



## Public Advocates Office Data Request

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## INSTRUCTIONS

You are instructed to answer the following Data Request in the aforementioned proceeding, with written, accurate responses pursuant to Public Utilities Code §§ 309.5(e) and 314, Rule 1.1 of the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Rules of Practice and Procedure, and the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety's guidelines for Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) discovery.<sup>1</sup>

Restate the text of each data request question prior to providing the response. Provide the name and title of the responding individual (i.e., the person responsible for the content of your answer) for each data request question. If the responding individual is not your employee, please provide their name, title, and employer, as well as the name and title of your employee who is directly responsible for the work of the responding individual.

Please send your responses and inquiries to the originators of this data request (that is, the Public Advocates Office employees and attorneys listed on the cover page), with copies to the following representatives of the Public Advocates Office:

1. [CalAdvocates.WildfireDiscovery@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:CalAdvocates.WildfireDiscovery@cpuc.ca.gov)
2. [Henry.Burton@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Henry.Burton@cpuc.ca.gov)
3. [Natalie.Monroe@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Natalie.Monroe@cpuc.ca.gov)

**Requests for Clarification:** If a request, definition, or an instruction, is unclear, please notify the originators in writing as soon as feasible, including a specific description of what you find unclear and why. If possible, please provide a proposal for resolving the issue. In any event, unless directed otherwise by the originators, answer the request to the fullest extent possible, explain why you are unable to answer in full, and describe the limitations of your response.

**Incomplete responses:** If you are unable to answer a question completely, accurately, and with the specificity requested, notify the originators as soon as possible. If possible, please provide a proposal for resolving the issue. In your written response to the question, explain why you are unable to answer in full and describe the limitations of your response.

**Timing of responses:** Please respond to each question as soon as your complete response to that specific question is available, and no later than the due date listed on the cover sheet.

**Deadline extension requests:** If you are unable to provide a complete response to each question by the due date noted on the cover page, contact the originators in writing to request a deadline extension. Please submit your deadline extension request as soon as feasible. In your deadline extension request, please (1) specify the questions affected by the delay, (2) propose an alternative response date and (3) provide a written explanation as to why the deadline cannot be met.

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<sup>1</sup> Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, *Final 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Update Guidelines*, December 15, 2021. See Attachment 5: Guidelines for Submission and Review of 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Updates, pp. 10-11.

**Objections:** If you object to any portion of this Data Request, please submit your objections, including the specific legal basis for each objection, to the originators as soon as possible. *At latest*, submit your objections and legal bases by the response deadline on the cover sheet.

**Response format:** Responses should be provided in the original electronic format if available, and otherwise, in hard copy. (If available in Word or Excel format, send the Word or Excel document not a PDF file.)

- All electronic documents submitted in response to this data request should be in readable, downloadable, printable, and searchable formats, unless use of such formats is infeasible.
- Each page should be numbered.
- If any of your answers rely on, refer to or reflect calculations that are not shown therein, provide a copy of the supporting electronic files that were used to derive such calculations, such as Excel spreadsheets or computer programs, with data and formulas intact and functioning.
- Voluminous documents produced in response to the data request should be Bates-numbered and indexed.
- Responses to the data request that refer to or incorporate documents should clearly identify the particular documents referenced, including the title and page number or, if available, Bates-numbers or Bates-range.

**Other questions:** For any questions, email the originators.

### **DEFINITIONS**

- A. As used herein, the terms “you,” “your(s),” “Company,” “PacifiCorp,” and “Pacific Power” mean PacifiCorp and any and all of its respective present and former employees, agents, consultants, attorneys, and officials, and any and all other persons acting on its behalf.
- B. The terms “and” and “or” shall be construed either disjunctively or conjunctively whenever appropriate in order to bring within the scope of this Data Request any information or documents which might otherwise be considered to be beyond their scope.
- C. Date ranges shall be construed to include the beginning and end dates named. For example, the phrases “from January 1 to January 31,” “January 1-31,” “January 1 to 31,” and “January 1 through January 31” should be understood to include both the 1st of January and the 31st of January. Likewise, phrases such as “since January 1” and “from January 1 to the present” should be understood to include January 1st, and phrases such as “until January 31,” “through January 31,” and “up to January 31” should also be understood to include the 31st.
- D. The singular form of a word shall be interpreted as plural, and the plural form of a word shall be interpreted as singular whenever appropriate in order to bring within the scope of

this Data Request any information or documents which might otherwise be considered to be beyond their scope.

