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## **DATA REQUEST RESPONSE**

### **LIBERTY UTILITIES (CALPECO ELECTRIC) LLC**

#### **2021 WMP Update**

Data Request No.: WSD-Liberty-2021WMP-02  
Subject Matter: 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plans  
Originator: Ryan Arba  
Due Date: April 16, 2021

#### **REQUEST NO. 1:**

In Section 7.3.5.1, Additional efforts to manage community and environmental impacts, under header 4, Progress on initiative, Liberty describes progress related to its transmission system and neglects to include information about distribution system (p. 105). Provide progress on initiative 7.3.5.1 for Liberty's distribution system.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 1:**

Liberty's efforts to manage community and environmental impacts of vegetation management work around distribution electric lines and equipment do not differ from those for its transmission electric lines and equipment. As discussed in Section 7.3.5.1, as part of implementing Forest Resilience Corridor Projects, Liberty has removed hazardous trees and other vegetation along approximately 18 miles of the 625 60kV transmission line (Kings Beach-Tahoe City). Liberty did not implement any Forest Resilience Corridor Projects on its distribution system in 2020. Liberty plans to implement similar projects where feasible on both transmission and distribution circuits in the future.

#### **REQUEST NO. 2:**

In Section 7.3.5.1, Liberty states that it "is developing comprehensive communication plans" (p. 104). Elaborate on this statement by providing actions Liberty has taken and will take to improve its communications regarding community and environmental impact and examples of what is included in these "comprehensive communication plans."

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 2:**

In 2020, Liberty's Vegetation Management and Communications Departments began meeting regularly to identify opportunities to improve Liberty's communications with customers regarding vegetation management. Throughout the year, Liberty accomplished the following:

- a. Created new door hangers to be used by tree crews (see attached);
- b. Updated the vegetation management page of Liberty's website;
- c. Began reporting where tree crews will be primarily working each month;
- d. Created a pre-notification letter to send to customers prior to performing vegetation inspections outlining what trees we will be targeting for removal and why (see attached);
- e. Provided training in Q1 2021 to Liberty customer service representatives regarding the vegetation management program to better equip them to respond to customer calls regarding vegetation management;
- f. Regularly utilized social media to educate on vegetation management topics and safety.

### **REQUEST NO. 3:**

Action LIB-10 (Class B) states "In its 2021 WMP Update, Liberty shall detail: 1) whether it tracks the number of problematic vegetation conditions (e.g., violation of GO 95 clearance requirements, dead, dying, diseased, or rotten trees, etc.) found for each inspection program, and 2) the number of PRC violations found during inspections broken out by inspection type." On p. 47 of its WMP, Liberty states that this Action is addressed in 7.3.5 (VM); point to where in Section 7.3.5 this information can be found. If the information is not in the WMP, provide the information required by Action LIB-10. If the required information is unavailable, explain why.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 3:**

- 1) Liberty manages tree work inventories and workloads through the Vegetation Management System ("VMS") database described in Section 7.3.5.19 of its WMP. This database contains records for inspection programs and includes problematic vegetation conditions observed in the field at the time of inspection. Through the VMS database, Liberty tracks the number of problematic vegetation conditions found for each inspection program.

2)

WMP Initiative #	Number of PRC Violations Found (work units)	Total Work Units
7.3.5.11	9.00	1,380.00
7.3.5.7	23.25	31.50
7.3.5.2	1,311.50	9,596.20
7.3.5.9	35.00	119.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,378.75</b>	<b>11,126.70</b>

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If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at:

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