**OEIS Data Request 2.1**

**Regarding the Expenditure Changes for Initiative WP-01: Wildfire Mitigation Strategy Development:** In its 2025 WMP Update, PacifiCorp states that the expenditure increase for initiative WP-01, “is based on actual expenditures realized as well as the inclusion of costs for an independent evaluator”.

1. What were the original expenditures associated with the WP-01 initiative?
2. Where in PacifiCorp’s approved 2023-2025 Base WMP do the expenditures for WP-01 appear (section and page numbers)?
3. Where in PacifiCorp’s Redlined 2023-2025 Base WMP do the updated expenditures for the WP-01 initiative appear (section and page numbers)?
4. When did costs associated with WP-01 first appear in PacifiCorp’s QDR data (year and quarter)?
5. Have WP-01 costs appeared in PacifiCorp’s general rate case (GRC)?
6. If yes, when did they first appear and at what phase in the GRC cycle?
7. Was the independent evaluator required by Energy Safety or another regulator? What is the independent evaluator investigating as part of this initiative?

	* 1. Where in PacifiCorp’s approved 2023-2025 Base WMP is the independent evaluator mentioned?
		2. Where in PacifiCorp’s Redlined 2023-2025 Base WMP are the details regarding the independent evaluator?
8. How are costs allocated between the independent evaluator costs and the costs associated with carrying out the initiative?
9. Was the independent evaluator included in the original cost estimate for the WP-01 initiative in PacifiCorp’s approved 2023-2025 Base WMP?
10. If no, please state when PacifiCorp began including the independent evaluator costs in the expenditures for the WP-01 initiative.
11. Please state when costs for the independent evaluator first appeared in PacifiCorp’s QDR data.
12. What factors are responsible for the 55 percent cost increase in this initiative? Factors could include, but are not limited to: capital cost increases, permitting delays, supply chain disruptions, personnel, etc.

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1. The original expenditures were associated with the Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) program delivery team staffing.
2. The expenditures for WP-01 are included in the expenditures presented in Section 4.3 Proposed Expenditures of the 2023 Final WMP February 22, 2024.
3. Updated expenditures for WP-01 are included in the expenditures presented in Section 4.3 Proposed Expenditures of the PacifiCorp’s Redlined 2023-2025 Base WMP.
4. Costs associated with WP-01 first appear in the Q1 2023 Quarterly Data Report (QDR).
5. Yes. Please refer to the Company’s response to subpart 1) below:

	1. WP-01 costs were included in PacifiCorp’s most recent general rate case (GRC) proceeding filed May 2022 (Application (A.) 22-05-006) for Test Year 2023.
6. The independent evaluator (IE) requirement came out of the passing of Assembly Bill 1054 and codified in Public Utilities Code - PUC § 8386.3 and required a qualified independent evaluator with experience to review and assess electrical corporations’ compliance with its Wildfire Mitigation Plan.

* 1. The IE is not a required section of Energy Safety’s Wildfire Mitigation Plan templates and is therefore not specifically mentioned in the 2023-2025 Base WMP.
	2. The IE is not discussed in the 2023-2025 Base WMP.
1. The allocation of the costs for this initiative is totaled up by the funding required for the WMP program delivery team and the total cost of the IE and the work they do.

	1. IE cost estimates were not originally included in initiative WP-01.

		1. PacifiCorp began including the IE costs in the expenditures beginning in Q1 2024 QDR.
	2. The costs for the IE were first reported in the Q1 2024 QDR.
2. The increase is based on the inclusion of the costs associated with the independent evaluator which was not included in the original plan and 2023 QDR for the 2023-2025 Base WMP.