



October 14, 2022

To: Wildfire Mitigation Plans Service List

**Subject: Draft 2023 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Schedule**

Dear Wildfire Mitigation Plan Stakeholders:

The Draft 2023 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Schedule is presented in Attachment 1 to this letter. The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) is seeking input and feedback from the public and stakeholders on this draft.

Written Determination and Supporting Reasoning for Extension of Three-Month Deadline

Public Utilities Code section 8389.3 requires Energy Safety to “approve or deny each wildfire mitigation plan and update submitted by an electrical corporation within three months of its submission, unless the division makes a written determination, which shall include reasons supporting the determination, that the three-month deadline cannot be met.”<sup>1</sup>

In view of the changes to the guidelines and process noted below, the schedule provided herein includes extensions to the three-month deadline:

- The upcoming three-year cycle is the second three-year cycle for which electrical corporations are required to submit WMPs. Energy Safety plans to make significant changes to the detailed requirements for the electrical corporations’ WMP submittals, as demonstrated by the Draft 2023-2025 WMP Technical Guidelines published September 19, 2022.<sup>2</sup> These changes include requiring electrical corporations to submit more detailed information that was not required in past submittals. Energy Safety needs additional time to evaluate this new detailed information.
- As discussed in the Draft 2023-2025 WMP Process and Evaluation Guidelines published on September 19, 2022, Energy Safety will evaluate and approve or deny each electrical corporation’s WMP for both 2023 and 2024 in its 2023 WMP Decisions.<sup>3</sup> Energy Safety

<sup>1</sup> Pub. Util. Code section 8389.3

<sup>2</sup> <https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=53032&shareable=true> (accessed October 13, 2022)

<sup>3</sup> As stated on p.2 of the Draft 2023-2025 WMP Process and Evaluation Guidelines published September 19, 2022, “To date, electrical corporations have submitted WMPs in the year in which mitigations occur... Moving forward, electrical corporations must submit plans for the year following the year of submission. For example, in 2024, electrical corporations will submit a WMP Update for 2025. To facilitate this shift... Energy Safety will evaluate and approve or deny the utilities’ WMPs for both 2023 and 2024 in 2023.” A timeline is provided in Table 1 of the Draft 2023-2025 WMP Process and Evaluation Guidelines.

will need additional time to evaluate the detailed targets and projections that the electrical corporations will provide in their WMPs for 2023 and 2024, as opposed to only evaluating these detailed targets and projections for one year.

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As set out in the Draft 2023-2025 WMP Process and Evaluation Guidelines, Energy Safety will conduct a completeness check on the electrical corporations' pre-submitted WMPs (pre-submissions).<sup>4</sup> Following this completeness check, the electrical corporations will submit WMPs for the statutory evaluation process.<sup>5</sup> The proposed 2023 WMP schedule in Attachment 1 covers the completeness check and the evaluation of the electrical corporations' 2023-2025 Base WMPs. The schedule applies to the large Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs), which are Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), and the Small Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities and independent transmission operators (SMJUs/ITOs), which are PacifiCorp, Liberty Utilities, Bear Valley Electrical Services Inc., Horizon West Transmission, Trans Bay Cable, and LS Power.

### Comments on Draft 2023 WMP Schedule

Energy Safety will accept comments on the Draft 2023 WMP Schedule through October 26, 2022, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time. Comments may be submitted to the 2023-2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plans docket (#2023-2025-WMPs)<sup>6</sup> and titled "[Committer Name] Comments on the Draft 2023 WMP Schedule."

To receive notifications of the comments submitted to the docket, subscribe to Energy Safety's WMPs service list by following the instructions at:

<https://energysafety.ca.gov/events-and-meetings/how-to-participate-in-public-events/>.

Sincerely,



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<sup>4</sup> The Draft 2023-2025 WMP Process and Evaluation Guidelines published September 19, 2022, describes the pre-submission process on pp. 3-5.

<sup>5</sup> The Draft 2023-2025 WMP Process and Evaluation Guidelines published September 19, 2022, describes the WMP evaluation process on pp. 9-10.

<sup>6</sup> <https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/EFiling/DocketInformation.aspx?docketnumber=2023-2025-WMPs> (accessed September 19, 2022)

## Attachment 1 - 2023 WMP Schedule

Date	Item
December 16, 2022	Energy Safety Distributes Maturity Survey to Electrical Corporations
January 30, 2023	Maturity Survey Due
February 1, 2023	Q4 2022 Quarterly Data Reports Due (pursuant to the WMP Data Guidelines)
February 13, 2023	Large IOUs WMP Pre-Submissions Due
March 6, 2023	Energy Safety Issues Completeness Check Results to Large IOUs
March 6, 2023	SMJUs/ITOs Pre-Submission Due
March 27, 2023	Energy Safety Issues Completeness Check Results to SMJUs/ITOs
March 27, 2023	Large IOUs submit WMPs
April 6, 2023	Substantive errata due for Large IOUs
April 17, 2023	SMJUs/ITOs submit WMPs
Mid-April 2023	WMP Workshop for Large IOUs (2 Days)
April 26, 2023	Non-substantive errata due for Large IOUs
April 27, 2023	Substantive errata due for SMJUs/ITOs
Early May 2023	WMP Workshop for SMJUs/ITOs (1 Day)
May 26, 2023	Opening Comments Due for Large IOU WMPs
June 5, 2023	Reply Comments Due for Large IOU WMPs
June 6, 2023	Opening Comments Due for SMJU/ITO WMPs
June 16, 2023	Reply Comments Due for SMJU/ITO WMPs
End of June 2023	Revision Notices Issued for Large IOUs (where necessary)
Mid July, 2023	Draft Decisions Issued for Large IOUs without Revision Notices
End of July 2023	Revision Notices Issued for SMJUs/ITOs (where necessary)
Early August 2023	Draft Decisions Issued for SMJUs/ITOs without Revision Notices

The Draft Decision publication date for electrical corporations receiving Revision Notices will be contained therein.