

PG&E Tree Overstrike Workshop Proposed Implementation of Probation Conditions 11 and 12

Tuesday | April 20, 2021 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Workshop Background

This workshop will consider PG&E's implementation of proposed Probation Conditions 11 and 12 under consideration in PG&E's ongoing criminal probation stemming from PG&E's felony conviction for its involvement in the deadly 2010 San Bruno gas pipeline explosion. (U.S. v. PG&E, U.S. District Court, Case No. CR 14-00175-WHA (N.D. Cal.)) Should the court order PG&E to be subjected to these (or similar) new probation conditions, then PG&E would be required to de-energize additional distribution lines through Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events based on the number of trees tall enough to fall on the line (i.e., tree overstrike exposure).

The CPUC has notified the court about its concerns that the new probation conditions would increase the scope and frequency of PSPS even as the CPUC directs electric utilities to make targeted and constrained use of PSPS as a tool of last resort. As currently proposed, the new probation conditions establish a bright line rule, when minimum fire potential conditions exist, requiring PG&E to de-energize all distribution lines where "tree overstrike" conditions are met. PG&E would implement these conditions for the 2021 fire season by July 1. The purpose of this workshop is for PG&E to explain its proposed methodology to implement conditions 11 and 12, the expected impacts, and potential mitigations for the CPUC and the public's consideration.

Questions? Contact Joyce Steingass at Joyce.Steingass@cpuc.ca.gov.





Agenda	
Background	
9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Introductions and framing
9:10 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Overview of Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) decision-making criteria and process
9:20 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Overview of tree-related risks, including tree overstrike
PG&E Proposal	
9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	PG&E's proposed implementation of probation conditions 11 and 12
9:50 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Identify and define impact metrics
10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Characterize impacts of PG&E's specific proposed and other possible thresholds
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Q & A
Communication and Mitigation of Incremental Impacts	
11:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	Mitigation for incremental shutoffs due to overstrike risk
11:05 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Communication of impacts of probation conditions 11 and 12
11:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Q & A
Oversight and Evaluation of Tree Overstrike Factor Implementation	
11:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	PG&E reporting on effectiveness after initial test year
11:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.	Q & A
Public Comment	
11:40 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Public Comment

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