

Horizon West Transmission (HWT)

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HWT notes the following to provide context to its responses:
HWT's Suncrest Facility consists of the Suncrest Static Var Compensator (SVC) and its 230 kV single-circuit transmission line installed underground.

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Q01. *Regarding Potential Future Projects:*

- a. *On page 64 of HWT's WMP, it states that "HWT will implement wildfire mitigation strategies and design criteria as soon as practical to any facility that HWT constructs or acquires during the 2023-2025 WMP cycle and update Energy Safety accordingly."*
 - i. *Is HWT anticipating any new projects in the 2023-2025 timeline? If so, list such projects including years on expected construction and/or acquisition.*

HWT Response: There are no anticipated projects in the 2023-2025 timeline.

Q02. *Regarding QA/QC Process:*

- a. *On page 87 of HWT's WMP, it states that "As HWT gains more operational experience, it will evaluate making appropriate changes to its asset management and inspections procedures, including QA / QC processes."*
 - i. *Provide HWT's plans for evaluating its existing process, including any such timelines.*
 - ii. *Describe HWT's current documentation process for any QA/QC performed.*

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HWT Response:

- i. HWT's only operation asset is the Suncrest Static VAR Compensator which has a limited footprint and scope and scale of operation. HWT's asset management and inspection procedures are commensurate with the scope and scale of its operations and its maintenance practices are in line with CAISO maintenance procedures. HWT does not have any current plans to alter its asset management and inspection procedures.
- ii. Periodic QA/QC asset management and inspection tasks are managed and monitored through the company's Asset Management Program (AMP). Corresponding procedures and checklists cover applicable QA/QC requirements/commitments. Periodic worktask due date lookahead reports provide advance notice to field operation employees and applicable management employees for oversight. Field operation employees fill out the checklists and complete corresponding worktasks in AMP.

Q03. Regarding Stakeholders Collaboration:

- a. *In its Section 8.5.4 of its Pre-Submission for its 2023-2025 WMP, Horizon West stated that it does not anticipate providing customer support or engaging with communities during an emergency; however, it has developed a protocol for communication and coordination with its primary stakeholders, including the CAISO and Interconnecting Transmission Owner, local fire agencies, etc. (p. 182). In its WMP submission on May 8, 2023, HWT no longer mentions this protocol in Section 8.5.4. HWT states that, given its limited footprint and scale of operations, it does not participate (or have plans to participate) in local wildfire mitigation planning. As a result, HWT's Tables 8.61 (Collaboration in Local Wildfire Mitigation Planning) and 8.62 (Key Gaps and Limitations in Collaborating on Local Wildfire Mitigation Planning) are marked as "N/A" or "Not Applicable" (pp. 210-211).*
 - i. *Please confirm whether HWT has a protocol for communication and coordination with its primary stakeholders (CAISO, SDG&E, local fire agencies, etc.).*
 - 1 *If HWT does have a protocol, please describe the extent of this protocol, including when this collaboration occurs, stakeholders involved, any instances of recent collaboration, any gaps or limitations with this collaboration, etc.*
 - 2 *If no such protocol has been developed, please clarify and explain what is meant by "HWT has developed a protocol for communication and coordination with its primary stakeholders, including the CAISO and Interconnecting Transmission Owner, local fire agencies, etc." in HWT's Pre-Submission.*

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HWT Response: Section 8.5.4 specially addresses local wildfire mitigation planning. HWT provided a clarifying response in Section 8.5.4 of the WMP, noting that because HWT has no service territory, a limited footprint and does not serve end-use customers, it does not collaborate with any parties on local wildfire mitigation planning. However, HWT does have protocols, such as its Emergency Operations Plan (provided as a confidential attachment to the 2023 WMP), which provide details for communicating with the CAISO, SDG&E and emergency services in the event of off normal/emergency situations. HWT also notes that its Emergency Operations Plan also contains its PSPS policy which contains direction for communicating with SDG&E and the CAISO. Additionally, HWT complies with applicable CAISO, SDG&E and North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Communication standards for communicating with neighboring utilities and governing regional transmission organization (See HWT 2023 WMP, Section 8.4.3.2. pgs. 182-183).