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Existing Nonratepayer Funding Opportunities

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Question No. 001:

Please identify and describe all existing federal, state, and other nonratepayer funding opportunities that your Large Electric Corporation (LEC) is currently utilizing to support electrical undergrounding activities.

For each funding opportunity please provide:

1. The funding source
2. Administering entity
3. Total amount awarded
4. Amount received to date
5. Applicable funding period
6. Eligibility requirements
7. The specific undergrounding projects

Response to Question No. 001 Response No. 001:

PG&E is not currently utilizing nonratepayer funding to support electrical undergrounding activities. PG&E has applied for and received approvals or conditional approvals for certain external funding opportunities relevant to system hardening; however, eligibility for use in undergrounding remains uncertain. This includes a $15B Loan Guarantee Agreement from the Department of Energy (DOE). PG&E continues to talk with DOE on what projects may be financed under the loan.

Question No. 002:

Please identify and describe all nonratepayer funding opportunities that your LEC has identified and plans to pursue in support of its Electrical Undergrounding activities.

For each funding opportunity please provide:

1. The funding source
2. Administering entity
3. Estimated potential funding amount
4. Anticipated timeline for application and award
5. Eligibility requirements
6. Likelihood of award

7. The specific undergrounding projects or program components intended to be supported.

Response to Question No. 002 Response No. 001:

PG&E identifies and evaluates nonratepayer funding opportunities on an ongoing basis and reports the status of such opportunities through its quarterly filings pursuant to CPUC Resolution E-5254, which provide the most current information on applications, approvals, and pending awards. The most recent report PG&E submitted was on April 30, 2026, and can be found in Advice Letter 5210-G/7903-E.[1]

At this time, PG&E has not identified specific nonratepayer funding opportunities that it definitively plans to pursue for electrical undergrounding activities beyond those already reported in its Resolution E-5254 filings. This is due to the dependence on externally administered programs, which vary in availability, eligibility, and timing.

PG&E continues to monitor potential opportunities across federal and state programs, including those administered by DOE, CEC, DOT, USDA, and other entities.

Question No. 003:

Please describe your LEC's strategy, policies, and processes for identifying, evaluating, and pursuing nonratepayer funding opportunities to support electrical undergrounding activities. Include a description of procedures for tracking and applying for funding opportunities, and how your LEC ensures that nonratepayer funding is maximized to reduce costs to ratepayers.

Response to Question No. 003 Response No. 001:

PG&E employs a structured framework to identify, evaluate and pursue non-ratepayer funding opportunities.

PG&E regularly monitors federal and state Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs). When an opportunity is identified, PG&E evaluates its alignment with program objectives, expected benefits, application and compliance costs, and availability of internal resources available to prepare the application, and if awarded, execute the project in accordance with funding requirements.

In determining whether to pursue non-ratepayer funding opportunities for our undergrounding program, PG&E applies the following specific criteria:

1. Strategic Alignment: Evaluate the degree to which the opportunity aligns with the objectives of PG&E's undergrounding program. Goal alignment is imperative to delivering competitive project proposals.

2. Program Benefits: Evaluate if the fund's desired outcomes deliver positive benefits to PG&E's undergrounding program and our customers. Apply for only those opportunities where this is true.

3. Reduction in Costs: Determine if the net impact of the opportunity (discounting additional fund application and compliance costs) will reduce program costs.

[1] PG&E, Advice Letter 5210-G/7903-E, <https://www.pge.com/tariffs/assets/pdf/adviceletter/GAS_5210-G.pdf>

For opportunities that meet these criteria, PG&E prepares and submits an application. If an application is successful and PG&E is awarded a grant or loan with financing terms that are more favorable to PG&E than our current cost of capital, then we establish appropriate governance and accounting processes to comply with the grant or loan requirements, including oversight and monitoring of fund disbursement, compliance status, project execution, benefits realization, and internal and external reporting.