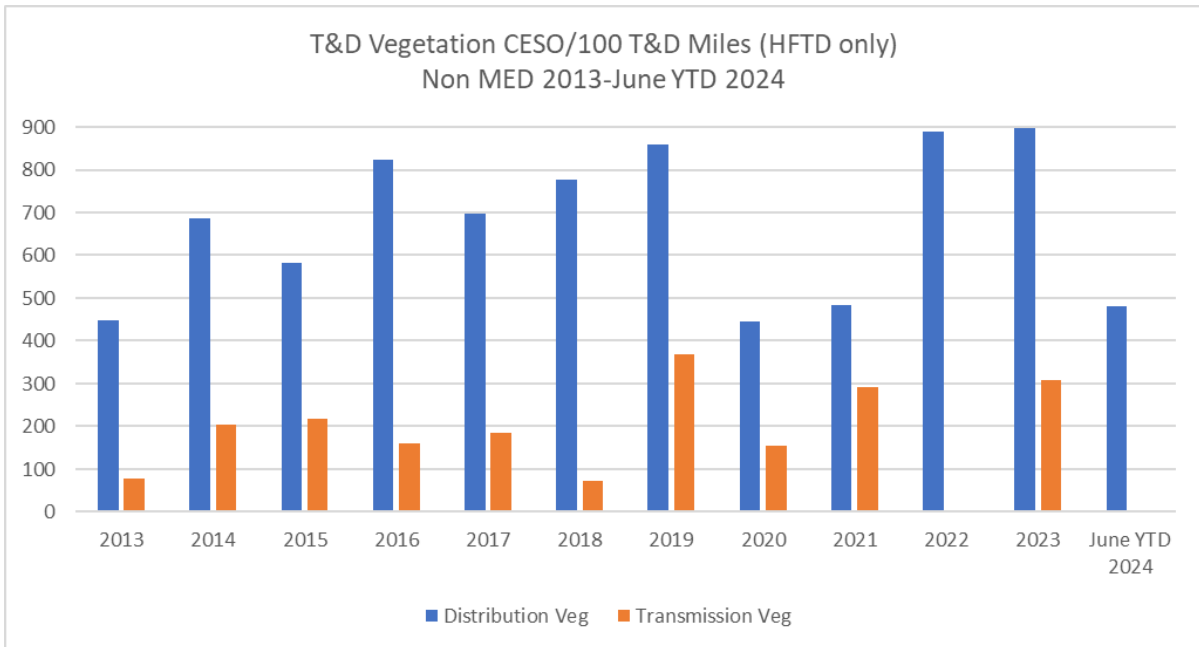
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20 Tier 2/3 HFTD areas.

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

22 The number of vegetation and equipment failure related customer
23 outages occurring per 100 T&D line miles on Non-MEDs has varied each
24 year but was generally declining since 2016. More recently, the CESO
25 increased 27 percent from 2020 to 2021, and 50 percent from 2021 to 2022.
26 2023-year end performance of 1655 is seemingly very similar to 2022
27 performance of 1674. *2024 mid-year performance was 762, very similar to
28 2022 mid-year performance of 768 and just slightly worse than 2023
29 mid-year performance of 750.* 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 [based on the previous 2](#)
10 [year's performance trend the following:](#)
 - 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
22 5 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**

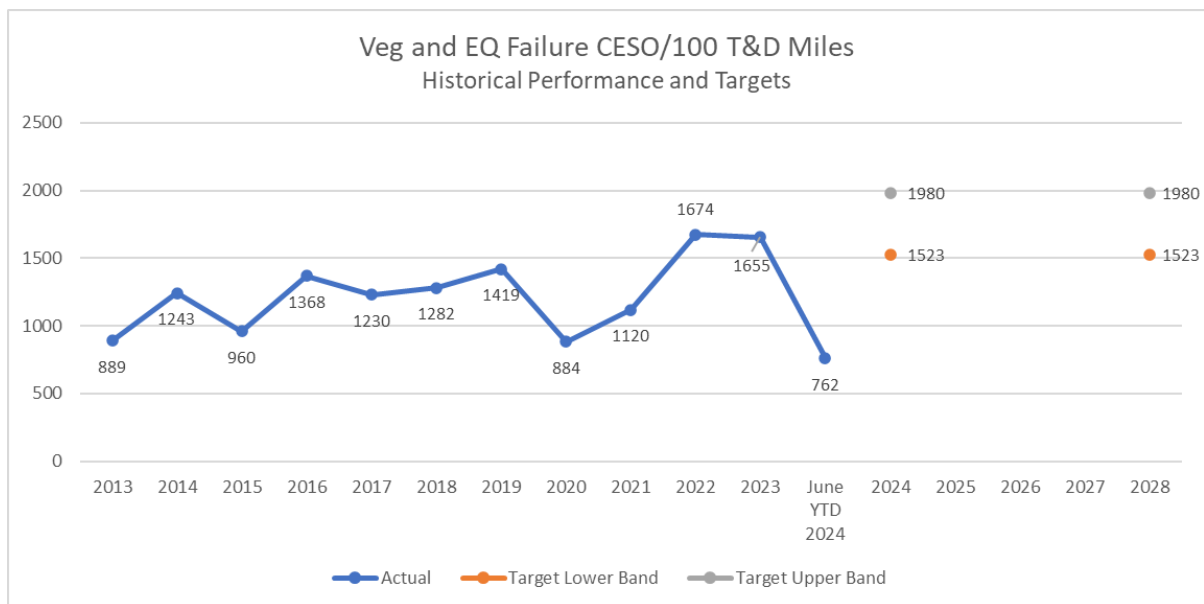
6 **1. Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

7 The 2024 mid-year performance was 762 which is within the target
8 range of 1523 – 1980 for end of year. This result is very similar to 2022
9 mid-year performance of 768 and just slightly worse than 2023 mid-year
10 performance of 750.

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

12 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has deployed or is deploying a
13 number of programs to maintain or improve long-term performance of this
14 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 – JUNE 2024)**



Note: The data in this figure is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period information. Any changes will be reflected in PG&E's March 2025 report.

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

2 Existing Programs that could improve Reliability Outage Metric Performance
3 are listed below.

- 4 • Vegetation Management: The Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM)
5 Program targeted OH distribution lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and
6 supplemented PG&E’s annual routine Vegetation Management (VM) work
7 with California Public Utilities Commission mandated clearances. Our EVM
8 Program went above and beyond regulatory requirements for distribution
9 lines by expanding minimum clearances and removing overhangs in HFTD
10 areas. Due to the emergence of other wildfire mitigation programs (namely
11 EPSS and Undergrounding), the program was discontinued in 2023. The
12 trees that were identified as part of the program and previous iterations and
13 scopes will be worked down over the next nine years under a program
14 called Tree Removal Inventory, prioritized by risk rank using our latest
15 wildfire distribution risk model. The Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) has
16 commitments for this program of the removal of 15 thousand trees in 2023,
17 20 thousand trees in 2024, and 25 thousand trees in 2025.

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

29 Focused Tree Inspections is another new transitional program that
30 began in 2023 stemming from the conclusion of the EVM program. PG&E is
31 developed Areas of Concern to better focus VM efforts to address high risk
32 areas that have experienced higher volumes of vegetation damage during
33 PSPS events, outages, and/or ignitions. These areas are inspected by VM

1 Inspectors with a Tree Risk Assessment Qualification which provides a
2 higher level of rigor to the inspection.

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

- 5 • Asset Replacement (Overhead, Underground): Overhead asset
6 replacement addresses deteriorated overhead conductor and switches,
7 while underground asset replacement primarily focuses on replacing
8 underground cable and switches.

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

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

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

- 28 • Downed Conductor Detection: To further mitigate high impedance faults
29 that can lead to ignitions, PG&E is piloting specific distribution line reclosers
30 utilizing advanced methods to detect and isolate previously undetectable
31 faults. This innovative solution is called Down Conductor Detection and has
32 been implemented on over 1100 reclosing devices as of January 31, 2024.
33 This technology uses sophisticated algorithms to determine when a
34 line-to-ground arc is present (i.e., electrical current flowing from one

1 conductive point to another) and the recloser will immediately de-energize
2 the line once detected. Although this technology is new, it has already
3 proven successful in detecting faults that would have otherwise been
4 undetected. PG&E will continue to learn from these installations through
5 the 2024 wildfire season and expects to optimize and adjust this technology
6 to address system risks as needed.

- 7 • Animal Abatement: The installation of new equipment or retrofitting of
8 existing equipment with protection measures intended to reduce animal
9 contacts. This includes avian protection on distribution and transmission
10 poles such as jumper covers, perch guards, or perching platforms.

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

- 13 • Overhead/Underground Critical Operating Equipment (COE) Replacement
14 Work: The Overhead COE Program is comprised of corrective maintenance
15 of certain defined equipment—including Protective Devices (Reclosers,
16 Cutouts, Sectionalizers), Voltage Devices (Regulators, Boosters), Switches
17 (Switches, Disconnects), Capacitors, and Conductors—that plays an
18 important role in preventing customer interruptions. Since COE Program is
19 expected to address equipment as quickly as possible, numbers for each
20 device may change quickly upon reporting.¹

21 Please see Exhibit (PG&E-4), Chapter 4.11 Overhead and Underground
22 Distribution Maintenance in the 2023 GRC for additional details.

¹ Information on COE equipment can be provided upon request.

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7 in blue font.

8 **A. (3.1) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

16 **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

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

26 **1. Historical Data (2013–Q2 2024)**

27 We have 11.5 years of historical data available from the years 2013-Q2
28 2024. Although we started measuring distribution wire down incidents in
29 2012, 2013 was the first full year we uniformly measured the number of
30 distribution 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 24,878¹](#) 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.

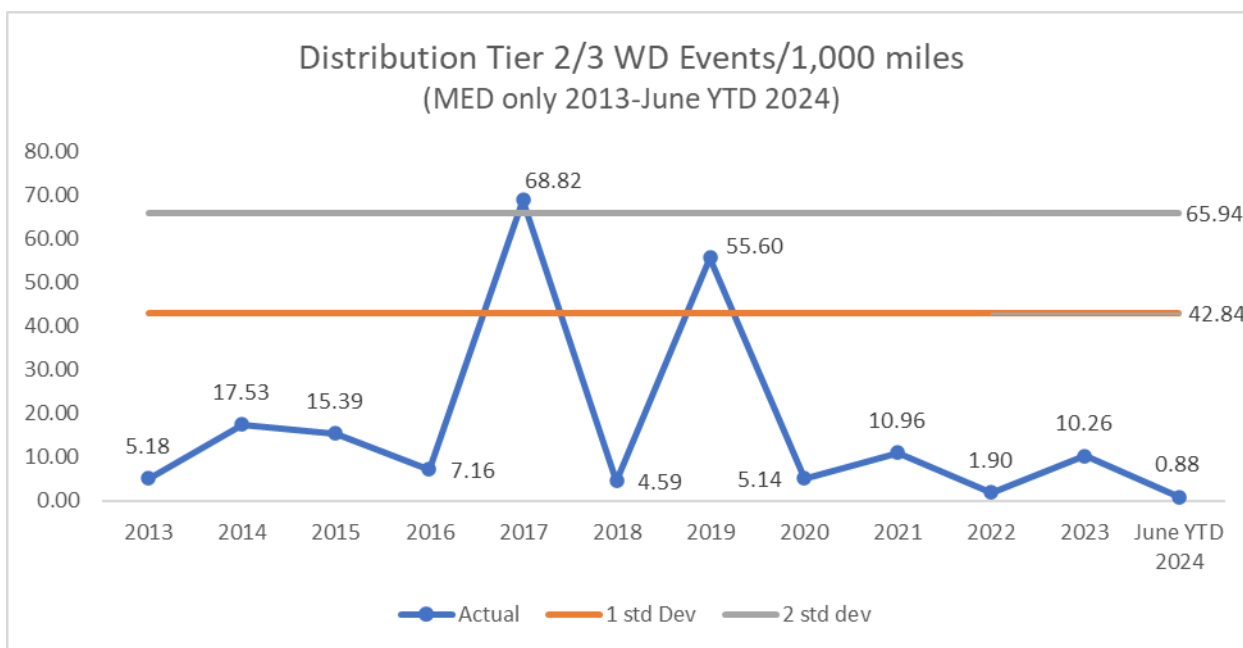
15 In addition, our vegetation management (VM) teams conduct site visits
16 of vegetation caused wires down incidents as part of its standard
17 tree-caused service interruption investigation process. The data obtained
18 from site visits supports efforts to reduce future vegetation-caused wires
19 down 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.

¹ For purposes of computing 2022 performance, PG&E used the end of year 2021, which was 25,270 miles. For 2023 performance, [PG&E used the end of year 2022, which was 25,060 miles.](#) For 2024 performance, [PG&E is using the end of year 2023, which is 24,878 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-JUNE 2024)



Note: The data in this figure is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes will be reflected in PG&E's March 2025 report.

TABLE 3.1-1
ANNUAL MAJOR EVENT DAYS (2013-JUNE 2024)

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	June YTD 2024
4	5	10	3	30	7	31	14	25	5	20	2

Note: The data in this table is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes will be reflected in PG&E's March 2025 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™²
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 the first
30 half of 2024 was 0.88. The number of Distribution Wire Down events during

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

3 As can be seen from the 2013 to Q2 2024 distribution wire down event
4 and number of MEDs per year data, the number of Tier 2 and Tier 3 wire
5 down events were significantly impacted by the number of MEDs
6 experienced in 2017 and 2019. The total number of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD
7 distribution wire down events per 1,000 miles per MED was 0.44 in the first
8 half of 2024, compared to 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

- 1 • Other Considerations: None.

2 **3. 2024 Target**

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

6 **4. 2028 Target**

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

9 **D. (3.1) Performance Against Target**

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

11 As demonstrated in Figure 3.1-1 and Table 3.1-1 above, PG&E
12 experienced 2 MEDs in the first half of 2024, resulting in a performance of
13 0.88. PG&E experienced two extreme weather events in February and
14 March. The weather that occurred April through June was much more
15 moderate and did not result in any MEDs. As a result, the overall
16 performance in 2024 remains below the 2024 target of 65.94.

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

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

21 **E. (3.1) Current and Planned Work Activities**

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

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

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

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

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

- 32 • VM: The Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM) Program targeted OH
33 distribution lines in Tier 2 and 3 HFTD areas and supplemented PG&E’s
34 annual routine VM work with California Public Utilities Commission

1 mandated clearances. Our EVM Program went above and beyond
2 regulatory requirements for distribution lines by expanding minimum
3 clearances and removing overhangs in HFTD areas. Due to the emergence
4 of other wildfire mitigation programs (namely Enhanced Powerline Safety
5 Settings (EPSS) and Undergrounding), the program was discontinued in
6 2023. The trees that were identified as part of the program and previous
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16 on historic vegetation outages on EPSS-enabled circuits. The focus is on
17 mitigating potential vegetation contacts in Circuit Protection Zones that have
18 experienced vegetation caused outages. Scope of Work is developed by
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20 current WDRM risk model. Vegetation outage extent of condition
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25 developed Areas of Concern to better focus VM efforts to address high risk
26 areas that have experienced higher volumes of vegetation damage during
27 Public Safety Power Shutoff events, outages, and/or ignitions. These areas
28 are inspected by VM Inspectors with a Tree Risk Assessment Qualification
29 which provides a higher level of rigor to the inspection.

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

- 32 • Other Advancements: In addition, there are several technologies that PG&E
33 is piloting to better identify and/or prevent conductor to ground faults. This
34 includes:

- 1 – SmartMeter-based methods;
- 2 – Distribution Falling Wire Detection Method;
- 3 – Distribution Fault Anticipation;
- 4 – Early Fault Detection; and
- 5 – Rapid Earth Fault Current Limiter.

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8 **A. (3.2) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

16 **2. Introduction to the Metric**

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

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

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

26 **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2024)**

27 We have 11.5 years of historical data available from the years 2013-Q2
28 2024. Although we started measuring distribution wire down incidents in
29 2012, 2013 was the first full year uniformly measuring the number of
30 distribution 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 24,878 miles¹](#) 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
26 area. This may include but is not limited to:

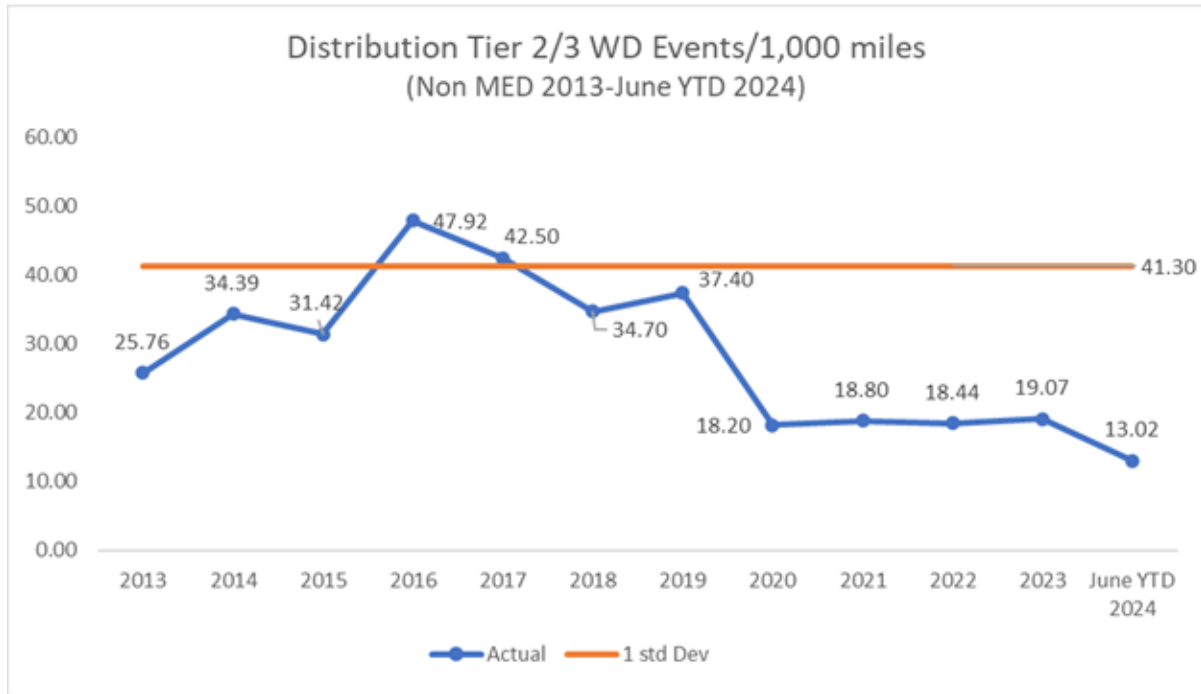
- 27 • Conditions similar to the failed subject tree;
- 28 • Trees damaged from the fire or the failed subject tree; and
- 29 • Other tree conditions of concern which may lead to another outage or
30 ignition.

¹ For purposes of computing 2022 performance, PG&E used end of year 2021, which was 25,270 miles. For 2023 performance, [PG&E used the end of year 2022, which was 25,060 miles.](#) For 2024 performance, [PG&E is using the end of year 2023, which is 24,878 miles.](#)

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- Non-compliant trees.

FIGURE 3.2-1
DISTRIBUTION PRIMARY WIRES DOWN INCIDENTS PER 1,000 CIRCUIT MILES TIERS 2/3,
OCCURRING ON NON-MEDS (2013-JUNE 2024)



Note: The data in this figure is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period outages. Any changes will be reflected in PG&E's March 2025 report.

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2. Data Collection Methodology

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PG&E uses its Integrated Logging Information System (ILIS) –

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Operations Database to track and count the number of wires down

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incidents, as well as its electric distribution geographical information

6

systems (EDGIS) to determine if the wire down incident was in an HFTD

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locations. Although the outage database does not specifically identify

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precise location of the downed wire, the Latitude and Longitude

9

(e.g., Lat/Long) of the device is used to isolate the involved electric power

10

line Section as a proxy. PG&E also uses its EDGIS application to determine

11

if that device (Lat/Long information) is in the HFTD (e.g., Tier 2 or Tier 3

12

location). Outage information is entered into ILIS by our electric distribution

13

operators based on information from field personnel and devices such as

14

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition alarms and SmartMeter™

1 devices.² 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 the first half of 2024, there were 324 distribution wires down events,
17 compared to 478 in 2023 and 466 in 2023. The number of distribution wires
18 down events occurring on non-MED typically varies each year. Within the
19 past 5 years, 2020-2024, there has been a decrease in the number of
20 events when comparing to years prior to 2020. The variance in this metric is
21 driven by several factors including weather conditions, third party influence
22 and the number of MED days per year. Furthermore, PG&E's approach to
23 wildfire mitigations in the HFTD locations is based on a risk informed
24 prioritization of work in the areas where wildfire risk is evaluated as highest,
25 as opposed to where wires down incidents have a high likelihood of
26 occurrence if they are in areas where wildfire risk is relatively lower within
27 the HFTD.

28 In 2021, PG&E had a metric of 18.80. In 2022, PG&E had a metric of
29 18.44. In 2023, PG&E had a metric of 19.07. In the first half of 2024, PG&E
30 has a current metric of 13.02.

² 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 TM symbol, consistent with legally-acceptable practice.

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 13.02
7 Distribution Wires Down Events per 1,000 circuit miles for the first half of
8 2024, which is consistent with the Company's 1-year target of 41.30.

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.

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

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

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

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

- 27 • Patrols and Inspections: PG&E monitors the condition of OH conductor
28 through patrols and inspections consistent with GO 165. Tags are created
29 for abnormal conditions, including those that can lead to a wire down. Work
30 is prioritized in a risk-informed manner to address the issues identified in the
31 tags. In addition, PG&E has implemented risk based aerial inspections
32 using drones in targeted areas. Drone inspections significantly improve our
33 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
4 began 2023 stemming from the conclusion of the EVM program. This
5 program is 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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4 **WIRES DOWN MAJOR EVENT DAYS IN HFTD AREAS**
5 **(TRANSMISSION)**

6 The material updates to this chapter since the April 1, 2024 report are identified
7 in blue font.

8 **A. (3.3) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

15 **2. Introduction of Metric**

16 This metric is a measure of how Pacific Gas and Electric Company
17 (PG&E or the Company) provides safe and reliable electric services to its
18 customers. It is also a measure of how available PG&E's electric
19 transmission (ET) grid is to the market for the buying and selling of electricity
20 as managed by the California Independent System Operator.

21 This metric is associated with PG&E's Failure of ET Overhead Asset
22 Risk and Wildfire Risk, which are part of the Company's 2020 Risk
23 Assessment and Mitigation Phase Report filing.

24 **B. (3.3) Metric Performance**

25 **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2024)**

26 There are 12 years of historical data available from the years 2013-Q2
27 2024. Although PG&E started measuring wire down incidents in 2012, 2013
28 was the first full year uniformly measuring the number of transmission wire
29 down events. This metric is normalized by the transmission circuit miles
30 within Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs. The HFTD boundaries are a recent
31 development and were not defined for several years within the historical
32 data timeframe. Hence, for all years prior to and including 2022, PG&E

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

**TABLE 3.3-1
HFTD MILES**

Line No.	Year	HFTD Miles
1	Prior to 2023	5525.9
2	2023	5437.7
3	2024	5402.3

5 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

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

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

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

24 PG&E’s control charts are set up using a static time window of
25 2013-2022. Using the actual data from those years allows us to calculate
26 the following values that are used in the control charts:

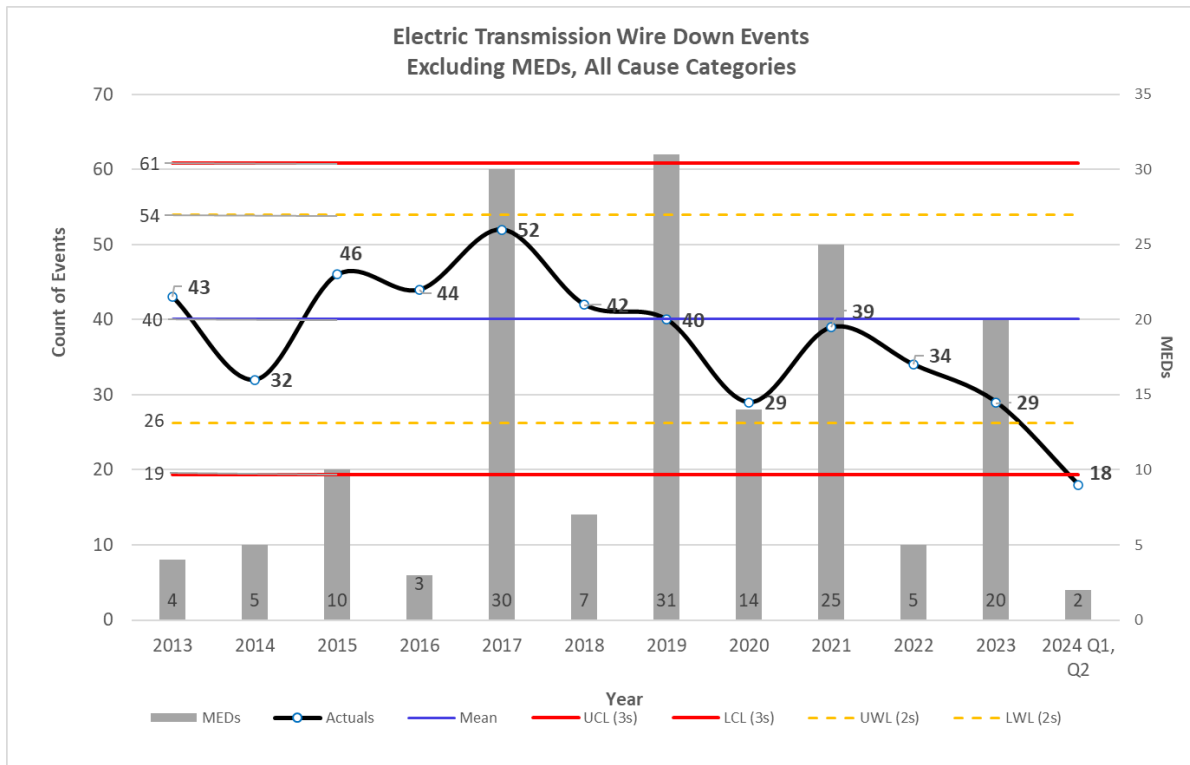
- 1 • Mean: Average value of the metric.
- 2 • Standard Deviation: Amount of variation of the metric calculated by
- 3 taking the square root of the variance of the dataset.
- 4 • Upper Control Limit (UCL): The maximum value that can be attributed
- 5 to natural fluctuations calculated by mean plus 3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

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

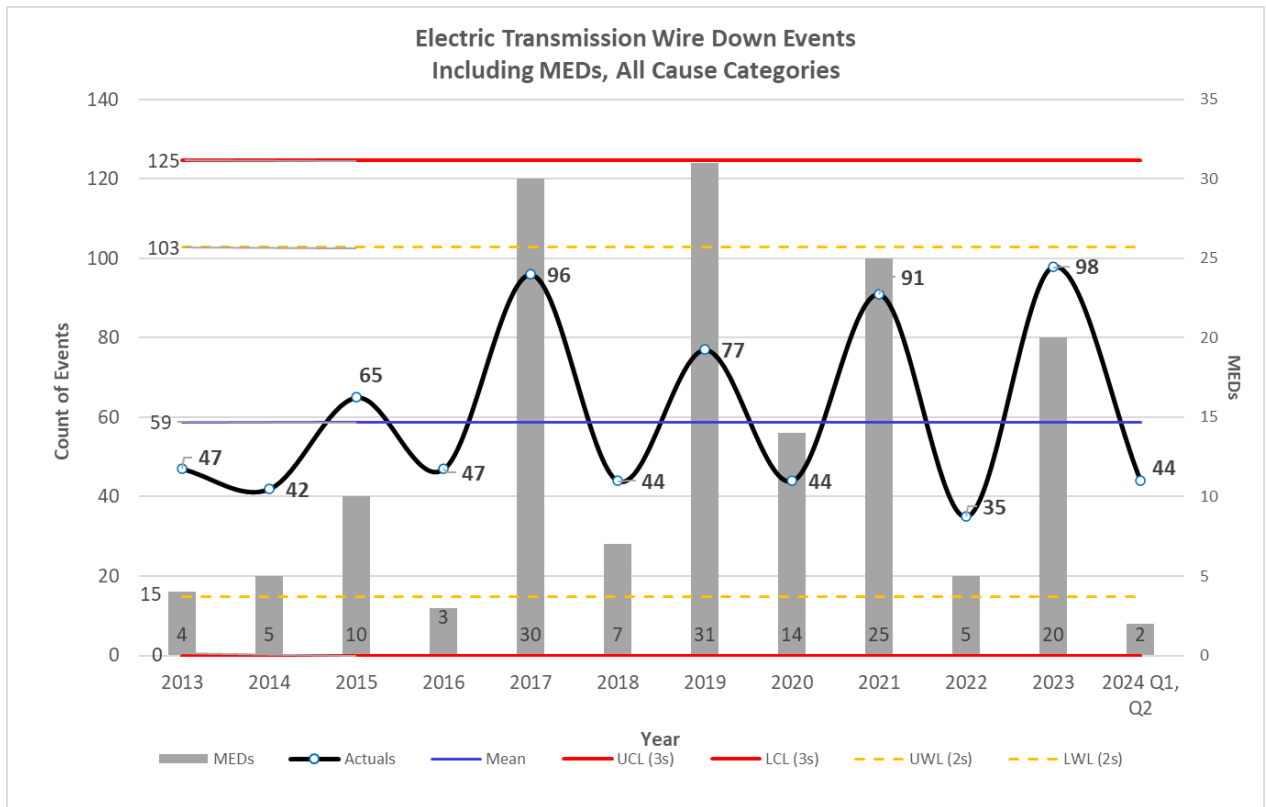
24 Control charts can further illustrate an expected range of performance
25 based on historical data. They can assist with discrete observations of
26 recent performance improvement or decline or stability.

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

**FIGURE 3.3-1
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS, EXCLUDING MEDS
(2013- Q2 2024)**



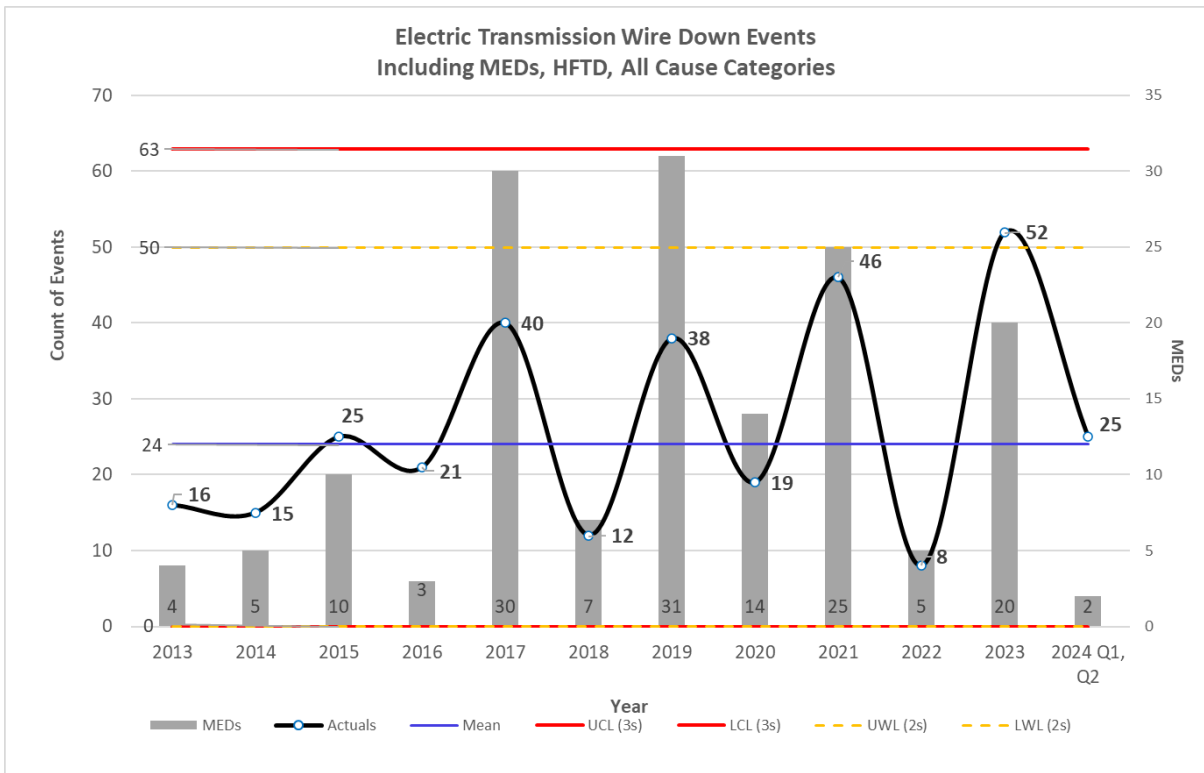
**FIGURE 3.3-2
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS, INCLUDING MEDS
(2013-Q2 2024)**



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.

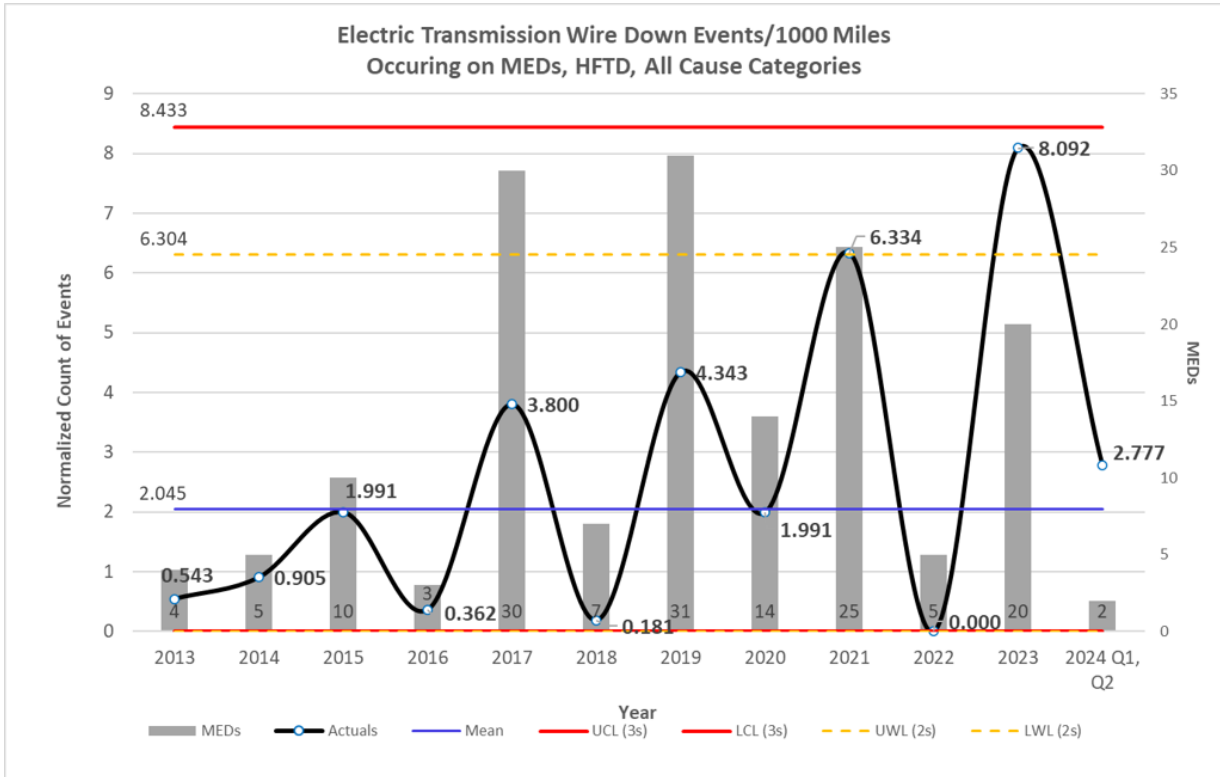
7 Figure 3.3-3 below is analogous to Figure 3.3-2 above but restricts the
 8 count of transmission wire down events to those occurring within Tier 2 or
 9 Tier 3 HFTDs. All categories related to cause are included. The bars in the
 10 chart show congruence between the number of MEDs in a performance year
 11 vs. the count of transmission wire down. It is also apparent that we
 12 historically have had a stable system with the exception of 2023, all annual
 13 performance results fall within the two standard deviation lines for UWL and
 14 LWL. The extreme weather in Q1 of 2023 drove performance above the
 15 UWL for the first time since we began tracking this data.

**FIGURE 3.3-3
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS,
INCLUDING MEDS, TIER 2/3 (2013-2024)**



1 Figure 3.3-4 below is analogous to Figure 3.3-3 above but further
2 restricts the count of transmission wire down events to those that occurred
3 only during a declared MED. These counts are normalized by dividing by
4 the circuit mileage associated circuits located in Tier 2 and Tier 3
5 boundaries x 1,000. Again, there is congruence between the normalized
6 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- 2024)**



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

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

4 There are no updates to the directional 1- and 5-Year Targets since last
 5 report, to maintain performance within the historical range, i.e., the target is
 6 to stay below the UCL as defined above. The UCL for 2024 (1 Year) and
 7 2028 (5 Year) is 8.433.

