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**Question 02:**

- (a) Do you consider load growth projections when you determine which system hardening measures to deploy for wildfire mitigation purposes?
- (b) If the answer to (a) is "yes", explain how load growth projects influence your mitigation selection process.
- (c) If the answer to (a) is "no", explain why not.

**Response to Question 02:**

a. Typically, load growth is not factored into the selection of system hardening measures (e.g. covered conductor, targeted underground, REFCL, etc.), as these decisions are based on a wildfire mitigation analysis. System hardening selection is based on initial criteria established by the Integrated Wildfire Mitigation Strategy (IWMS)<sup>1</sup> and further informed by our subject matter expert detail review on a project-by-project basis. After a hardening mitigation has been selected, the ensuing planning and design process considers load forecasts.

b. N/A

c. The type of conductor, cable or equipment needed for the system hardening measures are informed by load forecast projection. These considerations are made during the project design phase. Please also see the response to Question 3.

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<sup>1</sup> 2023-2025 WMP, pp. 181-229