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Appendix C

Risk-Based Decision-Making Framework (HARD REDLINE)

**Risk-Based Decision-Making Framework
Regarding Required Elements for Risk and Mitigation Analysis in
the Risk Assessment Mitigation Phase (RAMP) and General Rate Case (GRC) Applications**

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Definitions

- Alternative Analysis: Evaluation of different alternatives available to mitigate Risk.
- Attribute: an observable aspect of a risky situation that has value or reflects a utility objective, such as safety or reliability. Changes in the Levels of Attributes are used to determine the Consequences of a Risk Event. The Attributes in a Cost-Benefit Approach should cover the reasons that a utility would undertake risk mitigation activities.
- Baseline: A reference point in time at the start of the new General Rate Case (GRC) cycle.
- Baseline Risk: The amount of Residual Risk evaluated at the Baseline (i.e. at the start of the new GRC cycle) after taking into account all risk reduction Benefits from all risk mitigation activities projected to have been performed by the start of the new GRC cycle. The projected risk mitigation activities include those that are classified by the IOUs as Controls, as well as all mitigation activities for which the IOUs are seeking approval and/or funding in the current or upcoming Risk Assessment Mitigation Phase (RAMP) and GRC applications.
- Benefit: The reduction in Risk, as measured by the changes in Attribute levels, that would occur when a program or set of activities are implemented.
- Bow Tie: a tool that consists of the Risk Event in the center, a listing of Drivers on the left side that potentially lead to the Risk Event occurring, and a listing of Consequences on the right side that show the potential Outcomes if the Risk Event occurs.
- Consequence (or Impact): the effect of the occurrence of a Risk Event. Consequences affect Attributes of a Cost-Benefit Approach.
- Control: Currently established measure that is modifying Risk.
- CoRE: estimated dollar value of the Consequences of a Risk Event.
- Cost-Benefit Approach: a decision-analysis tool for comparing the monetized Benefits of a program, or set of activities, against the costs of the program, or set of activities, to create a measurement of value.
- Cost-Benefit Ratio: calculated by dividing the dollar value of Mitigation Benefit by the Mitigation cost estimate.
- CPUC: California Public Utilities Commission.
- Driver: a factor that could influence the likelihood of occurrence of a Risk Event. A Driver may include external events or characteristics inherent to the asset or system.

- Enterprise Risk Register (also referred to as “risk registry” or “ERR”): an inventory of enterprise risks at a snapshot in time that summarizes (for a utility’s management and/or stakeholders such as the CPUC) risks that a utility may face. The ERR is not intended to be static as risks are dynamic in nature. As such, the ERR must be refreshed on a regular basis and can reflect the changing nature of a risk; for example, risks that were consolidated together may be separated, new risks may be added, and the level of risks may change over time.
- Exposure: the measure that indicates the scope of the Risk, e.g., miles of transmission pipeline, number of employees, miles of overhead distribution lines, etc. Exposure defines the context of the Risk, i.e., specifies whether the Risk is associated with the entire system, or focused on a part of it.
- Foundational Activities, Elements, or Programs: Initiatives that support or enable two or more Mitigation programs or two or more Risks but do not directly reduce the Consequences or reduce the Likelihood of safety Risk Events.
- Frequency: the number of events generally defined per unit of time. (Frequency is not synonymous with Probability or Likelihood.)
- Inherent Risk: The level of Risk that exists without risk Controls or Mitigations.
- Levels (of an Attribute): the potential Outcomes or Consequences of a Risk Event on an Attribute. For instance, if a Risk Event results in 5 fatalities, “5” would be the Level of the Safety Attribute.
- Likelihood or Probability: the relative possibility that an event will occur, quantified as a number between 0% and 100% (where 0% indicates impossibility and 100% indicates certainty). The higher the Probability of an event, the more certain we are that the event will occur.
- LoRE: Likelihood of a Risk Event.
- Mitigation: Measure or activity proposed or in process designed to reduce the impact/Consequences and/or Likelihood/Probability of a Risk Event.
- Monetized Levels of an Attribute: e.g., Monetized Levels of Safety Attribute. The representation, in dollars, of the potential Outcomes that an Attribute is exposed to, obtained by converting from the Natural Units of the Attribute Levels using an appropriate conversion factor or function.
- Natural Unit of an Attribute: the way the Level of an Attribute is measured or expressed. For example, the Natural Unit of a Safety Attribute may be fatalities. Natural Units are chosen for convenience and ease of communication and are distinct from Monetized Levels of Attributes.