8 **2. Target Methodology**

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

12 As discussed above in the interpretations of control charts related to this
 13 metric—and absent any “special” cause(s) that would result in deviation
 14 above the current three standard deviations—it is reasonable to expect that
 15 future transmission wire down results would remain within the historical

1 performance levels. Such results will vary based on the number and
2 severity of MEDs experienced in a year; however, end-of-year actuals
3 should remain centered around the mean and below the UCL shown in
4 Figure 3.3-4. It is noted that changes in MED thresholds from year to year
5 can skew the UCL.

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

16 **D. (3.3) Performance Against Target**

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

18 PG&E experienced 15 wire down events in HFTDs on 2 MEDs from
19 January through June of 2024 resulting in a performance of 2.777. This was
20 below the UCL of 8.433. PG&E is forecasting an end-of-year performance
21 of 3.887 which is also below the UCL.

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

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

26 **E. (3.3) Current and Planned Work Activities**

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

- 1 • Asset Inspection: Detailed inspections of overhead transmission assets
2 seek to proactively identify potential failure modes of asset components
3 which could create future wire down, outage, and/or safety events if left
4 unresolved or allowed to “run to failure.” Detailed inspections for
5 transmission assets involve at least two detailed inspection methods per
6 structure (ground and aerial), though not necessarily in the same calendar
7 year which allows for staggered inspection methods across multiple years.
8 Aerial inspections may be completed either by drone, helicopter, or aerial lift.
9 In addition to the ground and aerial inspections, climbing inspections are
10 also required for 500 kilovolt structures or as triggered. All these inspection
11 methods involve detailed, visual examinations of the assets with use of
12 inspection checklists that are in accordance with the ET Preventive
13 Maintenance standards, as well as the Failure Modes and Effects Analysis.
- 14 • Asset Repair and Replacement: Completing repair, replacement, removal
15 or life extension to transmission assets provides the benefit of reduced
16 probability of failure for components that could potentially result in a wire
17 down event. Idle asset de-energization and removal eliminates wires down
18 event risk by removing the energized electrical components.
19 Many improvements are identified through corrective maintenance
20 notifications. These notifications are typically identified as a result of
21 transmission asset inspections and patrols. Prioritization of maintenance tags
22 are based on severity of the issues found and fire ignition potential
23 (i.e., asset-conditions impacting issues associated with HFTD areas and High
24 Fire Risk Area). Execution of the prioritized work plan would also have to
25 address other factors such as clearance availability, access, work efficiency, etc.
- 26 • Vegetation Management (VM): Trees or other vegetation that make contact
27 or cross within flash-over distance of high voltage transmission lines can
28 cause phase to phase or phase to ground electrical arcing, fire ignition or
29 local, regional or cascading, grid-level service interruption. Dense
30 vegetation growing within the right-of-way (ROW) can act as a fuel bed for
31 wildfire ignition. Vegetation growing close to any pole or structure can
32 impede inspection of the structure base and in some cases can damage the
33 structure or conductors and result in wire down events.

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

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

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7 in blue font.

8 **A. (3.4) Introduction**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

16 **2. Introduction of Metric**

17 This metric is a measure of how Pacific Gas and Electric Company
18 (PG&E or the Company) provides safe and reliable electric services to its
19 customers. It is also a measure of how available PG&E's Electric
20 Transmission (ET) grid is to the market for the buying and selling of
21 electricity as managed by the California Independent System Operator
22 (CAISO).

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
25 Assessment and Mitigation Phase Report filing.

26 **B. (3.4) Metric Performance**

27 **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2024)**

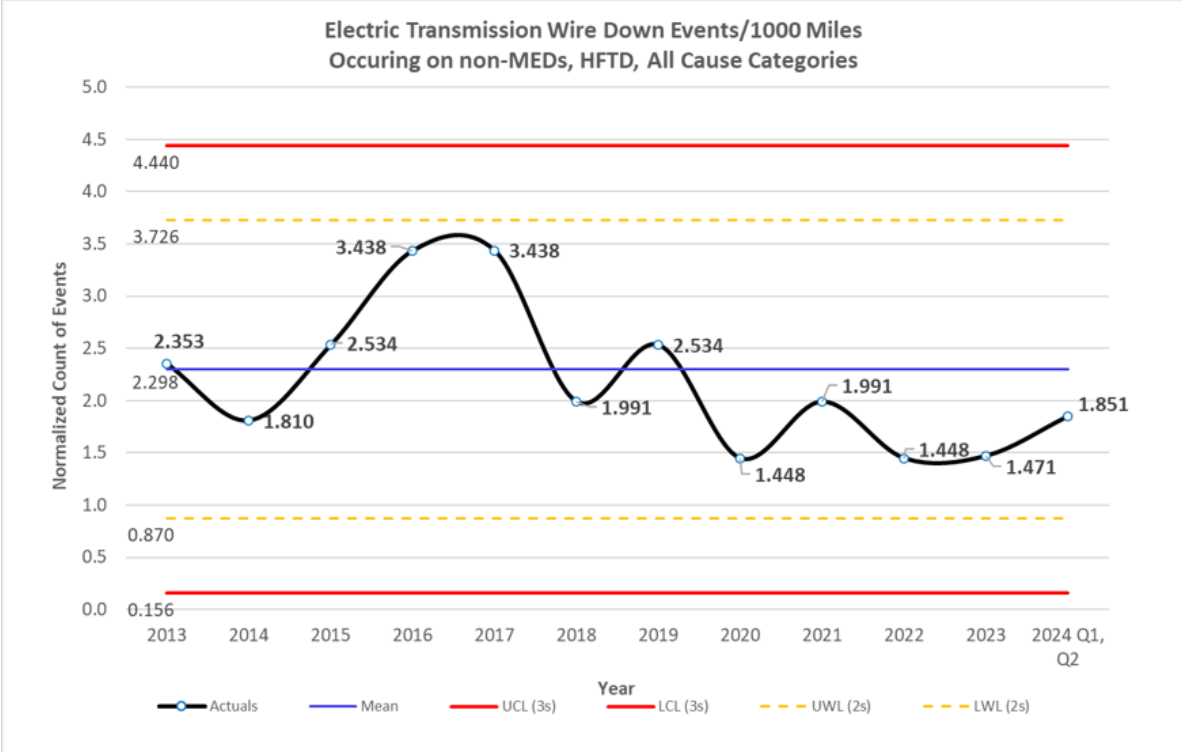
28 There are 12 years of historical data available from the years
29 2013- 2024. Although PG&E started measuring wire down events in 2012,
30 2013 was the first full year uniformly measuring the number of transmission
31 wire down incidents. This metric is normalized by the transmission circuit
32 miles within Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs. The HFTD boundaries are a recent

1 development and were not defined for several years within the historical
 2 data timeframe. Hence, for all years prior to and including 2022, PG&E
 3 uses 5,525.9 overhead transmission circuit miles in Tier 2/3 HFTD areas
 4 and assumes any variances in prior years are negligible. Moving forward,
 5 HFTD mileage will be refreshed at the beginning of each year. Table 3.4-1
 6 provides the HFTD miles used for each year.

**TABLE 3.4-1
 HFTD MILES**

Line No.	Year	HFTD Miles
1	Prior to 2023	5525.9
2	2023	5437.7
3	2024	5402.3

**FIGURE 3.4-1
 ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION WIRES DOWN EVENTS
 OCCURRING ON NON-MEDS PER 1,000 CIRCUIT MILES (2013-Q2 2024)**



2. Data Collection Methodology

Unplanned ET outages are documented by PG&E's Transmission Operations Department using its Transmission Operations Tracking & Logging (TOTL) application. If distribution-served customers are affected by a particular transmission wire down event, the data captured in TOTL are merged in a separate data set with respective data from PG&E's distribution outage reporting application (integrated logging information system). Follow up is usually required to validate cause of the wire down event, including daily outage review calls with various stakeholder departments to clarify the details of the wire down event. Results are consolidated and regularly communicated internally to keep stakeholders informed of progress Metric performance.

3. Metric Performance for the Reporting Period

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

PG&E's control charts are set up using a static time window of 2013-2022. Using the actual data from those years allows us to calculate the following values that are used in the control charts:

- Mean: Average value of the metric.
- Standard Deviation: Amount of variation of the metric calculated by taking the square root of the variance of the dataset.
- Upper Control Limit (UCL): The maximum value that can be attributed to natural fluctuations calculated by mean plus three standard deviations.
- Lower Control Limit (LCL): The minimum value that can be attributed to natural fluctuations calculated by mean minus three standard deviations.
- Upper Warning Limit: The warning value that should raise a flag to take a proactive response to prevent the metric from approaching the UCL calculated by mean plus two standard deviations.

- 1 • Lower Warning Limit: The warning value that should raise a flag to take
2 a proactive response to prevent the metric from approaching the LCL
3 calculated by mean minus two standard deviations.

4 The probability that a point falls above the UCL (for most control chart
5 designs, usually an indicator of significant process degradation) or below the
6 LCL (an indicator, usually, of significant process improvement) if only
7 common causes are operating is approximately 0.00135. It is therefore
8 unlikely to have measures fall beyond the control limits when no special
9 cause is operating. False alarms are possible, but the placement of the
10 control limits at three standard deviations (+/-) from the process average is
11 thought to control the number of false alarms adequately in most situations.
12 The simplest rule for detecting presence of a special cause is one or more
13 points that fall beyond upper or lower limits of the chart.

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

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

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

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

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

28 As mentioned, ET wire down events have been tracked historically in
29 part as a measure of how available PG&E’s ET grid is to the market
30 managed by CAISO. With this proven and statistically robust method of
31 calculating ET availability targets using control charts already established, it
32 is reasonable—and preferable—to adopt this control chart methodology to
33 not only monitor past and present performance but also better predict future
34 performance and facilitate recommendations at a higher confidence level for
35 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 2024 for ET wire down events excluding those that
4 occurred on a declared MED. [The 2024 performance for Q1 and Q2 was](#)
5 [1.851 compared 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
19 results would remain within the historical performance levels. Such
20 results will vary based on the number of MEDs experienced in a year;
21 however, end of year actuals should remain centered around the mean
22 and not to exceed the UCL shown in Figure 3.4-1. Changes in MED
23 thresholds from year to year can skew the UCL;
- 24 • Benchmarking: Not available to the best of our knowledge;
- 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**

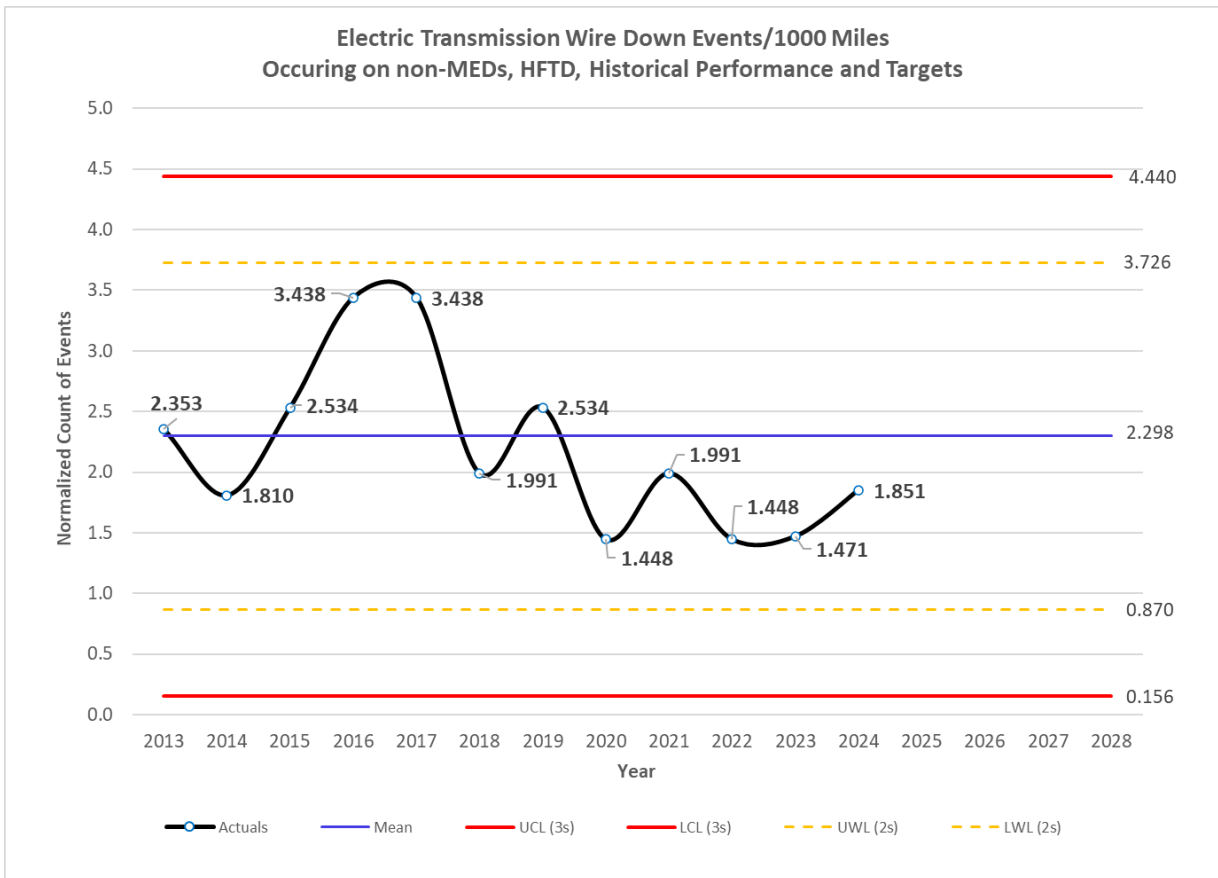
11 **1. Progress Towards the 1-year Target**

12 As demonstrated in Figure 3.4-2 below, . PG&E saw a performance of
13 1.851 Transmission Wires Down Events per 1,000 circuit miles on non-MED
14 days in Q1 and Q2 of 2024 which was well below the UCL target of 4.44.
15 PG&E is forecasting an end-of-year performance of 2.480 which is also
16 below the UCL.

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

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

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



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

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

- 8 • Asset Inspection: Detailed inspections of overhead transmission assets
 9 seek to proactively identify potential failure modes of asset components
 10 which could create future wire down, outage, and/or safety events if left
 11 unresolved or allowed to “run to failure.” Detailed inspections for
 12 transmission assets involve at least two detailed inspection methods per
 13 structure (ground and aerial), though not necessarily in the same calendar

1 year which allows for staggered inspection methods across multiple years.
2 Aerial inspections may be completed either by drone or, helicopter. In
3 addition to the ground and aerial inspections, climbing inspections are also
4 required for 500 kilovolt structures or as triggered. All these inspection
5 methods involve detailed, visual examinations of the assets with use of
6 inspection checklists that are in accordance with the ET Preventive
7 Maintenance (TD-1001M), as well as the Failure Modes and Effects
8 Analysis.

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

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

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

31 PG&E operates our lines in ET corridors that are home to vast amounts of
32 vegetation. This vegetation ranges from sparse to extremely dense. Our
33 transmission lines also pass through urban, agricultural, and forested settings.
34 The corridor environment is dynamic and requires focused attention to ensure

1 vegetation stays clear of energized conductors and other equipment. Vegetation
2 inspection is a required operational step in an overall VM Program. Accordingly,
3 PG&E has developed an annual inspection cycle program as part of our overall
4 Transmission VM Program to respond to the diverse and dynamic environment
5 of our service territory. The Routine North American Electric Reliability
6 Corporation (NERC) and Routine Non-NERC Programs are annually recurring.
7 The Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Program maintains cleared
8 ROWs and recurs on a two to five-year cycle. The frequency and prioritization
9 for each of these programs is described in more detail below.

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

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8 **A. (3.5) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

16 **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

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

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

30 **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2024)**

31 We have 11.5 years of historical data available from the years 2013-Q2
32 2024. Although we started measuring distribution wire down incidents in the

1 2012, 2013 was the first full year uniformly measuring the number of
2 distribution wire down incidents.

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

6 Our OH electric primary distribution system consists of approximately
7 80,200 circuit miles of OH conductor and associated assets that could
8 contribute to a wires down incident. [As of the end of year 2023,](#)
9 [approximately 24,878 miles of our OH electric primary distribution lines](#)
10 [traverse in the HFTD areas.](#)

11 Over the last several years, we have completed significant work and
12 launched various initiatives targeted at reducing wires down incidents,
13 including:

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

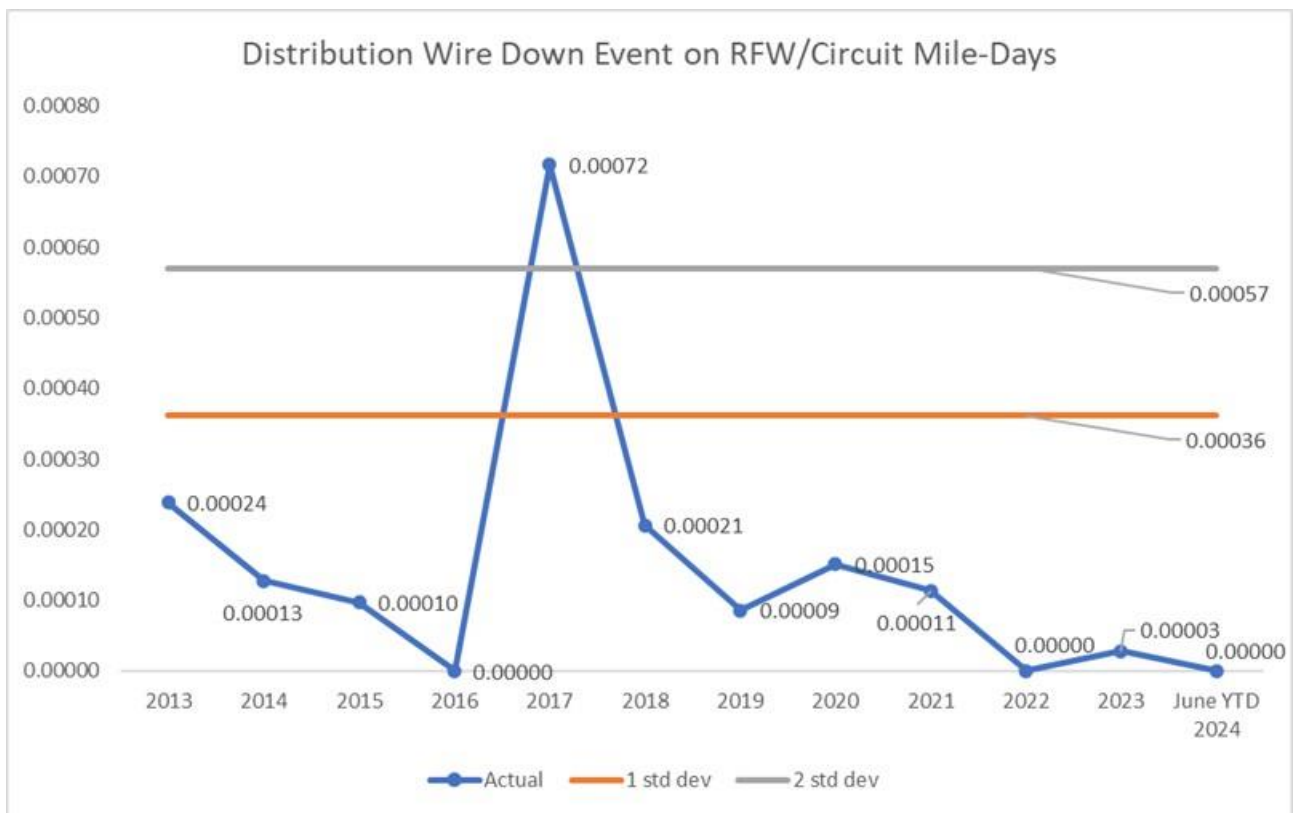
19 In addition, our vegetation management (VM) teams conduct site visits
20 of vegetation caused wires down incidents as part of its standard tree
21 caused service interruption investigation process. The data obtained from
22 site visits supports efforts to reduce future vegetation caused wires down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

28 [As of the end of year 2023, there are a total of approximately 24,878 OH](#)
29 [distribution circuit lines miles located in HFTD areas.](#) PG&E's databases
30 reflect the circuit miles that currently exist and do not maintain the historical
31 values specifically in the HFTD areas. We have assumed the circuit miles
32 have remained the same for all years from 2013-2022. [As of the end of year](#)
33 [2022, there were a total of approximately 25,060 OH distribution circuit lines](#)

1 miles located in HFTD areas. Going forward, PG&E will continue to report
2 the nominally updated circuit mileage total annually.

3 For the calculation of this metric, both the HFTD OH line miles and
4 number of wires down events are measured based on the area subjected by
5 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-JUNE 2024)



6 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

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

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

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

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

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

24 As shown in Figure 3.5-1 above, the distribution wire down events on
25 RFW days per circuit mile day has varied each year but has generally
26 declined since 2017. In 2022 PG&E experienced zero wire down events on
27 RFWs. Similarly, in 2023, PG&E only experienced one wire down event on
28 RFWs. In the first half of 2024, PG&E has experienced zero wire down
29 events on RFWs. 2021 experienced 13 wires down events on RFWs
30 compared to 34 in 2020. Performance is attributed to ongoing efforts in

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

6 C. (3.5) 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 directional 1- and 5- year targets
9 since the last report.

10 2. Target Methodology

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

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

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

32 3. 2024 Target

33 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 has experienced zero
6 distribution wires down event on RFW Days in the first half of 2024. Thus,
7 the metric is 0.00000 for 2024, which is within the 2024 upper limit
8 of 0.00057.

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 align with the Company's 5-year directional performance target.

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

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

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

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

- 27 • Patrols and Inspections: PG&E monitors the condition of OH conductor
28 through patrols and inspections consistent with GO 165. Tags are created
29 for abnormal conditions, including those that can lead to a wire down. Work
30 is prioritized in a risk-informed manner to address the issues identified in the
31 tags. In addition, PG&E has implemented risk based aerial inspections
32 using drones in targeted areas. Drone inspections significantly improve our
33 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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7 in blue font.

8 **A. (3.6) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

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

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

16 **2. Introduction of Metric**

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

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

24 **B. (3.6) Metric Performance**

25 **1. Historical Data (2013 – Q2 2024)**

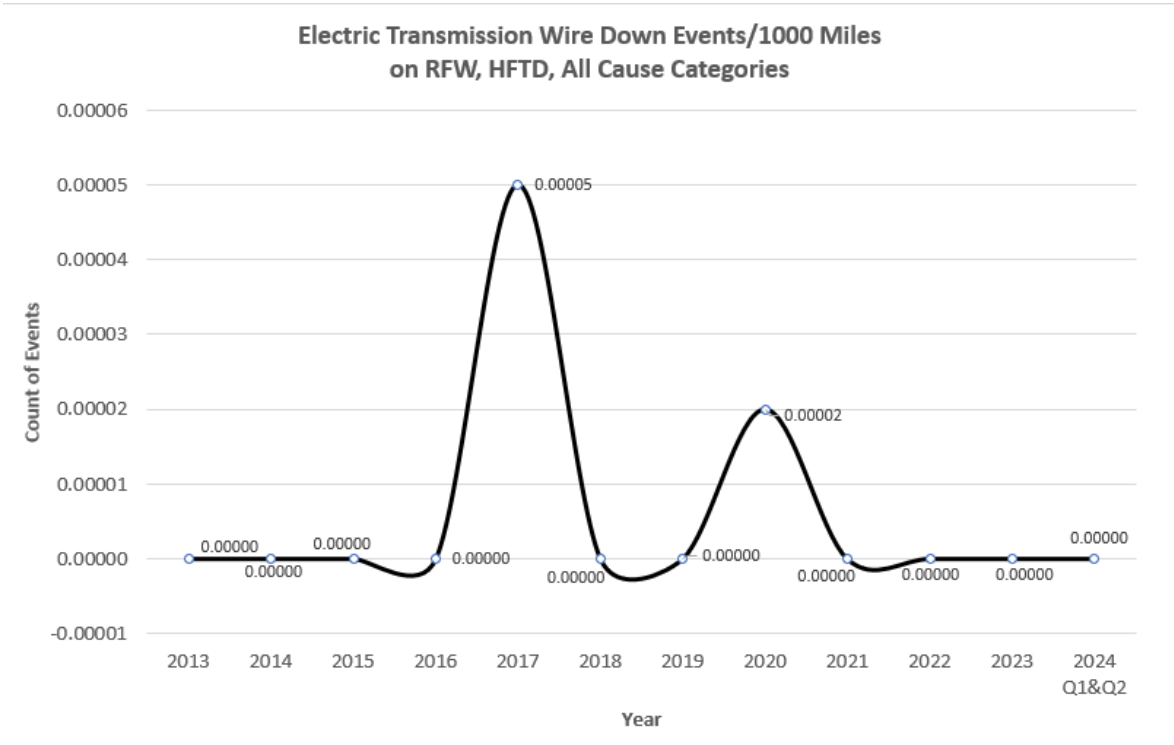
26 There are 12 years of historical data available from the years
27 2013-2024. Although PG&E started measuring wire down events in 2012,
28 2013 was the first full year uniformly measuring the number of transmission
29 wire down incidents. When calculating this metric, both the HFTD overhead
30 line miles and number of wires down events are measured based on the
31 area subjected by each specific RFW Day event and summed for each
32 specific year.

1 The HFTD boundaries are a recent development and were not defined
 2 for several years. Hence, for all years prior to and including 2022, PG&E
 3 uses 5,525.9 overhead transmission circuit miles in Tier 2/3 HFTD areas
 4 and assumes any variances in prior years are negligible. Moving forward,
 5 HFTD mileage will be refreshed at the beginning of each year. Table 3.6-1
 6 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 (2013-2024)**



7 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

8 PG&E used its transmission outage database, typically referred to as
 9 Transmission Operations Tracking & Logging to count the number of these

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

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

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

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

22 As shown in Figure 3.6-1, the transmission wire down events on RFW
23 days per circuit mile day is a very small subset of wire down events, making
24 it difficult to identify any trending information. [There have been no
25 transmission wire down events on Red Flag Warning days in Q1 and Q2 of
26 2024.](#) Since 2013, only two years have experienced any Transmission Wire
27 Down events on RFWs; 2017 (3) and 2020 (1), respectively.

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

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

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

1 **2. Target Methodology**

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

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

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

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

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

18 As demonstrated in Figure 3.6-1 above, PG&E experienced zero
19 transmission wires down events on Red Flag Warning Days in which is
20 consistent with Company's 1-year directional target. [There were](#)
21 [zero transmission wire down events on Red Flag Warning days in Q1 and](#)
22 [Q2 of 2024.](#)

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

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

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

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

1 • Asset Inspection: Detailed inspections of overhead transmission assets
2 seek to proactively identify potential failure modes of asset components
3 which could create future wire down, outage, and/or safety events if left
4 unresolved or allowed to “run to failure.” Detailed inspections for
5 transmission assets involve at least two detailed inspection methods per
6 structure (ground and aerial), though not necessarily in the same calendar
7 year which allows for staggered inspection methods across multiple years.
8 Aerial inspections may be completed either by drone or, helicopter. In
9 addition to the ground and aerial inspections, climbing inspections are also
10 required for 500 kilovolt structures or as triggered. All these inspection
11 methods involve detailed, visual examinations of the assets with use of
12 inspection checklists that are in accordance with the ET Preventive
13 Maintenance (TD-1001M), as well as the Failure Modes and Effects
14 Analysis.

15 • Asset Repair and Replacement: Completing repair, replacement, removal
16 or life extension to transmission assets provides the benefit of reduced
17 probability of failure for components that could potentially result in a wire
18 down event. For example, by replacing or improving aged, degraded assets
19 and providing more robust, up-to-standard designs. Asset removal
20 eliminates wire-down event risk by removing the energized electrical
21 components. Many improvements are identified through corrective
22 maintenance notifications. These notifications are typically identified as a
23 result of transmission asset inspections and patrols.

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

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

1 vegetation growing within the right-of-way (ROW) can act as a fuel bed for
2 wildfire ignition. Vegetation growing close to any pole or structure can
3 impede inspection of the structure base and in some cases can damage the
4 structure or conductors and result in wire down events.

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

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

1 vegetation and promoting low-growing, compatible vegetation. Prioritization
2 is based on aging of work cycles and evaluation of vegetation re-growth.
3 After initial work is performed, the ROWs are reassessed every two to
4 five years.

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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. As of 2024, PG&E continues to complete patrols and
19 inspections in compliance with GO 165.

20 **B. (3.7) Metric Performance**

21 **1. Historical Data (2015– June 2024)**

22 To be consistent with the implementation of new GO 165 requirements,
23 historical data begins in 2015.¹ The 2015-2019 data includes systemwide
24 results. [The 2020- 2024](#), data includes HFTD specific results.

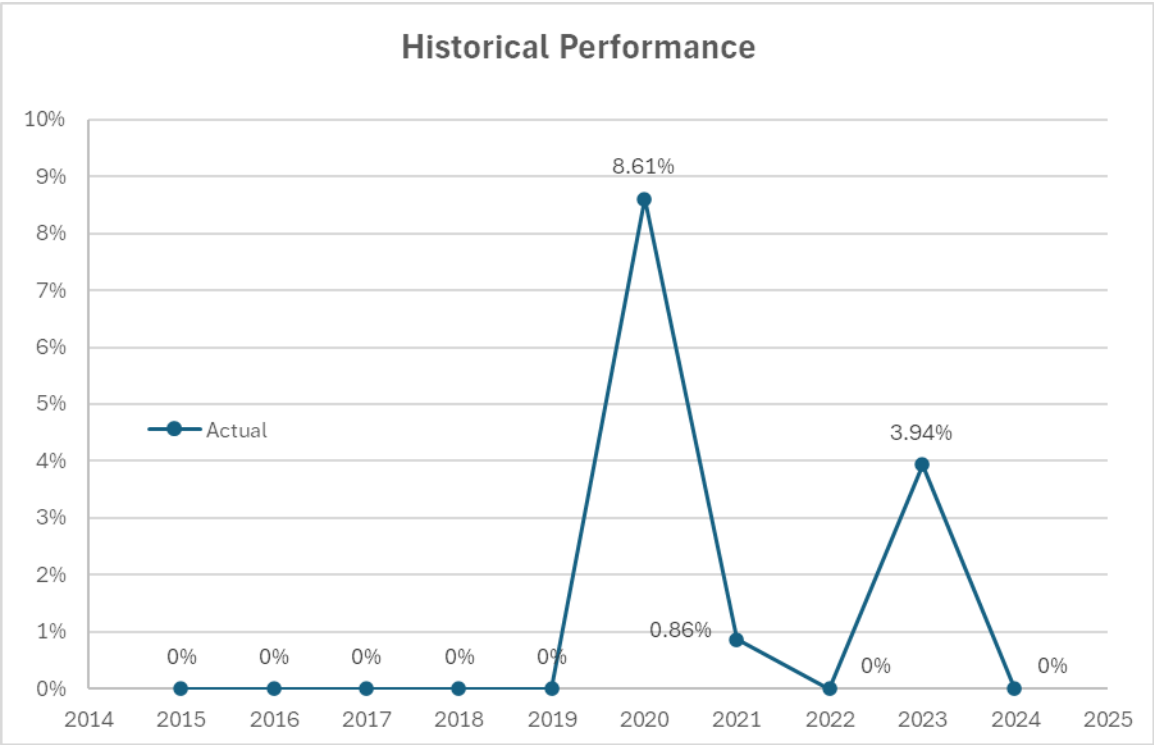
25 Prior to 2020, PG&E completed patrols on paper by “plat map”. Each
26 plat map had a calculated “12+3” due date based on the start date of the last
27 patrol or inspection for that plat map. For the years 2015-2019, PG&E
28 tracked and measured performance of patrols based on the “12+3”
29 calculated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

¹ 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 –JUNE 2024)



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, 2024 (Jan-Jun): 0.000009 percent.

1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 The currently used data collection methodology was implemented in
3 2020. It uses a mobile platform for completing OH inspections, recorded at
4 structure (pole) level using a detailed inspection checklist. PG&E also
5 shifted its maintenance plan structure in SAP from purely plat -map based to
6 circuit/risk based, tracking performance at *structure -level*.

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

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

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

14 For the years 2020 and 2021, with the shift to a wildfire risk reduction
15 focused approach and away from completing OH patrols by the “12+3”
16 calculated due date, PG&E’s metric performance was 8.61 percent
17 completed late in 2020, 0.86 percent completed late in 2021 and 0 percent
18 were completed late in 2022. For 2023, 3.94 percent were completed late.
19 For the months January through June 2024, there were three late overhead
20 patrols which equates to a percentage of 0 percent completed late.

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

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

23 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the last
24 SOMS filing.

25 **2. Target Methodology**

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

- 28 • Historical Data and Trends: Based on historical performance of
29 0 percent completed late (2015-2019) and the results of the more
30 recently used wildfire risk reduction approach (2020-2023). In 2024
31 PG&E intends to improve performance by completing OH patrols to

1 (1) be in compliance with GO 165, with a target range of 0-4 percent
2 completed late, and (2) incorporate Asset Strategy risk models.

- 3 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 4 • Regulatory Requirements: GO 165;
- 5 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Targeted performance
6 is attainable within PG&E's currently known resource plan;
- 7 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight
8 Enforcement: The target range is a suitable indicator for EOE as it
9 intends to return PG&E to historical levels of near-zero percent
10 noncompliance while also incorporating reasonable impacts resulting
11 from access and other field issues.
- 12 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

13 **3. 2024 Target**

14 The 2024 target is 0-4 percent to maintain performance compared to
15 2023.

16 **4. 2028 Target**

17 The 2028 target is 0-1 percent to improve performance compared to
18 2023, based on the factors described above, and the commitment to
19 continuously improve performance.

20 **D. (3.7) Performance Against Target**

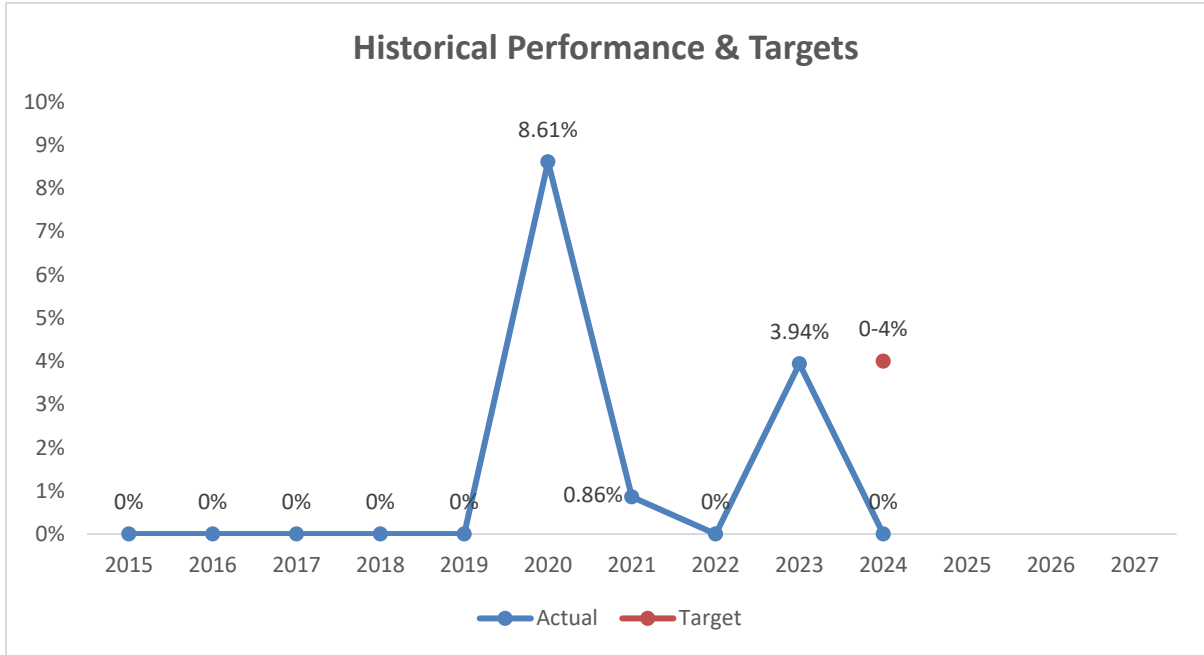
21 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

22 As demonstrated in Figure 3.7-2 below, PG&E continues to maintain
23 performance within the 0-4% target range set for 2024. For the months
24 January through June 2024, there were three late overhead patrols which
25 equates to a percentage of 0 percent completed late. The metric
26 performance has shown tremendous improvement from 3.94% in 2023. The
27 spike in 2023 was due to incorrect calculation of due dates for Distribution
28 OH Patrols which was identified and corrected.

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

30 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has a number of programs to
31 improve the long-term performance of this metric and to meet the company's
32 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.7-2
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015-2024 (JAN-JUN)) AND
TARGETS (2024 & 2028)**



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 in blue font.

8 **A. (3.8) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

10 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.8 – Missed Overhead
11 Distribution Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas is defined as:

12 *Overhead Distribution Detailed Inspections in High Fire Threat District*
13 *(HFTD): Total number of structures that fell below the minimum inspection*
14 *frequency requirements divided by the total number of structures that*
15 *required inspection, in HFTD area in past calendar year. “Minimum*
16 *inspection frequency” refers to the frequency of scheduled inspections as*
17 *specified in General Order (GO) 165. “Structures” refers to electric assets*
18 *such as transformers, switching protective devices, capacitors, lines, poles,*
19 *etc.*

20 **2. Introduction of Metric**

21 Detailed inspections are performed to identify nonconformances
22 affecting safety or reliability. Within HFTD, nonconformances identified by
23 inspections can involve conditions that represent a wildfire ignition risk.
24 Performing required inspections on time ensures that non-conformances are
25 identified in a timely manner so that they can be prioritized for repair in
26 accordance with the risk of the condition.

