

ATTACHMENT E

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
October 2017 Wildfires
CPUC Data Request – General

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Question 4:

Provide the documentation stating PG&E requirements for a Consulting Utility Forester (CUF) prior to and after the October 2017 fires.

Response to Question 4:

The requirements for the Consulting Utility Forester (CUF) position are described in PG&E's pre-inspection contract specification. The specification language in effect for all pre-inspection contractors before and after the October 2017 fires states:

“3.2 CONSULTING UTILITY FORESTER I, II, III (CUF-I, II, III), and Post Auditor (PA)

3.2.1 Education/ Experience: As a minimum, a PA/CUF shall have at least two years' experience in line clearance tree pruning work or equivalent experience as determined by the PG&E Representative. It is desired that a PA/CUF have an AA Degree in forestry, arboriculture or a related field, although not required. At start of Work under this Contract, the PA/CUF shall be familiar with the Contractor's work practices, proper arboricultural techniques and practices, proper integrated pest management practices, PG&E's [Vegetation Management Database] VMD and handheld computer, PG&E's Tree Pruning Specification, Pre-Inspection Specification and requirements, and all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

3.2.2 Basic Responsibility: A PA/CUF is responsible for patrolling distribution circuits and prescribing work to be performed by PG&E's tree contractor, determining when the next trim is required, notifying property owners of tree pruning and tree/brush removal work to be performed relating to this Specification, mapping circuits using PG&E continuity list, managing EC notifications and cases, performing outage investigations and, when necessary, obtaining permits from public agencies, and documenting Work in the VMD using a hand-held computer. In addition the PA/CUF shall be required to use computers and associated software, enter data into and process data from hand-held computers, and prepare for and become certified as an Arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture. As requested by the SCUF, the PA/CUF shall perform all necessary duties for emergency response in accordance with all safety requirements, laws and regulations, and applicable labor agreements.

3.2.3 The PA/CUF shall maintain direct contact with PG&E division personnel, public agencies, and customers as directed by the PG&E Representative.

3.2.4 The PA/CUF shall maintain a positive working relationship with tree contractor in the PA/CUF's assigned area and be responsible for timely resolution of customer complaints. The PA/CUF may be required to participate in public presentations and meetings.

3.2.5 The PA/CUF shall perform other Work as directed by the SCUF."

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