- Outcome: The final resolution or end result of a Risk Event.
- Planned or Forecasted Residual Risk: Risk remaining after implementation of proposed mitigations.
- Residual Risk: Risk remaining after application of Mitigations, including Mitigations classified as Controls.
- Risk: The potential for the occurrence of an event that would be desirable to avoid, often expressed in terms of a combination of various Outcomes of an adverse event and their associated Probabilities.
- Risk-Adjusted Levels of an Attribute: Obtained by applying a Risk Attitude Function to the Monetized Levels of an Attribute.
- Risk-Adjusted Attribute Value: a numerical quantity derived from the Risk-Adjusted Levels of an Attribute, e.g., by taking the mathematical expectation of the Levels.
- Risk ~~Scaling~~Attitude- Function: A function or formula that specifies an attitude towards different magnitudes of Outcomes including capturing aversion to extreme Outcomes or indifference towards those Outcomes.~~A function or formula applied to Monetized Levels of an Attribute to express the attitude towards uncertainty, i.e. risk aversion, neutrality or seeking.~~
- Risk Driver: Same as definition for Driver.
- Risk Event: an occurrence or change of a particular set of circumstances that may have potentially adverse Consequences and may require action to address. In particular, the occurrence of a Risk Event changes the Levels of some or all of the Attributes of a risky situation.
- Risk Score: Numerical representation of qualitative and/or quantitative risk assessment that is typically used to relatively rank risks and may change over time.
- Risk Tolerance: Maximum amount of Residual Risk that an entity or its stakeholders are willing to accept after application of risk Control or Mitigation. Risk Tolerance can be influenced by legal or regulatory requirements.
- Tranche: a logical disaggregation of a group of assets (physical or human) or systems into subgroups with like characteristics for purposes of risk assessment.

Summary

The provisions of this document, the Risk-Based Decision-Making Framework, constitute the minimum required elements applicable to risk and risk mitigation analysis in RAMP and GRC proceedings. The minimum required elements apply to the following steps in the risk and mitigation analysis for RAMP and GRC proceedings, which are set forth in detail in this Appendix:

- Building a Cost-Benefit Approach– Step 1A
- Identifying Risks for the Enterprise Risk Register – Step 1B
- Risk Assessment and Risk Ranking in Preparation for RAMP – Step 2A
- Selecting Enterprise Risks for RAMP – Step 2B
- Mitigation Analysis for Risks in RAMP – Step 3

Also included herein are several “Global Items” setting forth additional minimum requirements applicable to the risk and mitigation analysis addressed herein. In addition, Row 28 of this Appendix sets forth the conditions under which each of the Joint Utilities will engage in the “Step 3” Mitigation Analysis for certain programs (as delineated herein) proposed in the utility’s GRC to mitigate safety or reliability risks not otherwise addressed in the utility’s RAMP submission.