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

29 Starting in 2015 and through 2019, PG&E implemented the new GO 165
30 requirement to complete inspections each year within a prescribed
31 timeframe, based on the date of the last patrol or inspection. PG&E’s
32 interpretation and implementation of this new language calculated the due
33 date for each patrol or inspection 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/XX); 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 inspections with the intent of wildfire risk reduction by
14 focusing on the HFTD areas and using new risk models to inform the
15 prioritization of inspections each year. PG&E completed inspections by the
16 static due dates of, August 31 for HFTD areas, December 31 for Non-HFTD
17 areas.

18 In 2022, PG&E intends to complete overhead patrols and inspections in
19 compliance with GO 165.

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

22 **B. (3.8) Metric Performance**

23 **1. Historical Data (2015- June 2024)**

24 To be consistent with the implementation of new GO 165 requirements,
25 historical data begins in 2015. The 2015-2019 data includes systemwide
26 results. The 2020 -2021 data¹ includes HFTD specific results.

27 Prior to 2020, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) completed
28 inspections on paper by plat map. Each plat map had a calculated “12+3”
29 due date based on the start date of the last patrol or inspection for that plat
30 map. For the years 2015-2019, PG&E tracked and measured performance

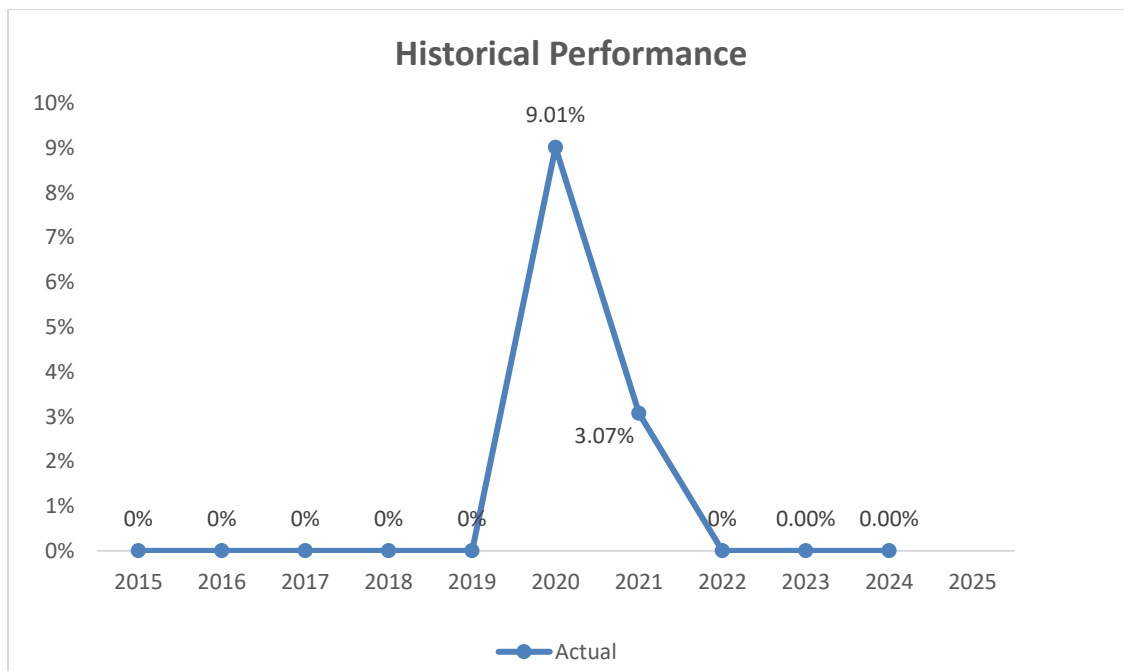
¹ Historical inspection data <2020 is at plat map level vs. structure level. We are further validating plat map-based results for HFTD vs. NHFTD units, we may see slight changes to volumes completed late vs. on time, or vice-versa.

1 of inspections based on the “12+3” calculated due date for each plat map.
2 Performance was tracked using detailed excel spreadsheets for each of the
3 19 Divisions across the system, and SAP data recorded for each plat map,
4 which recorded the actual start and end dates for each plat map, as well as
5 actual units and PG&E LAN ID (login ID) of the Inspector who completed the
6 work. PG&E’s annual performance for completion and inspections in these
7 years was 0.01-0.04 percent completed late.

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

12 A computational error was found in the metric data previously provided.
13 As a result, late percentage dropped to 3.07% from 4.10% for year 2021.

FIGURE 3.8-1
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015- JUNE 2024)



14 2. Data Collection Methodology

15 The currently used data collection methodology was implemented in
16 2020. It uses a mobile platform for completing Overhead inspections,
17 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. [For January through
19 June 2024, there was one late overhead inspection which equates to a
20 percentage of 0 percent completed late.](#)

21 **C. (3.8) 1-Year and 5-Year Target**

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

23 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the
24 last SOMS filing.

25 **2. Target Methodology**

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

- 28 • Historical Data and Trends: Based on historical performance of
29 1-4 percent completed late (2015-2019) and the results of the more
30 recently used wildfire risk reduction approach (2020-2023), in 2024
31 PG&E intends to improve performance by completing overhead
32 inspections to: (1) be in compliance with GO 165, with a target range of

1 0-2 percent completed late, and (2) incorporate Asset Strategy risk
2 models;

- 3 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 4 • Regulatory Requirements: GO 165;
- 5 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Targeted performance
6 is attainable within PG&E's currently known resource plan;
- 7 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight
8 Enforcement: The target range is a suitable indicator for EOE as it
9 intends to return PG&E to historical levels of near-zero percent
10 non-compliances while also incorporating reasonable impacts resulting
11 from access and other field issues.
- 12 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

13 **3. 2024 Target**

14 The 2024 target is 0-2 percent to improve performance based on the
15 factors described above.

16 **4. 2028 Target**

17 The 2027 target is 0-1 percent to improve performance based on the
18 factors described above and the commitment to continuously improve
19 performance.

20 **D. (3.8) Performance Against Target**

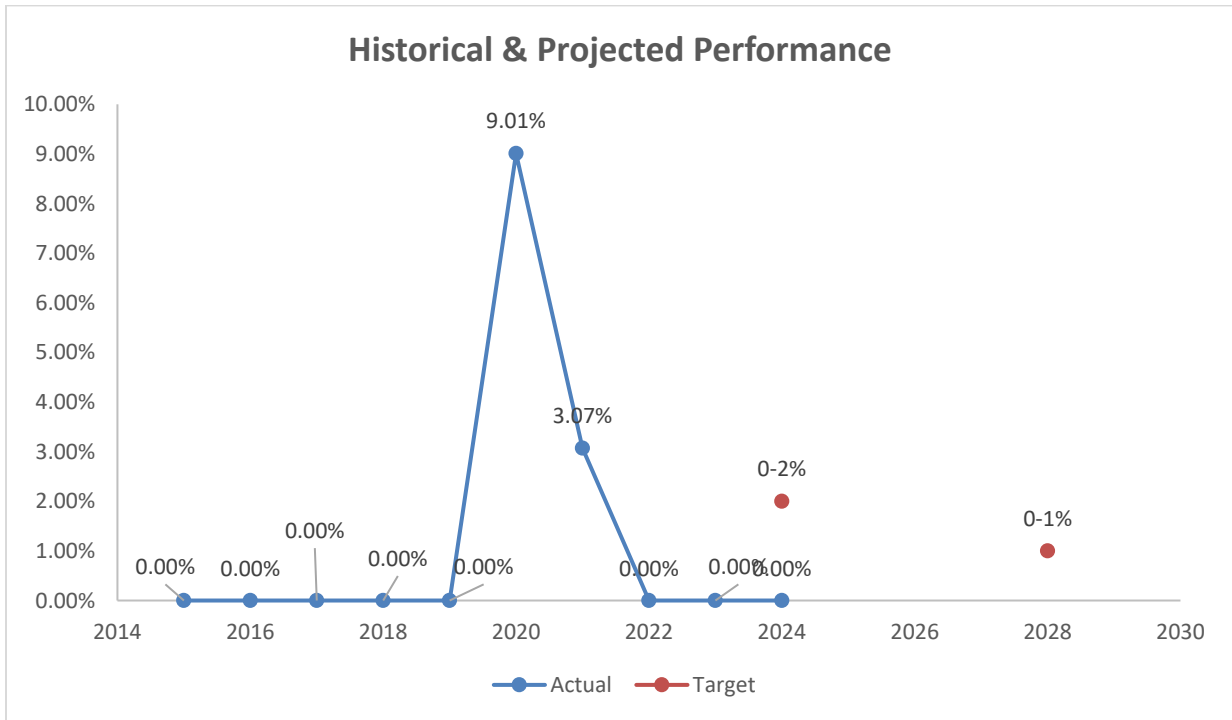
21 **1. Progress Towards/Deviation From the 1-Year Target**

22 As demonstrated in Figure 3.8-2 below, PG&E saw 0 percent missed
23 overhead Distribution inspections through June 2024 which was within the
24 company's 1-year target.

25 **2. Progress Towards/Deviation From the 5-Year Target**

26 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has several programs to
27 maintain or improve long-term performance of this metric to meet the
28 Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 3.8--2
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015- 2024 (JAN-JUN)) 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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8 **A. (3.9) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

10 Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.9 – Missed Overhead
11 Transmission Patrols in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Areas is defined as:

12 *Overhead (OH) Transmission Patrols in High Fire Threat District*
13 *(HFTD): Total number of structures that fell below the minimum patrol*
14 *frequency requirements divided by the total number of structures that*
15 *required patrols, in HFTD area in past calendar year where, “Minimum patrol*
16 *frequency” refers to the frequency of patrols requirements, as applicable.*
17 *“Structures” refers to electric assets such as transformers, switching*
18 *protective devices, capacitors, lines, poles, etc.*

19 **2. Introduction of Metric**

20 Patrols involve simple visual observations to identify obvious
21 non-conformances affecting safety or reliability. Within HFTD areas,
22 nonconformances identified by patrols can involve conditions that represent
23 a wildfire ignition risk. Performing patrols on time allows non-conformances
24 to be identified in a timely manner so that they can be prioritized for repair in
25 accordance with the risk of the condition.

26 All assets require either a detailed inspection or a patrol each year.
27 While detailed inspections have shifted from circuit-based cycles to an
28 inspection frequency that depends on HFTD and structure-level risk
29 considerations, patrols are performed by circuit. Therefore, any line that
30 does not receive a detailed inspection from end-to-end will require a patrol
31 and it is possible for some structures to receive both an inspection and a
32 patrol in the same year. Patrols may be performed either by air (helicopter)
33 or ground (walking or driving). Compared to transmission detailed

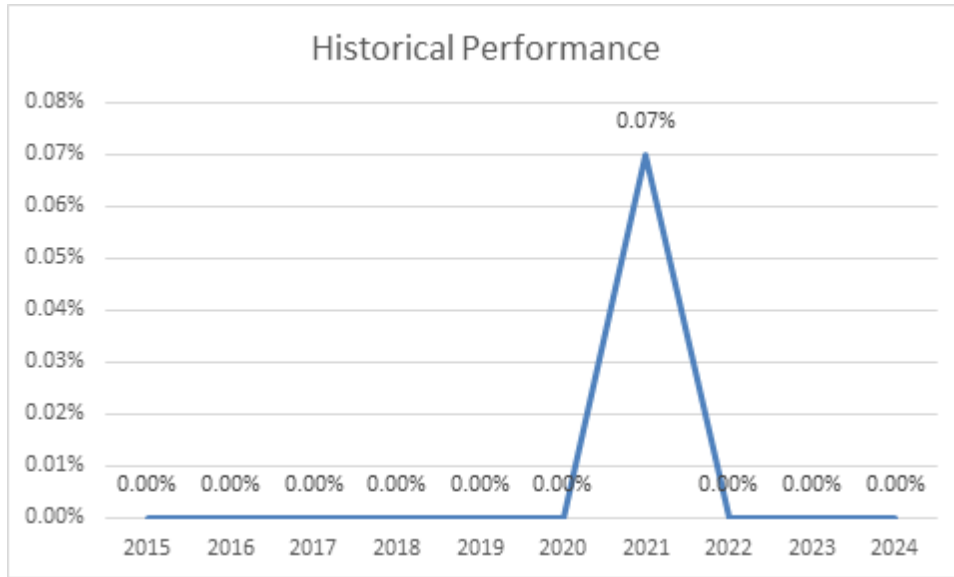
1 inspections, the transmission OH patrol program has not undergone
2 significant changes over the reporting period from 2015-present. Starting in
3 2021, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) imposed an in-year
4 deadline of July 31 for patrols on circuits containing HFTD or High Fire Risk
5 Area structures. Monthly validations of the inspection plan were started in
6 June 2021 to ensure that all assets were either inspected or patrolled each
7 year, including assets that were newly added to the asset registry. The
8 in-year deadline of July 31 introduced in 2021 for inspections and patrols in
9 HFTD will continue to be used in 2022. Beginning in 2022, assets added to
10 the registry after July 31 or whose HFTD changes after July 31 will not be
11 considered late as in 2021, provided that they are inspected or patrolled
12 within 90 days of the addition to the registry or the HFTD change.

13 **B. (3.9) Metric Performance**

14 **1. Historical Data (2015 – June 2024)**

15 [Historical data is provided from 2015 – 2024.](#) Data provided for
16 2015-2019 reflects systemwide performance. HFTD-specific performance is
17 not available prior to 2020. The percentage of missed patrols is calculated
18 as the number of patrols not performed by the required deadline divided by
19 the total number of patrols performed for that year. Through 2020, there
20 was not a specific in-year deadline for patrols, so the deadline was
21 considered December 31. The July 31 deadline for HFTD patrols in 2021
22 allowed exceptions due to access issues and weather that may have
23 prevented a helicopter to fly, or where access issues may have prevented a
24 ground patrol. In 2021, HFTD structures added to the asset registry after
25 July 31 and inspected after the July 31 deadline were counted as missed
26 inspections, as well as instances where the asset location was corrected
27 from non-HFTD to HFTD after July 31.

**FIGURE 3.9-1
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 –JUNE 2024)**



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 From January to June 2024, there are no missed patrols resulting in a
7 0.00 percent missed overhead Transmission patrols with a total of 49,813
8 patrols completed – 33,988 in Tier 2 HFTD areas, 14,183 in Tier 3 HFTD
9 areas, 1,257 in HFRA and 385 in Zone 1 areas.

10 **C. (3.9) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

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

12 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the
13 last SOMS filing.

14 **2. Target Methodology**

15 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the
16 following factors:

- 17 • Historical Data and Trends: The July 31 deadline for HFTD patrols was
18 first applied in 2021 and is still in practice. Therefore, targets use 2021

1 performance as a baseline with incremental improvement for the
2 reasons described below;

- 3 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 4 • Regulatory Requirements: Relevant items include: (1) General Order
5 165 requirements to follow internal maintenance procedures, and
6 (2) Wildfire Mitigation Plan targets to perform HFTD inspections and
7 patrols by July 31;
- 8 • Attainable Within known Resources/Work Plan: Targets are attainable
9 within currently known resources;
- 10 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
11 Enforcement: Targets are suitable indicators for EOE as historical driver
12 of worsening performance (asset registry changes after July 31) will
13 have an allowance to be counted as on time if inspected within 90 days
14 of the addition to the registry or HFTD change at the beginning of 2022.
15 This update ensures that the metric is an appropriate indicator of
16 performance by focusing the measure on timely action to complete
17 inspections as opposed to asset registry completeness; and
- 18 • Other Qualitative Considerations: [None](#).

19 **3. 2024 Target**

20 The 2024 target is to improve performance to 0.00-0.03 percent, based
21 on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes and consideration of
22 double circuits described in the methodology above.

23 **4. 2028 Target**

24 The 2028 target is to improve performance to 0.00-0.02 percent, based
25 on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes and consideration of
26 double circuits described in the methodology above, as well as a reduction
27 over time in the number of asset registry additions from assets being
28 discovered in the field.

29 **D. (3.9) Performance Against Target**

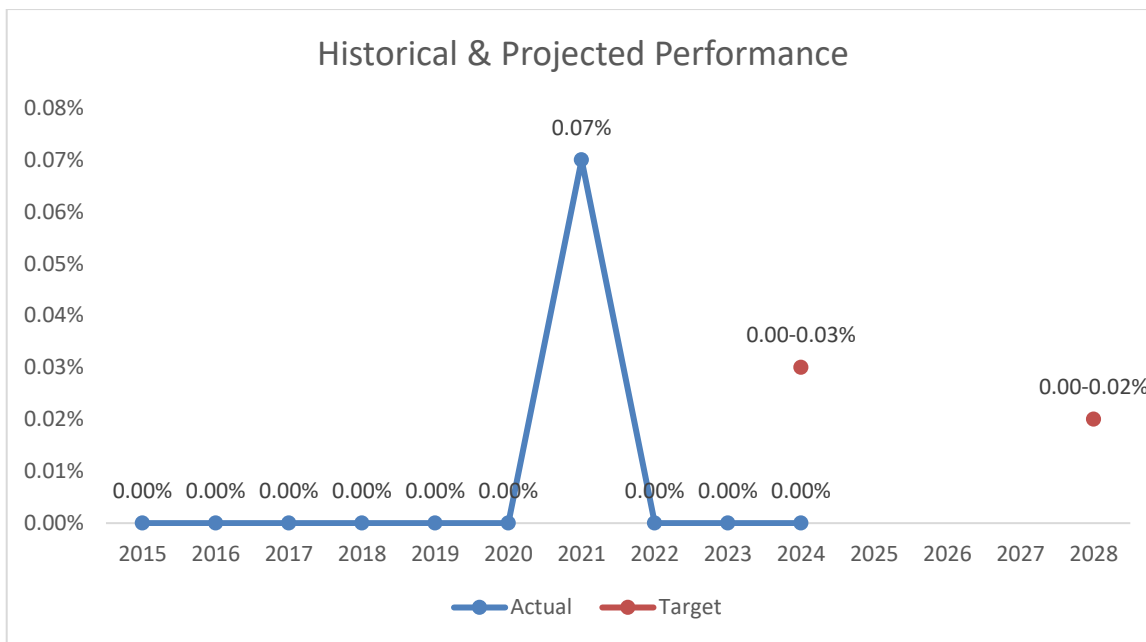
30 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

31 [As demonstrated in Figure 3.9-2 below, PG&E saw 0.00 percent missed](#)
32 [overhead Transmission patrols through June 2024 which is consistent with](#)
33 [company's 1-year target.](#)

1 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

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

FIGURE 3.9-2
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – JUNE 2024) AND TARGET (2024 AND 2028)



5 **E. (3.9) Current and Planned Work Activities**

6 Below is a summary description of the key activities that are tied to
7 performance and their description of that tie:

- 8 • **2024 Inspection and Patrol Plan:** The 2024 Inspection and Patrol plan has
9 been created, which defines the initial scope of the HFTD patrols that fall
10 under this metric. The plan contains approximately 170 circuits running
11 through HFTD areas (containing approximately 31,000 HFTD structures)
12 that will be patrolled.
- 13 • **Monthly Inspection Validations:** Monthly inspection validations, which also
14 consider required patrols, will continue to identify required additions to the
15 original plan arising from additions or changes to the asset registry.
16 Changes in HFTD affect the scope of patrols covered by this metric.
- 17 • **In-Year Deadline Requirements:** The in-year deadline of July 31 introduced
18 in 2021 for patrols in HFTD will continue to be used in 2024, with the same

1 provisions for access issues as in 2021 and the addition of the 90-day
2 requirement described above for additions and changes to the asset
3 registry. The deadline is tracked with the patrol orders so that each HFTD
4 patrol is identified as having the July 31 compliance requirement.

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7 in blue font.

8 **A. (3.10) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

10 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.10 – Missed Overhead
11 Transmission Detailed Inspections in HFTD Areas is defined as:

12 *Overhead (OH) Transmission Detailed Inspections in High Fire Threat*
13 *District (HFTD): Total number of structures that fell below the minimum*
14 *inspection frequency requirements divided by the total number of structures*
15 *that required inspection, in HFTD area in past calendar year where,*
16 *“Minimum inspection frequency” refers to the frequency of scheduled*
17 *inspections requirements, as applicable. “Structures” refers to electric*
18 *assets such as transformers, switching protective devices, capacitors, lines,*
19 *poles, etc.*

20 **2. Introduction of Metric**

21 Detailed inspections are performed using several methods (ground,
22 aerial, and climbing) to identify non-conformances affecting safety or
23 reliability. Within HFTD areas, non-conformances identified by inspections
24 can involve conditions that represent a wildfire ignition risk. Performing
25 inspections on time allows non-conformances to be identified in a timely
26 manner so that they can be prioritized for repair in accordance with the risk
27 of the condition.

28 Due to the importance of detailed inspections in identifying conditions
29 that affect wildfire, other safety, and reliability risks, the OH transmission
30 detailed inspection program has undergone significant evolution over the
31 reporting period for the metric, 2015-present. Prior to 2019, detailed ground
32 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.

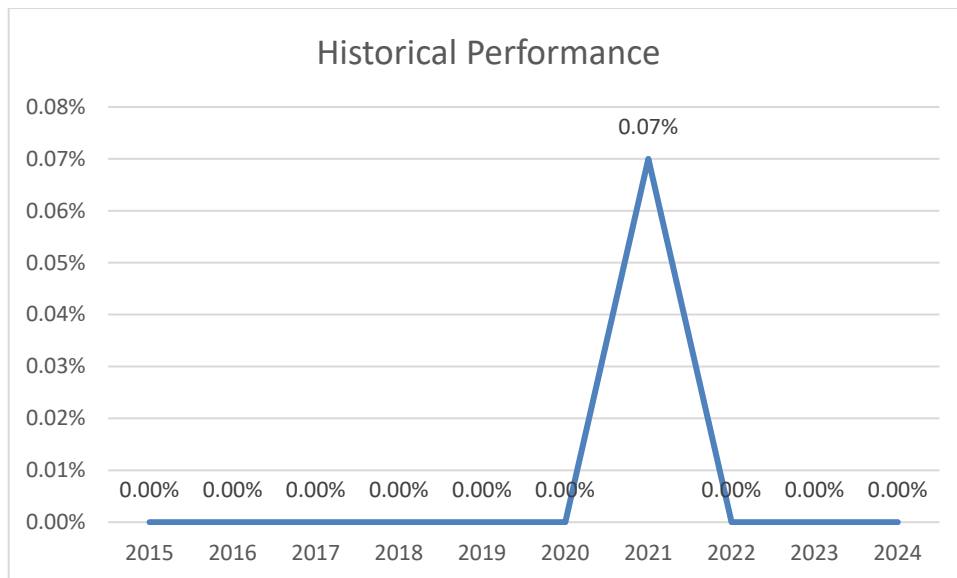
27 The 2022 inspection scope introduced the use of wildfire risk and
28 consequence scores at the structure level to inform the selection of assets
29 to be inspected. At the beginning of 2022, assets were added to the registry
30 after July 31 or whose HFTD changes after July 31 will not be considered
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 – June 2024)**

3 Historical data is provided from 2015 –2024. 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 – JUNE 2024)**



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 From January to June 2024, there were no missed inspections resulting
7 in a 0.00 percent missed overhead Transmission detailed inspections with a
8 total of 44,910 inspections completed – 31,399 in Tier 2 HFTD areas, 10,983
9 in Tier 3 HFTD areas, 2,099 in HFRA and 429 in Zone 1 areas.

10 **C. (3.10) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

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

12 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the
13 last SOMS filing.

14 **2. Target Methodology**

15 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the
16 following factors:

- 17 • Historical Data and Trends: The July 31 deadline for HFTD patrols was
18 first applied in 2021 and is still in practice. Therefore, targets use 2021
19 performance as a baseline with incremental improvement for the
20 reasons described below;
- 21 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 22 • Regulatory Requirements: Relevant items include: (1) General
23 Order 165 requirements to follow internal maintenance procedures, and
24 (2) Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) targets to perform certain HFTD
25 inspections and patrols by July 31;
- 26 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Targets are attainable
27 within currently known resources;
- 28 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
29 Enforcement: Targets are suitable indicators for EOE as historical driver
30 of worsening performance (asset registry changes after July 31) will
31 have an allowance to be counted as on time for any assets discovered
32 after January 1 of the given year and due for a baseline frequency
33 inspection based on installation date (via the created date in SAP), will

1 be inspected within 90 days of when added to the asset registry or by
2 July 31 or the given year, whichever is later. Structures in scope for the
3 given year with HFTD tier changes from Non-HFTD to HFTD after
4 January 1st are also given an allowance for inspection within 90 days of
5 the change or July 31st, whichever is later. This update beginning in
6 2022 ensures that the metric is an appropriate indicator of performance
7 by focusing the measure on timely action to complete inspections as
8 opposed to asset registry completeness.

- 9 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

10 **3. 2024 Target**

11 The 2024 target is to improve performance to 0.00-0.03 percent, based
12 on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes described in the
13 methodology above.

14 **4. 2028 Target**

15 The 2028 target is to improve performance to 0.00-0.02 percent, based
16 on the 90-day allowance for asset registry changes described in the
17 methodology above, as well as a reduction over time in the number of asset
18 registry additions from assets being discovered in the field.

19 **D. (3.10) Performance Against Target**

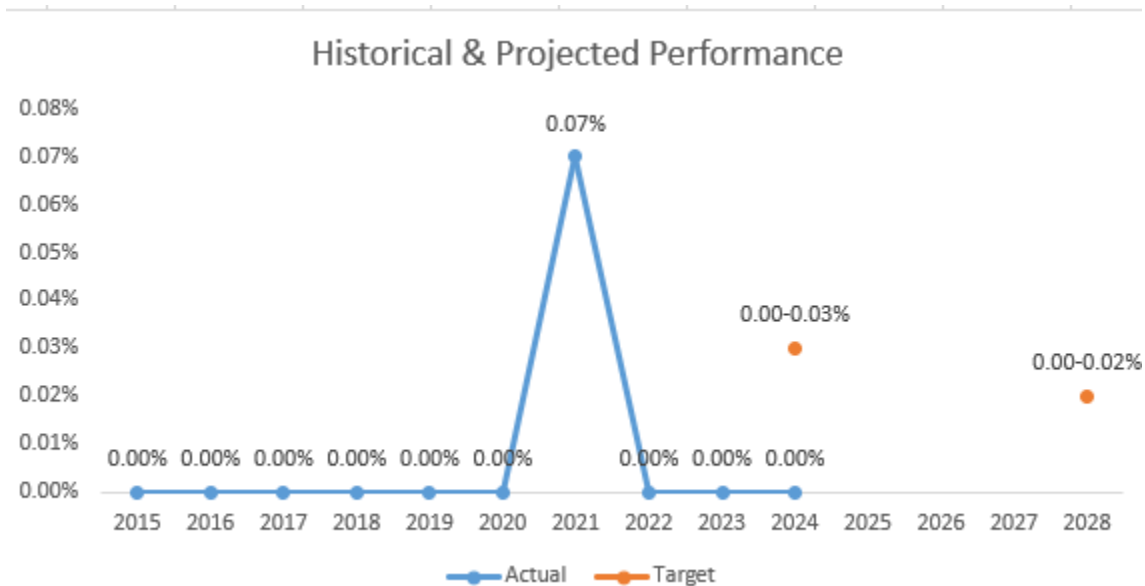
20 **1. Progress Towards the 1-year Target**

21 As demonstrated in Figure 3.10-2 below, PG&E saw 0.00 percent
22 missed overhead Transmission detailed inspections in the first half of 2024
23 which is consistent with Company's 1-year target.

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

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

**FIGURE 3.10-2
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 - JUNE 2024) 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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1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
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 April 1, 2024, are
6 identified in blue font.

7 **A. (3.11) Overview**

8 **1. Metric Definition**

9 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.11 – General Order (GO) 95
10 Corrective Actions in High Fire Threat Districts (HFTD) is defined as:

11 *The number of Priority Level 2 notifications that were completed on time*
12 *divided by the total number of Priority Level 2 notifications that were due in*
13 *the calendar year in HFTDs. Consistent with General Order (GO) 95*
14 *Rule 18 provisions, the proposed metric should exclude notifications that*
15 *qualify for extensions under reasonable circumstances.*¹

16 GO 95, Rule 18, Priority Level 2 has four relevant timeframes for
17 corrective action of which 2 are relevant for HFTD criteria used in SOMs:
18 (1) six months for potential violations that create a fire risk in Tier 3 of HFTD;
19 (2) 12 months for potential violations that create a fire risk in Tier 2 of
20 HFTD.²

21 This metric is also reported as Metric 29 in the annual Safety
22 Performance Metrics Report.

23 **2. Introduction to the Metric**

24 The GO 95 Corrective Actions in HFTD metric measures the number of
25 Priority Level 2 electric corrective notifications (tags) in HFTD that are
26 completed in accordance with the GO 95 Rule 18 timelines. This metric is
27 associated with our Failure of Electric Distribution Overhead Asset Risk and
28 our Wildfire Risk, which are part of our 2020 Risk Assessment and

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 Mitigation Phase Report filing. Vegetation Management (VM) work
2 generally follows wildfire risk priorities. Priority notifications are tracked to
3 completion against procedural timelines that are consistent with the
4 underlying risk of the work.

5 **3. Background**

6 This metric consists of two major activities: corrective notification
7 repairs and VM. The section below describes the work, including
8 risk-informed prioritization and associated activities. We also compare
9 Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E or the Company) priority
10 classifications against GO 95 Rule 18's classification and timelines for
11 completion.

- 12 • Corrective Notifications Identified from Inspections: PG&E routinely
13 inspects our electric assets using a variety of methods, including
14 observations when performing work in the area, periodic patrols, and
15 inspections, and targeted condition-based and/or diagnostic testing and
16 monitoring. These inspections of our overhead and underground
17 electric assets are designed to meet GO 165 requirements. Regarding
18 our equipment inspections process, when an inspector identifies a
19 maintenance condition, the inspector may immediately correct the
20 condition (e.g., performs minor repair work) and records the correction
21 or records the uncorrected condition, which is also reviewed by a
22 centralized inspection review team (CIRT). This additional review
23 performed by the CIRT is to drive consistency in inspection results by
24 having a centralized team review all field findings prior to recording the
25 finding as a tag.

26 If the condition is not immediately corrected, the inspector fills out
27 the initial tag. The centralized review team approves and prioritizes the
28 corrective notification tag in our Work Management system. These tags
29 are prioritized based on the risk posed by the condition and urgency of
30 repairs. We also inspect vegetation in the vicinity of our facilities and
31 apply a similar process, described below.

32 Regarding Priority Level 2 electric notifications pertaining to our
33 equipment inspections, we have subdivided Priority Level 2 into [three](#)
34 [categories: Priority "X", Priority "B" and Priority "E". Priority "X" are](#)

1 scheduled to be addressed within 7 days. Priority “B” notifications are
2 scheduled to be addressed within 6 months. Priority “E” are scheduled
3 to be completed within 6 months for Tier 3 and 12 months for Tier 2.

- 4 • Vegetation Management: Regarding our VM Program, we routinely
5 inspect clearances between our electric assets and adjacent vegetation
6 through a variety of methods, including observations during annual
7 patrols, targeted program inspections, and aerial light detection and
8 ranging flights. These inspections are conducted by our VM personnel
9 and are designed to meet or, in some cases, exceed GO 95 Rule 35
10 requirements and fire safety regulations that require a minimum
11 clearance of 4 feet year-round for high-voltage power lines in the
12 California Public Utilities Commission-designated HFTD areas. GO 95
13 Rule 35 also requires the removal of dead, diseased, defective, and
14 dying trees that could fall into the lines.

15 When an inspector identifies a clearance condition or a potential
16 tree hazard, they record an abatement prescription (tree work) within
17 VM’s data systems. This tree work is assigned to tree crews unless
18 there are constraints that require prior resolution (e.g., customer access,
19 city or agency permits). Once the constraint has been resolved, the tree
20 work is addressed within 30 days or within the initial timeline based on
21 HFTD Tier from the date it was inspected, which is either 180 days for
22 Tier 3 or 365 days for Tier 2. Tree crews confirm the completion of tree
23 work within the VM data systems. VM tree work identified in this way
24 does not follow the Electric Corrective notifications (EC for Distribution)
25 and Line Corrective notifications (LC for Transmission) priority
26 assignments. Our VM timeline to complete this tree work generally
27 aligns with the risk presented by the vegetation and the risk reduction
28 objectives of the VM Program. It is important to note that this data is
29 classified into two categories: (1) Vegetation Dead and Dying and
30 (2) Vegetation Priority 2, where each record reflects work completed on
31 a tree.

- 32 • Priority Classifications and Timelines for Completion: We manage our
33 corrective actions in HFTDs with a risk-informed prioritization of our
34 work plans. Our strategy focuses on reducing wildfire risk associated

1 with open corrective notifications. To accomplish this, we address the
2 highest risk Level 2 corrective notifications first. After that, we manage
3 the inventory of Level 2 Priority “E” corrective notifications in a
4 risk-informed manner, where the highest risk Level 2 Priority “E”
5 corrective notifications, [within the same clearance point](#), are targeted
6 first, while deploying safety controls to manage the lower risk Level 2
7 Priority “E” corrective notifications. This approach allows strategic and
8 targeted wildfire risk reductions, informed by customer impact and risk
9 spend efficiencies, to continue to be our primary focus.

10 [We recognize that our electric Priority “X” and Priority “B”](#)
11 notifications, which we consider having a higher likelihood of creating an
12 equipment failure than other Level 2 Priority notifications, have a more
13 aggressive timeline to address than GO 95 Rule 18 Priority Level 2.
14 However, consistent with the safety and operational metric definitions
15 provided in Decision 21-11-009, we are reporting our performance
16 against the timelines set forth in GO 95 Rule 18 and can provide, upon
17 request, additional information as to how we are performing against our
18 more aggressive internal timelines for our electric Priority “X” and
19 Priority “B” notifications. Furthermore, we are including all EC and LC
20 notifications, as well as all inspection-identified vegetation safety
21 hazards that meet the definition of GO 95 Rule 18 Level 2.

22 At the end of 2022, Priority “B” was eliminated for newly created
23 transmission (LC) notifications so that priority “E” LC notifications now
24 directly align to Rule 18 Level 2. Priority “E” notifications may have
25 timelines shorter than the maximum allowable Level 2 timelines, so
26 3-month notifications still can be created as priority “E.” The existing
27 population of “B” priority notifications was closed in 2023.

28 [The following table summarizes the priority classifications we use to](#)
29 [comply with GO 95 Rule 18. Transmission’s priority levels have](#)
30 [changed to remove priority “B”, allow reduced durations under](#)
31 [priority “E”, and increase the duration for priority “F” to align with the](#)
32 [Level 3 duration in GO 95 Rule 18.](#)

**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 reclassifying to a lower priority	Consistent with GO 95 Rule 18	Within 24 hrs. after identification
2	Level 2	B (Electric) Dx) 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 6 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		X (Electric) Dx)	Introduced on 3/25/2024, for conditions that have a high potential impact to safety or reliability but do not pose an immediate risk.	Same as above	Corrective action within 7 days from date condition identified for electric equipment	N/A
		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. Transmission: Corrective action timelines can be reduced below the maximum values listed above.	N/A
4		H (Electric) Dx)	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 Priority A or B. If notification has escalated to Priority A or B, address according to timelines above.	N/A

**TABLE 3.11-1
GO 95 RULE 18 RISK CATEGORIES AND TIMELINES
(CONTINUED)**

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)
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. ^(a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <u>five</u> years from date condition identified. 	N/A
<p>(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.</p>						

1 **B. (3.11) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2020 – Q2 2024)**

3 [We are reporting historical data from the years 2020 through Q2 2024.](#)

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 “X”](#), Priority “B” and “E”
32 notifications, and internal VM Priority 2 and Dead and Dying Tree abatement
33 corrective 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 “X” and Priority “B” corrective notifications first and manage
16 the inventory of 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

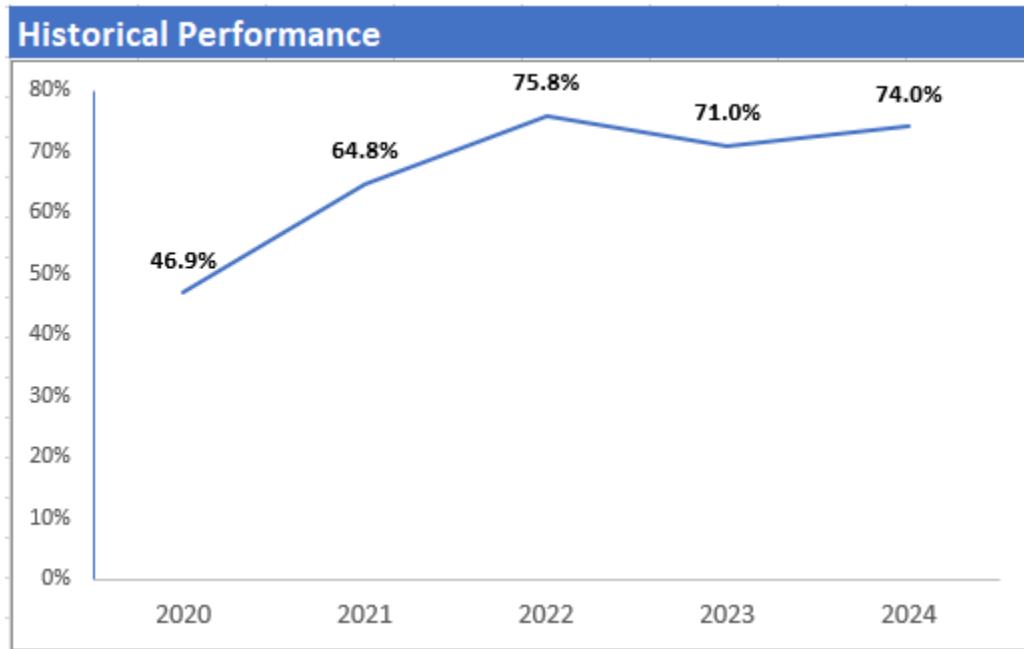
1 expense). While PG&E’s maintenance tag plan described in its 2023-2025
2 WMP will result in some lower-risk maintenance tags exceeding the current
3 GO 95, Rule 18 timelines, the plan is prudent because it will allow PG&E to
4 reduce the maintenance tag log more quickly and execute more tags with
5 the same amount of resources while reducing the amount of clearances
6 needed per unit executed.

