

## Horizon West Transmission (HWT)

**Data Request From: Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety**

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### REQUEST

*Q01. Regarding Drone in a Box Aerial Inspections:*

- a. *On page 84 of its 2026-2028 base WMP R0, HWT states, “HWT will also utilize a drone in the box for aerial inspections to supplement the visual inspections performed by field personnel, however visual ground inspections will remain the primary means of asset inspection.”*
  - i. *Will an aerial inspection using the Drone in a Box be performed during every monthly inspection?*
    1. *If not, how often will it be performed?*
    2. *Provide an explanation of the rationale for determining the frequency of aerial inspections.*

#### **HWT Response to Q01:**

1. Yes, an aerial inspection using the Drone in a Box will be performed as supplemental to the visual ground inspections by the field engineers which will remain the primary means of asset inspection. Additionally, the drone will be utilized to supplement the annual FLIR and riser pole inspection.
2. Please see response to #1 above. Additional flights may be conducted to support further testing, development and refinement of processes and procedures and product capabilities.

*Q02. Regarding a Second Water Tank:*

- b. *On page 18 of its 2026-2028 base WMP R0, HWT states that one of the proposed mitigation initiatives for the 2026-2028 WMP cycle is, “Notional plans to improve stationed firefighting resources by constructing a second water tank near the Suncrest Substation.”*
  - i. *Provide information in one of the following two categories:*
    1. *If the water tank is to be installed:*
      - a) *Provide a timeline for when a second water tank will be installed.*
    2. *If the water tank is to be considered:*
      - a) *Provide a timeline for when a decision will be made.*
      - b) *Provide the criteria for how it will be determined if a second water tank should be installed.*

#### **HWT Response to Q02:**

- i. The notion to explore the potential to install a second water tank at the Suncrest Station was a conceptual idea raised in late Q2 2025. As the concept is a recent development, HWT has not yet initiated the process to ascertain the feasibility of the additional water tank, and any associated permitting, environmental,

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engineering assessments, etc. or developed a timeline. HWT anticipates commencing this process by Q4 2025 and will update its 2026-2028 WMP and/or requisite quarterly/annual reporting to document any material progress or decision-making associated with this potential project.