

Trans Bay Cable LLC's (TBC) Responses are in the **bold** text below.

d. Identify the personnel (e.g., employees, consultants, agents, etc.) who provided information responsive to each of the data requests below. As used in this context herein, "identify" means to provide the full name, business address, and title of each employee, consultant, or agent who provided such information.

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REQUEST

Q01. Regarding TBC's responses to the 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Maturity Survey, TBC's responses indicate decreased maturity from 2021 to 2022 in two categories, grid operations and operating protocols and emergency planning and preparedness, on the following questions:

- a. For question F.V.b "How automated is the process for inspecting de-energized sections of the grid prior to re-energization?" in 2021 TBC responded for both the current year (2021) and for the start of 2023 with the highest-maturity response, (iv) "Primarily automated, minimal manual inputs," whereas in 2022 TBC responded for both the current year (2022) and for the start of 2023 with the lowest-maturity response, (i) "Manual process, not automated at all."

TBC's 2022 response is a correction to an erroneous selection in 2021. TBC's system is a single line transmission system and not a grid. The system monitoring is automated through utilization of the human machine interface (HMI) as described on page 64 of TBC's 2022 WMP Plan. When energized various automated and continuous monitoring inputs are feed into the HMI which is monitored by TBC system operators 24/7/365. When the line is de-energized, the entire system is de-energized and therefore automated and continuous monitoring inputs are disabled. TBC conducts a manual process of inspecting its two substations prior to re-energization, in addition to confirmation checks with Pacific Gas & Electric that its Pittsburg and Potrero stations are ready to send and receive power, in that order.

- b. For question I.III.a "Does the utility provide clear and substantially complete communication of available information relevant to affected customers?" in 2021 TBC responded for both the current year (2021) and for the start of 2023 (ii) "Yes," whereas

in 2022 TBC responded for both the current year (2022) and for the start of 2023 (i) “No.”

As TBC noted in its response to J.V.e, in both the 2021 and 2022 surveys, “Trans Bay also does not have any retail or distribution customers. As such many of the questions in this survey are not specifically applicable to Trans Bay. Trans Bay notes that in lieu of ‘Not Applicable’ being available as a response, the most appropriate response available was selected.” As such the response to this question would be ‘Not Applicable’ but it is not available as an option. Upon review, TBC determined that selection of the lowest maturity level was more akin to “Not applicable” than the selection of the highest level of maturity.

- c. For question I.III.b “What percent of affected customers receive complete details of available information?” in 2021 TBC responded for both the current year (2021) and for the start of 2023 with the highest-maturity response, (v) “>99.9% of customers,” whereas in 2022 TBC responded for both the current year (2022) and for the start of 2023 with the lowest-maturity response, (i) “≤95% of customers.”

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- d. For question I.III.c “What percent of affected medical baseline customers receive complete details of available information?” in 2021 TBC responded for both the current year (2021) and for the start of 2023 with the highest-maturity response, (v) “100% of medical baseline customers,” whereas in 2022 TBC responded for both the current year (2022) and for the start of 2023 with the lowest-maturity response, (i) “≤99% of medical baseline customers.”

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question would be ‘Not Applicable’ but it is not available as an option. Upon review, TBC determined that selection of the lowest maturity level was more akin to “Not applicable” than the selection of the highest level of maturity.

- e. For question I.V.e “Are feedback and recommendations on potential improvements made public?” in 2021 TBC responded for the current year (2021) (i) “No” and for the start of 2023 (ii) “Yes,” whereas in 2022 TBC responded for both the current year (2022) and for the start of 2023 (i) “No.”

As stated in its WMP, TBC does not have a specific wildfire mitigation program but implements prioritized mitigation/enhancement measures for operational risk, some of which may be relevant to but not solely implemented for wildfire mitigation (See TBC 2022 WMP pgs. 14, 22, 49 and 68). TBC’s transmission system is not sited in any wildlands or wildland urban interfaces, and is mostly underground or submerged. Additionally, TBC does not have any distribution or retail customers and any projects which have wildfire mitigations impacts have *de minimis* impact on California ratepayers. (See 2021 and 2022 Survey Response to J.V.e and TBC 2022 WMP pgs. 25, 46, 67-68 and 79). As such, making feedback and recommendations on potential improvements public does not materially advance TBC’s wildfire risk reduction and management.

- f. For question I.V.i “Does the utility have a process to conduct reviews after wildfires in other the territory of other utilities and states to identify and address areas of improvement?” in 2021 TBC responded for the current year (2021) (i) “No” and for the start of 2023 (ii) “Yes,” whereas in 2022 TBC responded for both the current year (2022) and for the start of 2023 (i) “No.”

As TBC is a unique facility with the majority of its facilities underground or submerged, and outside of wildlands or wildland urban interfaces, its fire prevention needs are different from tradition utilities with overhead lines. As such, TBC does not have a formal process for reviewing wildfires in the territory of other utilities. TBC does informally review and monitor the experience of its affiliate, Horizon West Transmission, which is a transmission-only facility that is sited in a Tier 2 HFTD, as part of overall corporate safety risk monitoring and management.

These decreases in maturity and projected maturity from 2021 to 2022 are not reflected in TBC’s 2022 Update. TBC does not discuss any areas of decreased maturity regarding its grid operations and protocols or its emergency planning and preparedness since last

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year's WMP Update submission. For each of the above instances of decreased maturity and decreased projected maturity, describe the changes that led to the decreases. If applicable, include the page number in TBC's 2022 Update where the change is discussed.

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