7 January through June 2024 saw a performance of 73.7 percent as
8 shown in Figure 3.11-1 below. This performance is exceeding the 2024
9 one-year target of 69 percent. Lastly, there is a net reduction of
10 approximately 10,700 EVM tree work units on the cessation of that program
11 from the end of 2022, reducing the amount of on time completed units.

12 We are also currently completing available vegetation priority corrective
13 notifications within our internal timelines, limiting inventory to corrective
14 notifications where we have access issues, such as customer property
15 access issues or related permitting concerns, which are worked as
16 dependencies are resolved. This is consistent with our Dead and Dying
17 Tree Abatements.

18 The following figure plots our historical performance for GO 95 Rule 18
19 Level 2 HFTD Corrective Notifications.

**FIGURE 3.11-1
GO 95 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN HFTDS – HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2020 – JUNE 2024)**



**TABLE 3.11-2
GO 95 RULE 18 PRIORITY LEVEL 2 ACTUAL 2024
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)**

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Level 2 Results</u>
1	On Time	77,027
2	Past Due	27,069
3	% On Time	74%

**TABLE 3.11-3
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 ACTUAL 2024
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2024	Level 2 Priority "E"	Level 2 Priority "B"	Level 2 Priority "B" From "E"	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	2,430	2,531	-	4,961
2	Past Due	21,456	570		22,027
3	% On Time	10.2%	81.6%	-	18.4%

Note: PG&E Utility Implemented the Comprehensive Pole Inspection (CPI) program in 2024. Priority "X" tag are also new however per GO 95 Rule 18 timeline requirements for Level 2 none have come due and are therefore not included in this table.

**TABLE 3.11-4
GO 95 RULE 18 LEVEL 2 ACTUAL 2024
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION ONLY)**

Line No.	Year 2024	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	4,235
2	Past Due	3,375
3	% On Time	55.7%

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 2024
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS PERFORMANCE AND TARGET
(VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)**

Line No.	Year 2024	EVM Dead and Dying	Vegetation Dead and Dying	Vegetation Priority 2	Level 2 Results
1	On Time	4,297	44,295	19,239	67,831
2	Past Due	39	1,601	27	1,667
3	% On Time	99.1%	96.5%	99.9%	97.6%

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 have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year targets since the
4 last SOMS filing.

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
15 meet projected targets. If emerging higher risk priorities emerge
16 throughout the course of the year, we may need to prioritize our
17 available resources to address these higher risk priorities and adjust our
18 work plan accordingly;
- 19 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
20 Enforcement: Yes, performance at projected levels is sustainable,
21 subject to other emerging higher risk priorities may influence ability to
22 meet projected targets. If emerging higher risk priorities emerge
23 throughout the course of the year, we may need to prioritize our
24 available resources to address these higher risk priorities and adjust our
25 work plan accordingly; and
- 26 • Other Qualitative Considerations: This target was established with the
27 consideration of our risk informed strategy, as opposed to a corrective
28 notification due date prioritization approach.

29 **3. 2024 Target**

30 Our target for Priority Level 2 corrective maintenance notifications on
31 time completion rates is 69 percent for the year 2024. This metric
32 performance is comprised of an aggregated score combining performance
33 of electric distribution, electric transmission and Vegetation Management.

1 For year 2024, electric distribution notifications completed on
2 time percentage was projected at approximately 11 percent and electric
3 transmission notifications completed on time percentage was projected at
4 approximately 80 percent when the targets were set. The projected forecast
5 for Vegetation Management is approximately 98 percent. As the volume of
6 Vegetation Management decreases in 2024 we expect the aggregated score
7 of this metric to correspondingly decline.

8 Our distribution corrective notifications strategy will continue to focus on
9 reducing wildfire risk associated with our open corrective notifications by
10 working the highest risk spend efficiency bundles for Level 2 corrective
11 notifications first versus managing corrective notification due dates. [Using
12 this approach in 2023 through June 2024, we reduced the relative wildfire
13 risk associated with backlog open electric distribution corrective
14 maintenance notifications in HFTD Tiers 2 and 3 by as much as
15 64.8 percent.](#)

16 Also, it is important to note that within this aggregated year 2024
17 performance, we are forecasting that our electric Level 2 Priority “B”
18 notifications performance to achieve completed on time percentages of
19 97 percent for electric distribution notifications. As described earlier, we
20 consider electric Level 2 Priority “B” notifications to have a higher likelihood
21 of creating an equipment failure than other electric Level 2 Priority
22 notifications.

23 The following tables summarize PG&E’s Year 2024 Target for Priority
24 Level 2 notifications completed on time percentage, as well as a breakdown
25 between the electric distribution, electric transmission and VM Priority
26 Level 2 notifications performance. Since the “B” priority will no longer be
27 assigned to transmission notifications, as described above, transmission
28 projections are not separated by “B” and “E” priority levels. Table 3.11-6
29 has been updated only to reflect Level 2 results due to the priority level
30 changes in transmission.

31 Table 3.11-9 Vegetation Management 2023 forecast is lower than 2022,
32 based upon an anticipated reduction in the volume of D&D tree work.
33 Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM) Program concluded at the end of
34 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)**

Line No.	Year 2024	Level 2 Results
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 2024	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 2024	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 2024	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%

1 **4. 2028 Target**

2 Our 5-year target for Priority Level 2 corrective maintenance
3 notifications on time is 79 percent. Target decreased by 1 percent,
4 compared to 2027 target due to 1.36 percent projected decrease of Priority
5 Level 2 notifications that were completed on time (185,197 in 2028 vs
6 187,760 in 2027) and 0.24 percent projected decrease of Priority Level 2
7 notifications completed late (47,971 in 2028 vs 47,908 in 2027). This metric
8 performance is comprised of an aggregated performance where the
9 projected year 2028 volume of on time corrective notifications for electric
10 distribution, electric transmission and vegetation are at 28,406; 8,541; and
11 148,250, respectively.

12 For year 2028, we are projecting an on-time percentage of
13 approximately 39 percent, 98 percent, 98 percent for electric distribution,
14 electric transmission, and vegetation notifications performance, respectively.

15 Our distribution corrective notifications strategy will continue to focus on
16 reducing the most wildfire risk associated with our open corrective
17 notifications per dollar spent by working the highest risk bundles by isolation
18 zone first versus managing corrective notification due dates. Furthermore,
19 we are also revisiting opportunities to further align our distribution electric
20 corrective action Priority levels (e.g., A, B, E, F, and H) with that of GO 95
21 Rule 18 (e.g., Levels 1, 2, and 3), which we expect will improve our
22 performance in the long-term.

23 The following tables summarize our Year 2028 Target for Priority
24 Level 2 notifications completed on time percentages, as well as a
25 breakdown between the electric distribution, electric transmission and
26 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 2028	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 2028	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 2028	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 2028	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**

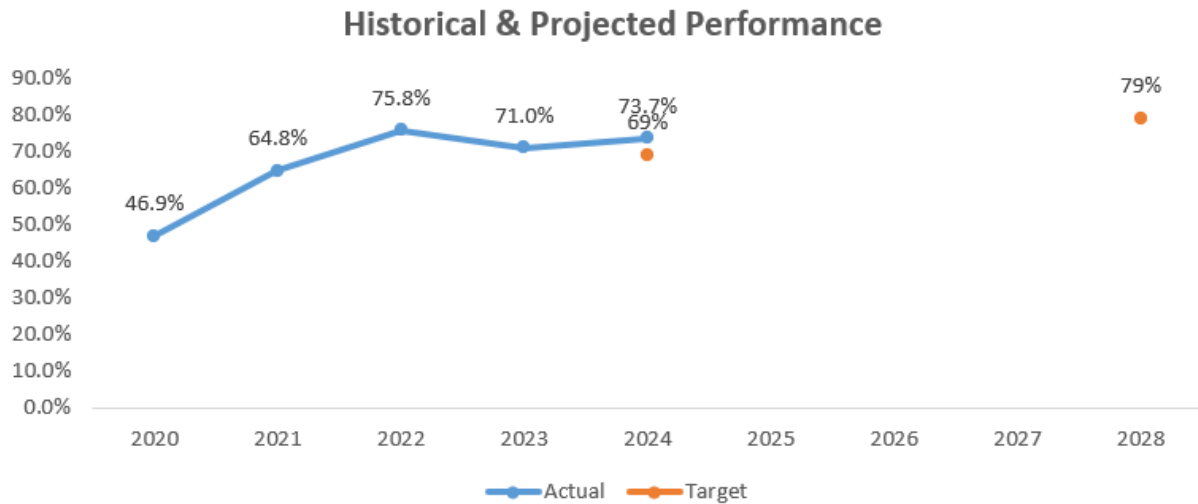
5 **1. Progress Towards 1-Year Target**

6 As demonstrated in Figure 3.11-2 below, PG&E saw a performance of
7 73.7 percent in the first 6 months of 2024, which exceeds the Company's
8 1-year target of 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 spend 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. Continuing this approach in 2024, we are forecasting to reduce the
8 relative wildfire risk associated with open backlog electric distribution
9 corrective maintenance notifications in HFTD Tiers 2 and 3 by more than
10 68 percent, exceeding our WMP commitment of risk reduction due to the
11 efficient execution of isolation zone bundles of Priority “E” corrective
12 notifications. In addition, PG&E will continue to utilize additional measures
13 to ensure these past due notifications do not turn into realized risk by
14 performing patrols and inspections beyond the requirements of GO163,
15 performing enhanced inspections like aerial and comprehensive pole
16 inspections and utilizing EPSS and PSPS during heightened wildfire
17 conditions. Overall, this combination of inspections, engineering
18 containment and bundled execution continues to reduce the risk on PG&E's
19 system as PG&E works through the challenge started during the WSIP
20 creating hundreds of thousands of more EC notifications than PG&E could
21 safely and efficiently complete in a single year.

22 Furthermore, we are also revisiting opportunities to further align our
23 electric corrective action Priority levels (e.g., A, B, E, F, and H) with that of
24 GO 95 Rule 18 (e.g., Levels 1, 2, and 3).

25 See Exhibit (PG&E-4), Chapters 4.3, 9, and 11 in PG&E's 2023 General
26 Rate Case for more information.

27 In 2024, PG&E has introduced priority X tags for Level 2 extremely
28 urgent conditions that pose a high potential to safety or reliability but does
29 not pose an immediate risk. These conditions should not wait six months to
30 be addressed similar to other Level 2 conditions and will be addressed
31 within seven days.

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6 in blue font.

7 **A. (3.12) Overview**

8 **1. Metric Definition**

9 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 3.12 – Electric Emergency
10 Response Time is defined as:

11 *Average time and median time in minutes to respond on-site to*
12 *an -electric related emergency notification from the time of notification to the*
13 *time a representative (or qualified first responder) arrived onsite.*

14 *Emergency notification includes all notifications originating from 911 calls*
15 *and calls made directly to the utilities’ safety hotline. The data used to*
16 *determine the average time and median time shall be provided in*
17 *increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c) as supplemental*
18 *information, not as a metric.*

19 **2. Introduction of Metric**

20 This metric measures the average and median time for Pacific Gas and
21 Electric Company (PG&E or the Company) to respond on-site to an electric
22 emergency once a notification is received. Measuring response to calls into
23 PG&E’s Emergency line from first responder agencies within 60 minutes has
24 been a long-standing, priority public safety measure for PG&E and within the
25 industry, and this metric, although calculated differently, is similar in its intent
26 for responding quickly to our customers and any potentially unsafe
27 conditions reported.

28 **B. (3.12) Metric Performance**

29 **1. Historical Data (2015 – June 2024)**

30 Historical data is provided from 2015 through Q2 2024. Although
31 emergency response data exists prior to 2015 (as mentioned below), current

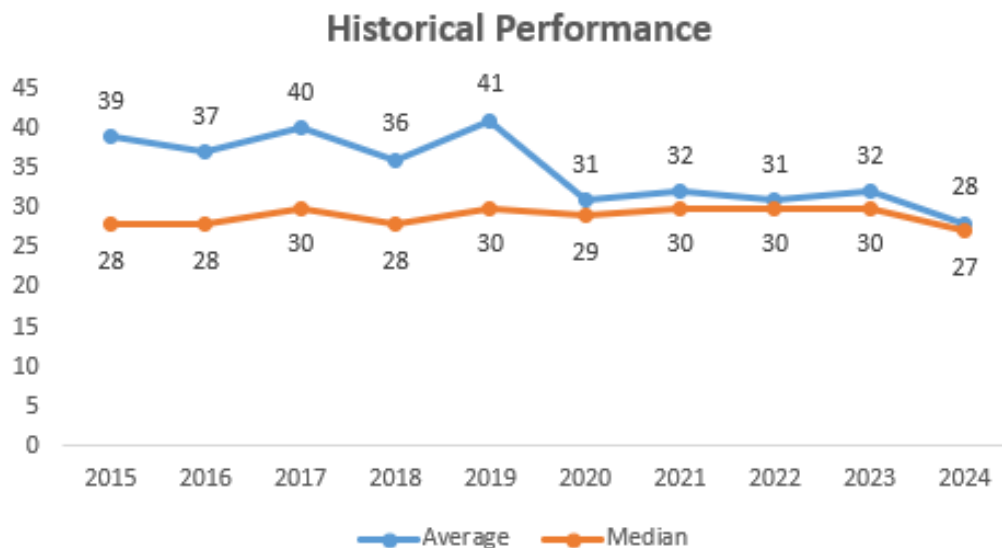
1 validation practices were not in place until 2015 and therefore only data from
2 2015 and beyond is reported here for consistency and comparability.

3 Over the timeframe of 2015 through June 2024, there has been an
4 almost 20 percent reduction in total average response time, from 35 minutes
5 end of year Avg of 2014 to 28 minutes through June of 2024 . The median
6 response time also reduced by around 13 percent from 31 minutes end of
7 year 2014 to 27 minutes through June of 2024.

8 Since 2015, PG&E’s historical performance has been within the first
9 quartile and has been in the first decile for several years when
10 measuring percentage of response times within 60 minutes, which is the
11 industry benchmarkable definition.

12 Metric performance has been driven by accurately predicting when large
13 volumes of calls will occur (based on weather forecasts), proactive
14 scheduling of resources for emergency response, cross
15 functional- coordination across PG&E to train non-traditional stand-by staff,
16 availability of resources for weather days and improved understanding of
17 shifts in storm fronts and impacts on the system.

FIGURE 3.12-1
ELECTRIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME HISTORICAL DATA (2015 – JUNE 2024)



Note: The data in this figure is subject to change based on continuing review of prior period usages. Any changes will be reflected in PG&E’s March 2025 report.

1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 The metric performance data is captured and stored in the Outage
3 Information System (OIS) database. Each emergency call has a time
4 stamp. The start time of an electric emergency call involves receipt by utility
5 personnel and entry into the OIS database (creation of a tag). The tag is
6 created in the OIS database when the PG&E personnel is on the phone with
7 the first responder dispatch agency (there is a direct PG&E Emergency -line
8 into Gas Dispatch, where all emergency calls are routed). This process
9 removes the delay between the time the call is received and entered into the
10 system, and the raw data is then reviewed for duplicate entries, which are
11 cancelled (if found). The timestamp of when PG&E personnel respond on
12 site is when they select the “onsite” button on their mobile data terminals,
13 which marks the completion of the response. If there is a discrepancy or
14 uncertainty, our Electric Dispatch team will validate the exact arrival time by
15 leveraging GPS data from our employee’s vehicles and/or mobile data
16 terminals. The response time in minutes is calculated by the difference
17 between the two timestamps. From each call’s response time, the average
18 and median time is calculated for all calls.

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

20 From January through June 2024, average EO emergency response
21 time was 28 minutes and median response time was 27 minutes. These
22 results exclude the 2024 GO-166 Measured Event period (Feb 2 – Feb 9)
23 and are considered a strong performance as the corresponding
24 benchmarkable calculation, percent response time within 60 minutes,
25 remains at the top of industry performance.

26 **C. (3.12) 1-Year and 5-Year Target**

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

28 There have been no changes to 1- and 5 -Year targets since the last
29 report filing.

2. Target Methodology

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

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

¹ 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 Enforcement:

6 Historical data and trends confirm that maintaining estimated first quartile
7 performance is a sustainable target in both the 1 -year and 5 -year timeframes. A
8 change in performance on the magnitude of reaching the targets (i.e., performance
9 moving into the estimated second quartile) is an appropriate indicator light to
10 examine potential performance issues as PG&E's intent is to maintain current
11 practices and past improvements and mitigate any future operational impacts that
12 may arise; and

- 13 • Other Considerations: None.

14 **3. 2024 Target**

15 The 2024 Target is to remain better than 44 minutes for average
16 emergency response time and better than 43 minutes for median
17 emergency response time. Targets are based on maintaining first quartile
18 performance.

19 **4. 2028 Target**

20 The 2028 Target is to remain better than 44 minutes for average
21 emergency response time and better than 43 minutes for median
22 emergency response time. Targets are based on maintaining first quartile
23 performance.

24 **D. (3.12) Performance Against Target**

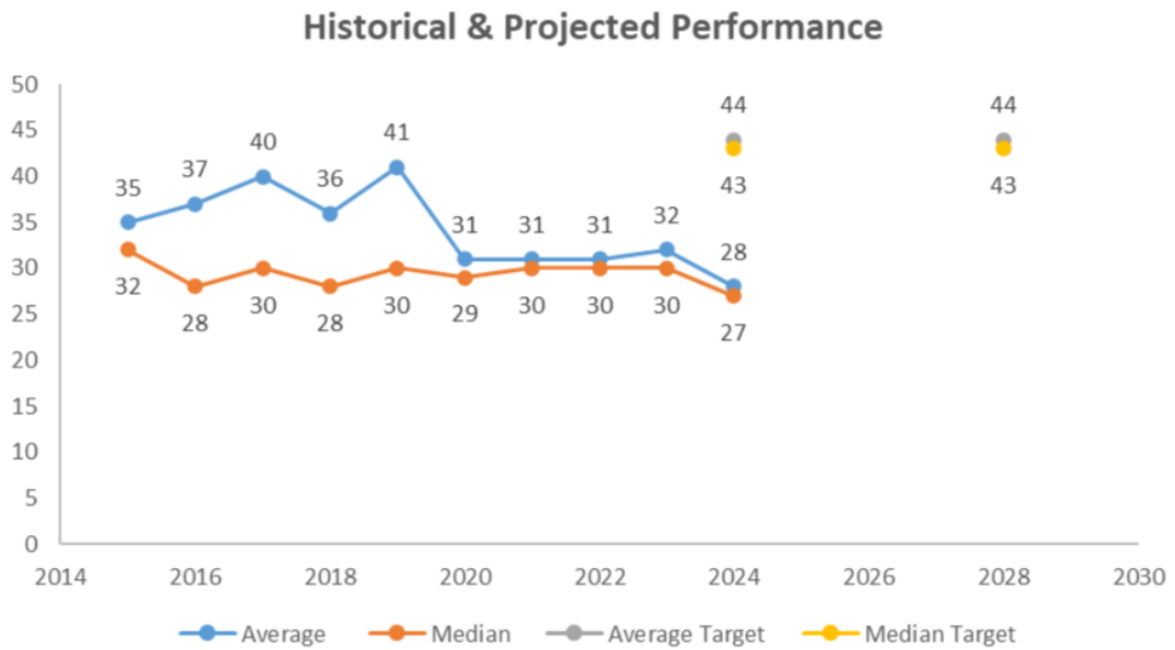
25 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

26 As demonstrated in Figure 3.12-2 below, PG&E saw an average of 28
27 response minutes and a median of 27 response minutes through June 2024
28 which is consistent with the Company's 1-year target.

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

30 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has deployed two programs to
31 maintain or improve -long term performance of this metric to meet the
32 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 quartile performance:

- Meteorology, Operations, and Dispatch Support:

- PG&E Meteorology validated and enhanced EO Emergency forecasting by using historical data to train their forecasting model and to provide resource requirement recommendations based on predicted weather. Improved modeling allows 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: Continue the transition of more non-electric standby personnel into PG&E’s Field Automation System tool, allowing for quicker dispatching to electric emergency standby requests.

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7 in blue font.

8 **A. (3.13) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

10 Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.13 – the Number of California
11 Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat
12 Districts (HFTD) Areas (Distribution) is defined as:

13 *The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead*
14 *distribution circuits in HFTD Areas.*

15 *A CPUC-Reportable Ignition refers to a fire incident where the following*
16 *three criteria are met: (1) ignition is associated with Pacific Gas and Electric*
17 *Company (PG&E) electrical assets, (2) something other than PG&E facilities*
18 *burned, and (3) the resulting fire travelled more than one linear meter from*
19 *the ignition point.¹*

20 For this SOM, reporting is specific to Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs.

21 PG&E provides the CPUC with annual ignition data in the Fire Incident
22 Data Collection Plan, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety
23 quarterly via quarterly geographic information system, data reporting, in
24 quarterly Wildfire Mitigation Plan updates, and the Safety Performance
25 Metrics Report.

26 **2. Introduction of Metric**

27 The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions in HFTDs provides one way to
28 gauge the level of wildfire risk that customers and communities are exposed
29 to from overhead distribution assets. PG&E's objective is to reduce the
30 number of CPUC reportable ignitions that may trigger a catastrophic wildfire.

1 Please see CPUC Decision (D.) 14-02-015, issued February 5, 2014 for additional details.

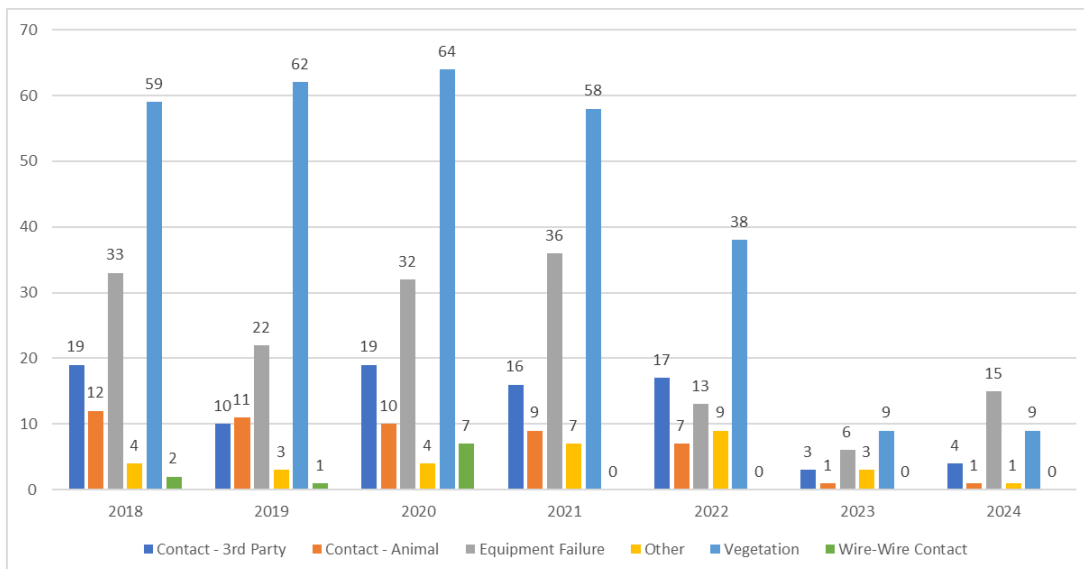
1 **B. (3.13) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2015–Q2 2024)**

3 PG&E implemented the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan in response
 4 to D.14-02-015 in June 2014. PG&E’s Ignitions Tracker includes all
 5 CPUC-reportable ignitions from June 2014 to present. The 2014 data does
 6 not represent a complete year and is excluded in this analysis.

7 PG&E’s overhead distribution circuits traverse approximately
 8 25,000 miles of terrain in the HFTD areas where the overhead conductor is
 9 primarily bare wire, supported by structures consisting of poles, cross arms,
 10 associated insulators, and operating equipment such as transformers, fuses
 11 and reclosers. The main causes of CPUC-reportable ignitions have been
 12 collected and classified. These fall into six broad categories: vegetation
 13 contact, equipment failure, third party contact, animal contact, wire to wire
 14 contact, and other causes. The counts for 2018 to Q2 2024, are shown in
 15 the graph below, highlighting the degree of variability that occurs from year
 16 to year relative to each category.

**FIGURE 3.13-1
 DISTRIBUTION HISTORIC PERFORMANCE BY SUSPECTED CAUSE**



17 There is also a seasonal pattern to the ignition events as shown in the
 18 chart of ignitions by month below for each of the years from 2018 through
 19 Q2 2024.

**FIGURE 3.13-2
HISTORIC PERFORMANCE BY YEAR/MONTH**

Month	2018 Total	2019 Total	2020 Total	2021 Total	2022 Total	2023 Total	2024 Total
January	1	1		19	2		
February	4		7	2	5	8	1
March	6	2	3	5	4	2	4
April	5	4	3	6	9	6	2
May	4	8	9	17	11	4	10
June	19	14	25	22	14	2	13
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	
Grand Total	129	109	136	126	84	57	30

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 distribution asset
5 class with overhead construction types.

6 The following ignition events captured by PG&E’s Fire Incident Data
7 Collection Plan will be excluded for this metric:

- 8 • Duplicate events;
- 9 • Ignitions that do not meet CPUC reporting criteria;
- 10 • Ignition events outside of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD;
- 11 • Transmission ignitions; and
- 12 • Ignitions attributable to underground or pad-mounted assets as these
13 are not associated overhead assets. (Ignitions caused by non-overhead
14 assets in HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the
15 asset, pose less of a wildfire risk.)

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

17 PG&E finished quarter 2 2024 with 30 CPUC reportable ignitions in
18 HFTD attributable to overhead distribution assets. While these results were
19 higher than the previous year (2023) through Q2 (22 ignitions), the 30

1 ignitions in the first half of 2024 is lower than the average number of
2 ignitions through Q2 of the previous three years (46 ignitions).

3 Most importantly, PG&E has observed 6 ignitions where the Fire
4 Potential Index Rating (FPI) was in R3 or greater conditions. While this
5 number is higher when compared to the 2 ignitions observed in the first-half
6 of 2023, it is lower than the 3-year previous average of 9 ignitions in R3 or
7 greater conditions. This declining average trend is aligned with PG&E's
8 strategy of reducing ignitions when and where they matter, to reach our goal
9 of stopping catastrophic wildfires.

10 Please see the Target Methodology section for an overview of our Fire
11 Potential Index (FPI) model and our strategy to focus operational
12 mitigations, like Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS), on reducing
13 ignitions where consequences are more likely.

14 C. (3.13) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

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

16 PG&E does not propose to change our targets for this metric from the
17 last report.

18 This existing range will continue to challenge the organization to reduce
19 ignitions of consequence. Ignition counts, occurring in consequential and
20 non-consequential environmental conditions, are highly variable and subject
21 to a variety of causes such as migratory bird patterns, red flag warning days,
22 and contact from external parties.

23 PG&E remains focused on reducing those ignitions in R3+ conditions
24 and, as future strategies with direct ignition impact emerge, these targets will
25 be reevaluated.

26 2. Target Methodology

27 The two major programs that most directly impact ignition reduction in
28 the near-term are PSPS and EPSS. Other important resiliency programs
29 like undergrounding, system hardening, and vegetation management (VM)
30 will have an impact as multiple years of work are completed.

31 PG&E has observed success with EPSS in terms of mitigating ignitions
32 in R3+ Fire Potential Index (FPI) conditions. These ignitions in R3+
33 conditions represent all historical reportable ignitions resulting in a fatality,

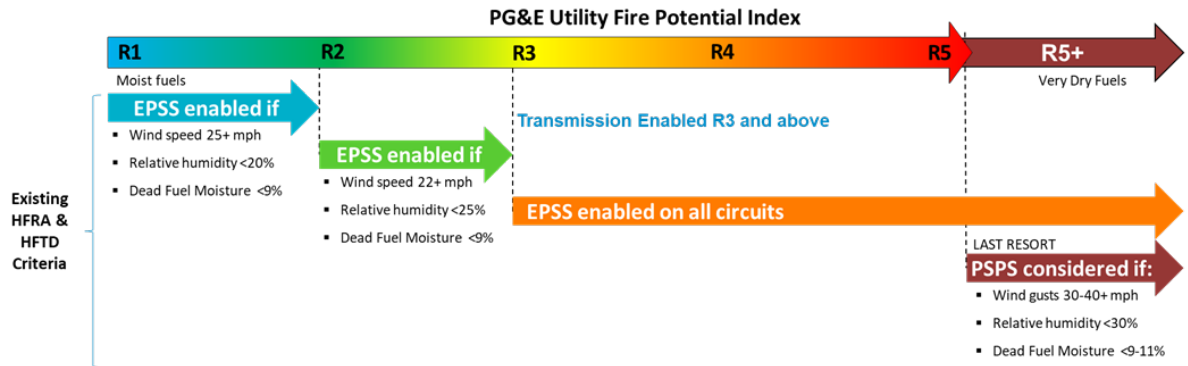
1 all ignitions over 100 acres in size, and 99 percent of reportable ignitions
 2 where a structure was destroyed. See Figure 3.13-4 for fire statistics by FPI
 3 rating.

**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%

4 In 2022, PG&E enabled EPSS technology on over 1,000 circuits,
 5 protecting approximately 44,000 overhead distribution miles in our service
 6 territory, including all distribution milage within HFTD. We also refined when
 7 to enable this tool to mitigate fires of consequence by targeting the right
 8 meteorological conditions. When a circuit is forecasted to be in FPI
 9 conditions of R3+, EPSS is enabled on protective devices. However, PG&E
 10 further refined enablement conditions prior to the R3 threshold based on a
 11 combination of wind speed, relative humidity, and dead fuel moisture
 12 triggers to further mitigate ignitions and reduce risk. See Figure 3.13-5 for
 13 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;

- 1 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
2 Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they
3 consider the potential for an increase in severe weather events due to
4 climate change; and
- 5 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The target range takes consideration
6 for some variability in weather.

7 **3. 2024 Target**

8 The 2024 target is 72-84 ignitions. The upper end of this range
9 represents a 32 percent reduction relative to the 3-year average prior to the
10 EPSS program (2018-2020). The lower end of this range represents a
11 40 percent reduction for the same period.

12 **4. 2028 Target**

13 The 2028 target is 72-84 ignitions. The upper end of this range
14 represents a 32 percent reduction relative to the 3-year average prior to the
15 EPSS program (2018-2020). The lower end of this range represents a
16 40 percent reduction for the same period. Additional time and maturity of
17 the EPSS program will enable PG&E to reduce ignitions in R3+ conditions
18 and forecast the effectiveness of the EPSS program to help inform long-term
19 target ranges.

20 **D. (3.13) Performance Against Target**

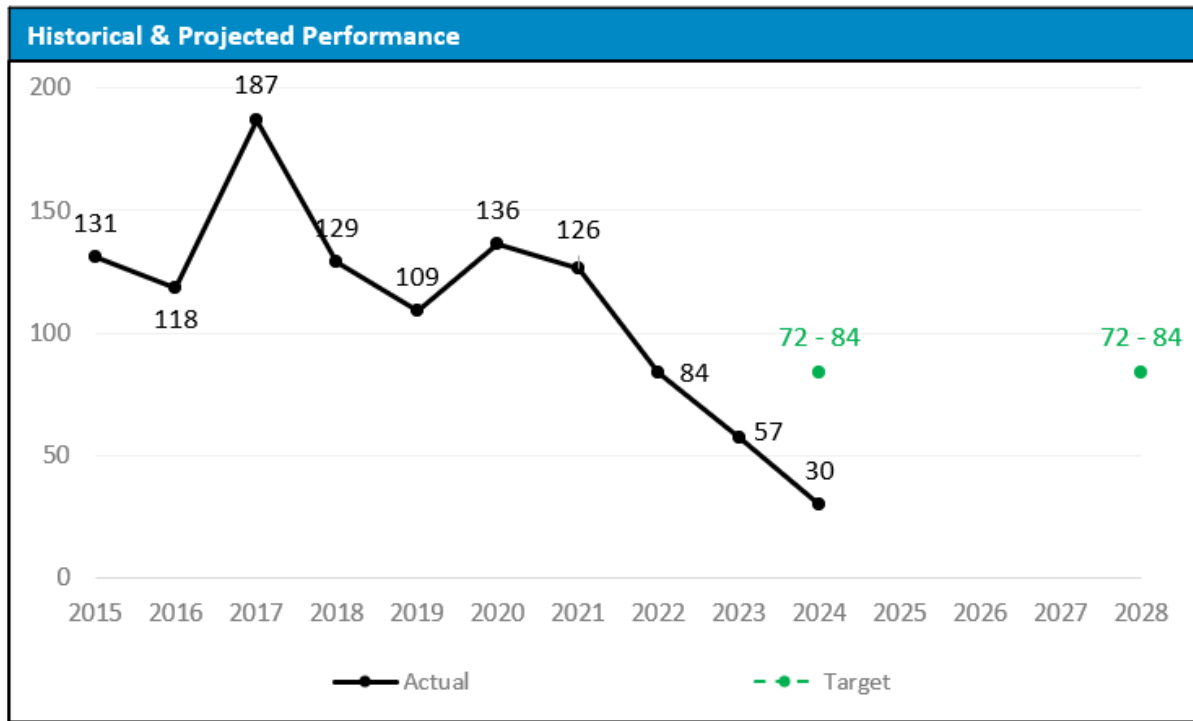
21 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

22 As demonstrated in Figure 3.13-6 below, PG&E ended Q2 2024 with
23 30 ignitions. This is better than our projections of a 30 percent reduction
24 from the count of ignitions from the previous year (46 ignitions.)

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

26 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E continues to deploy several
27 programs outside of the EPSS program designed to improve the long-term
28 performance of this metric and meet the Company's 5-year performance
29 target. PG&E expects no deviation from delivering the 2028 goal for this
30 metric.

FIGURE 3.13-6
 HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015–Q2 2024) AND TARGETS (2024 & 2028)



1 **E. (3.13) Current and Planned Work Activities**

2 PG&E can expect to see improved performance on this metric through
 3 continual execution of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and maturation of key
 4 wildfire mitigation strategies, including:

- 5 • Maturation of the EPSS Program: In July 2021, to address this dynamic
 6 climate challenge, we implemented the EPSS Program on approximately
 7 11,500 miles of distribution circuits, or 45 percent of the circuits in HFTD
 8 areas. With EPSS, we engineered changes to our electrical equipment
 9 settings so that if an object such as vegetation contacts a distribution line,
 10 power is automatically shut off within 1/10th of a second, reducing the
 11 potential for an ignition. EPSS enabled settings provide a layer of protection
 12 on days when the wind speeds are low. EPSS is especially important during
 13 hot dry summer days, when there are low winds. Continued low relative
 14 humidity, low fuel moistures levels, and areas where the volume of dry
 15 vegetation is in close proximity to the distribution lines, increases the risk of
 16 an ignition becoming a large wildfire.

1 In 2022, we expanded the EPSS scope to all primary distribution
2 conductor in High Fire Risk Area (HFRA) areas in our service territory, as
3 well as select non HFRA areas. In concert with this expansion of the
4 program, PG&E modified enablement criteria (improving risk reduction and
5 reliability).

6 In 2023, PG&E implemented a DCD algorithm on recloser controllers to
7 mitigate risk of low current fault conditions, also referred to as
8 high-impedance faults. We have plans to continue to mature our
9 high-impedance fault detection in 2024 and beyond.

10 Please see Section 8.1.8.1.1, Protective Equipment and Device Settings
11 in PG&E's 2023-2025 WMP for additional details.

- 12 • Public Safety Power Shut Off (PSPS): PSPS is a wildfire mitigation
13 strategy, first implemented in 2019, to reduce powerline ignitions during
14 severe weather by proactively de-energizing powerlines (remove the risk of
15 those powerlines causing an ignition) prior to forecasted wind events when
16 humidity levels and fuel conditions are conducive to wildfires. PG&E's focus
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9 **A. (3.14) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11 Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.14 – The number of California
12 Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat
13 Districts (HFTD) areas (Distribution) is defined as:

14 *The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead (OH)*
15 *distribution circuits in HFTD areas divided by circuit miles of OH distribution*
16 *lines in HFTD multiplied by 1000 miles (ignitions per 1000 HFTD circuit*
17 *miles).*

18 *A CPUC-Reportable Ignition refers to a fire incident where the following*
19 *three criteria are met: (1) Ignition is associated with PG&E electrical assets,*
20 *(2) something other than PG&E facilities burned, and (3) the resulting fire*
21 *travelled more than one linear meter from the ignition point.¹*

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, normalized by
30 circuit mileage, provides one way to gauge the level of wildfire risk that
31 customers and communities are exposed to from OH distribution assets.

