

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Data Response**

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SUBJECT: REGARDING PG&E’S POLE CLEARING PROGRAM TARGET (VM-02)

QUESTION 002

On page 356 of its 2026-2028 Base WMP, PG&E sets cumulative quarterly targets for Q4 in 2026, 2027, and 2028 of 70,000 distribution poles, and states that “the target will be adjusted as determined by inspections in the previous year and may additionally be impacted by changes to facilities or based on other utility risk mitigation reasons.”

Table 1 of PG&E’s Q4 2024 non-spatial QDR submission indicates that PG&E completed pole clearing work at 79,988 distribution poles in 2024. The delta between PG&E’s targets in the 2026-2028 Base WMP and PG&E’s 2024 pole clearing work is nearly 10,000 poles.

- a. Provide justification and details of planned activities which support that the volume of pole clearing work PG&E will execute will decrease by nearly 10,000 poles between 2024 and 2026.

ANSWER 002

The 70,000 distribution poles for 2026-2028 is a target that can and will change year after year based on various factors that can impact the VM Pole Clearing program.

Factors that impacted our 2026-2028 target forecasts included system hardening, which involves changing non-exempt equipment to exempt equipment (and thus removing the PRC 4292 compliance requirement), as well as undergrounding efforts, which will result in removing the pole completely from inventory upon completion. In addition to these efforts, each year, poles are removed, added or have a change in status during the Pole Clearing program cycle, thereby affecting targets for the following year.