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## **DATA REQUEST RESPONSE**

### **LIBERTY UTILITIES (LIBERTY)**

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**Question 1:**

Liberty states on p. 106 of its Revised 2023-2025 WMP, “Liberty’s wildfire risk model will continue to evolve with no specific date for full completion.”

- a) Please provide additional explanation as to the meaning of the quote above.
- b) Cal Advocates understood the statement quoted above to mean that (1) Liberty's wildfire risk model will be under continual development and (2) as of the Revised 2023-2025 WMP submission, it is difficult for Liberty to predict when Liberty’s wildfire risk model will be fully completed. Is this understanding accurate?

**Response to Question 1:**

- a) In its Revision Notice for Liberty’s 2023-2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP), OEIS required Liberty to provide an estimated completion date for the risk model transition as a remedy for Issue RN-LU-23-01. Liberty responded by stating that it plans to utilize an updated version of its wildfire risk model for limited facets of its business starting in Q3 2024. Liberty also made the statement that its wildfire risk model will continue to evolve with no specific date for full completion. Liberty’s wildfire risk modeling efforts will likely be under continual development with aspects of the modeling driven by evolving OEIS guidelines.
- b) See Response 1a.

**Question 2:**

Liberty states on p. 174 of its Revised 2023-2025 WMP, “Liberty aims to replace approximately 3,800 fault tamers with ELFs [expulsion limiting fuses] in 2023 and is on track for its target.”

- a) Does Liberty plan on re-introducing traditional expulsion fuses into its overhead system in 2024?
- b) Does Liberty plan on re-introducing traditional expulsion fuses into its overhead system in 2025?
- c) How many traditional expulsion fuses currently remain in place across Liberty’s service territory?
- d) Across Liberty’s service territory, how many traditional expulsion fuses remain in place?
- e) How many years will it take Liberty to replace all remaining expulsion fuses on its system (see part (d) above) with expulsion limiting fuses?
- f) In the HFTD portions of Liberty’s service territory, how many traditional expulsion fuses remain in place?
- g) How many years will it take Liberty to replace all remaining expulsion fuses in the

HFTD (see part (f) above) with expulsion limiting fuses?

**Response to Question 2:**

- a) No.
- b) No.
- c) 9,521 fuses.
- d) See Response 2c.
- e) The timeline for replacing all fuses in Liberty's service territory is to be determined. Liberty plans to establish fuse replacement targets for 2024 and 2025 in advance of the 2025 WMP Update.
- f) 8,564 fuses.
- g) The timeline for replacing all fuses in the HFTD portions of Liberty's service territory is to be determined. Liberty plans to establish fuse replacement targets for 2024 and 2025 in advance of the 2025 WMP Update.

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