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1 PG&E's objective is to reduce the number of CPUC reportable ignitions that
2 may trigger a catastrophic wildfire.

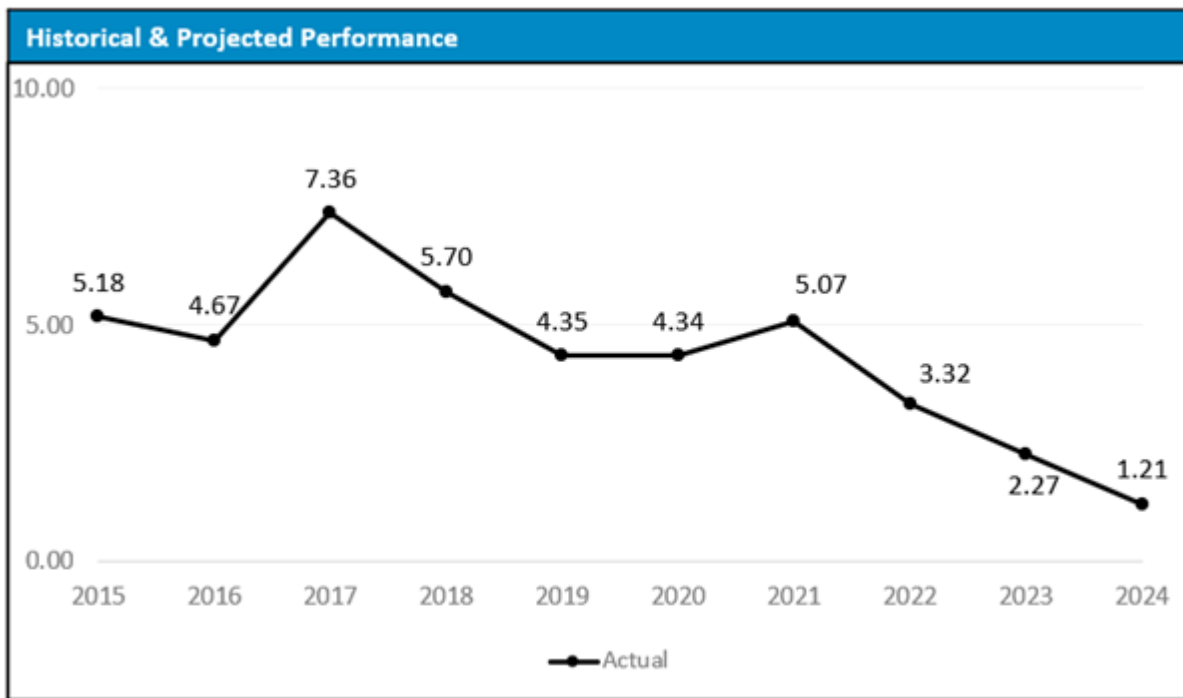
3 **B. (3.14) Metric Performance**

4 **1. Historical Data (2015– Q2 2024)**

5 PG&E implemented the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan, in response
6 to D.14-02-015, in June 2014 and our record, the Ignitions Tracker, includes
7 all CPUC-reportable ignitions from June 2014 to present. The 2014 data
8 does not represent a complete year and is excluded in this analysis.

9 PG&E's OH distribution circuits traverse approximately 25,000 miles of
10 terrain in the HFTD areas where the OH conductor is primarily bare wire,
11 supported by structures consisting of poles, cross arms, associated
12 insulators, and operating equipment such as transformer, fuses and
13 reclosers. Given the volume of equipment within the 25,000 miles of HFTD,
14 the annual number of CPUC-reportable ignitions is too low to detect any
15 statistical pattern.

**FIGURE 3.14-1
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – Q2 2024)**



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 distribution asset
5 class with OH construction types.

6 The following ignition events captured by PG&E’s Fire Incident Data
7 Collection Plan) will be excluded for this metric:

- 8 • Duplicate events;
- 9 • Ignitions that do not meet CPUC reporting criteria;
- 10 • Ignition events outside of Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD;
- 11 • Transmission Ignitions; and
- 12 • Ignitions attributable to underground or pad mounted assets as these
13 are not associated OH assets. (Ignitions caused by non-OH assets in
14 HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the asset, pose
15 less of a wildfire risk.)

16 The circuit mileage utilized to calculate the 2015-2022 performance of
17 this metric originates from PG&E’s Electrical Asset Data Reports, refreshed
18 December 2022. [The 2023 – 2024 performance and targets is based on an](#)
19 [updated sum of overhead circuit mileage, refreshed in 2023.](#)

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

21 [PG&E finished Q2 2024 with 30 CPUC reportable ignitions in HFTD](#)
22 [attributable to overhead distribution assets \(corresponding to a rate of](#)
23 [1.21 ignitions per 1,000 circuit miles\).](#)

24 **C. (3.14) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

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

26 PG&E proposes to reduce our target range for this metric to account for
27 improved performance in 2022 and 2023, representing two complete years
28 after the implementation of our maturing EPSS strategy. [PG&E proposes a](#)
29 [reduced, more-challenging, target range of 72 to 84 ignitions \(corresponding](#)

1 to a rate of 2.89 – 3.38 ignitions per 1,000 circuit miles), shifting the higher
2 end of the range to match the 2022 end of year value.²

3 This existing range will continue to challenge the organization to reduce
4 ignitions of consequence. However, ignition counts, occurring in
5 consequential and non-consequential environmental conditions, are highly
6 variable and subject to a variety of causes such as migratory bird patterns,
7 red flag warning days, and contact from external parties. This existing range
8 will continue to challenge the organization to reduce ignitions of
9 consequence.

10 **2. Target Methodology**

11 The two major programs that most directly impact ignition reduction in
12 the near-term are PSPS and EPSS. Other important resiliency programs
13 like undergrounding, system hardening, and vegetation management will
14 have an impact as multiple years of work are completed.

15 PG&E has observed success with EPSS in terms of mitigating ignitions
16 in R3+ FPI conditions. These ignitions in R3+ conditions represent all
17 historical reportable ignitions resulting in a fatality, all ignitions over
18 100 acres in size, and 99 percent of reportable ignitions where a structure
19 was destroyed. See Figure 3.14-4 for fire statistics by FPI rating.

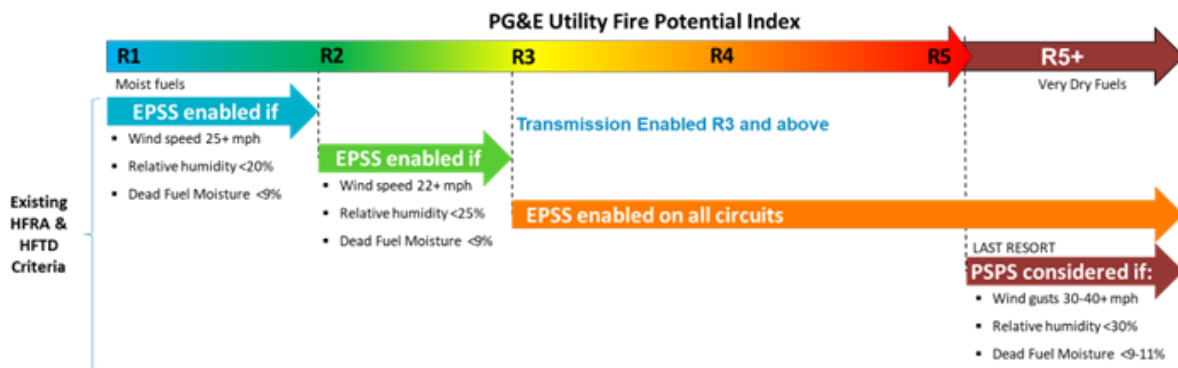
² The 2024 and 2028 targets have been corrected to reflect the 2023 mileage data for 2024 performance and target setting. PG&E inadvertently used 2022 mileage for the March report which resulted in a difference of 392 miles.

**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
 6 conditions of R3+, EPSS is enabled on protective devices. However, PG&E
 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
5 controllers.

6 PG&E expects continual 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;
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25 Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they
26 consider the potential for an increase in severe weather events due to
27 climate change; and
- 28 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The target range takes consideration
29 for some variability in weather.

1 **3. 2024 Target**

2 The 2024 target is 2.89 – 3.38 ignitions per 1000 HFTD circuit miles.
3 The upper end of this range represents a 30 percent reduction relative to the
4 3-year average before the EPSS program (2018-2020); the lower end of this
5 range represents a 40 percent reduction for the same period.

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7 The 2028 target is 2.89 – 3.38 ignitions per 1000 HFTD circuit miles.
8 The upper end of this range represents a 30 percent reduction relative to the
9 3-year average (2018 - 2020); the lower end of this range represents a
10 40 percent reduction for the same period. Additional time and maturity of
11 the EPSS Program will enable PG&E to reduce ignitions in R3+ conditions
12 and forecast the effectiveness of the EPSS Program to help inform
13 long-term target ranges.

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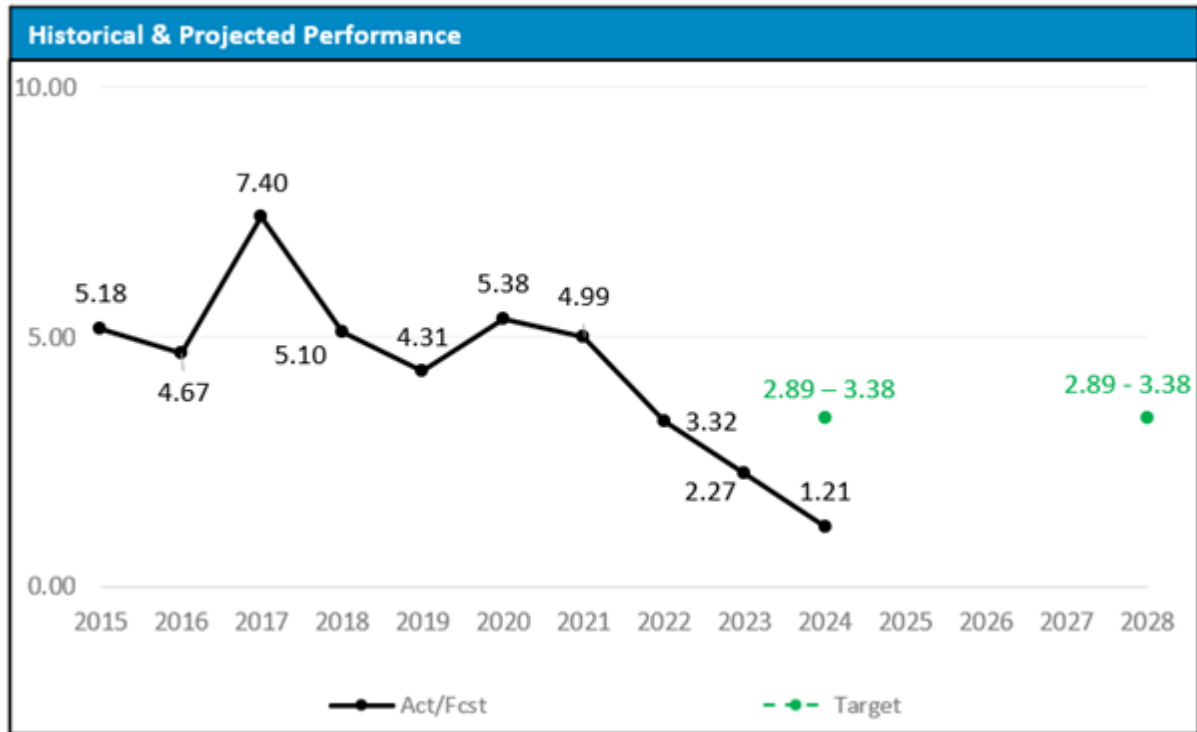
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20 to a rate of 2.89 – 3.38 ignitions per 1,000 circuit miles), shifting the higher
21 end of the range to match the 2022 end of year value.

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23 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E continues to deploy a number
24 of programs designed to improve the long-term performance of this metric
25 and meet the Company’s 5-year performance target. PG&E expects no
26 deviation from delivering the 2028 goal for this metric.

**FIGURE 3.14-6
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015-Q2 2024) AND
TARGETS (2024 AND 2028)**



E. (3.14) Current and Planned Work Activities

PG&E can expect to see improved performance on this metric through continual execution of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and maturation of key wildfire mitigation strategies, including:

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1 In 2022, we expanded the EPSS scope to all primary distribution
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4 program, PG&E modified enablement criteria (improving risk reduction and
5 reliability).

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7 mitigate risk of low current fault conditions, also referred to as
8 high-impedance faults. We have plans to continue to mature our
9 high-impedance fault detection in 2024 and beyond.

10 Please see Section 8.1.8.1.1, Protective Equipment and Device Settings
11 in PG&E's 2023-2025 WMP for additional details.

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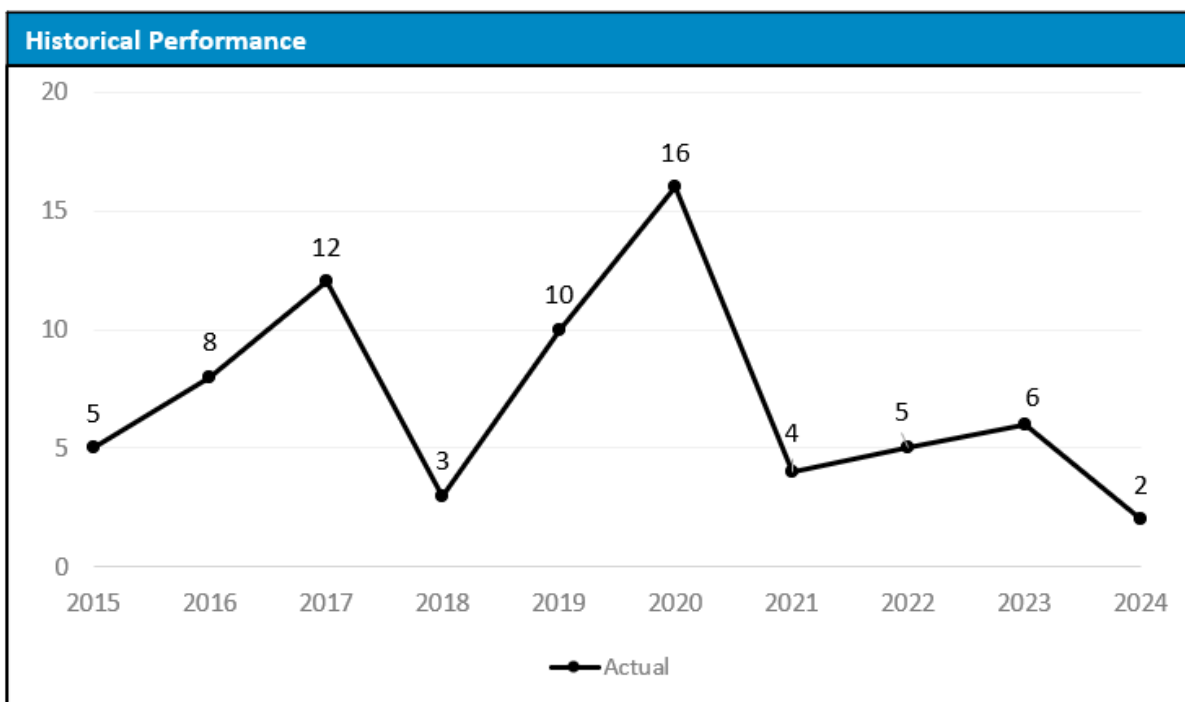
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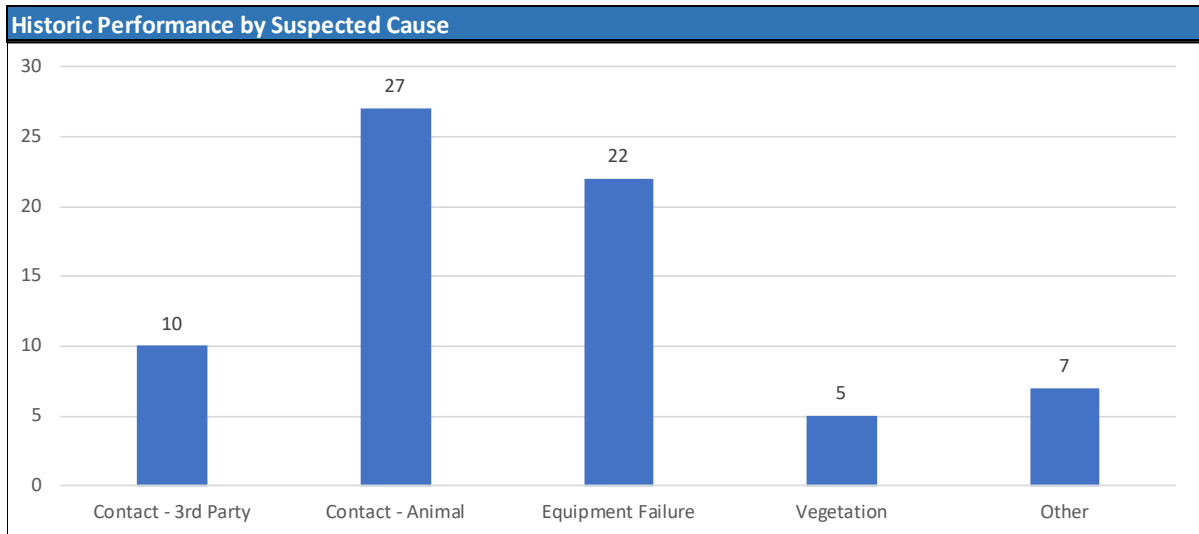
**FIGURE 3.15-1
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – Q2 2024)**



14 The main causes of CPUC-Reportable ignitions have been collected
15 and classified. These fall into five broad categories: third-party contact,
16 animal contact, equipment failure, vegetation contact, and other causes.

1 The counts for 2015 through Q2 2024 are shown in the graph below
2 (Figure 3.15-2).

**FIGURE 3.15-2
HISTORIC (2015 – Q2 2024) PERFORMANCE BY SUSPECTED CAUSE**



3 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

4 Data will be collected per PG&E’s Fire Incident Data Collection Plan
5 (Utility Standard/Procedure RISK-6306S/P). Results will be inclusive of
6 unique HFTD CPUC-Reportable ignitions attributable to the transmission
7 asset class with overhead construction types.

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16 are not overhead assets. Ignitions caused by non-overhead assets in
17 HFTD are rare and, as the fires are often contained to the asset, pose
18 less of a wildfire risk.

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

2 Historically, reportable transmission ignitions in HFTD are low in volume
3 with variability year-to-year, which complicates the detection of significant
4 trends. PG&E observed two CPUC-reportable ignitions on overhead
5 transmission assets through Q2 2024; one caused by bird guano on an
6 insulator (contamination), and one where the cause is unknown but
7 suspected to have been avian related.

8 **C. (3.15) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target**

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

10 There have been no changes to the 1-year target since the last SOMs
11 report filing. PG&E has proposed a reduction in the 5-year target below.

12 **2. Target Methodology**

13 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the
14 following factors:

- 15 • Historical Data and Trends: Target ranges are based on both PG&E’s
16 stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop and historical performance.
17 The bottom end of the range is 0 in both 2024 and 2028, which reflects
18 our stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the
19 range is 10 in 2024 , which is based on our past average performance.
20 The upper end of the range will reduce to 8 ignitions for 2028 to account
21 for continual wildfire mitigation work planned in the future;
- 22 • Benchmarking: None;
- 23 • Regulatory Requirements: CPUC D.14-02-015;
- 24 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
25 Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they
26 consider the potential for an increase in severe weather events due to
27 climate change; and
- 28 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The target range takes consideration
29 for some variability in weather.

30 **3. 2024 Target**

31 PG&E’s target for 2024 is 0-10. The bottom end of the range is 0 in
32 2024, which reflects our stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The
33 upper end of the range is 10 in 2024, which is based on our past average

1 performance. The upper end of the range stays at 10 in 2024 and 2028
2 because the volume of transmission ignitions is low, while variability
3 year-to-year remains high.

4 **4. 2028 Target**

5 PG&E's target for 2028 is 0-8. The bottom end of the range is 0 in
6 2028, which reflects our stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The
7 upper end of the range is 8 in 2028, which accounts for our continual focus
8 to reduce ignitions associated with transmission assets.

9 **D. (3.15) Performance Against Target**

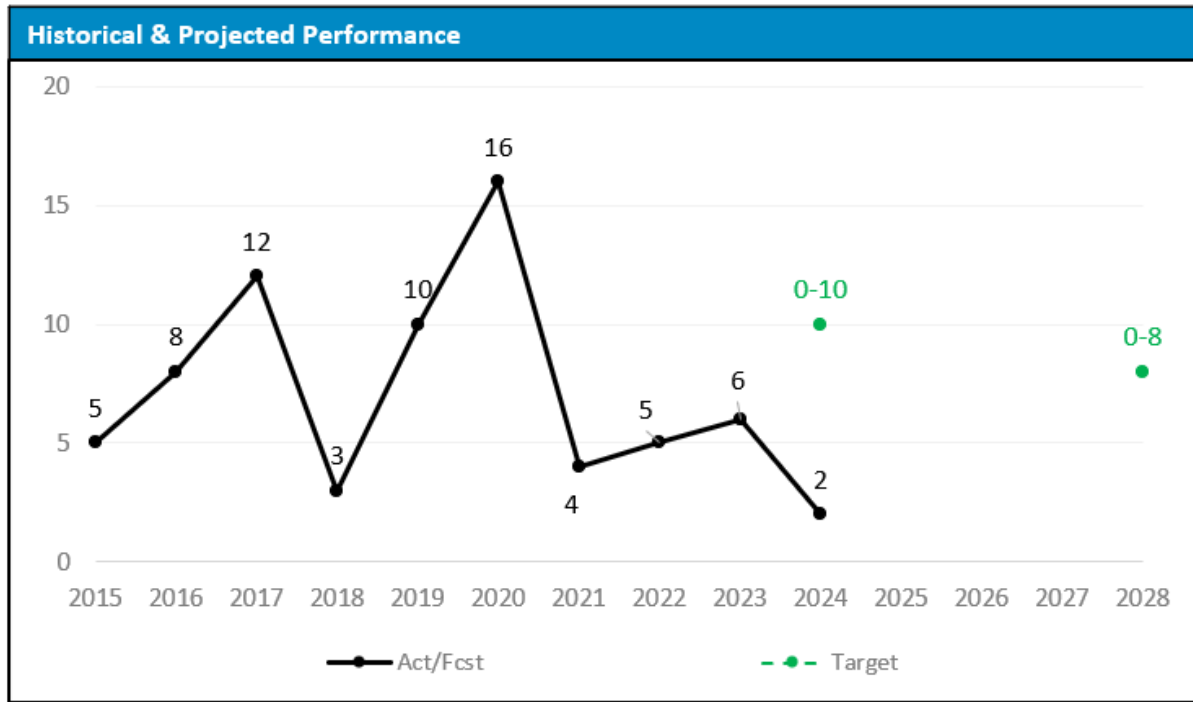
10 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

11 As demonstrated in Figure 3.15-3 below, PG&E observed two
12 CPUC-reportable ignitions on overhead transmission assets in 2024, within
13 our 2024 target range of 0 – 10 ignitions. PG&E observed two
14 CPUC-reportable ignitions on overhead transmission assets through Q2
15 2024; one caused by bird guano on an insulator (contamination), and one
16 where the cause is unknown but suspected to have been avian related.

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 – Q2 2024) AND
TARGETS (2024 AND 2028)**



E. (3.15) Current and Planned Work Activities

Through continual execution of its WMP, PG&E has taken action to reduce ignition risk associated with its transmission system, including:

- Utility Defensible Space Program: In 2023, PG&E expanded on Defensible Space Requirements in Public Resources Code Section 4292. Defensible Space is defined by three primary zones of clearance whereas in 2022 there were two zones. Starting in 2023 the first zone (0-5 feet (ft.)) from energized equipment or building is referred to as Zone 0 or the “Ember – Resistant Zone” and is intended to be void of any combustibles. The second zone (5-30 ft.) surrounding energized equipment and building is called the “Clean Zone” and in most cases (with minimal exceptions) is clear of trees and most vegetation. The third and final zone of clearance (30-100 ft.) is the “Reduced Fuel Zone” where vegetation is permitted if it is reduced or thinned and maintained regularly and within the requirements listed within PG&E’s hardening procedures.

Please see Section 8.2.3.5, Substation Defensible Space (Mitigation) in PG&E’s 2023-2025 WMP for additional details.

1 • Conductor Replacement and Removal: In 2021, PG&E completed
2 93.8 miles of conductor replacements and 10 miles of conductor removals.
3 All this work took place on lines traversing HFTD areas. In 2022, PG&E
4 removed or replaced 32 circuit miles of conductor in HFTD or High Fire Risk
5 Area. In 2023, PG&E removed or replaced 43 circuit miles of conductor in
6 HFTD or High Fire Risk Area. An additional 5 miles are planned through
7 2025.

8 Please see Section 8.1.2.5.1, Traditional Overhead Hardening –
9 Transmission Conductor in PG&E’s 2023-2025 WMP for additional details.

10 • Conductor Splice Shunts: A conductor splice is a potential point of failure
11 within a conductor span, due to factors such as corrosion, moisture
12 intrusion, vibration, and workmanship variability. To reduce the risk of
13 failure, PG&E had initiated a program to install a shunt splice on top of the
14 existing splices on This installation eliminates the splice as a single point of
15 failure, as a failure of the original splice would not result in down conductor.
16 Lines prioritized for this program are based on higher risk splice and wildfire
17 consequence. In 2023, 20 transmission lines had splice shunts installed.
18 An additional 45 lines are planned through 2025.

19 Please see Section 8.1.2.5.1, Traditional Overhead Hardening –
20 Transmission Conductor in PG&E’s 2023-2025 WMP for additional details.

21 • Conductor Segment Replacements: Another program has been initiated to
22 replace targeted conductor segments within a line. A transmission line may
23 consist of multiple conductor types, including spans of higher-risk segments
24 such as small-sized conductors. This program reduces risk for lines where
25 the conductor segments are may be at higher risk, but the supporting
26 structures are generally in good condition and there is no expected
27 additional electrical capacity need to increase the conductor size. This
28 program is prioritized based on risk and wildfire consequence.

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30 Transmission Conductor in PG&E’s 2023-2025 WMP for additional details.

31 • Given that avian-caused ignitions are the top driver in recent years, PG&E is
32 exploring two specific mitigations associated with reducing risk of avian
33 related ignitions:

- 1 – PG&E is designing and piloting a dielectric cover to prevent
- 2 avian-contact ignitions associated with steel lattice towers. Two
- 3 high-risk circuits have been identified as a pilot in 2024 and 2025.
- 4 – Executing an annual program to remove birds nest after nesting season.

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5 **HFTD AREAS**
6 **(TRANSMISSION)**

7 The material updates to this chapter since the April 1, 2024, report are identified
8 in blue font.

9 **A. (3.16) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11 Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 3.16 – percentage of California
12 Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)-Reportable Ignitions in High Fire Threat
13 District (HFTD) Areas (Transmission) is defined as:

14 *The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions involving overhead*
15 *transmission circuits in HFTD divided by circuit miles of overhead*
16 *transmission lines in HFTD multiplied by 1,000 miles (ignitions per*
17 *1,000 HFTD circuit mile).*

18 A CPUC-reportable ignition refers to a fire incident where the following
19 three criteria are met: (1) Ignition is associated with Pacific Gas and Electric
20 Company (PG&E) electrical assets, (2) something other than PG&E facilities
21 burned, and (3) the resulting fire travelled more than one linear meter from
22 the ignition point.¹

23 For this SOM, reporting is specific to Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTDs.

24 PG&E provides the CPUC with annual ignition data in the Fire Incident
25 Data Collection Plan, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure and Safety
26 quarterly via quarterly GIS data reporting, in quarterly Wildfire Mitigation
27 Plan (WMP) updates, and the Safety Performance Metrics Report.

28 **2. Introduction of Metric**

29 The number of CPUC-reportable ignitions in HFTDs, normalized by
30 circuit mileage, provides one way to gauge the level of wildfire risk that

1 Please see CPUC Decision (D.) 14-02-015, issued February 5, 2014 for additional details.

1 customers and communities are exposed to from overhead transmission
2 assets. PG&E's objective is to minimize the number of CPUC-reportable
3 ignitions in the right locations during the right conditions that may trigger a
4 catastrophic wildfire.

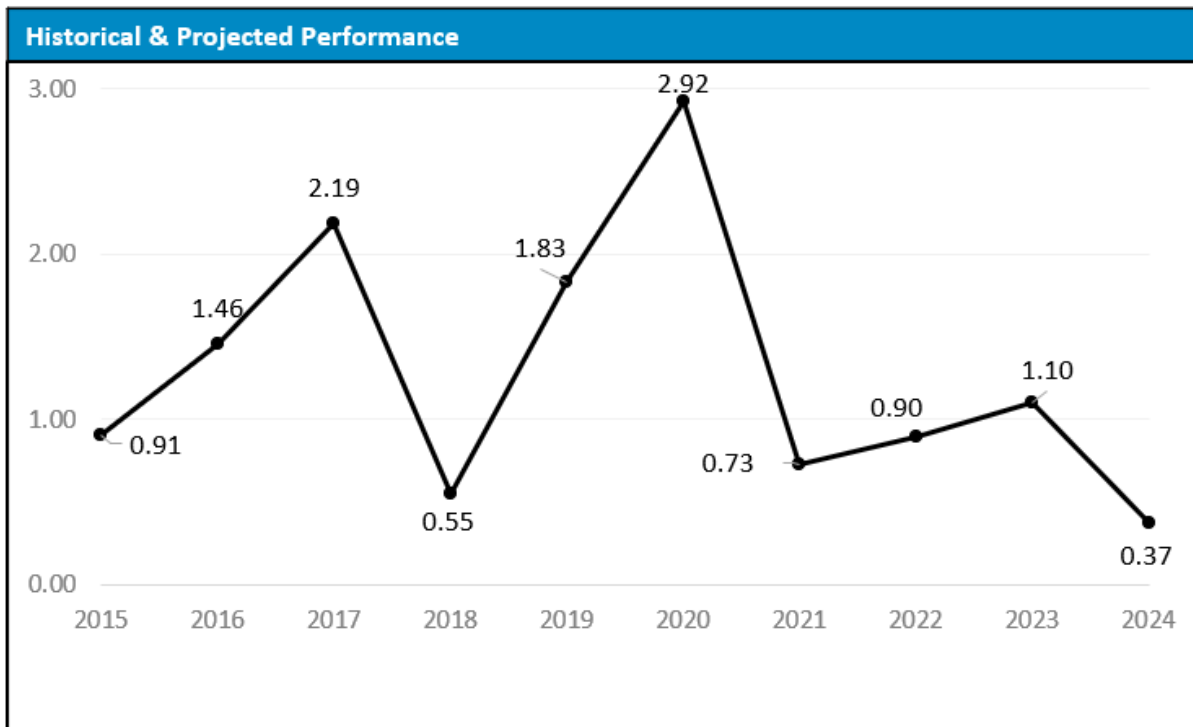
5 **B. (3.16) Metric Performance**

6 **1. Historical Data (2015 – Q2 2024)**

7 PG&E implemented the Fire Incident Data Collection Plan, in response
8 to CPUC D.14-02-015, in June 2014 and our record, the Ignitions Tracker,
9 includes all CPUC-reportable ignitions from June 2014 to present. The 2014
10 data does not represent a complete year and is excluded in this analysis.

11 PG&E's overhead transmission circuits traverse approximately
12 5,400 miles of terrain in the HFTD areas where the overhead conductor is
13 primarily bare wire, supported by structures consisting of poles and towers.
14 The annual number of CPUC-reportable ignitions is too low and too variable
15 to detect any statistical pattern.

**FIGURE 3.16-1
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015 – Q2 2024)**



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 2023-24 performance and targets are 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 two CPUC reportable ignitions on overhead
25 transmission assets through Q2 2024 (corresponding to a rate of 0.37
26 ignitions per 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 PG&E proposed changes to the 1-year target since
30 the last SOMs report filing. PG&E has proposed a reduction in the 5-year
31 target below.

1 **2. Target Methodology**

2 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the
3 following factors:

- 4 • Historical Data and Trends: Target ranges are based on both PG&E's
5 stand that catastrophic wildfires shall stop and historical performance.
6 The bottom end of the range is 0 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles
7 in both 2024 and 2028, which reflects our stand that catastrophic
8 wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is 1.85 ignitions per
9 1,000 HFTD circuit miles in 2024 , which is based on past average
10 performance. The upper end of the range will reduce to 1.47 for 2028 to
11 account for continual wildfire mitigation work planned in the future;
- 12 • Benchmarking: None;
- 13 • Regulatory Requirements: CPUC D.14-02-015;
- 14 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
15 Enforcement: The targets for this metric are suitable for EOE as they
16 consider the potential for an increase in severe weather events due to
17 climate change; and
- 18 • Other Qualitative Considerations: The target range takes consideration
19 for some variability in weather.

20 **3. 2024 Target**

21 PG&E's target for 2024 is 0-1.85 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles.
22 The bottom end of the range is 0 in 2024, which reflects our stand that
23 catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is
24 1.85 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles in 2024, which is based on our
25 past average performance.²

26 **4. 2028 Target**

27 PG&E's target for 2028 is 0-1.47 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles.
28 The bottom end of the range is 0 in 2028, which reflects our stand that
29 catastrophic wildfires shall stop. The upper end of the range is

2 The 2024 target has been corrected to reflect the 2023 mileage data for 2024 performance and target setting. PG&E inadvertently used 2022 mileage for the March report which resulted in a difference of 123 miles.

1 1.47 ignitions per 1,000 HFTD circuit miles in 2028, which accounts for our
2 continual focus to reduce ignitions associated with transmission assets.

3 **D. (3.16) Performance Against Target**

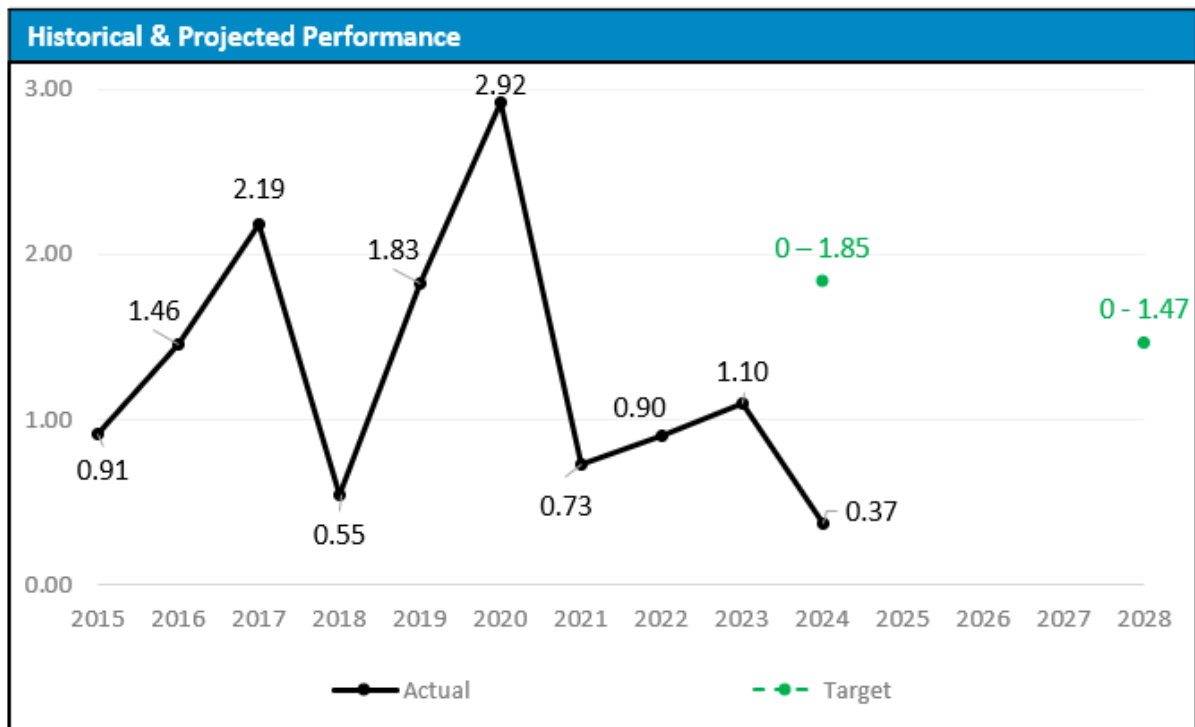
4 **1. Progress Towards the 1-Year Target**

5 As demonstrated in Figure 3.16-2 below, PG&E has observed
6 two CPUC-reportable transmission overhead ignitions in 2023 which is a
7 rate of 0.37 per 1,000 circuit miles.

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

9 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is continuing to deploy several
10 programs to keep metric performance within the Company's target range.
11 PG&E expects no deviation from delivering the 2028 goal for this metric.

**FIGURE 3.16-2
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (2015- Q2 2024) AND
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12 **E. (3.16) Current and Planned Work Activities**

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14 ignition risk associated with its transmission system, including:

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2 Space Requirements in Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 4292.
3 Defensible Space is defined by three primary zones of clearance whereas in
4 2022 there were two zones. Starting in 2023 the first zone (0-5 ft.) from
5 energized equipment or building is referred to as Zone 0 or the “Ember –
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16 high-risk circuits have been identified as a pilot in 2024 and 2025.
 - 17 – Executing an annual program to remove birds nest after nesting season.