Step 1A – Building a Cost-Benefit Approach

No.	Element Name	Element Description and Requirements
1.	Cost-Benefit Approach	<p>A utility's Cost-Benefit Approach should be constructed by following these six principles (see Rows 2-7, below).</p> <p>The Cost-Benefit Approach is required to be built once but the utility may adjust its Cost-Benefit Approach over time. Any changes to the Cost-Benefit Approach must adhere to the principles of construction set forth in Rows 2 through 7 below.</p>
2.	Cost-Benefit Approach Principle 1 – Attribute Hierarchy	Attributes are combined in a hierarchy, such that the primary Attributes are typically labels or categories and the sub-Attributes are observable and measurable.
3.	Cost-Benefit Approach Principle 2 – Measured Observations	Each sub-Attribute has Levels expressed in Natural Units that are observable during ordinary operations and as a Consequence of the occurrence of a Risk Event.
4.	Cost-Benefit Approach Principle 3 – Comparison	<p>Use a measurable proxy for an Attribute that is logically necessary but not directly measurable.</p> <p>This principle only applies when a necessary Attribute is not directly measurable. For example, a measure of the number of complaints about service received can be used as a proxy for customer satisfaction.</p>
5.	Cost-Benefit Approach Principle 4 – Risk Assessment	<p>When Attribute Levels that result from the occurrence of a Risk Event are uncertain, assess the uncertainty in the Attribute Levels by using expected value or percentiles, or by specifying well-defined probability distributions, from which expected values and tail values can be determined.</p> <p>Monte Carlo simulations or other similar simulations (including calibrated subject expertise modeling), among other tools, may be used to satisfy this principle.</p>

6.	Cost-Benefit Approach Principle 5 – Monetized Levels of Attributes	<p>Apply a monetized value to the Levels of each of the Attributes using a standard set of parameters or formulas, from other government agencies or industry sources, as determined by the <i>Phase II Decision Adopting Modifications to the Risk-Based Decision-Making Framework Adopted in D.18-12-014 and Directing Environmental and Social Justice Pilots in Rulemaking (R.) 20-07-013</i>.</p> <p>A utility may deviate from the agreed upon standard set of parameters or formulas by submitting a detailed explanation as to why the use of a different value would be more appropriate. The use of a different set of parameters or formulas to determine the Monetized Levels of Attributes requires an analysis comparing the results of its “equivalent or better” set of parameters or formulas against the results of the agreed upon standard set of parameters or formulas.</p>
7.	Cost-Benefit Approach Principle 6 – Risk-Adjusted <u>Attribute Levels</u>	<p>Apply a Risk Attitude <u>Scaling</u> Function to the Monetized Levels of an Attribute or Attributes (from Row 6) to obtain Risk-Adjusted <u>Attribute Levels</u>. The Risk Attitude <u>Scaling</u> Function specifies attitude towards is <u>an adjustment made in the risk model due to</u> different magnitudes <u>kinds</u> of Outcomes, including capturing which can capture aversion to extreme Outcomes or indifference over a range of <u>towards those</u> Outcomes.</p> <p>The Risk Attitude <u>Scaling</u> Function can be linear or <u>convexly</u> non-linear. For example, the Risk Attitude <u>Scaling</u> Function is linear to express a risk-neutral attitude <u>indifference</u> if avoiding a given change in the Monetized Attribute Level does not depend on the Attribute Level. Alternatively, the Risk Attitude <u>Scaling</u> Function is <u>convexly</u> non-linear to express a risk-averse or risk-seeking attitude <u>aversion if a change in the Attribute level results in an increasing rate of change in the Risk-Adjusted Monetized Attribute Level as the Level of the Attribute increases</u> if avoiding a given change in the Monetized Attribute Level differs by the Attribute Level.</p> <p><u>When completing Rows 5 and 24 in the RDF, if a utility chooses to address tail risk using the power law or other statistical approach and chooses to present Risk-Adjusted Levels by relying on a convex scaling function, then it must supplement its analysis by also presenting Risk-Adjusted Attribute Levels by relying on a linear scaling function.</u></p>

Step 1B – Identify Risks for the Enterprise Risk Register

No.	Element Name	Element Description and Requirements
8.	Risk Identification and Definition	<p>Utilities' risks are defined in their respective Enterprise Risk Registers. The Enterprise Risk Register is the starting point for identifying the risks that will be included in the RAMP. The process for determining these risks will be described in the RAMP.</p> <p>The RAMP will consider risks using the same risk definitions as in the ERR.</p> <p>Each RAMP filing will highlight any changes to the ERR from the previous RAMP or GRC filings.</p>

