

Comments on Wildfire Safety Advisory Board Recommendations

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To Wildfire Safety Advisory Board:

Thank you for your work on fire safety. However, could you please develop it further when it comes to expectations for PG&E?

PG&E must pay more attention to insulating transmission wiring. With a destabilizing climate making conditions dryer and hotter, we Californians must do everything possible to prevent fires. While tree trimming has its place, why isn't PG&E looking at more aggressively fortifying its wiring so that contact with a broken branch, an animal, or a vehicle doesn't result in a conflagration?

PG&E should also be required to bolster its lines with protective relays to cut power when required.

In the absence of serious efforts to underground wiring or reduce the need for long transmission lines by relying on local power generation, PG&E's Wildfire Management Plan must require significant and sustained investments in its current distribution system. And, again, given climate change, these investments must be put on an aggressive schedule; a couple hundred miles each year won't be sufficient.

I appreciate your attention.

Best regards,
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