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**NUMBER OF GAS DIG-INS PER 1,000 UNDERGROUND
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8 in blue font.

9 **A. (4.1) Overview**

10 **1. Metric Definition**

11 Safety and Operational Metric 4.1 – Number of Gas Dig-Ins per
12 1,000 tickets on Transmission and Distribution Pipelines is defined as:

13 *The number of gas dig-ins per 1,000 Underground Service Alert (USA)*
14 *tickets received for gas. A gas dig-in refers to damage (impact or exposure)*
15 *which occurs during excavation activities and results in a repair or*
16 *replacement of an underground gas facility. Excludes fiber and electric*
17 *tickets. Also excludes tickets originated by the utility itself or by utility*
18 *contractors.*

19 **2. Introduction of Metric**

20 Reducing gas dig-ins increases public safety and improves reliability. It
21 is therefore important to take reasonable steps reduce this risk because gas
22 dig-ins represent a potential risk to people, property, and the environment.

23 If ignited, gas from a dig-in could produce a fire or explosion, either of
24 which, could result property damage, injury or even death. Release of gas
25 from a dig-in also produces a possible health hazard from inhalation of
26 natural gas. Finally, dig-ins typically produce a disruption or loss of service
27 to one or more customers.

28 For all these reasons, fewer dig-ins reduces risk to public safety and
29 minimizes interruption to the gas business and customers.

B. (4.1) Metric Performance

1. Historical Data (2018 – Q2 2024)

For this metric, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E or the Company) has six years of historic data available, which includes 2018-2024. The past six years were used for analysis in target setting. Over the historical reporting period, performance improved as demonstrated 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							
Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	66,605	66,900	74,736	69,544	83,536	60,314	76,150	January	100	89	93	118	118	79	77
February	62,387	58,586	70,016	74,323	80,127	61,733	72,219	February	131	78	119	116	106	79	65
March	66,538	74,563	69,991	95,177	93,432	68,744	78,603	March	103	103	98	126	143	66	82
April	71,514	85,215	67,071	93,335	83,657	73,186	86,984	April	147	140	117	147	120	111	110
May	75,794	86,339	71,786	87,432	87,005	83,866	86,518	May	209	140	128	139	150	123	114
June	69,824	81,989	80,614	93,008	88,319	80,983	78,908	June	176	176	170	183	149	121	114
July	68,927	92,787	80,926	84,316	81,346	75,831		July	190	196	201	170	145	110	
August	74,158	89,869	76,521	87,507	94,628	85,879		August	186	200	182	175	156	135	
September	64,678	84,840	79,684	84,126	86,949	79,082		September	173	167	178	163	124	139	
October	77,779	91,022	81,680	82,106	87,461	84,875		October	179	191	155	135	131	117	
November	64,861	72,476	72,089	82,859	79,547	76,765		November	139	149	131	101	96	119	
December	56,219	64,452	73,995	71,744	62,951	63,816		December	110	87	126	64	45	73	
Total	819,284	949,038	899,109	1,005,477	1,008,958	895,074	479,382	Total	1,843	1,716	1,698	1,637	1,483	1,272	562

Data Collection Methodology

The data used for this metric reporting is maintained in two files. Together, these databases identify the number of dig-ins and the 811 tickets, respectively. To ensure accuracy of the Master Dig-In File data, three data sources are reviewed:

- 1) The repair data file recorded in SAP- (Obtained using Business Objects GCM058 Quarterly GQI Extract Report);
- 2) The Event Management (EM) Tool obtained from Gas Dispatch, data file; and
- 3) The Dig-In Reduction Teams (DiRT) Pronto download file, obtained from the DiRT team data download report.

Events that meet the definition of dig-in are recorded as a ratio of total dig-ins (count) divided by the third-party USA tickets (count) multiplied by 1,000. This metric does not include tickets originated by the utility itself or by utility contractors.

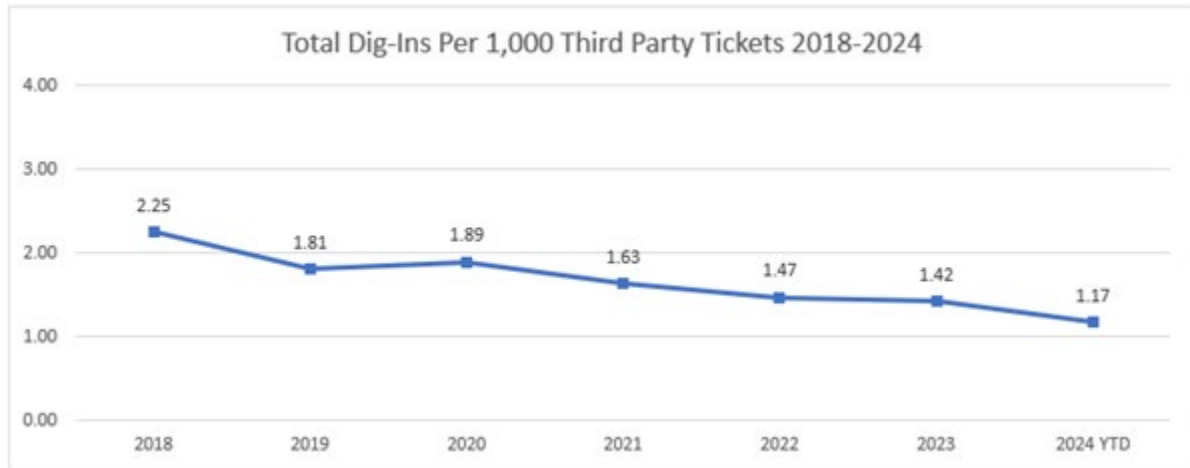
1 This metric also does not include PG&E dig-ins to third parties
2 (e.g., sewer, water, telecommunications). Dig-ins are reported in real-time,
3 so they should be captured for the reporting period. However, in the event
4 dig-ins are reported after the reporting cycle is closed, the dig-in would be
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 **2. 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 – 2024



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 2018-2024;
- 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
19 sustainable assumption for maintaining metric performance, plus room
20 for non-significant variability; and
- 21 • Other Qualitative Considerations: None.

1 **3. 2024 Target**

2 The 2024 target is to maintain improved metric performance at or better
3 than a rate of 1.93 based on the factors described above. This improvement
4 is based upon the Damage Prevention Organization’s Dig-in Reduction
5 Program. This target represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a
6 review of potential performance issues. Target should not be interpreted as
7 intention to worsen performance.

8 **4. 2028 Target**

9 The 2028 target is to maintain performance better than a rate of 1.89
10 based on the factors described above. Annual targets should continue to be
11 informed by available benchmarking data.

12 **D. (4.1) Performance Against Target**

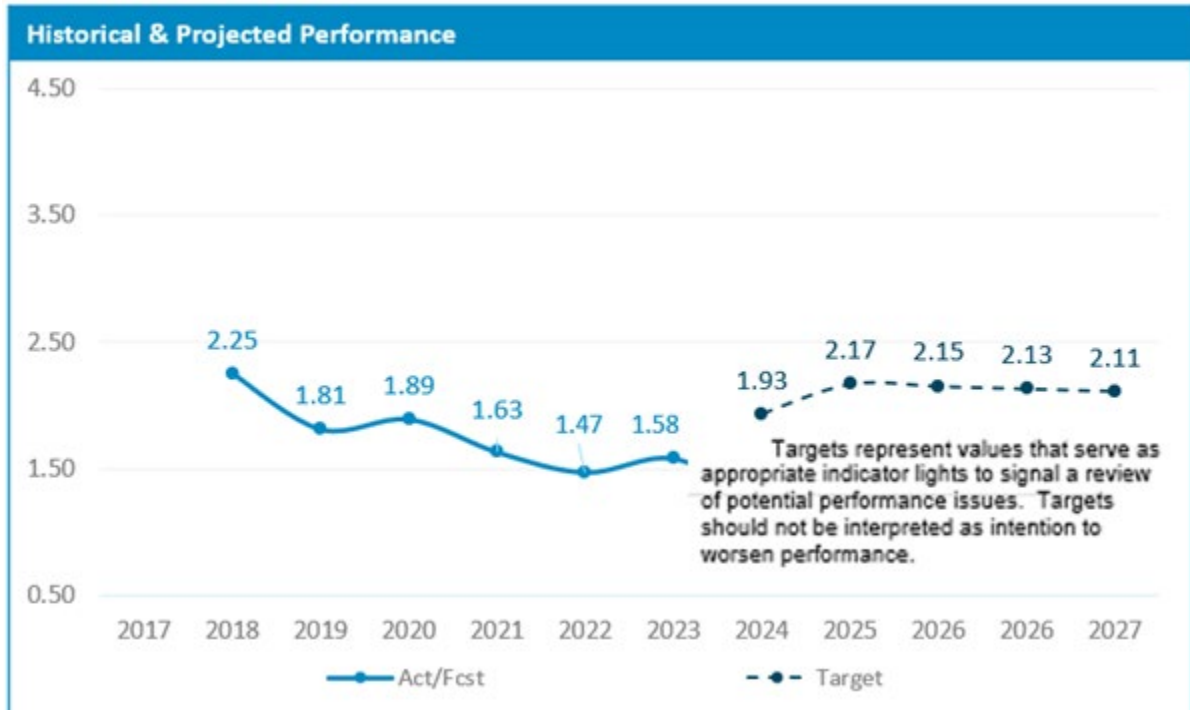
13 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-year Target**

14 As demonstrated in Figure 4.1-3, PG&E saw a 1.24 Gas Dig-In rate in
15 2024, which is better than the Company’s 1-year target of 1.93 and remains
16 consistent with the Company’s objective of maintaining first quartile
17 performance. Performance of 1.24 Gas Dig-in rate also exceeded the 2023
18 Performance of 1.42.

19 **2. Maintaining Performance against the 5-year Target**

20 As discussed in Section E, PG&E continues to use the Damage
21 Prevention and DiRT programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward
22 the Company’s 5-year target.

**FIGURE 4.1-3
TOTAL DIG-INS PER 1,000 THIRD-PARTY TICKETS 2018 – 2024
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 live and work within PG&E’s service territory. The

1 program communicates safe excavation practices, required actions prior to
2 excavating near underground pipelines, availability of pipeline location
3 information, and other gas safety information through a variety of methods
4 throughout the year. These efforts are aimed at increasing public awareness
5 about the importance of utilizing the 811 Program before an excavation project is
6 started, understanding the markings that have been placed, and following safe
7 excavation practices after subsurface installations have been marked. Specific
8 activities aimed at preventing dig-ins include:

- 9 • Updating the Locate and Mark Field Guide and procedures to provide clear
10 instruction around critical processes for locating underground assets,
11 including troubleshooting of difficult to locate facilities;
- 12 • [PG&E participates in the Common Ground Alliance \(CGA\) – Damage](#)
13 [Prevention Institute \(DPI\)](#). PG&E began this program that is now run by a
14 third-party and available to utilities and excavators across the nation. The
15 program sets safety criteria that PG&E contractors are required to meet to
16 be eligible to do work on behalf of the Utility. The CGA is an
17 internationally-recognized program, with companies in Canada adopting and
18 implementing its certification requirements. The DPI is a way that PG&E is
19 making its own communities safer, and bringing best safety practices to the
20 industry;
- 21 • An 811 Ambassador program, which utilizes all PG&E employees to
22 properly identify unsafe excavation activities where employees learn how to
23 identify excavation-related delineations and utility operator markings; [and](#)
- 24 • [In 2023 PG&E re-vamped its Locate and Mark training program to ensure](#)
25 [that our locators are receiving the best training available. This training](#)
26 [consists of multiple classroom-based modules as well as on the job training](#)
27 [with trained peer coaches.](#)

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6 in blue font.

7 **A. (4.2) Overview**

8 **1. Metric Definition**

9 Safety and Operational Metric 4.2 – Number of Overpressure (OP)
10 events is defined as:

11 *OP events as reportable under General Order (GO) 112-F 122.2(d)(5).*

12 **2. Introduction of Metric**

13 An OP event occurs when the gas pressure exceeds the Maximum
14 Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of the pipeline, plus the build ups, set
15 forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) – 49 CFR 192.201.

16 This metric tracks the occurrence of OP events, which includes:

17 1) High pressure Gas Distribution (GD):

18 a) (MAOP 1 pound per square inch gauge (psig) to 12 psig) greater
19 than 50 percent above MAOP.

20 b) (MAOP 12 psig to 60 psig) greater than 6 psig above MAOP; and

21 2) Gas Transmission (GT) pipelines greater than 10 percent above MAOP
22 (or the pressure produces a hoop stress of ≥ 75 percent Specified
23 Minimum Yield Strength, whichever is lower).

24 OP events on low pressure systems are excluded from this metric
25 because they are not defined in federal code 49 CFR 192.201.

26 OP events have the potential to overstress pipelines which pose
27 significant safety and operational risks to Pacific Gas and Electric
28 Company's (PG&E) gas system. PG&E has implemented multiple controls
29 and mitigations to reduce OP events.

30 Following the San Bruno event in 2010, an Overpressure Elimination
31 (OPE) task force was established to identify the root causes of OP events
32 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,¹ 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.

¹ 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 – Q2 2024)**

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. [As of Q2 2024, there are 7,140 SCADA pressure points](#)
16 [throughout the PG&E system.](#)

17 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

18 PG&E has both an automated process and field process for logging Gas
19 OP events. For the automated process, the SCADA system monitors EQ
20 pressure and notifies potential issues to Gas Control through alarms. For
21 the field process, field personnel are required to gauge pressure during
22 maintenance and clearances and report to Gas Control if an abnormal
23 operating condition arises. The Gas OP metric reporting process flow is as
24 follows:

- 25 1) Control Room Alarm/Third-Party Notification of abnormal pressure
26 reading or Gas Pipeline Operations and Maintenance (GPOM) finds
27 abnormal pressure reading during maintenance.
- 28 2) GPOM performs on-site investigation (validates pressure reading and
29 compares onsite pressure with SCADA pressure upon arrival).
30 “As-found” and “as-left” pressures are recorded on maintenance form.
- 31 3) Gas Control Room creates Abnormal Incident Report and issues
32 e-page. FIMP reviews the e-page, creates a CAP, and prepares a
33 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.

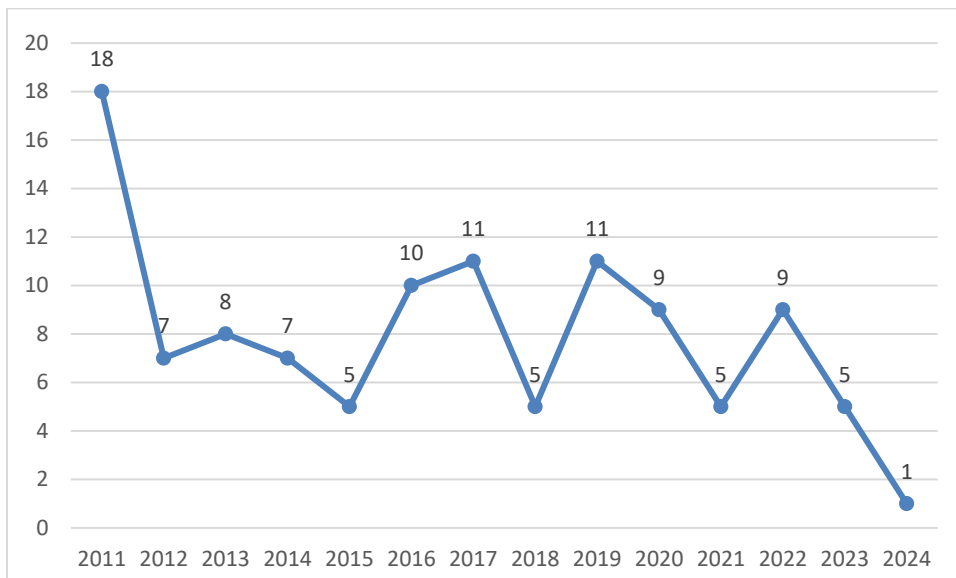
4 Several controls are in place for this metric:

- 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 the first 6 months of 2024, 1 overpressure event occurred in the
16 PG&E gas system, an improvement, on a pro-rated basis, from 2023 that
17 experienced 5 events.

FIGURE 4.2-1
OVERPRESSURE EVENTS 2011 – Q2 2024



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 nine 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 nine 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 nine 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 nine 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.² It is unknown what impact
15 this will have on the future trend of OP events, but not adopting these
16 programs is expected to decrease the pace of our mitigation efforts to
17 reduce OP events in the future. Therefore, despite not receiving funding
18 from the rate case, PG&E continues to fund the OP elimination
19 efforts - although at a reduced pace.

20 **D. (4.2) Performance Against Target**

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

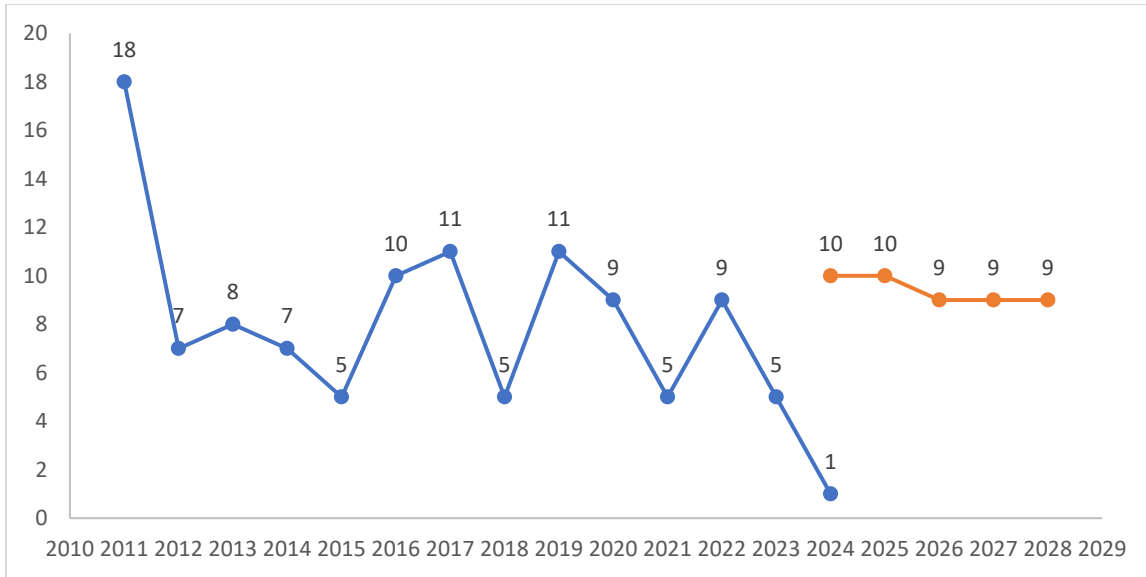
22 In the first 6 months of 2024, 1 overpressure event occurred in PG&E's
23 gas system which is lower, on a pro-rated basis, than the Company's 1-year
24 target of equal to or less than 10.

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

26 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E is deploying several programs
27 to maintain or improve the long-term performance of the Over Pressure
28 metric to meet the Company's 5-year performance target.

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 – Q2 2024 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: Since the inception of the common failure mode mitigation program through June 30, 2024, , PG&E has retrofitted approximately 966 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/or retrofitting Large Volume Customer Meter (LVCM) sets in 2023. Since the inception of the common failure mode mitigation program through June 30, 2024, PG&E has rebuilt and/or retrofitted approximately 88 LVCRs/LVCMs. PG&E will continue modifying

1 GT LVCRs/LVCMs to mitigate the common failure mode OP events in the
2 Gas Transmission System. The modification of this regulation equipment
3 will be executed at a considerably reduced pace in comparison to what was
4 proposed in the GRC (see footnote 2 on page 4.2-6).

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6 in blue font.

7 **A. (4.3) Overview**

8 **1. Metric Definition**

9 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 4.3 – Time to Respond On-Site to
10 Emergency Notification is defined as:

11 *Average time and median time to respond on-site to a gas-related*
12 *emergency notification from the time of notification to the time a Gas Service*
13 *Representative (GSR) (or qualified first responder) arrived onsite.*
14 *Emergency notification includes all notifications originating from 911 calls*
15 *and calls made directly to the utilities' safety hotlines.*

16 The data used to determine the average time and median time shall be
17 provided in increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c) as
18 supplemental information, not as a metric.

19 **2. Introduction of Metric**

20 Gas emergency response measures Pacific Gas and Electric
21 Company's (PG&E) ability to respond with urgency to hazardous or unsafe
22 situations that may be a threat to customer and public safety. In some
23 situations, GSRs respond to emergency situations as first responders.
24 Responding to emergency situations is PG&E's highest priority so that
25 PG&E can prevent or ameliorate hazardous situations. PG&E's goal is to
26 have a GSR on-site as quickly as possible for customer generated gas odor
27 calls. Faster response time to Emergency Notifications reduces the length
28 of emergent situations.

29 PG&E's GSRs respond to approximately 500,000 gas service customer
30 requests annually. These requests include investigating reports of possible
31 gas leaks; carbon monoxide monitoring; Pilot re-lights; appliance safety
32 checks; and maintenance work, including Atmospheric Corrosion
33 remediation and regulator replacements.

1 Consistent with current practice, PG&E will continue to treat all
2 customer-reported gas odor calls as Immediate Response (IR) and will
3 attempt to respond to such calls within 60 minutes. To meet this goal,
4 PG&E utilizes industry best practices, such as: mobile data terminals,
5 real-time Global Positioning Systems, backup on-call technicians, and shift
6 coverage of 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

7 **B. (4.3) Metric Performance**

8 **1. Historical Data (2011-Q2 2024)**

9 Historical data is presented as a value in minutes for response time,
10 indicated as both an average and a median value for all Emergency
11 Notifications for each calendar year.

12 Data sets prior to 2014 come from historically submitted documentation;
13 data sets from 2014 forward come from the Customer Data Warehouse
14 system (a database for Field Automated Systems (FAS) data) and go
15 through a rigorous, multi-step audit process prior to submission to ensure
16 accuracy and precision.

17 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

18 The response time by PG&E is measured from the time PG&E is
19 notified—defined as the order creation time in Customer Care and Billing by
20 the contact center—to the time a GSR or a PG&E-qualified first responder
21 arrives on-site to the emergency location (including Business Hours and
22 After Hours). PG&E notification time is defined as when a gas emergency
23 order is created and timestamped.

24 Using PG&E’s FAS, the average response time is measured for all IR
25 gas emergency orders generated where a GSR or qualified first responder is
26 required to respond.

27 The following IR gas emergency jobs are excluded in the total gas
28 emergency orders volume count:

- 29 • Level 2 and above emergencies;¹

¹ Defined in the Gas Emergency Response Plan as a region-wide emergency event that may require 1-2 days for service restoration.

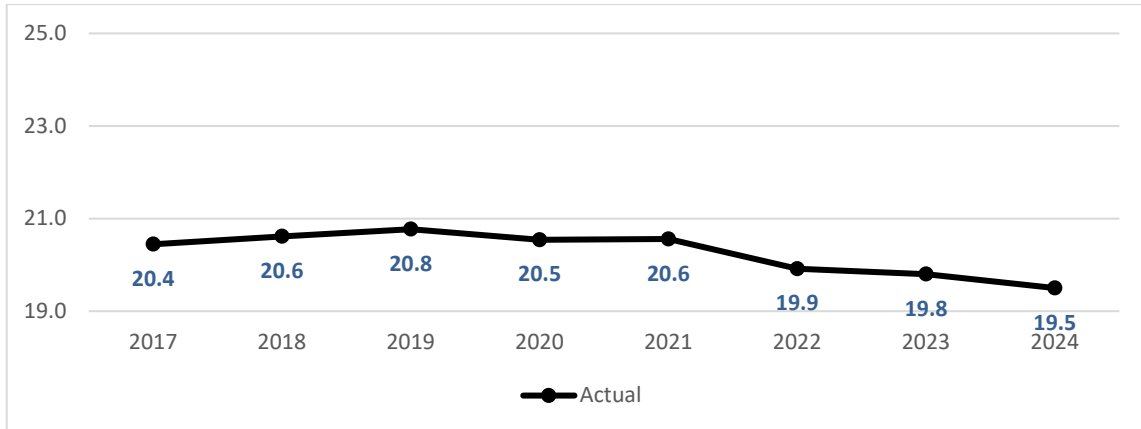
- 1 • If the source is a non-planned release of PG&E gas, the original call is
2 included—the gas emergency itself—and all subsequent related orders
3 are excluded;
- 4 • If the source is either a planned release of PG&E gas or another
5 non-leak-related event, all related orders from the metric are excluded,
6 including the original call;
 - 7 – If technician finds Grade 1 or Class A leak not previously identified
8 by Company personnel, the order will be included in the metric even
9 if the leak was clearly not the source of odor complaint.
- 10 • Duplicate orders for assistance;
 - 11 – If it's confirmed that internal PG&E personnel made an IR for the
12 wrong address and there are two IRs made for one incident, we will
13 manually adjust the Taken Time of 2nd IR (the correct address) to
14 the actual time the call was created, and then exclude the 1st IR
15 (the incorrect address). For now CDW/BOBJ team will have to
16 manually adjust the Taken Time.
- 17 • Cancelled orders;
- 18 • For multiple leak calls from the same Multi-Meter Manifold;²
- 19 • Unknown premise tag with no nearby gas facility; and
- 20 • If the FAS system is unavailable—such as during a tech down event—
21 the jobs cannot be created in our system, and are therefore, an
22 exception (not available to be included in the volume).

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

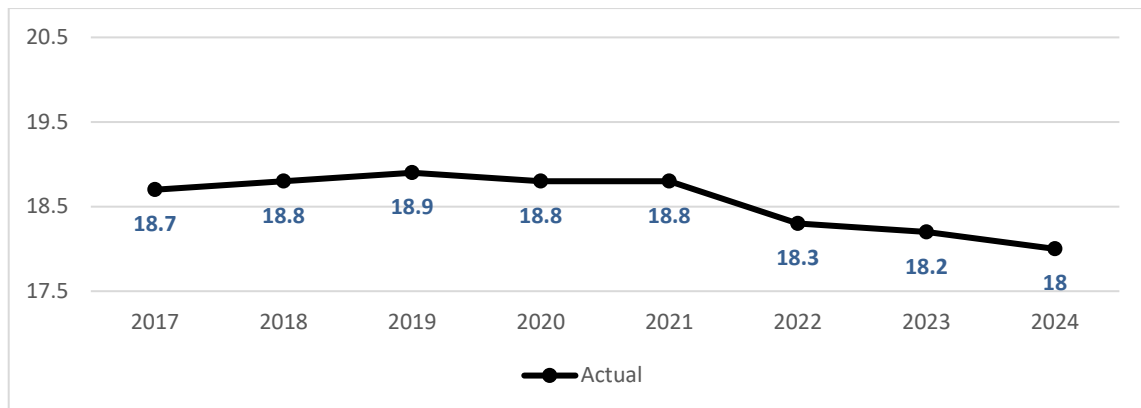
24 Since 2011, PG&E has improved and maintained strong performance in
25 this metric. In 2024, we have achieved an average response time of 19.5
26 minutes and a recorded median response time of 18.0 minutes, compared to
27 20.1 minutes of average response time and 18.6 median response time for
28 the same period in 2023. Our performance in 2024 outperformed target and
29 was our best response time in 9 years as shown in Figure 4.3-1. This was
30 made possible by continued focus by our Field Teams and Gas Dispatch
31 deploying Lean practices, cross collaboration and continued accountability
32 and focus to this metric.

2 The first order is included, and all subsequent orders are excluded.

**FIGURE 4.3-1
AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME 2016- 2024**



**FIGURE 4.3-2
MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2016- 2024**



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 2015-2024 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**

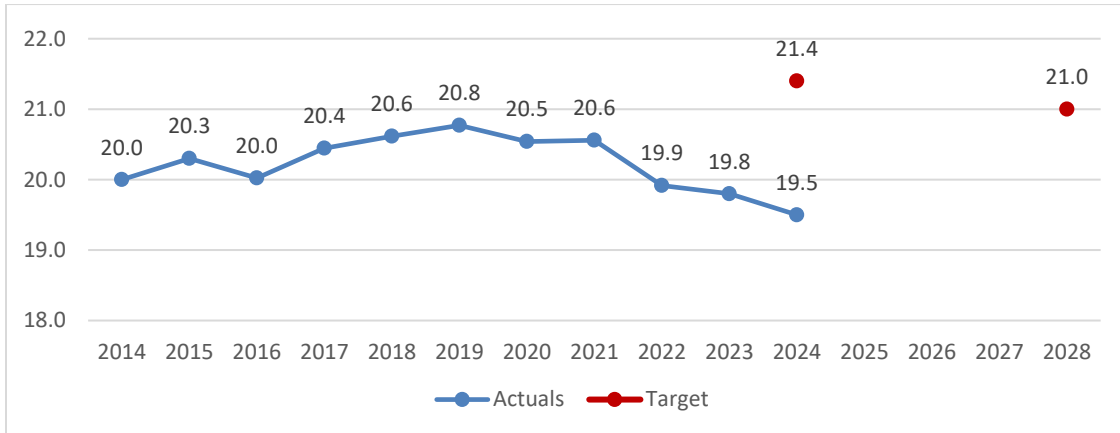
24 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

25 As demonstrated in Figure 4.3-3 and 4.3-4, PG&E saw an average
26 response time of 19.5 minutes and a median response time of 18.0 minutes
27 in 2024 which exceeded the Company's 2024 target of 21.4 and
28 19.7 minutes respectively.

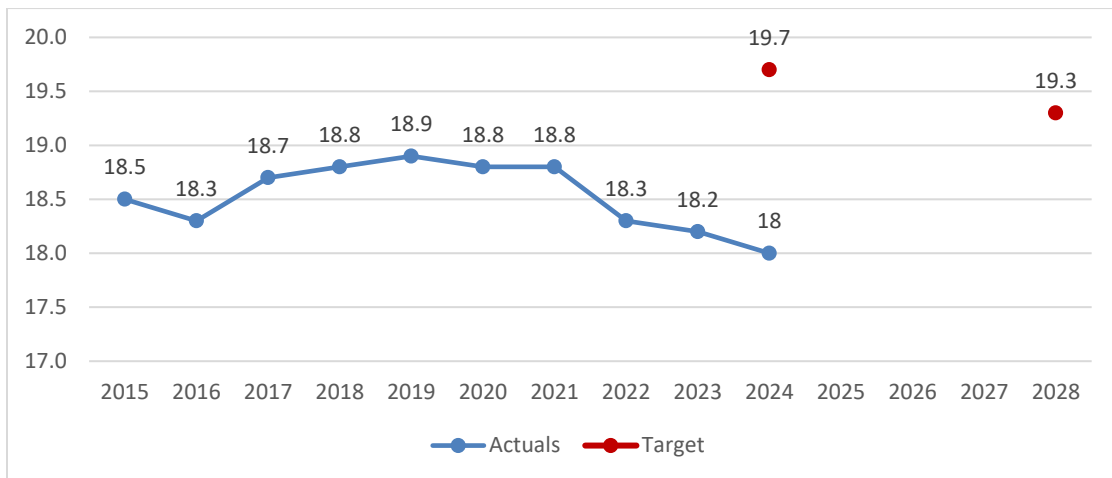
29 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

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 2014- 2024 AND TARGETS THROUGH 2028**



**FIGURE 4.3-4
MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2015-2024 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; and
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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2 **SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL METRICS REPORT:**
3 **CHAPTER 4.4**
4 **GAS SHUT-IN TIME, MAINS**

5 The material updates to this chapter since the April 1, 2024, report are identified
6 in blue font.

7 **A. (4.4) Introduction**

8 **1. Metric Definition**

9 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 4.4 – Gas Shut-In Time, Mains is
10 defined as:

11 *Median time to shut-in gas when an uncontrolled or unplanned gas*
12 *release occurs on a main. The data used to determine the median time*
13 *shall be provided in increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c)*
14 *as supplemental information, not as a metric.*

15 **2. Introduction of Metric**

16 The measurement of Gas Shut in Time captures the median duration of
17 time required to respond to and mitigate potentially hazardous gas leak
18 conditions. These leak conditions are associated with the public safety risk
19 of loss of containment on Gas Distribution Main or Service. The term “shut
20 in” refers to the act of stopping the gas flow. It is important for the flow of
21 gas to be stopped to avoid consequences such as overpressure events or
22 explosions and so that work can be safely performed to make repairs in a
23 timely manner. Performance aims for faster response times as a measure
24 of prevention resulting in lower risk of an incident impacting public safety
25 and minimized interruption to the gas business and customers. It is
26 imperative that we promptly and effectively resolve any hazardous
27 conditions on our distribution network while balancing timeliness, customer
28 outages, and employee safety.

29 The timing for the response starts when the Pacific Gas and Electric
30 Company (PG&E, the Company, or the Utility) first receives the report of a
31 potential gas leak and ends when the Utility’s qualified representative
32 determines, per the Utility’s emergency standards, that the reported leak is
33 not hazardous, a leak does not exist, or the Utility’s representative

1 completes actions to mitigate a hazardous leak and render it as being
2 non-hazardous (i.e., by shutting-off gas supply, eliminating subsurface leak
3 migration, repair, etc.) per the Utility's standards.

4 This metric measures the median number of minutes required for a
5 qualified PG&E responder to arrive onsite and stop the flow of gas as result
6 of damages impacting gas mains from PG&E distribution network. It does
7 not include instances where a qualified representative determines that the
8 reported leak is not hazardous, or a leak does not exist.

9 **B. (4.4) Metric Performance**

10 **1. Historical Data (2014 – Q2 2024)**

11 [Historical data for shut-in the gas \(SITG\) Main metric is available for the](#)
12 [period 2014 through Q2 2024.](#) The data captures the median time that a
13 qualified first responder requires to respond and stop gas flow during
14 incidents involving an unplanned and uncontrolled release of gas on
15 distribution mains. This data includes incidents related to distribution main
16 pipelines and regulator stations because of third-party dig-ins, vehicle
17 impacts, explosion, pipe rupture, and material failure.

18 Before 2014, PG&E used a decentralized emergency process to
19 manage emergencies (i.e., each division used its own resources like
20 mappers, planners, among others to track and manage emergencies).
21 Similarly, support organizations like Dispatch, Mapping and Planning used
22 their own management tools to help schedule and manage emergency
23 information. Dispatch used a management tool called Outage Management
24 that recorded times at various stages of the process (i.e., when the
25 emergency call came in, when the Gas Service Representative (GSR)
26 arrived at the site, when the leak was isolated, etc.). The Distribution
27 Control Room used a tool called Gas Logging System to record incoming
28 information.

29 In 2014, a centralized process was implemented to allow Distribution,
30 Transmission, Dispatch, Planning and Mapping personnel to be co-located
31 and work together as a team to manage emergencies. This centralized
32 process also allowed the development of the Event Management Tool
33 (EMT) system.

1 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

2 The EMT is currently used as the official system to track gas
3 emergencies from start to finish. It is used by Dispatch and Gas Distribution
4 Control Center (GDCC) teams to create emergency events and collect
5 incident information and allows PG&E to run reports and retrieve historical
6 information. The data captures the time that a qualified first responder
7 requires to respond and stop gas flow during incidents involving an
8 unplanned and uncontrolled release of gas on distribution mains. There are
9 distinct types of incidents recorded in the EMT: explosions, corrosion, cross
10 bore, pipe damage, dig-ins, evacuations, exposed pipe—no gas leak, fires,
11 gas leaks (including Grade 1), high concentration areas, Hi/Lo pressures,
12 material failure, pipe ruptures, vehicle impacts, among others. The EMT
13 provides access to the latest information on an incident. All emergency data
14 is consolidated and stored in one place.

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

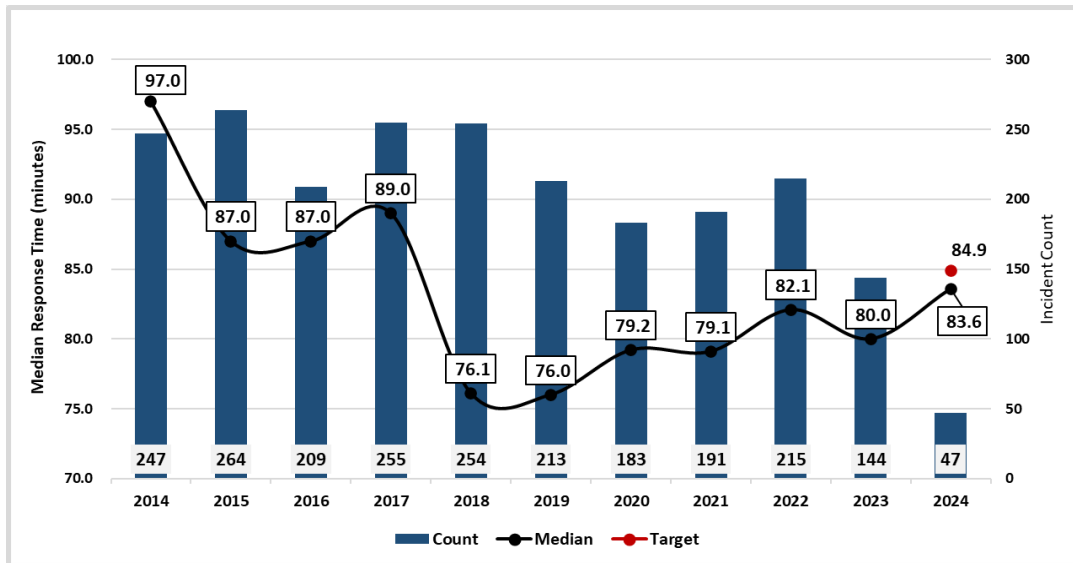
16 The range of data available to calculate the historical shut-in the gas
17 median time for Mains is from 2014 through June 2024. Over this reporting
18 period, performance decreased from 97 minutes in 2014 to 83.6 minutes
19 median time in 2024. This long-term improvement is due to strategically
20 prearranging construction crews in locations with high frequency of
21 damages after business hours and weekends, understanding root causes
22 for long shut-in time incidents and sharing best practices system wide during
23 weekly performance review calls.