Step 2A – Risk Assessment and Risk Ranking in Preparation for RAMP

No.	Element Name	Element Description and Requirements
9.	Risk Assessment	<p>Using the Cost-Benefit Approach developed in accordance with Step 1A, for each Risk included in the Enterprise Risk Register, the utility will compute a monetized Safety Risk Value using only the Safety Attribute. The utility will sort its ERR Risks in descending order by the monetized Safety Risk Value. For the top 40% of ERR risks with a Safety Risk Value greater than zero dollars, the utility will compute a monetized Risk Value using at least the Safety, Reliability and Financial Attributes to determine the output for Step 2A.</p> <p>The output of Step 2A, along with the input from stakeholders described in Row 12 below, will be used to decide which risks will be addressed in the RAMP.</p> <p>The Risk Assessment in preparation for RAMP will follow the steps in Rows 10 and 11.</p>
10.	Identification of Potential Consequences of Risk Event	<p>The identified potential Consequences of a Risk Event should reflect the unique characteristics of the utility. For each enterprise risk, the utility will use actual results, available and appropriate data (e.g., Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration data), and/or Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to identify potential Consequences of the Risk Event, consistent with the Cost-Benefit Approach developed in Step 1A. The utility should use utility specific data, if available. If data that is specific to the utility is not available, the utility must supplement its analysis with subject matter expertise. Similarly, if data reflecting past results are used, that data must be supplemented by SME judgment that takes into account the Benefits of any Mitigations that are expected to be implemented prior to the GRC period under review in the RAMP submission.</p>
11.	Identification of the Frequency of the Risk Event	<p>The identified Frequency of a Risk Event should reflect the unique characteristics of the utility. For each enterprise risk, the utility will use actual results and/or SME input to determine the annual Frequency of the Risk Event. The utility should use utility specific data, if available. If data that is specific to the utility is not available, the utility must supplement its analysis with subject matter expertise. In addition, if data reflecting past results are used, that data must be supplemented by SME judgment that takes into account the Benefits of any Mitigations that are</p>

		<p>expected to be implemented prior to the GRC period under review in the RAMP submission.</p> <p>The utility will take into account all known relevant Drivers when specifying the Frequency of a Risk Event.</p> <p>Drivers should reflect current and/or forecasted conditions and may include both external actions as well as characteristics inherent to the asset. For example, where applicable, Drivers may include: the presence of corrosion, vegetation, dig-ins, earthquakes, windstorms or the location of a pipe in an area with a higher likelihood of dig-ins.</p>
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Step 2B – Selecting Enterprise Risks for RAMP

No.	Element Name	Element Description and Requirements
12.	Risk Selection Process for RAMP	<p>Using the analysis performed in Step 2A, the utility will preliminarily select risks to be included in the RAMP. The utility will host a publicly noticed workshop, to be appropriately communicated to interested parties and at a minimum, should include the CPUC's Safety Policy Division (SPD), to gather input from SPD, other interested CPUC staff, and interested parties to inform the determination of the final list of risks to be included in the RAMP. At least 14 days in advance of the workshop, the utility will provide to SPD and interested parties at least the following information: (1) its preliminary list of RAMP risks; and (2) the monetized Safety Risk Value for each risk in the ERR and the monetized Risk Value for the top ERR risks identified through the process in Row 9. The utility will make its best effort to timely respond to reasonable requests for additional information prior to the workshop.</p> <p>Based on input received from SPD, other interested CPUC staff, and interested parties, the utility will make its determination of the final list of risks to be addressed in its RAMP. The rationale for taking or disregarding input during the workshop will be addressed in the utility's RAMP.</p>

