

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Data Response**

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SUBJECT: ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES FOR MWC BF, BG, AND BK

QUESTION 2E

PG&E forecasted \$40.712 million for MWC BF. This is an increase of \$7.487 million or 22.53% over 2008 recorded adjusted expenses of \$33.225 million. PG&E's MWC BF includes individual forecasts for ten subaccounts/line items. The questions below relate to the following five subaccounts/line items and forecast: \$4.984 million for Poles Patrolled, \$11.122 million for Poles Inspected, \$2.398 million for Enclosures Patrolled, \$10.464 million for Enclosures Inspected, and \$0.857 million for Poles Infrared Inspected.

- e) PG&E's expenses for poles inspected are forecasted to increase from \$6.974 million in 2008 to \$11.122 million in 2011 which is a 59.48% increase. The five year average for PG&E's poles inspected is \$6.512 million. Provide the documentation that explains in detail and demonstrates why PG&E's recorded adjusted 2008 expenses of \$6.974 million is insufficient to address its maintenance program needs in the test year.

ANSWER 2E

The 2008 expense of \$6.974 million is insufficient to address PG&E's forecasted poles inspected for the test year (2011) because both the number of units and unit cost are expected to increase.

Forecasted units for 2011 are 458,264 units compared to the 2008 recorded units of 429,237. The 2008 recorded units are 29,027 (6%) short of the number of poles to be inspected for 2011. PG&E's 2011 forecasted units are based on the known count of units to be inspected for the specified year consistent with the requirements of General Order 165 plus a 2% growth factor based on historical growth factors for overhead facilities (Exhibit (PG&E-3), Chapter 2, page 2-2, line 1-2 and Workpapers, Table 2-33, page WP 2-62). For an explanation regarding the increase in unit cost in 2011, please see PG&E's response to question 2g of this data request.