

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2023-2025  
Data Response**

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**SUBJECT: REGARDING THE UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING WORKING GROUP MEETINGS**

**QUESTION 002**

PG&Es 2025 Update mentions that “Lastly, the utilities also developed an undergrounding working group to discuss lessons learned and the challenges associated with undergrounding.” (p. 48, response to PG&E-23-04 “Cross-Utility Collaboration on Best Practices for Inclusion of Climate Change Forecasts in Consequence Modeling, Inclusion of Community Vulnerability in Consequence Modeling, and Utility Vegetation Management for Wildfire Safety”). Please explain the following:

1. Which utilities were present at these working group meetings.
2. The general duration of these meetings:
  - a. Are these monthly, weekly, or quarterly meetings? Please specify.
3. If these meetings were in response to a specific Area of Continued Improvement
  - a. If so, please state which Area of Continued Improvement.
  - b. If not, please state what directive these meetings were in response to.

**ANSWER 002**

1. The Joint Investor-Owned Utility (IOU) meetings are held with SDG&E and Southern California Edison (SCE).
2.
  - a. Starting in October 2023, the meeting cadence was monthly. However, in 2024, our cadence has changed to quarterly as agreed upon by members from participating utilities.
3.
  - a. No, these meetings were not in response to a specific Area of Continued Improvement (ACI).
  - b. During the Joint IOU meetings, we discuss (and continue to discuss) a series of topics such as Customer Engagement Strategies, Vegetation Management, Undergrounding Project Cycle Times, Cost, and Innovative Technologies,

among other items. Additionally, PG&E has participated in and will continue to participate in utility workshops hosted by entities such as Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), where we have an opportunity to share best practices and learn from other utilities. Topics discussed during the most recent EPRI workshop included:

- Excavation / Burial / Installation
- Easements / Joint Use
- New Equipment / Components / Tools
- Customers / Community Engagement
- Underground Commissioning, Maintenance and Operations