Step 3 – Mitigation Analysis for Risks in RAMP

No.	Element Name	Element Description and Requirements
13.	Calculation of Risk	For purposes of the Step 3 analysis, pre- and post-mitigation risk will be calculated by multiplying the Likelihood of a Risk Event (LoRE) by the Consequences of a Risk Event (CoRE). The CoRE is the sum of each of the Risk-Adjusted Attribute Values using the utility's full Cost-Benefit Approach.
14.	Definition of Risk Events and Tranches	<p>Detailed pre- and post-mitigation analysis of Mitigations will be performed for each risk selected for inclusion in the RAMP. The utility will endeavor to identify all asset groups or systems subject to the risk and each Risk Event associated with the risk. For example, if Steps 2A and 2B identify wildfires associated with utility facilities as a RAMP Risk Event, the utility will identify all Drivers that could cause a wildfire and each group of assets or systems that could be associated with the wildfire risk, such as overhead wires and transformers.</p> <p>For each Risk Event, the utility will subdivide the group of assets or the system associated with the risk into Tranches. Risk reductions from Mitigations and Risk Spend Efficiencies <u>Cost Benefit Ratios</u> will be determined at the Tranche level, which gives a more granular view of how Mitigations will reduce Risk.</p> <p>The determination of Tranches will <u>generally</u> be based on how the risks, <u>as a product of LoRE and CoRE</u>, and assets are managed by each utility, data availability and model maturity, and strive to achieve as deep a level of granularity as reasonably possible.</p> <p>The rationale for the determination of Tranches, or for a utility's judgment that no Tranches are appropriate for a given Risk Event, will be presented in the utility's RAMP submission.</p> <p>For the purposes of the risk analysis, each <u>all of the</u> elements (i.e., assets or system) contained in the identified Tranche would be considered to have homogeneous risk profiles, <u>meaning they should</u> (i.e., considered to have the same LoRE and CoRE).</p> <p><u>The best practice for determining the homogeneity of risk profiles in reporting Tranches is the use of quintiles of LoRE and quintiles of CoRE, resulting in 25 reporting tranches. The utility can and should submit more granular data in workbooks included with RAMP and GRC filings if it is available. If the assets or system associated with a given risk are less than</u></p>

		<p><u>25 in number, the utility may use an alternative means of determining homogeneity of risk profiles, including quartiles or other smaller divisions of LoRE and CoRE, but this alternative means must be described in detail in the RAMP filing.</u></p> <p><u>If a utility desires to use an alternative determination of Tranches not reflecting 25 homogenous risk profiles based on LoRE and CoRE, or they wish to use a percentile ranking approach that would result in more than 25 reporting Tranches, the utility must submit a White Paper describing their preferred method for determining Tranches and relevant workpapers to SPD no later than 45 days before their first pre-RAMP workshop and must serve the White Paper to the service list of R.20-07-013 or a successor proceeding as well as the service list of the utility's most recent RAMP application no later than 45 days before their first pre-RAMP workshop. The utility must also include the White Paper in its RAMP filing, clearly indicating any changes to the previously served version. An IOU may submit this White Paper without prejudice to the right of parties to the RAMP or GRC to challenge such alternative determination of tranches.</u></p>
15.	Bow Tie	For each risk included in the RAMP, the utility will include a Bow Tie illustration. For each Mitigation presented in the RAMP, the utility will identify which element(s) of its associated Bow Tie the Mitigation addresses.
16.	Expressing Effects of a Mitigation	The effects of a Mitigation on a Tranche will be expressed as a change to the Tranche-specific pre-mitigation values for LoRE and/or CoRE. The utility will provide the pre- and post-mitigation values for LoRE and CoRE determined in accordance with this Step 3 for all Mitigations subject to this Step 3 analysis.
17.	Determination of Pre-Mitigation LoRE by Tranche	The pre-mitigation LoRE is the probability that a given Risk Event will occur with respect to a single element of a specified Tranche over a specified period of time (typically a year) in the planning period, before a future Mitigation is in place.
18.	Determination of Pre-Mitigation CoRE	The pre-mitigation CoRE is the sum of each of the pre-mitigation Risk-Adjusted Attribute Values using the utility's full Cost-Benefit Approach. The CoRE is calculated using the full Cost-Benefit Approach tool constructed consistent with Step 1A above.
19.	Measurement of Pre-Mitigation Risk Value	The monetized pre-mitigation risk value will be calculated as the product of the pre-mitigation LoRE and the pre-mitigation CoRE for each Tranche subject to the identified Risk Event.

