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## **OEIS Data Request 6.1**

**Regarding PacifiCorp's Mitigation Initiative Prioritization** - Does PacifiCorp consider any local factors in its decision-making process for evaluating and prioritizing potential mitigation initiatives? Local factors are those that vary across the service territory (e.g., the primary risk driver in a region is legacy equipment).

## If applicable:

- (1) Please list and describe the local factors considered.
- (2) Please describe how each local factor impacts PacifiCorp's mitigation initiative decision-making process and prioritization.

## Response to OEIS Data Request 6.1

- (1) PacifiCorp's evaluation and prioritization process is described in Section 7 of the Company's 2023 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP). The prioritization process is described in Section 7.1.4.2 beginning on 119. In terms of local factors that vary across the service territory, whether an asset is inside or outside of the High Fire Threat District (HFTD) remains a primary local factor for evaluating and prioritizing potential mitigation initiatives. In addition, the goal of reducing the impact of public safety power shutoffs (PSPS) is another primary local factor for evaluating and prioritizing potential mitigation initiatives. Reducing the impact of PSPS involves evaluation of unique circuit configurations, together with the location of certain customers, such as critical facility customers. This type of analysis is necessarily localized.
- (2) As discussed in Section 6.1 and Section 7.1.4 of the 2023 WMP, the Company is deploying new tools to evaluate risk and plans to evolve its process to identify and prioritize mitigations by geographic area. With implementation of the Wildfire Risk Reduction Model (WRRM), along with its components of the Risk Associated with Value Exposure (RAVE), Risk Associated with Ignition Locations (RAIL), and Risk Spend Efficiency (RSE) metrics, the Company plans to use these tools to prioritize mitigation initiatives with an increased understanding of localized wildfire risks and PSPS risks. and can use that information to support project selection and planning activities.