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Data Response

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SUBJECT: REGARDING TREE STRIKE POTENTIAL

QUESTION 001

On page 184 of PG&E's 2026-2028 Base WMP, in Figure PG&E-8.2.1-2, PG&E shows that it considers a tree strike potential of five or greater as "High". On page 432 of PG&E's 2023-2025 Base WMP R8, Figure SRN-PG&E-23-05-6A shows a tree strike potential of fifteen or greater as "High."

- a. Explain why PG&E has changed the threshold for determining the significance of tree strike potential.
- b. Provide an analysis of the magnitude of impact changing this threshold has had. This should include:
 - i. The number of projects that meet this threshold at five compared to fifteen.
 - ii. The number of circuit segments that meet this threshold at five compared to fifteen.

ANSWER 001

- a. PG&E has not changed the threshold for determining whether the significance of tree strike potential warrants consideration for undergrounding. The changes in tree strike language between Figure SRN-PG&E-23-05-06A and Figure PG&E-8.2.1-2 reflect the fact that we have simplified the tree strike risk categories/label to align with the decision tree logic. The logic surrounding tree strike has not changed and is the same in Figure PG&E-8.2.1-2 and in Figure SRN-PG&E-23-05-06A. In both cases, an area with a tree strike score of 6 or higher is identified as "Area of impact identified, relocate to underground preferred." In both cases an area with a tree strike score of 0-5 is identified as "No area of impact identified, OH in place preferred."
- b. There has been no impact because there has been no change to the threshold.
 - i. N/A
 - ii. N/A