20.	Determination of Post-Mitigation LoRE	The post-mitigation LoRE calculation will be conducted at the same level of granularity as the pre-mitigation risk analysis within Step 3. The calculated value is the probability of occurrence of a Risk Event after the future Mitigation is in place.
21.	Determination of Post-Mitigation CoRE	The post-mitigation CoRE calculation will be conducted at the same level of granularity as the pre-mitigation risk analysis. The post-mitigation CoRE is the sum of each of the post-mitigation Risk-Adjusted Attribute Values using the utility's full Cost-Benefit Approach.
22.	Measurement of Post-Mitigation Monetized Risk Value	The monetized post-mitigation risk value will be calculated as the product of the post-mitigation LoRE and post-mitigation CoRE for each Tranche subject to the identified Risk Event.
23.	Measurement of Risk Reduction Provided by a Mitigation	The risk reduction provided by a risk mitigation will be measured as the difference between the values of the monetized pre-mitigation risk value and the monetized post-mitigation risk value.
24.	Use of Expected Value for CoRE; Supplemental Calculations	<p>The utility will use expected value for the Cost-Benefit Approach-based measurements and calculations of CoRE in Rows 13, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 23. If a utility chooses to present Alternative Analysis of monetized pre- and post-mitigation CoRE using a computation in addition to the expected value of the Cost-Benefit Approach, such as tail value, it does so without prejudice to the right of parties to the RAMP or GRC to challenge such Alternative Analysis.</p> <p><u>In the case of wildfire risks, if the utility choose to present an Alternative Analysis regarding tail value, the utility: (a) should use a truncated power law distribution method as a best practice by conducting multiple tests of truncation values to determine goodness of fit to existing data and then include the results in their RAMP application; and, (b) may use an alternative modeling method to the truncated power law, and submit to SPD and serve to the service list of R.20-07-013, or a successor proceeding, and the utility's most recent RAMP application proceeding a White Paper and related workpapers clearly justifying its approach no later than 45 days before its first pre-RAMP workshop. The utility must also include the White Paper in its RAMP filing, clearly indicating any modifications to the earlier served version.</u></p>

25.	Cost-Benefit Ratios Calculation	<p>The Cost-Benefit Ratio calculation should be calculated by dividing the dollar value of Mitigation Benefit by the Mitigation cost estimate. The values in the numerator and denominator should be present values to ensure the use of comparable measurements of Benefits and costs. The Benefits should reflect the full set of Benefits that are the results of the incurred costs.</p> <p><u>Specifically, when calculating CBRs for each mitigation, the IOUs must provide the following three scenarios:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) <u>Societal Discount Rate Scenario</u>b) <u>Weighted-Average Cost of Capital Discount Rate Scenario, and</u>c) <u>Hybrid Discount Rate Scenario</u> <p>For capital programs, the costs in the denominator should include incremental expenses made necessary by the capital investment.</p>
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Global Items