- E. The term “communications” includes all verbal and written communications of every kind, including but not limited to telephone calls, conferences, notes, correspondence, and all memoranda concerning the requested communications. Where communications are not in writing, provide copies of all memoranda and documents made relating to the requested communication and describe in full the substance of the communication to the extent that the substance is not reflected in the memoranda and documents provided.
- F. The terms “document,” “documents,” or “documentary material” include, without limitation, the following items, whether in electronic form, printed, recorded, or written or reproduced by hand: reports, studies, statistics, projections, forecasts, decisions, orders, intra-office and interoffice communications, correspondence, memoranda, financial data, summaries or records of conversations or interviews, statements, returns, diaries, calendars, work papers, graphs, notebooks, notes, charts, computations, plans, drawings, sketches, computer printouts, summaries or records of meetings or conferences, summaries or reports of investigations or negotiations, opinions or reports of consultants, photographs, bulletins, records or representations or publications of any kind (including microfilm, videotape, and records however produced or reproduced), electronic or mechanical or electrical records of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, tape cassettes, discs, emails, and records), other data compilations (including, without limitation, input/output files, source codes, object codes, program documentation, computer programs, computer printouts, cards, tapes, and discs and recordings used in automated data processing, together with the programming instructions and other material necessary to translate, understand, or use the same), and other documents or tangible things of whatever description which constitute or contain information within the scope of this Data Request.
- G. “Relate to,” “concern,” and similar terms and phrases shall mean to consist of, refer to, reflect, comprise, discuss, underlie, comment upon, form the basis for, analyze, mention, or be connected with, in any way, the subject of this Data Request.
- H. “Identify”:
  - i. When used in reference to a Company employee, “identify” includes stating their full name and title.
  - ii. When used in reference to a consultant or contractor for the Company, “identify” includes stating the person’s name, title, and employer, and the name and title of the Company employee who is directly responsible for the work of the consultant.
  - iii. When used in reference to a person who is not a current Company employee, consultant or contractor, “identify” includes stating the person’s name; most recent

title and supervisor at the Company; and most recent known employer, title/position, and business address.

- iv. When used in reference to documents, “identify” includes stating the nature of the document (e.g., letter, memorandum, study), the date (if any), the title of the document, the identity of the author, and the general subject matter of the document. For documents not publicly available, please also provide the location of the document, and identify the person having possession, control or custody of the document.
- I. When requested to “state the basis” for any statement (i.e., any analysis, workpaper, study, proposal, assertion, assumption, description, quantification, or conclusion), please describe every fact, statistic, inference, supposition, estimate, consideration, conclusion, study, report, and analysis available to you which you believe to support the statement, or which you contend to be evidence of the truth or accuracy thereof.
- J. “CPUC” and “Commission” mean the California Public Utilities Commission.
- K. “Cal Advocates” means the Public Advocates Office.
- L. “Energy Safety” and “OEIS” mean the California Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety.
- M. “WMP” means wildfire mitigation plan.
- N. “GIS” means Geographic Information Systems.
- O. “HFTD” means High Fire-Threat District as defined in CPUC General Order 95, Section II, item 21.2(D), and CPUC Decision 17.01.009 (pp. 39-40; Ordering Paragraphs 1 and 1(mm)) (“Fire Map 2”).<sup>2</sup> This term encompasses three areas:
  - a. Tree Mortality High Hazard Zone (HHZ) 1 on the U.S. Forest Service - CAL FIRE joint map of Tree Mortality HHZs (see D.17-01-009, pp. 39-40);
  - b. HFTD Tier 2, the elevated wildfire risk area included in Shape C map of the CPUC Fire-Threat Map (“Fire Map 2”) that was adopted in D.17.01.009, pp. 39-40; and
  - c. HFTD Tier 3, the extreme wildfire risk area included in Shape C map of the CPUC Fire-Threat Map (“Fire Map 2”) that was adopted in D.17.01.009, pp. 39-40.
- P. “Non-HFTD” means areas that are not designated as HFTD according to the definition above.
- Q. “Tier 2” means HFTD Tier 2, as defined in D.17.01.009, pp. 25, 39-40 and Ordering Paragraph 1(v).

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<sup>2</sup> As modified by Commission Decision 20-12-030.

- R. “Tier 3” means HFTD Tier 3, as defined in D.17.01.009, pp. 25, 39-40 and Ordering Paragraph 1(v).
- S. “Other HFTD” means areas *outside of Tier 2 and Tier 3* that are designated as HFTD because they are included in Tree Mortality High Hazard Zone 1.
- T. “ECC” means PacifiCorp’s Emergency Coordination Center.