24 There is an overall trend in decreased performance from 2019 to 2024.
25 Annual decrease in performance is representative of overall slight
26 fluctuations in performance and is not representative of efforts put forth to
27 improve shut in the gas response time. Delayed response time for mains is
28 under regular evaluation to narrow down root causes. For the June YTD
29 2024 period, the most common reasons for delay included difficult field
30 conditions (i.e., depth of facility), hard soil conditions, traffic, commute, and
31 increased difficulty in isolation. Isolation strategies for the 2024 YTD period
32 saw a 150 percent increase in the use of two squeeze points, 20 for 2024
33 versus only 8 in 2023 for the same period.

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While there is an upward trend of median response time over the past five years, it is important to note the total count of incidents has decreased significantly in that time. Decreased overall annual volume influences the median response time and impacts the trends we observed. Decreased incident numbers can be attributed to efforts put forth by damage prevention teams within PG&E.

**FIGURE 4.4-1
GAS SHUT-IN TIME, MAINS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014-2024**



Year	Median	Count	Target
2014	97.0	247	
2015	87.0	264	
2016	87.0	209	
2017	89.0	255	
2018	76.1	254	
2019	76.0	213	
2020	79.2	183	
2021	79.1	191	
2022	82.1	215	
2023	80.0	144	
2024	83.6	47	84.9

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C. (4.4) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

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

No changes proposed since last report submitted. The 1-year and 5-year targets are flat compared to the 2023 target of 84.9 minutes. This target is set to prioritize the safety of our customers, employees, and to minimize service disruptions by allowing PG&E personnel to make informed

1 shut-in gas isolation decisions according to field conditions rather than
2 hastily take actions to shut-in the gas to meet a more stringent target.

3 **2. Target Methodology**

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

- 6 • Historical Data and Trends: The target is based on the average of the
7 2018 – 2021 median historical data, plus 10 percent. The 4-year period
8 was used because 2018 was when the FAS system was first utilized,
9 and this data period is consistent with current operational practices. The
10 use of 10 percent allows for non-significant variability, and accounts for
11 the consideration of risk during shut in events.
- 12 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 13 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 14 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;
- 15 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
16 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the
17 2018-2021 annual median response time plus 10 percent is a
18 sustainable assumption for maintaining the improvement from
19 2018-2024 time frame plus room for non-significant variability; and
- 20 • Other Qualitative Considerations: Reducing shut in time to the lowest
21 possible result is not necessarily the best approach from a public safety
22 standpoint, and there is consideration of risk in various situations. In
23 some instances, the safest decision for our employees and the public is
24 to allow the gas to escape before crews shut it off.

25 **3. 2024 Target**

26 The 2024 target is to maintain performance at or lower than
27 84.9 minutes based on the factors described above. This target was
28 established to account for the consideration of risk in various situations and
29 aligns with our commitment to the safe operations of our assets. This target
30 represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a review of potential
31 performance issues. Target should not be interpreted as intention to worsen
32 performance.

1 **4. 2028 Target**

2 The 2028 target is to maintain performance at or lower than
3 84.9 minutes, based on the factors described above.

4 **D. (4.4) Performance Against Target**

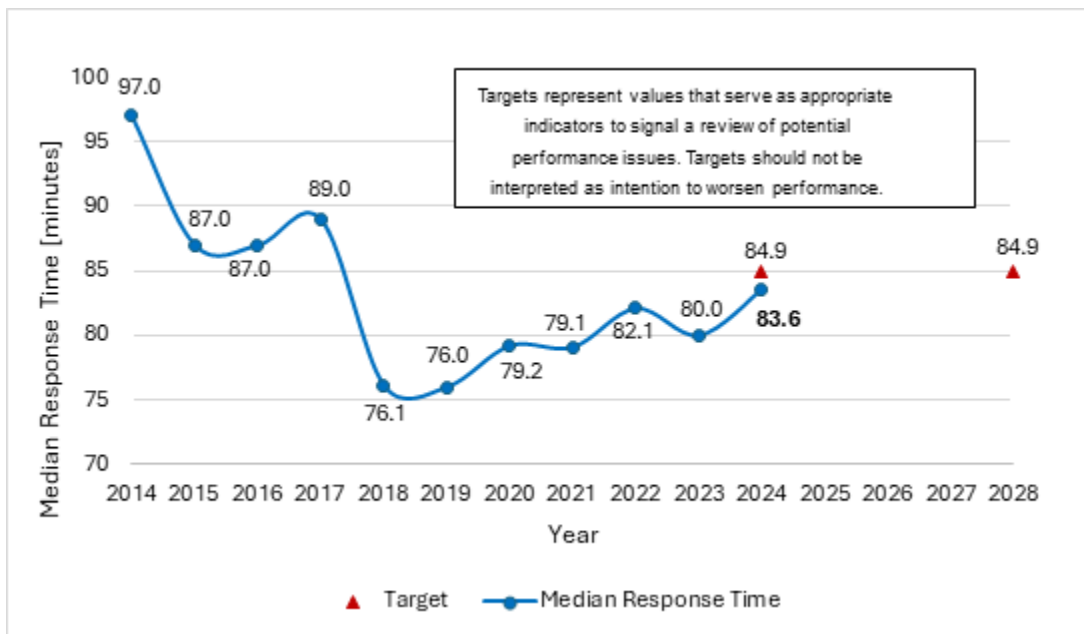
5 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

6 As demonstrated in Figure 4.4-2, PG&E saw a median response time of
7 83.6 minutes in Q2 2024 which is better than the Company's 1-year target of
8 84.9 minutes.

9 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

10 As discussed in Section E, PG&E will continue mitigating the risk of loss
11 of containment on Gas Distribution Mains and Services and employing its
12 various programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward its 5-year
13 target.

FIGURE 4.4-2
GAS SHUT IN TIME, MAINS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014- JUNE YTD 2024 AND
TARGETS THROUGH 2028



14 **E. (4.4) Current and Planned Work Activities**

15 PG&E will continue to drive metric progress through performance
16 management and supervisor-out-in-the-field initiatives. This metric will continue

1 to mitigate the risk of loss of containment on Gas Distribution Main or Service by
2 reducing distribution pipeline rupture with ignition.

3 The metric is supported by the following programs which focus on improving
4 public safety: Field Services and Gas Maintenance and Construction (M&C).

- 5 • Gas Field Service: Field Service responds to gas service requests, which
6 include investigation reports of possible gas leaks, carbon monoxide
7 monitoring, customer requests for starts and stops of gas service, appliance
8 pilot re-lights, appliance safety checks, as well as emergency situations as
9 first responders; and
- 10 • Gas Maintenance and Construction: Gas M&C performs routine
11 maintenance of PG&E's gas distribution facilities, which includes emergency
12 response due to dig-ins, as well as leak repairs.

13 The following process improvement initiatives have been implemented to
14 help achieve metric results:

- 15 • Enhanced plastic squeeze capability from approximately 50 percent to all
16 GSRs for < 1.5" plastic pipe;
- 17 • Purchased and implemented emergency trailers in every division, allowing
18 for emergency equipment to be accessed quickly and easily;
- 19 • Purchased additional steel squeezers for 2-8" steel pipe (housed on
20 emergency trailers);
- 21 • Implemented Emergency Management tool (EM tool) to alert maintenance
22 and construction (M&C) of SITG events when notified by third-party
23 emergency organizations;
- 24 • Established concurrent response protocol (dispatch M&C and Field Service
25 resources) when notified by emergency agencies. Utility Procedure
26 TD-6100P-03 Major Gas Event Response: Fire, Explosion, and Gas Pipeline
27 Rupture was updated in 2021 to align with PG&E's response and
28 communication protocols; and
- 29 • Implemented 30-60-90-120+ minute communication protocols between Gas
30 Distribution Control Center and Incident Commander to ensure consistent
31 communication and issue escalation during events.

32 The following process improvement initiatives are on-going to help achieve
33 metric results:

- 1 • Daily Operating Reviews to identify deviations from the targets for the
2 previous 24 hours and identify countermeasures for continuous
3 improvement;
- 4 • Weekly Operating Review meetings weekly to share best practices and
5 review long duration events;
- 6 • Provide yearly plastic squeeze training for all Field Service employees as
7 part of Operator Qualification refresher;
- 8 • Live action drills to simulate emergency scenarios, practicing isolation
9 procedures and documenting lessons learned;
- 10 • Time duration threshold to review incidents during Gas Daily Briefings
11 reduced from >120 to > 90 minutes;
- 12 • Dispatching two M&C crews along with an excavation truck to assist in
13 excavation timeliness;
- 14 • Dispatching locate and mark representative upon initial discovery to assist in
15 leak location prior to M&C crew arrival;
- 16 • Dispatch initiating underground service alerts followed by immediate
17 notification to allow for immediate marking of facilities; and
- 18 • Increasing number of isolation valves along a pipeline for ease of isolation.

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6 identified in blue font.

7 **A. (4.5) Overview**

8 **1. Metric Definition**

9 Safety and Operational Metric 4.5 – Gas Shut-In Time, Services is defined
10 as:

11 *Median time to shut-in gas when an uncontrolled or unplanned gas release*
12 *occurs on a service. The data used to determine the median time shall be*
13 *provided in increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c) as*
14 *supplemental information, not as a metric.*

15 **2. Introduction of Metric**

16 The measurement of Gas Shut-In Time captures the median duration of
17 time required to respond to and mitigate potentially hazardous gas leak
18 conditions. These leak conditions are associated with the public safety risk
19 of loss of containment on Gas Distribution Main or Service. The term
20 “shut-in” refers to the act of stopping the gas flow. It is important for the flow
21 of gas to be stopped to avoid consequences such as overpressure events or
22 explosions and so that work can be safely performed to make repairs in a
23 timely manner. Performance aims for faster response times as a measure
24 of prevention resulting in lower risk of an incident impacting public safety
25 and minimized interruption to the gas business and customers. It is
26 imperative that we promptly and effectively resolve any hazardous
27 conditions on our distribution network while balancing timeliness, customer
28 outages, and employee safety.

29 The timing for the response starts when Pacific Gas and Electric
30 Company (PG&E, the Company, or the Utility) first receives the report of a
31 potential gas leak and ends when the Utility’s qualified representative
32 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 (e.g., 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. (4.5) Metric Performance**

11 **1. Historical Data (2014 – Q2 2024)**

12 [Historical data for Shut-In the gas \(SITG\) Services metric is available for](#)
13 [the period 2014 – Q2 2024.](#) The data captures the median time that a
14 qualified first responder is required to respond and stop gas flow during
15 incidents involving an unplanned and uncontrolled release of gas on
16 services. This data includes incidents related to distribution services and
17 related 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
22 mappers, planners, among others to track and manage emergencies.
23 Similarly, support organizations like Dispatch, Mapping and Planning used
24 their own management tools to help schedule and manage emergency
25 information. Dispatch used a management tool called Outage Management
26 that recorded times at various stages of the process (i.e., when the
27 emergency call came in, when the Gas Service Representative (GSR)
28 arrived at the site, when the leak was isolated, etc.). The Distribution
29 Control Room used a tool called Gas Logging System to record incoming
30 information.

31 In 2014, a centralized process was implemented to allow Distribution,
32 Transmission, Dispatch, Planning and Mapping personnel to be co-located
33 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.

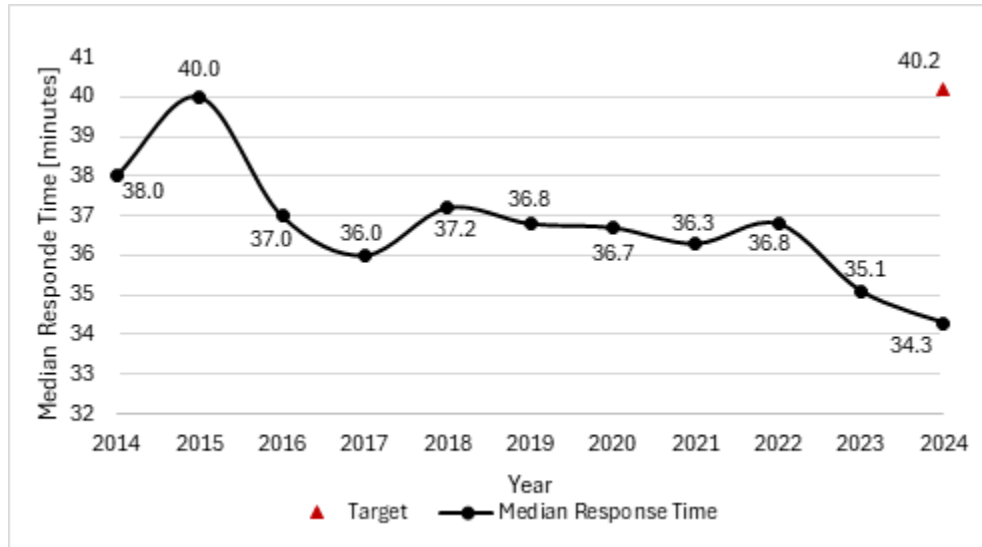
3 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

4 The EMT is currently used as the official system to track gas
5 emergencies from start to finish. The EMT is used by Dispatch and Gas
6 Distribution Control Center (GDCC) teams to create emergency events and
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 June 2024. Over this reporting period,
17 performance improved by 9.7 percent, decreasing from 38.0 minutes in
18 2014 to 34.3 minutes in 2024. This response time represents an
19 improvement of 2.3 percent compared to 2023 end of year results. This
20 improvement is due to strategically prearranging construction crews in
21 locations with high frequency of damages after business hours and
22 weekends, understanding root causes for long shut-in time incidents,
23 sharing best practices system wide during weekly performance review calls,
24 and First Responders personnel squeezing services on arrival when
25 possible.

**FIGURE 4.5-1
GAS SHUT IN TIME, SERVICES MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014-2024**



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 No target updates since last report submitted. The 1-year and 5-year
4 targets are flat compared to the 2023 target of 40.2 minutes.

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: The target is based on the average of the
9 2018 - 2021 median historical data, plus 10 percent. The four-year
10 period was used because 2018 was when the FAS system was first
11 utilized, and this data period is consistent with current operational
12 practices. The use of 10 percent allows for non-significant variability,
13 and accounts for the consideration of risk during shut in events;
- 14 • Benchmarking: Not available;
- 15 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
- 16 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes;
- 17 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
18 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the
19 2018-2021 annual median response time plus 10 percent is a

1 sustainable assumption for maintaining the improvement from
2 2018-2024 time-frame plus room for non-significant variability; and

- 3 • Other Qualitative Considerations: Reducing shut in time to the lowest
4 possible result is not necessarily the best approach from a public safety
5 standpoint, and there is consideration of risk in various situations. In
6 some instances, the safest decision for our employees and the public is
7 to allow the gas to escape before crews shut it off.

8 **3. 2024 Target**

9 The 2024 target is to maintain performance at or lower than
10 40.2 minutes based on the factors described above. This target was
11 established to account for the consideration of risk in various situations and
12 aligns with our commitment to the safe operations of our assets. This target
13 represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a review of potential
14 performance issues. Target should not be interpreted as intention to worsen
15 performance.

16 **4. 2028 Target**

17 The 2028 target is to maintain performance at or lower than
18 40.2 minutes based on the factors described above.

19 **D. (4.5) Performance Against Target**

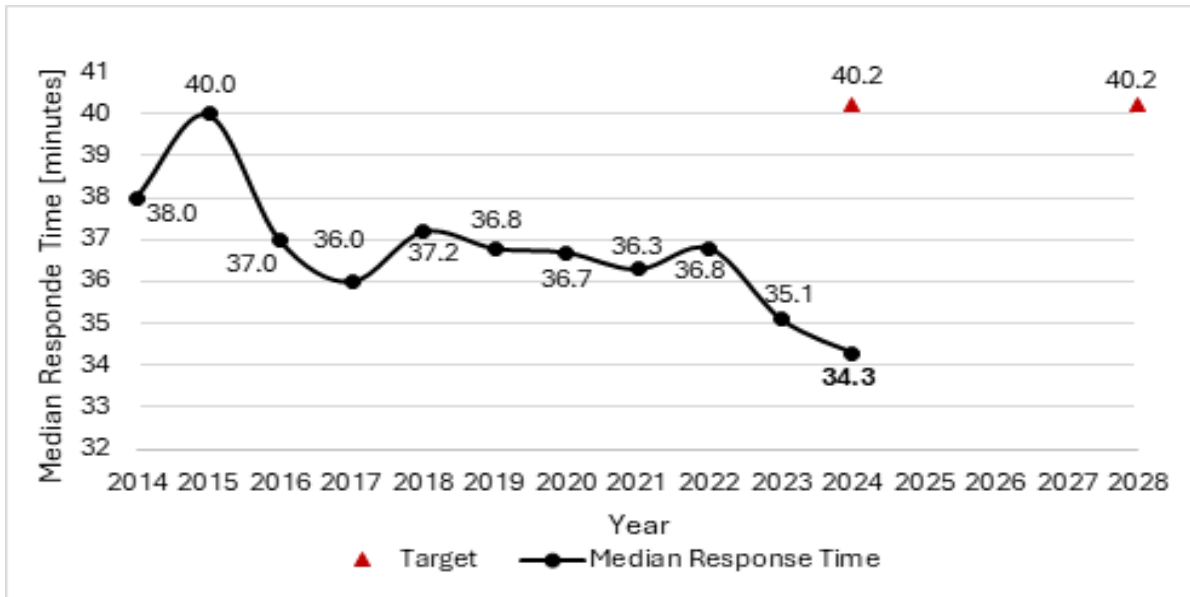
20 **1. Maintain Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

21 As demonstrated in Figure 4.5-2, PG&E saw a median response time of
22 34.3 minutes in Q2 2024, which is better than the Company's 1-year target
23 of 40.2 minutes.

24 **2. Maintain Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

25 As discussed in Section E, PG&E will continue mitigating the risk of loss
26 of containment on Gas Distribution Mains and Services and employing its
27 various programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward its 5-year
28 target.

**FIGURE 4.5-2
GAS SHUT IN TIME, SERVICES MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2014- Q2 2024 AND
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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 monitoring,
 10 customer requests for starts and stops of gas service, appliance pilot re-lights,
 11 appliance safety checks, as well as emergency situations as first responders.

12 Gas M&C: Gas M&C performs routine maintenance of PG&E's gas
 13 distribution facilities, which includes emergency response due to dig-ins, as well
 14 as leak repairs.

15 The following process improvement initiatives have been implemented to
 16 help achieve metric results:

- 17 • Enhanced plastic squeeze capability from approximately 50 percent to all
 18 GSRs for < 1.5" plastic pipe;

- 1 • Purchased and implemented emergency trailers in every division, allowing
2 for emergency equipment to be accessed quickly and easily;
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4 emergency trailers);
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6 events when notified by third-party emergency organizations;
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8 resources) when notified by emergency agencies. Utility Procedure
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11 communication protocols; and
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14 issue escalation during events.

15 The following process improvement initiatives are on-going to help achieve
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18 previous 24 hours and identify countermeasures for continuous
19 improvement;
- 20 • Weekly Operating Review meetings weekly to share best practices and
21 review long duration events;
- 22 • Provide yearly plastic squeeze training for all Field Service employees as
23 part of Operator Qualification refresher;
- 24 • Live action drills to simulate emergency scenarios, practicing isolation
25 procedures and documenting lessons learned;
- 26 • Time duration threshold to review incidents during Gas Daily Briefings
27 reduced from >120 to > 90 minutes;
- 28 • Dispatching locate and mark representative upon initial discovery to assist in
29 leak location prior to M&C crew arrival; and
- 30 • Dispatch initiating underground service alerts followed by immediate
31 notification to allow for immediate marking of facilities.

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5 **TRANSMISSION PIPELINES**

6 The material updates to this chapter since the April 1, 2024, report are identified
7 in blue font.

8 **A. (4.6) Overview**

9 **1. Metric Definition**

10 Safety and Operational Metrics (SOM) 4.6 – Uncontrolled Release of
11 Gas on Transmission Pipelines is defined as:

12 *The number of leaks, ruptures, or other loss of containment on*
13 *transmission lines for the reporting period, including gas releases reported*
14 *under Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 191.3.*

15 **2. Introduction of Metric**

16 This metric tracks the total number of Grade 1, 2, and 3 leaks, as well as
17 ruptures and other losses of containment on gas transmission (GT)
18 pipelines. Leaks are an important indicator because each leak’s
19 uncontrolled flow of gas into the surrounding area can increase the
20 consequence of incidents and cause disruption to our customers’ gas
21 service. Leaks are also an important indicator in evaluating the likelihood for
22 where other incidents could occur due to similar criteria or conditions.

23 **B. (4.6) Metric Performance**

24 **1. Historical Data (2016 – Q2 2024)**

25 Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) started by reviewing six
26 years of historical data, comprising the years 2016 through 2021. In
27 evaluating the data, PG&E noted changes in detection capabilities and
28 frequency of surveys for the years after 2018. For this reason, the data
29 used to develop these metrics is focused on 2019-2021.

30 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

31 Leak data is managed and pulled by the PG&E Leak Survey Process
32 team. This data is extracted from PG&E’s GCM013 report using SAP data.

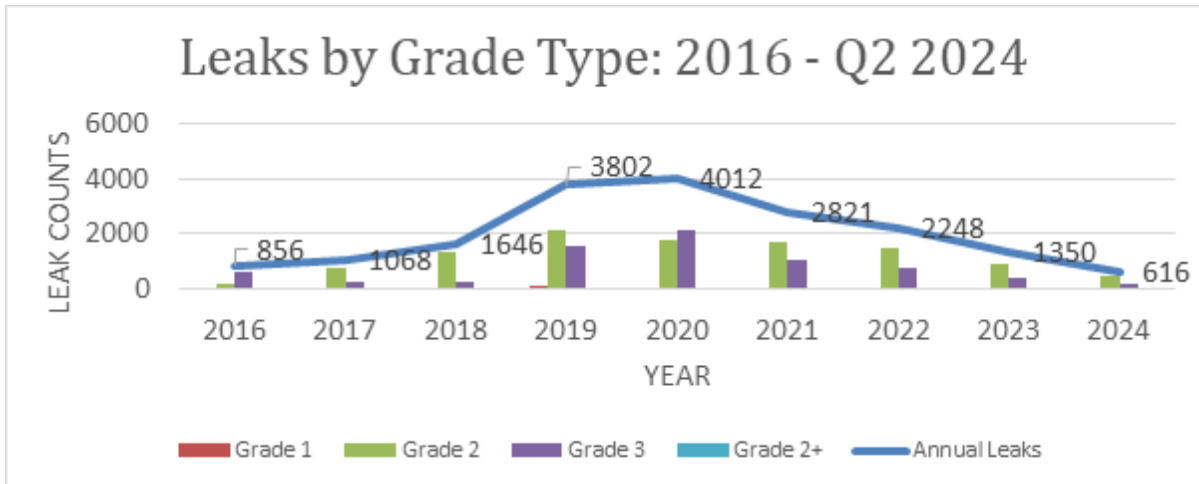
1 This report aggregates all leaks found during the reporting period including
2 the location, line type, and grade of leak. Original grade is used for the
3 metric criteria because it is not subject to change even if the leak condition
4 or status changes due to regrade, cancelation, or repair.

5 In addition, transmission incidents reported to Pipeline and Hazardous
6 Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) that meet the incident reporting
7 definition in CFR 191.3 are considered for metric inclusion. These events
8 may be leaks, ruptures, or other incidents. For each reporting period, PG&E
9 will review any transmission incidents reported to PHMSA and compare
10 against the GCM013 leaks using available information like incident location
11 (Route/MP, latitude/longitude, or street address) and date/time of incident to
12 remove any duplicates between the two datasets.

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

14 The annual count of all leaks, ruptures, and loss of containment had
15 been increasing steadily since 2016, with the largest increase seen from
16 2018 to 2019. This increase is primarily due to a California Air Resources
17 Board (CARB) rule change which requires more frequent leak surveys. The
18 increase has improved visibility and resulted in a larger leak dataset relative
19 to prior years. In March 2017, CARB finalized and approved the Oil and
20 Gas Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Rule codified under California Code of
21 Regulations, Title 17, Division 3, Chapter 1, Subchapter 10, "Climate
22 Change," Article 4. Effective January 1, 2018, the GHG Rule covers
23 emission standards, including, but not limited to, stringent leak detection and
24 repair requirements for facilities in certain Oil and Gas sectors. This rule
25 applies to PG&E's underground natural gas storage facilities and GT
26 compressor stations. As a result, PG&E performs a quarterly leak survey at
27 the impacted facilities and performs leak repairs based on CARB's repair
28 timelines. [The 616 leaks found through Q2 \(January through June\) of 2024](#)
29 [are trending down compared to the 680 leaks found for the same period in](#)
30 [2023](#). The proactive maintenance performed, and replacement of
31 components as required by CARB Oil and Gas Rule have contributed to the
32 overall decline in transmission leaks recorded in [2024](#).

**FIGURE 4.6-1
LEAKS BY GRADE TYPE 2016 – Q2 2024**



1 **C. Note: Data has been corrected from 2022.(4.6) 1-Year Target and 5-Year**
 2 **Target**

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

4 There have been no changes to the 1-year and 5-year target
 5 methodology since the last SOMs report filing. Applying this methodology,
 6 the targets have been updated as described below.

7 **2. Target Methodology**

8 To establish the 1-Year and 5-Year targets, PG&E considered the
 9 following factors:

- 10 • Historical Data and Trends: The targets are based on annual 1 percent
 11 reduction starting with the average of the three years of historical data
 12 between 2019-2021. Those three years were used as the timeframe
 13 most representative of current leak survey practices.
- 14 • Benchmarking: Not available.
- 15 • Regulatory Requirements: None.
- 16 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes.
- 17 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
 18 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the past
 19 three years (2019 – 2021) is a sustainable assumption and allows for
 20 non-significant variability; and

- Other Qualitative Considerations: The target also takes into consideration that the results for this metric may fluctuate based on miles of leak surveys performed. The number of leaks found has a correlative relationship to the miles of leak surveys performed. While this is a positive impact for risk visibility and mitigation, it can be a driver of varying trends appearing in the results.

3. 2024 Target

The 2024 target is to maintain performance at or lower than 3,474 leaks, ruptures, or other loss of containment on GT pipelines. This proposed target is based on the average of total leaks found from 2019-2021 (3,545 leaks, ruptures, or other loss of containment on GT pipelines). Then the 1% annual reduction is applied to this baseline target which could be impacted by the factors described above, see Figure 4.6.2. This target aligns with our commitment to the safe operations of our assets. This target represents an appropriate indicator light to signal a review of potential performance issues. Even though the target is set at a performance level worse than 2023 performance, it should not be interpreted as intention to worsen performance.

4. 2028 Target

The 2028 target is to maintain performance at or lower than 3,336 events, which reflects a continued focus on improvement year over year and is based on the factors described above.

D. (4.6) Performance Against Target

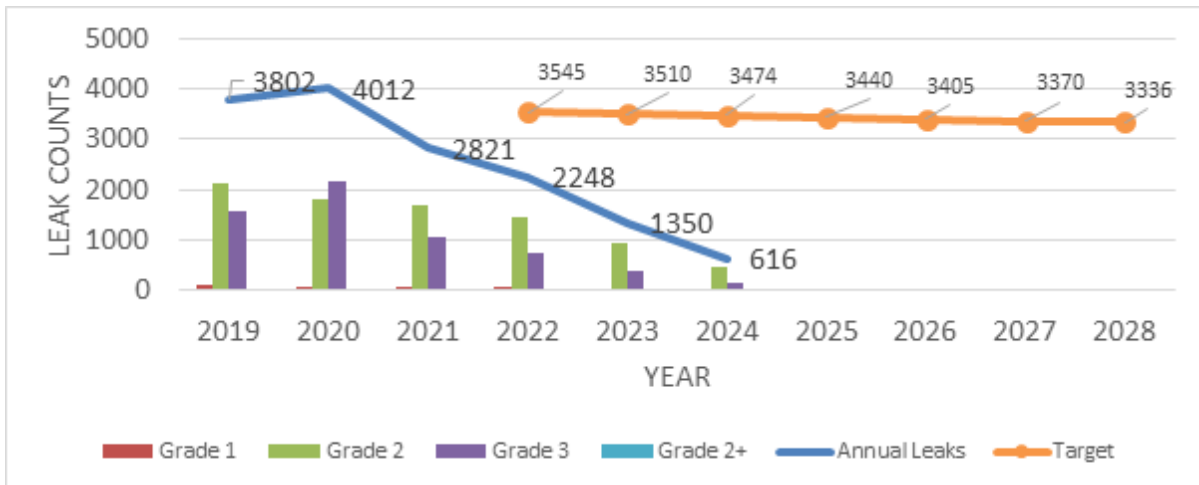
1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target

Figure 4.6-3 demonstrates that PG&E identified 616 leaks in the first half of 2024, which is 82 percent less than the Company's 1-year target of 3,474 leaks.

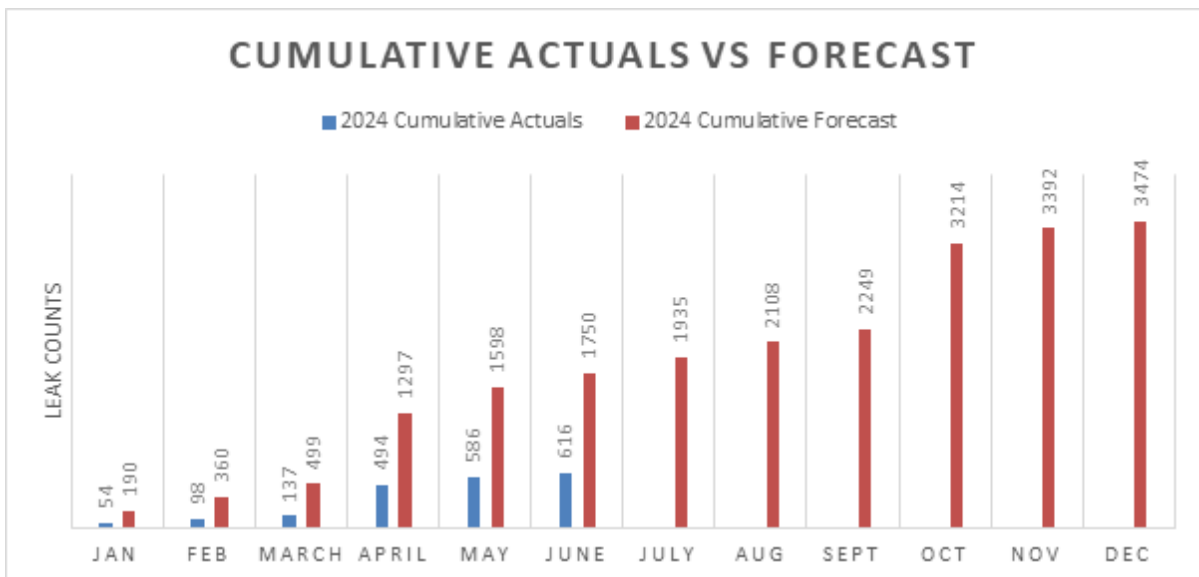
2. Progress Towards/Deviation From the 5-Year Target

As discussed in Section E, PG&E continues using surveys and assessments, risk mitigation, and its programs to achieve the Company's 5-year performance target.

**FIGURE 4.6-2
LEAKS BY GRADE TYPE 2019 – Q2 2024 AND TARGETS THROUGH 2028**



**FIGURE 4.6-3
UNCONTROLLED RELEASE OF GAS INCIDENTS THROUGH Q2 2024**



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.

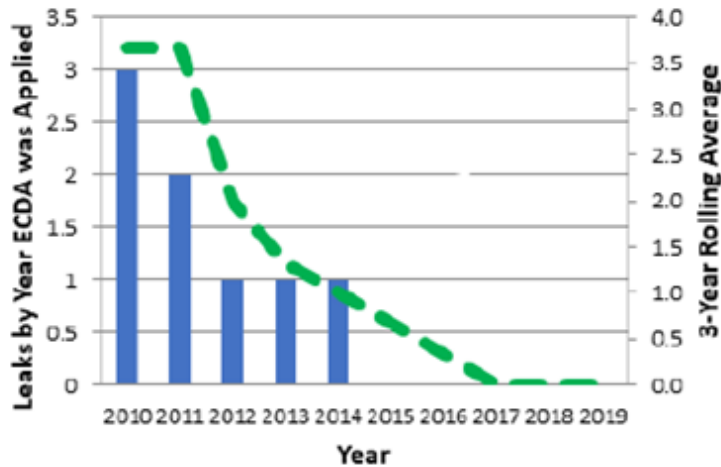
- 4 • Transmission Integrity Management: The Integrity Management Program
5 provides the tools and processes for risk ranking and prioritization of
6 remediation efforts. This program enables PG&E to focus on identifying and

1 remediating threats to its system. The Transmission Integrity Management
2 Program (TIMP) assesses the threats on every segment of transmission
3 pipe, evaluates the associated risks, and acts to prevent or mitigate these
4 threats. The TIMP approach for assessing risk is based on methodologies
5 consistent with American Society of Mechanical Engineers B31.8S and is in
6 compliance with 49 CFR Part 192 Subpart O. Many of PG&E's programs
7 that mitigate, and control transmission pipe asset risks are developed and
8 managed within the TIMP program. Examples of assessments or mitigative
9 work that contribute to reducing or preventing significant incidents include
10 strength testing, inline inspection, direct assessment, direct examination,
11 and pipe replacement.

- 12 • Leak Management: The Leak Management Program addresses the risk of
13 Loss of Containment (LOC) by finding and fixing leaks. PG&E performs leak
14 survey of the GT and storage system twice per year, by either ground or
15 aerial methods in accordance with General Order 112-F. Leak surveys of
16 pipeline and equipment are commonly accomplished on foot or vehicle, by
17 operator-qualified personnel, using a portable methane gas leak detector.
18 Aerial leak surveys, in remote locations and areas difficult to access on the
19 ground, are performed by helicopter using Light Detection and Ranging
20 Infrared technology. Additional activities that complement the TIMP include
21 risk-based leak surveys, mobile leak quantification, and replacing/removing
22 high bleed pneumatic devices at its compressor stations and storage
23 facilities.
- 24 • In-line Inspection (ILI): In-line inspection is the most effective integrity
25 assessment tool for identifying and repairing pipe anomalies whose
26 continued growth could result in loss of containment. To utilize ILI, a
27 pipeline must be upgraded to allow the passage of the ILI tools. PG&E
28 plans on performing ILI upgrades at a pace of 4 upgrades per year. At the
29 end of 2023, PG&E has 50.5 percent of the system capable of ILI. Work
30 during the 2023 rate case period will contribute to PG&E's overall goal of
31 upgrading the system so that 65 percent of PG&E's GT pipeline miles, are
32 capable of ILI by end of 2038.
- 33 • External Corrosion Direct Assessment (ECDA): PG&E has assessed the
34 effectiveness of its ECDA Program by evaluating the leak rates on pipe

1 where ECDA has previously been applied, and by tracking the number of
 2 immediate indications found during the ECDA surveys. Both indicators are
 3 trending down over time. Figure 5-4 shows the leaks found over time in
 4 locations where ECDA was previously applied. The significant decline over
 5 time, indicates that the ECDA Program is reducing leaks. PG&E expects to
 6 conduct ECDA indirect inspections on approximately 268 miles of
 7 transmission pipeline in HCAs during the rate case period.

**FIGURE 4.6-4
 LEAK REDUCTION OVER TIME BY ECDA**



- 8 • Close Interval Survey: PG&E also has a Close Interval Survey (CIS)
 9 Program targeted at monitoring the effectiveness of the transmission
 10 pipelines' cathodic protection (CP) systems by reading the CP levels
 11 between the annual monitoring locations. This program annually assesses
 12 5-10 percent of PG&E's gas transmission pipelines. Assessing the levels of
 13 CP between test points provides increased confidence that the readings
 14 obtained at test stations reflect conditions along the entire system and
 15 enable PG&E to make CP adjustments where CIS indicates additional CP is
 16 warranted. CIS is recognized as a best practice to assess CP along the
 17 entire pipeline, verify electrical isolation, and identify potential interference
 18 gradients that may compromise the integrity of the system.
- 19 • Strength Testing: Strength tests reduce significant loss of containment
 20 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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6 in blue font.

7 **A. (4.7) Overview**

8 **1. Metric Definition**

9 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 4.7 – Time to Resolve Hazardous
10 Conditions (TRHC) is described as:

11 *Median response time to resolve Grade 1 leaks. Time starts when the*
12 *utility first receives the report and ends when a utility’s qualified*
13 *representative determines, per the utility’s emergency standards, that the*
14 *reported leak is not hazardous or the utility’s representative completes*
15 *actions to mitigate a hazardous leak and render it as being non-hazardous*
16 *(i.e., by shutting-off gas supply, eliminating subsurface leak migration,*
17 *repair, etc.) per the utility’s standards.*

18 The data used to determine the Median Time shall be provided in
19 increments as defined in General Order 112-F 123.2 (c) as supplemental
20 information, not as a metric.