No.	Element Name	Element Description and Requirements
26.	Mitigation Strategy Presentation in the RAMP and GRC	<p>The utility's RAMP filing will provide a ranking of all RAMP Mitigations by Cost-Benefit ratios.</p> <p>In the GRC, the utility will provide a ranking of Mitigations by Cost-Benefit Ratios, as follows: (1) For Mitigations addressed in the RAMP, the utility will use risk reduction estimates, including any updates, and updated costs to calculate Cost-Benefit Ratios and explain any differences from its RAMP filing; (2) For Mitigations that require Step 3 analysis under and consistent with Row 28, the utility will include the Cost-Benefit Ratios, calculated in accordance with Step 3, in the ranking of Mitigations by Cost-Benefit Ratios.</p> <p>In the RAMP and GRC, the utility will clearly and transparently explain its rationale for selecting Mitigations for each risk and for its selection of its overall portfolio of Mitigations. The utility is not bound to select its Mitigation strategy based solely on the Cost-Benefit Ratios produced by the Cost-Benefit Approach.</p> <p>Mitigation selection can be influenced by other factors including, but not limited to, funding, labor resources, technology, planning and construction lead time, compliance requirements, Risk Tolerance thresholds, operational and execution considerations, and modeling limitations and/or uncertainties affecting the analysis. In the GRC, the utility will explain whether and how any such factors affected the utility's Mitigation selections.</p> <p><u>GRC Post-Test Year Reporting: All Controls and Mitigation programs must include CBRs in each of the GRC post-test years as well as an aggregate CBR for the entire post-test year period and the entire GRC period, by Tranche.</u></p>
27.	Dynamic Analysis	<p>If LoRE or CoRE is expected to change substantially over time due to factors such as asset age, asset condition, and varying effect of Mitigation over time, these changes should be specified and incorporated into the calculation of monetized pre- and post-mitigation risk values and Cost-Benefit Ratios. One means of incorporating these changes is by the use of the dynamic analysis demonstrated by the Joint Intervenor in the test drive problems for high pressure gas pipelines for PG&E and SoCalGas/SDG&E in Phase 2 of A.15-05-002 et al.</p>

28.	Step 3 Supplemental Analysis in the GRC	<p>(1) Except as provided in (2), the utility will conduct a Step 3 analysis in the GRC of any program included in the GRC Application that meets all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the program was not addressed in the RAMP; (b) the utility justifies the program primarily on the basis of reducing a safety or reliability risk; the program is associated with the portion of the electric system under CPUC jurisdiction (“Electric Operations”) or with the natural gas transmission or distribution pipeline system or storage facilities (“Gas Operations”); and (d) the CPUC jurisdictional forecast cost of the program in the GRC equals or exceeds the following thresholds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) For PG&E, SCE, and SoCalGas: cumulative \$75 million over three years for capital programs, and \$15 million in the test year for expense programs; (ii) For SDG&E, cumulative \$37.5 million over three years for capital programs and \$7.5 million in the test year for expense programs. <p>(2) A Step 3 analysis is not required for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) administrative and general programs; (b) work requested by others programs; (c) a program that meets a compliance obligation under applicable law, or regulation, (including but not limited to any general orders), provided that this exclusion shall not apply if the utility chooses to exceed the minimum requirements of the compliance obligation or if the terms of the compliance obligation allow the utility to exercise discretion regarding the pace or scope of the program to meet the obligation; (d) a program that is justified solely or primarily as necessary to satisfy the utility’s obligation to serve or to fulfill a mandatory customer request or load growth, provided that this exclusion shall not apply if the utility chooses to exceed the obligation to serve or customer request or if the terms of the obligation or customer request give the utility discretion regarding the pace or scope of the program to meet the obligation to serve; or (e) an expense program that is associated with routine operations and maintenance or restoring service after events such as emergency conditions, storms, and unplanned outages. <p>(3) For any program for which a Step 3 analysis is required under the foregoing provisions, the results of the analysis will be provided in the utility’s GRC showing.</p>
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(4) For purposes of determining whether a program in the GRC falls below the dollar thresholds in (1)(d), the utility shall not break up the program into component parts in order to avoid performance of the Step 3 analysis.