**DATA REQUEST**

The following questions relate to your 2022 WMP Update submission.

**Question 1**

On p. 140 of PacifiCorp’s 2022 WMP update, figure 7.2 indicates an increase in the number of fire risk events related to equipment failures, contact from objects, and other.

- a) Please provide an explanation for the increase in risk events from 2020 to 2021, for each of the following outage causes:
  - i. Equipment Failures
  - ii. Contact from object
  - iii. Other
- b) Please provide a breakdown of the number of risk events by HFTD area for 2020 and 2021 as shown below.

	2020			2021		
	Systemwide	HFTD Tier 3	HFTD Tier 2	Systemwide	HFTD Tier 3	HFTD Tier 2
Equipment Failures						
Contact from Object						
Other						

- c) What were the 3 most frequent types of equipment failure in 2021?
- d) What was the most frequent type of object to contact a conductor in 2021?
- e) As used in Table 7.2 on p. 140, how is “other” defined?

**Question 2**

On p. 142 of PacifiCorp’s 2022 WMP update, PacifiCorp states the following:

PacifiCorp has encountered challenges related to limited field resources, particularly as it related to construction activities. The business plans to address these challenges through the hiring on [sic] additional contractors, as described in Section 9.3 starting on page 255.

- a) Which specific wildfire mitigation initiatives have been adversely impacted by the resource challenges referenced in the above quote?
- b) Given the resource challenges referenced in the quote above, please explain why PacifiCorp increased total WMP initiative spending from \$33.4 million in 2021 to \$96.8 million in 2022.
- c) If any, identify any efficiency gains or technology that PacifiCorp will deploy in 2022 to lessen the adverse impact of the resource challenges discussed on page 142.

### **Question 3**

On p. 195 of PacifiCorp's 2022 WMP update, PacifiCorp states that:

In addition, inspectors identify for pruning or removal fast-growing vegetation that is likely to violate minimum clearance distances before the end of the current growing season.

- a) Are the inspectors who perform this work for PacifiCorp described in the quote above certified arborists?
- b) Are the inspectors who perform this work described in the quote above PacifiCorp employees or contractors?

### **Question 4**

On p. 197 of PacifiCorp's 2022 WMP update, PacifiCorp describes its audit process where:

PacifiCorp currently uses internal staff with ISA certifications to conduct post-work audits of routine maintenance, readiness patrol corrective actions, and pole clearing. PacifiCorp also conducts ad hoc tree crew audits or crew visits where a PacifiCorp forester engages with the vegetation management contractor, such as a crew leader, and/or supervisor to review work and/or discuss opportunities for improvement.

- a) How many ad hoc tree crew audits were conducted in 2021?
- b) Please disaggregate the figure in part (a) by HFTD tier, as defined above in definitions P through S.
- c) Were HFTD areas prioritized over other areas for ad hoc tree crew audits in 2021?
- d) How many ad hoc tree crew or post-work audits found that corrective action was needed in 2021?
- e) How many supplemental tree trimming or removal jobs occurred in 2021 as a result of an ad hoc tree crew audit?

- f) Please describe PacifiCorp’s process for making improvements after an ad hoc tree crew audit, including whether ad hoc tree crew audits lead to supplemental tree trimming/removal, retraining of contractors, process changes, or all of the above.

**Question 5**

On p. 208 of PacifiCorp’s 2022 WMP update, PacifiCorp states that:

Implementing and continuously improving this program requires advanced investigation of fault events to understand the nature and type of faults and whether this program is properly mitigating these events.

- a) Does PacifiCorp have the capability to conduct an “advanced investigation of fault events” as referenced on page 208?
- b) If answer to (a) is no, why not?
- c) Does PacifiCorp retain a consultant or contractor to perform “advanced investigation of fault events” as referenced on page 208?

**Question 6**

On p. 222 of PacifiCorp’s 2022 WMP update, PacifiCorp (in describing its emergency protocols) mentions its Emergency Coordination Center:

The protocol includes activation of an Emergency Coordination Center (ECC), communication with local public safety partners, and implementation of additional monitoring activities.

The ECC is staffed by specialized staff who assemble during de-energization warning and implementation to provide critical operations support through the collection and analysis of data.

- a) When emergencies occur in PacifiCorp’s California service territory, is PacifiCorp’s ECC located in California?
- b) How does PacifiCorp intend to balance ECC resources between California and other parts of its territory, if simultaneous wildfire events should occur in separate states?
- c) Is PacifiCorp’s ECC staff trained in the Incident Command Structure (ICS) system?

**END OF REQUEST**