

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
General Rate Case 2011 Phase I
Application 09-12-020
Data Response**

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

QUESTION 5B

PG&E forecasted \$0.467 million for Insulator Washing in 2011 and this is an increase of \$0.290 million or 164% over 2008 expenses. PG&E forecasted 10,000 units in 2011 for Insulator Washing and this is an increase of 7,773 or 349% over 2008 units of 2,227.

- b) PG&E states its “current insulator washing program is based on performing insulator washing in locations in costal areas only”. PG&E also states that the “purpose of insulator washing is to remove contamination on the surface of electric insulators before the insulator fails. A breakdown in the insulation can result in an outage, pole fire, or radio and television interference”. Provide the documentation that explains in detail if PG&E performed any insulator washing in areas other than costal areas during 2004 through 2008; if so provide the historical costs for 2004 through 2008. If not, provide the documentation that explains why this was never done when PG&E claims that the “purpose of insulator washing is to remove contamination on the surface of electric insulators before the insulator fails. A breakdown in the insulation can result in an outage, pole fire, or radio and television interference”.

ANSWER 5B

See response for Question 5a of this data request.