21 **2. Introduction of Metric**

22 The measurement of TRHC captures the duration of time required to
23 mitigate hazardous gas leak conditions. These leak conditions are
24 associated with the public safety risk of loss of containment on Gas
25 Distribution Main or Service. Performance aims for faster resolution times
26 as a measure of prevention resulting in lower risk of an incident impacting
27 public safety and minimized interruption to the gas business and customers.
28 It is imperative that we promptly and effectively resolve any hazardous
29 conditions on our distribution network while balancing timeliness, customer
30 outages, and employee safety. Long duration blowing gas events have the
31 potential to negatively impact public safety if an ignition source is present, as
32 well as it poses a risk if migration into sub-surface structures occurs.

1 **B. (4.7) Metric Performance**

2 **1. Historical Data (2018 – June 2024)**

3 [Historical data for TRHC Grade 1 Leaks metric is available for 2018 –](#)
4 [June 2024 YTD.](#) 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

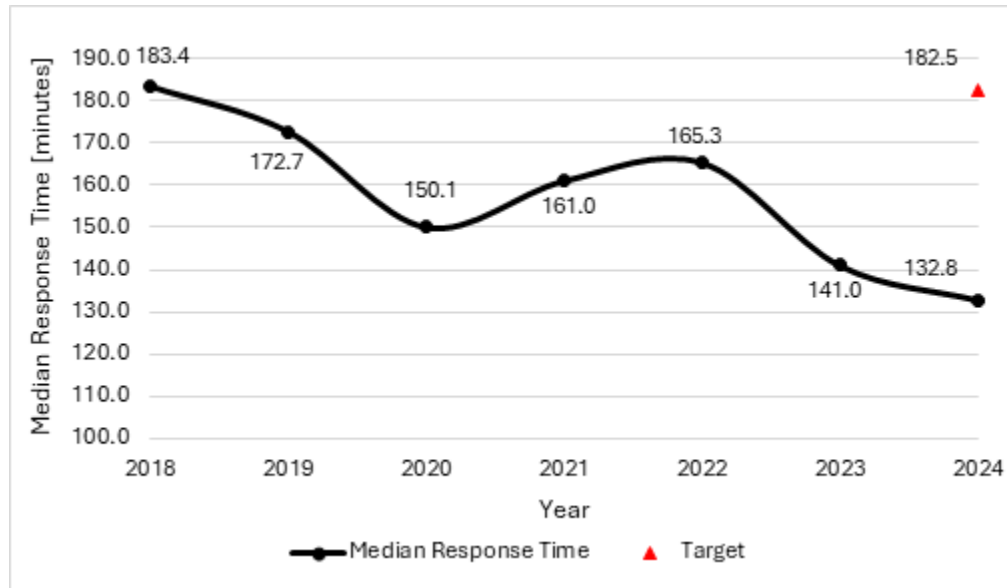
1 information on an incident. All emergency data is consolidated and stored in
2 one place.

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 June 2024 YTD. In this timeframe, performance
14 improved significantly, decreasing from 183.4 minutes in 2018 to 132.8
15 minutes in 2024. The performance in 2024 represents a 5.8 percent
16 improvement over the performance of 141.0 minutes in 2023. This
17 improvement is due to strategically prearranging construction crews in
18 locations with high frequency of Grade 1 leaks after business hours and
19 weekends, understanding root causes for long shut-in time incidents,
20 sharing best practices system wide during weekly performance review calls,
21 and 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 2018-2024**



1 **C. (4.7) 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 the 2023 target minus 0.5 minutes for annual
 4 improvement. The 2028 target demonstrates a continued focus on
 5 improvement by reducing an additional 0.5 minutes each subsequent year.

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 the
 10 2018-2021 historical data, plus 10 percent. The four-year period was
 11 used because 2018 is the first year of available historical data. The use
 12 of 10 percent allows for non-significant variability, as well as unknown
 13 variability given that this is a new metric that has not been well
 14 measured and tracked in the past.
- 15 • Benchmarking: Not available.
- 16 • Regulatory Requirements: None.
- 17 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes.
- 18 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
 19 Enforcement: Yes, performance at or below the average of the

1 2018-2021 period, plus 10 percent, is a sustainable assumption for
2 maintaining the improvement from 2018-2024 time-frame, plus room for
3 non-significant variability and other unknown variables; and

- 4 • Other Qualitative Considerations: This is a new metric to PG&E that
5 has not yet been closely tracked or well understood.

6 **3. 2024 Target**

7 The 2024 target is to maintain performance at or lower than 182.5 minutes
8 based on the factors described above. 2024 Target is the 2023 target minus
9 0.5 minute for annual improvement. This target aligns with our commitment
10 to the safe operations of our assets. This target represents an appropriate
11 indicator light to signal a review of potential performance issues. Target
12 should not be interpreted as intention to worsen performance.

13 **4. 2028 Target**

14 The 2028 Target is to maintain performance at or lower than 180.5 minutes
15 based on the factors described above along with stepped improvement of
16 0.5 minutes year-over-year.

17 **D. (4.7) Performance Against Target**

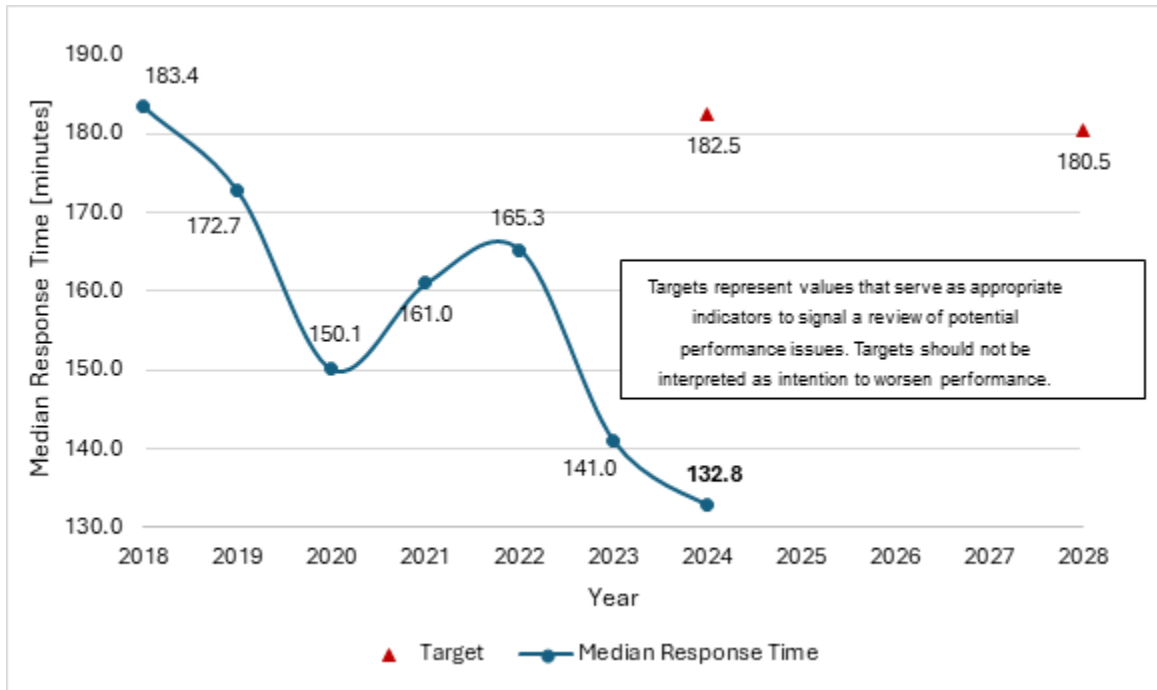
18 **1. Maintaining Performance Against the 1-Year Target**

19 As demonstrated in Figure 4.7-2, PG&E saw a median response time of
20 132.8 minutes in 2024 which is better than the Company's one-year target.

21 **2. Maintaining Performance Against the 5-Year Target**

22 As discussed in Section E, PG&E will continue mitigating the risk of loss of
23 containment on Gas Distribution Mains and Services and employing its
24 various programs to maintain performance in its efforts toward its five-year
25 target.

**FIGURE 4.7-2
TIME TO RESOLVE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS MEDIAN RESPONSE TIME 2018-JUNE YTD
2024 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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6 in blue font.

7 **A. (5.1) Overview**

8 **1. Metric Definition**

9 Safety and Operational Metric 5.1 – Clean Energy Goals Compliance
10 Metric is defined as:

11 *Progress towards Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E)*
12 *procurement obligations as adopted in Decision (D.) 21-06-035,*
13 *D.19-11-016 and any subsequent decision(s) in Rulemaking (R.) 20-05-003,*
14 *or a successor proceeding, updating these requirements.*

15 **2. Introduction to the Clean Energy Goals Compliance Metric**

16 The Clean Energy Goals Compliance Metric (CEG Metric) directs PG&E
17 to report on its progress towards meeting the procurement obligations in the
18 following California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) decisions:
19 (1) D.19-11-016, (2) D.21-06-035, and (3) D.23-02-040 (together, the
20 Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Decisions).¹

21 In November 2019, the Commission issued D.19-11-016 in part to
22 address near-term system reliability concerns beginning in 2021.

23 D.19-11-016 requires incremental procurement of system-level Resource
24 Adequacy (RA) capacity of 3,300 megawatts (MW) by all
25 Commission-jurisdictional Load-Serving Entities (LSE).² In line with state
26 policy goals, the Commission also expressed a preference that LSEs pursue

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 “preferred resources” such as new clean electricity capacity.³ Of the
2 3,300 MW procurement order, PG&E is directed to procure 716.9 MW of RA
3 capacity on behalf of its bundled service customers with online dates
4 between the years 2021-2023.⁴

5 D.19-11-016 also allowed each non-investor-owned utility (non-IOU)
6 LSE an opportunity to “opt-out” of its procurement obligation and required
7 notification to the Commission in February 2020 to exercise this option. On
8 April 15, 2020, the Commission issued a ruling increasing PG&E’s
9 procurement obligation by 48.2 MW, to an aggregated total of 765.1 MW, to
10 account for LSE opt-outs.⁵ PG&E is required to procure the 765.1 MW with
11 the following online dates: 50 percent (382.6 MW) by August 1, 2021,
12 25 percent (191.3 MW) by August 1, 2022, and 25 percent (191.3 MW) by
13 August 1, 2023.⁶

14 On July 29, 2022, PG&E filed supplemental Advice Letter
15 (AL) 6654-E-A, discussing the fact that three “opt-out” LSEs ceased serving
16 customers in California. As stated in AL 6654-E-A, PG&E consulted with the
17 Commission’s Energy Division, and it was determined that the total opt-out
18 procurement obligation assigned to these three LSEs is 1.2 MW. As set
19 forth in D.22-05-015, in the event of an “LSE bankruptcy, or any other exit
20 from the market,” any associated costs attributable to the opt-out
21 procurement shall be allocated to the traditional cost allocation mechanism
22 (CAM). On January 12, 2023, the Commission adopted Resolution
23 (Res. E-5239 and clarified that the 1.2 MW of procurement that PG&E
24 conducted on behalf of opt-out LSEs that subsequently ceased serving

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.19-11-016.⁷

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.⁸ 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.⁹

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.

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.¹⁰ 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

¹⁰ See D.21-06-035, p. 71 and D.23-02-040, pp. 28-29.

1 progress in this report is presented as MW of NQC based on the applicable
 2 counting rules and guidance provided by the Commission.¹¹

3 **B. (5.1) Metric Performance**

4 **1. Historical Data**

5 Pursuant to the IRP Decisions, resource procurement obligations and
 6 compliance milestones began in 2021. The projects pertaining to PG&E’s
 7 resource procurement obligations and compliance milestone date
 8 requirements of August 1, 2021, August 1, 2022, and August 1, 2023 have
 9 all achieved commercial operation.

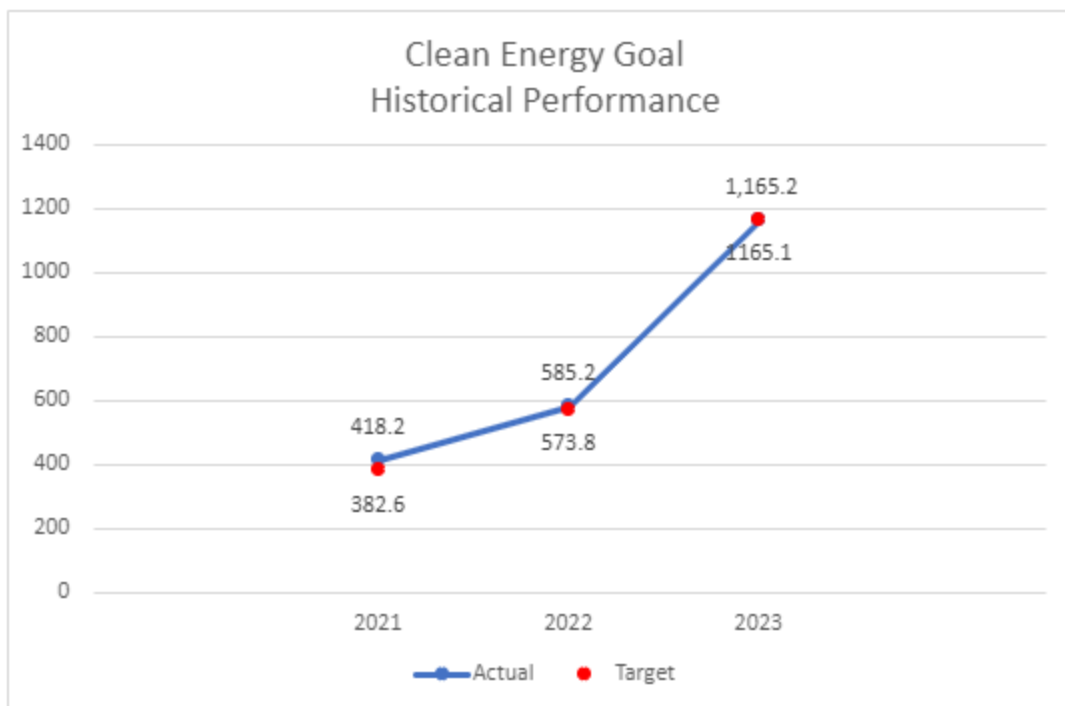
**TABLE 5.1-2
 PG&E’S HISTORICAL METRIC PERFORMANCE (MW OF NQC)**

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	1165.2*

* Capacity updated to align with compliance tranches from D.21-06-035 and trued-up for actual online date.

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; 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.

**FIGURE 5.1-1
PG&E'S HISTORICAL METRIC PERFORMANCE (MW OF NQC)**



PG&E relies upon three main sources of available data to monitor its procurement progress toward the IRP Decisions: (1) the baseline list of resources used to establish the procurement targets, (2) Commission rules and guidance on determining the MW of NQC, and (3) PG&E’s internal database containing all of its energy procurement contracts approved by the Commission.

- 1) Baseline List of Resources: In establishing the procurement targets in the IRP Decisions, the Commission established baseline assumptions of resources available to meet system reliability needs. LSEs must demonstrate that the MW of NQC of the procured resource, new and/or existing, are incremental to the Commission’s baseline assumptions.¹²

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 (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 (D.21-06-035).

1 PG&E uses this information to ensure resources are eligible to count
2 towards its procurement obligations.

3 2) Commission Rules and Guidance on MW of NQC: As described above,
4 the amount of MW of NQC that can be used to count towards an LSE's
5 procurement obligation is based on the Commission's rules and
6 guidance. PG&E uses this information to determine the amount of MW
7 of NQC that is eligible to count towards its procurement obligations.

8 3) PG&E's Internal Database: This database contains PG&E's energy
9 procurement contracts approved by the Commission, including
10 procurement contracts to meet PG&E's procurement obligations under
11 the IRP Decisions. The data contained in this database is consistent
12 with the procurement contracts and respective ALs filed for Commission
13 approval.

14 2. Data Collection Methodology

15 As described above, PG&E uses the baseline list of resources and the
16 Commission's rules and guidance on MW of NQC to monitor its
17 procurement progress.¹³

18 3. Metric Performance for Reporting Period

19 PG&E procured sufficient incremental MW of NQC to meet and exceed
20 its procurement obligations for incremental capacity with online dates in
21 2024 pursuant to D.19-11-016 and D.21-06-035.¹⁴ However, due to project
22 development delays, as further explained in section D.1, PG&E will seek
23 bridge resources to close the varying monthly open position to target.

24 PG&E notes that the Commission stated that procurement:

25 ...amounts [that] are in excess of [an] LSE's obligation under
26 D.19-11-016...may be counted toward the capacity requirements [in
27 D.21-06-035] if they otherwise qualify.¹⁵

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>.

14 PG&E's AL 5826-E, 6033-E, 6289-E, and 6477-E.

15 D.21-06-035, p. 80.

1 Moreover, D.21-06-035 stated that the Commission:

2 ...will allow LSEs to show procurement that they have conducted to
3 support the Commission's orders or requirements in the context of the
4 RPS program, as well as for emergency reliability purposes in
5 R.20-11-003, as compliance toward the requirements herein.¹⁶

6 Accordingly, PG&E estimates that approximately 262 MW of NQC of its
7 procurement toward the procurement for both D.19-11-016 and R.20-11-003
8 that have been approved by the Commission, and that are in excess of what
9 is required by each of those decisions, may be applied towards its
10 procurement obligations under D.21-06-035.¹⁷

11 On January 21, 2022, PG&E filed AL 6477-E requesting Commission
12 approval of nine agreements resulting from PG&E's Mid-Term Reliability
13 Phase 1 solicitation to meet its procurement obligations under D.21-06-035.
14 These agreements total 1,434 MW of NQC and have been approved by the
15 Commission.¹⁸ Subsequently, unprecedented market upheavals affected
16 the economic and commercial viability of several of the projects comprising
17 of these nine agreements.¹⁹ This unexpected market challenge posed a
18 risk of project failures for all LSEs in the market procuring resources toward
19 the IRP Decisions, including PG&E. As a result, to maintain the commercial
20 viability of the projects, PG&E negotiated amendments for four of the nine
21 project which amendments were presented to the Commission for approval
22 on September 23, 2022. The Commission approved these amendments on
23 December 1, 2022.²⁰

24 On January 13, 2023, PG&E filed AL 6825-E, on February 14, 2023,
25 PG&E filed AL 6861-E, and on September 13, 2023, PG&E filed AL 7022-E,
26 requesting Commission approval of four additional agreements resulting

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.

20 PG&E's AL 6711-E.

1 from PG&E's Mid-Term Reliability Phase 2 solicitation to further meet its
2 procurement obligations under D.21-06-035. These agreements have been
3 approved by the Commission.²¹

4 Despite the significant unprecedented market challenges PG&E has
5 made steady progress towards achieving its procurement obligations under
6 D.21-06-035.

7 As stated above, D.21-06-035 requires that 900 MW of NQC (of PG&E's
8 2,302 MW of NQC) have specific operational characteristics. Specifically,
9 PG&E is directed to procure 500 MW of NQC of firm zero-emitting resources
10 with online dates by June 1, 2025, and 400 MW of NQC of long lead-time
11 resources with online dates by June 1, 2028.²² PG&E issued its Mid-Term
12 Reliability Phase 3 solicitation on February 7, 2023 to solicit additional
13 resources toward fulfilling all of its procurement obligations under
14 D.21-06-035, including, the 900 MW of NQC with specific operational
15 characteristics.

16 On February 27, 2024, PG&E filed AL 7177-E, requesting Commission
17 approval of an agreement resulting from PG&E's Mid-Term Reliability
18 Phase 3 solicitation. This agreement has been approved by the
19 Commission²³. Additionally, on June 18, 2024, PG&E filed AL 7299-E,
20 requesting approval of two agreements from the Mid-Term Reliability Phase
21 3 solicitation. These agreements are currently pending at the Commission.

22 C. (5.1) 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target

23 1. Updates to 1-Year Target and 5-Year Target Since Last Report

24 The 1-year target has been updated to reflect PG&E's required
25 procurement for 2024 under the IRP Decisions which is to procure
26 2,366.1 MW of cumulative NQC by June 1, 2024, as outlined in Table 5.1-1.

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.

²³ On June 4, 2024, the Commission adopted Res. E-5325 approving PG&E's AL 7177-E.

1 The 5-year target has also been updated to reflect PG&E’s additional
2 procurement requirements, as outlined in Commission decision—
3 D.23-02-040—issued in February 2023.²⁴ The new 5-year target for 2028 is
4 to procure 3,844.1 MW of cumulative NQC by June 1, 2028, as is also
5 summarized in Table 5.1-1.

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: Not Applicable
- 10 • Benchmarking: Not applicable.
- 11 • Regulatory Requirements: The targets are set to match the cumulative
12 procurement obligations set forth in the IRP Decisions.
- 13 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes.
- 14 • Appropriate/Sustainable Indicators for Enhanced Oversight and
15 Enforcement: Yes.
- 16 • Other Considerations:
 - 17 – The target approach was established to meet the Commission’s
18 current procurement obligations. PG&E’s procurement obligation
19 may increase if other LSEs fail to meet their procurement
20 obligations and PG&E is ordered by the Commission to make
21 back-stop procurement on their behalf;²⁵ and
 - 22 – The ability for procured capacity to actually come online by
23 established contractual online dates can be impacted by external
24 factors, as has occurred recently due to impacts of the COVID-19
25 pandemic, significant and unprecedented market challenges, supply
26 chain disruptions and the Department of Commerce’s investigation
27 into potential solar module tariff circumvention.²⁶

24 D.23-02-040, p.31.

25 D.19-11-016, p. 67.

26 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 **3. 2024 Target**

2 The 1-year target for the CEG Metric is to procure 2,366.1 MW of
3 cumulative NQC with an online date by June 1, 2024, which is equal to the
4 cumulative procurement obligations for 2021, 2022,2023, and 2024 as
5 outlined in Table 5.1-1.

6 **4. 2028 Target**

7 The 5-year target for the CEG Metric is to procure 3,844.1 MW of
8 cumulative NQC with an online date by June 1, 2028, which is equal to the
9 cumulative procurement obligations for 2021-2028 as outlined in
10 Table 5.1-1. The potential exists under the IRP Decisions for PG&E to be
11 ordered by the Commission to perform backstop procurement on behalf of
12 non-IOU LSEs, which could increase the 5-year target in the future. PG&E
13 is not making any assumptions on this specific item and is continuing to set
14 its 5-year target for 2028 to be the cumulative procurement of 3,844.1 MW
15 of NQC from incremental resources, as updated in D.23-02-040.

16 Importantly, D.23-02-040 established a new online date of June 1, 2028, for
17 LLT resources and, as such, the 400 MW of procurement in this category
18 previously ordered by D.21-06-035 to come online in 2026 is now updated to
19 2028. Furthermore, in D.24-02-047 allows PG&E to request an extension to
20 bring LLT resources online by June 1, 2031 if it is unable to meet LLT
21 resource procurement requirements by June 1, 2028.

22 **D. (5.1) Performance Against Target**

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

24 PG&E executed contracts for sufficient incremental capacity with online
25 dates on or before June 1, 2024 to meet the 1-tear target. However,
26 counterparties have cited ongoing supply chain disruptions, interconnection
27 delays, and permitting delays as impacting project development schedules
28 and their ability to meet contractual online dates. As impacts to project
29 online dates are identified, PG&E will look to procure bridge resources, as
30 permitted in D.21-06-035 and D.23-02-040 to mitigate against project online
31 date delays.

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

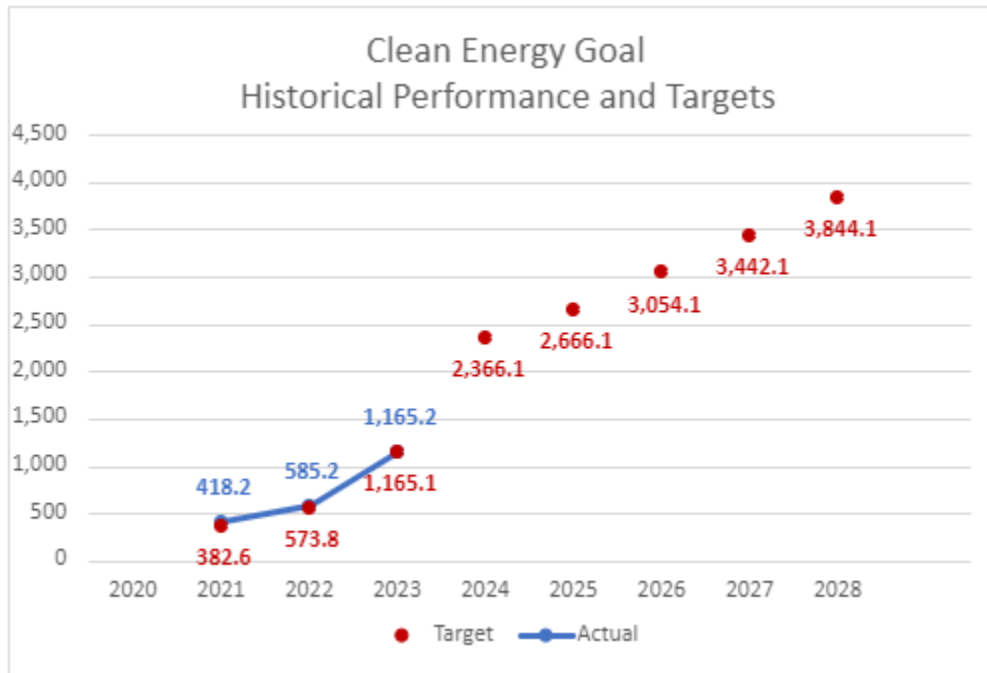
2 PG&E continues to make progress towards meeting the 5-year target.
3 Within this overall procurement target, PG&E has a requirement to procure
4 900 MW of NQC with specific operational characteristics and the
5 Commission decision for supplemental mid-term procurement as outlined
6 above. In September 2023, PG&E filed for approval of one contract that is
7 expected to count towards the operational characteristics as a Zero-Emitting
8 Resource. Additionally, in June 2024, PG&E filed for approval of two
9 renewable generation contracts which are expected to be contractually
10 paired with an energy storage resource to count towards the operational
11 characteristics as a Zero-Emitting 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.²⁷ In recognition of
17 these challenges, the Commission has provided mitigation tools in
18 D.23-02-040, D.24-02-047, and D.24-09-006 for LSEs to continue making
19 progress towards their procurement obligations to ensure system reliability
20 in the mid-term. These mitigation tools include extending the online date of
21 long 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, allowing the use of bridge
24 resources and, in some cases, re-contracting with resources that are retiring
25 or have expiring or expired contracts.²⁸ PG&E will continue to work with
26 developers and the Commission to address the challenges noted above in
27 order to meet the current 5-year target, and any additional procurement
28 requirements in support of the state’s reliability needs.

²⁷ 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.

²⁸ D.23-02-040, COLs 7 and 12. D.24-02-047, OPs 16 and 19. D.24-09-006, OP 1.

**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.

- 1
 - 2
 - 3
- 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 April 1, 2024, report are identified
6 in blue font.

7 **A. (6.1) Overview**

8 Safety and Operational Metric (SOM) 6.1 – The Quality of Service Metric
9 which is defined as:

10 *The Average Speed of Answer (ASA) for Emergencies metric is a safety*
11 *measure related to multiple risks, as well as quality of service and management*
12 *measure, and is defined as follows: ASA in seconds for Emergency calls*
13 *handled in Contact Center Operations (CCO).¹*

14 **1. Introduction of Metric**

15 A call is classified as an emergency when a caller selects the option of
16 an emergency or hazard situation through the Interactive Voice Response
17 (IVR) system. Once this option is selected the call is routed to an agent to
18 receive the highest priority attention possible.

19 Not only is Emergency ASA a quality measurement of how efficiently we
20 are able to answer customers calling us to report an emergency, but it is
21 also a safety measurement. Answering the call is the first step ensuring the
22 customer is safe.

23 The metric is calculated by determining the average amount of time it
24 took to connect customers to a service representative for calls where the
25 customer identifies via IVR that they are calling to report a hazardous or
26 emergency situation, such as a suspected natural gas leak or downed
27 power line.

28 **2. Background**

29 On an annual basis, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) handles
30 between 5 to 6 million customer calls. Between 2017 and 2021,

1 D.21-11-019, Appendix A, p. 12.

1 emergency-related calls averaged nine percent of total call volume;
2 however, in the 2020 and 2021 years, emergencies calls have increased
3 due to weather-related storms events, rotating outages, Public Safety
4 Shutoffs (PSPS), and Enhanced Power Safety Settings (EPSS). In 2020
5 and 2021 emergency calls handled were 10 percent and 11 percent of total
6 call volume, respectively.

7 Historically, PG&E has been able to successfully manage staffing needs
8 to ensure emergency calls are answered quickly. The metric and
9 associated targets are designed to maintain our performance.

10 **B. (6.1) Metric Performance**

11 **1. Historical Data (2015 – Q2 2024)**

12 [PG&E has eight and a half years of historical data representing 2015 –](#)
13 [Q2 2024 to include the total emergency calls handled and ASA by month.](#)

14 The historical data for this metric provided with this report provides total
15 emergency calls handled and the ASA performance by month and year.

16 **2. Data Collection Methodology**

17 The performance data is gathered from PG&E's telephony system,
18 Cisco Unified Contact Center Enterprise (UCCE). The data includes the
19 number of emergency calls handled and the total wait times (in seconds).
20 Data is compiled each day for daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly reporting.

21 Historical data is collected using Microsoft's Management Studio
22 application via a Structured Query Language (SQL) server owned by the
23 Workforce Management Reporting team.

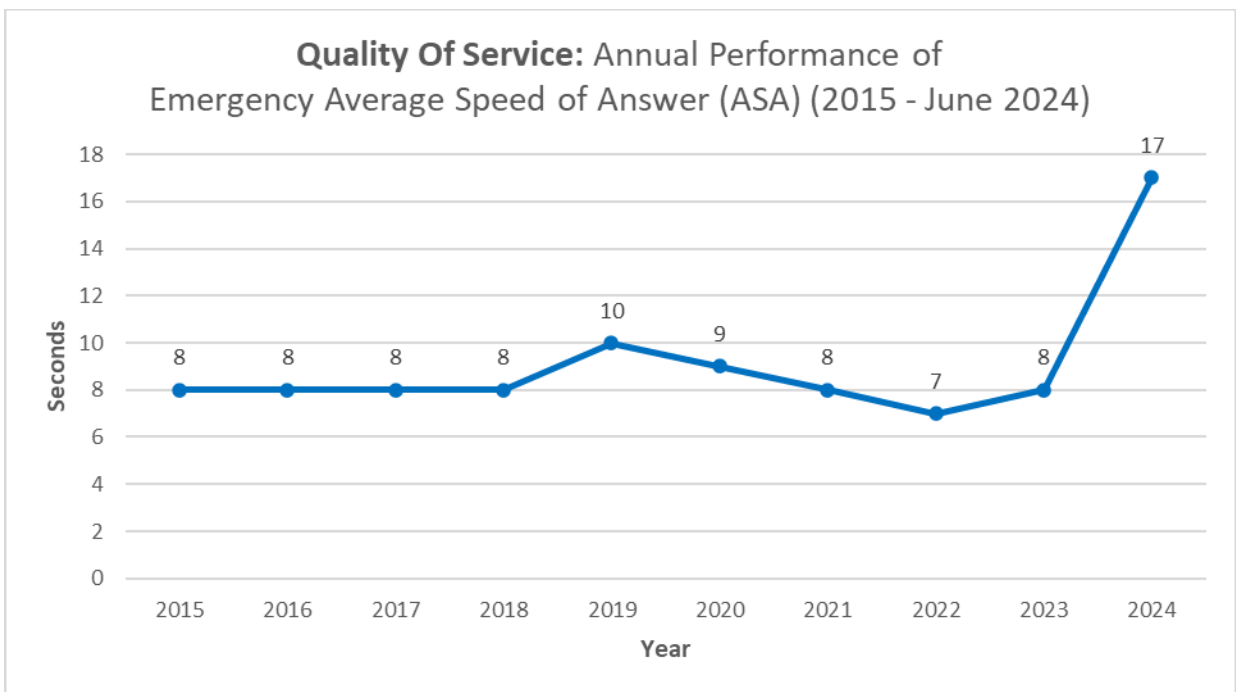
24 The data is gathered by extracting summarized data for emergency
25 specific call types. The call types are created by the Workforce
26 Management Routing Team, to categorize the types of calls that are
27 entering the phone system, Cisco UCCE.

28 PG&E began archiving historical call data in 2015 once it was identified
29 that Cisco UCCE system was truncating historical data as it was running out
30 of storage.

1 **3. Metric Performance for Reporting Period**

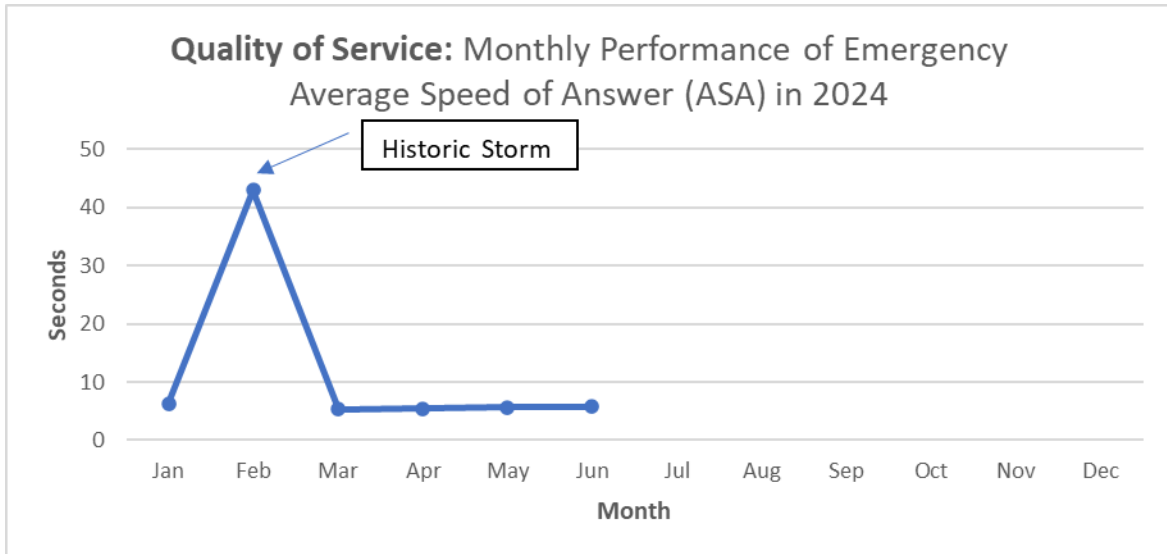
2 Between 2015 and June 2024, the performance of Emergency ASA
3 ranged between seven and 17 seconds, with a median performance of
4 eight seconds (see Figure 6.1-1). In 2019, PG&E’s call handle time was
5 highest (10 seconds) primarily due to the increased scope of PSPS events,
6 and the website failure, in the fall of 2019.

FIGURE 6.1-1
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF EMERGENCY ASA BETWEEN 2015 AND JUNE - 2024



7 In 2024 through June, the Emergency ASA performance was
8 17 seconds, expected to be back within target by August of 2024.
9 Throughout the year, monthly performance ranged between five seconds
10 and 43 seconds (see Figure 6.1-2). In February of 2024, California
11 experienced a storm of historic proportions, causing major outages across
12 PG&E’s territory. Additional primary drivers to the performance were based
13 on unanticipated incidents (e.g., weather incidents impacting power outages,
14 unplanned power outages) and call center representative staffing
15 availability.

**FIGURE 6.1-2
MONTHLY PERFORMANCE OF EMERGENCY ASA IN 2024**



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
- 10 • Historical Data and Trends: The target is based on the average of years
11 2015 to 2019 historical data. These years were utilized as they are
12 most consistent with current operational practices, including the
13 expansion of PSPS, EPSS, and Rotating outage programs. The
14 average of this period is used as a reasonable indicator for sustaining
15 and maintaining the performance going forward;
 - 16 • Benchmarking: Not available;
 - 17 • Regulatory Requirements: None;
 - 18 • Attainable Within Known Resources/Work Plan: Yes, performance at or
19 below the set target is sustainable; and
 - 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 17 seconds a month for 2024, 2 seconds above the
11 Company's 1-year target and expected to be back within target by August of
12 2024

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

14 As discussed in Section E below, PG&E has implemented a number of
15 processes to maintain longer-term performance of this metric to meet the
16 Company's 5-year target.

17 **E. (6.1) Current and Planned Work Activities**

18 The performance of this metric is significantly driven by Contact Center
19 Representative resourcing. The CCO are staffed to handle forecasted volume
20 based on historical trends. As staffing needs change due to upcoming events
21 (e.g., PSPS, weather impacts, storm, or heat-related outages) overtime is
22 offered and planned in advance to increase staffing needs. Mandatory overtime
23 (employees are required to stay on shift) and Emergency overtime (PG&E's
24 Workforce Management team will send out notifications to offer Emergency
25 overtime to employees currently not on shift) are available options during
26 same-day operations to support additional staffing needs. PG&E is forecasting
27 to maintain the current level of staffing for 2023-2026.

28 Additionally, providing customers upfront messages of extended wait times
29 via IVR can be used to set expectations and advise customers to call back
30 unless there is an emergency.

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ATTACHMENT 1

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

(Filing and serving a “Notice of Availability of Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s ‘Safety and Operational Metrics Report: Supporting Documentation’” due to the size of the electronic files associated with the material supporting the attached report.)