For purposes of this row, “program” is defined as a CPUC jurisdictional effort within Electric Operations or Gas Operations consisting of projects, activities, and/or functions with a defined scope that is intended to meet a specific objective. Program will be specifically defined for each utility as follows:

- **PG&E:** For PG&E’s gas operations and electric distribution operations, programs are defined at the Maintenance Activity Type (MAT) level and not at levels that further subdivide activities within the MAT. For example, if the MAT includes two sets of activities, both activities together comprise a program for purposes of Row 28. Any existing MAT codes for a capital or expense program are subject to change as new programs or projects are developed and previous programs or projects are discontinued or modified.
- **SCE:** Programs are defined at the GRC Activity and Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) levels for expense and capital, respectively, as shown in pages 1 to 19 in the workpapers for SCE-01 in its 2018 GRC Application, A.16-09-001, and not at levels that further subdivide activities within the GRC Activity code and the WBS level. For example, if the GRC Activity code or WBS includes two sets of activities, both activities together comprise a program for purposes of Row 28. The activities in each GRC may be different from the ones noted here as new programs or projects are developed and previous programs or projects are discontinued or modified.
- **SoCalGas/SDG&E:**
 - **Capital Programs:** Capital programs are defined at the budget code level and not at levels that further subdivide activities within the budget code. For example, if the budget code includes two sets of activities, both activities together comprise a program for purposes of Row 28. Sometimes a capital program is presented as a series of budget codes. If a capital program is represented by multiple budget codes, SoCalGas and SDG&E will add the sum total of the budget codes for each of the respective capital programs to determine applicability under the capital program dollar threshold in Row 28.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Expense Programs: An expense program is presented by workpaper, which typically contains a single cost center or a group of cost centers. For purposes of determining applicability under Row 28 for an expense program, SoCalGas and SDG&E will respectively review the Test Year request for each workpaper for each utility and if the total expense for the workpaper meets the applicable expense threshold in Row 28, SoCalGas and SDG&E will then determine whether any amounts within the selected workpaper relate to activities that are not required to undergo Step 3 analysis in accordance with the exclusions in Row 28. Such amounts will be deducted from the total Test Year costs for the workpaper for purposes of determining whether the dollar threshold in Row 28 is met. <p>(c) General: Any existing budget codes or workpapers for a capital or expense program are subject to change as new programs or projects are developed and previous programs or projects are discontinued or modified.</p>
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29.	Transparency in RAMP and GRC – Results can be understood	<p>Inputs and computations for the Steps described in this document should be clearly stated and defined in RAMP and, when applicable, the GRC.</p> <p>The sources of inputs should be clearly specified. When SME judgment is used, the process that the SMEs undertook to provide their judgment should be described. Any questionnaire or document used to solicit SME judgment will be made available to the CPUC and parties upon request.</p> <p>The utility should specify all information and assumptions that are used to determine both monetized pre- and post-mitigation risk values.</p> <p>The methodologies used by the utility should be mathematically correct and logically sound. The mathematical structure should be transparent. All algorithms should be identified. All calculations should be repeatable by third parties using utility data and assumptions recognizing that, dependent on the models used, some variation of result may occur. This requirement is subject to practicality and feasibility constraints of sharing data and models (such as confidentiality, critical energy infrastructure data, volume of information and proprietary models). If these constraints arise, the utility will walk through the calculations in detail when requested by intervenors or the CPUC staff.</p>
30.	Sensitivity Analysis	<p>The utility will identify critical parameters and assumptions made in performing the risk analysis and explain why such parameters are critical.</p> <p>The utility will be prepared to complete a sensitivity analysis of its results when requested. Intervenors may request sensitivity analyses via the discovery process.</p>

31.	Data Support and Data Sources	<p>All estimates should be based on data whenever practical and appropriate. However, the available data should not restrict the application of the risk assessment methodologies. SME judgment should be used if the methodologies require use of data that is not available. Over time, SME judgment should be increasingly supplemented by data analysis as the methodologies mature.</p> <p>Data can include company-specific data or industry data. Whether use of a type of data is appropriate depends on the issue under consideration. If a utility relies on industry data, the utility will provide justification for applying those data to the specific circumstances of the utility.</p> <p>Data can be combined with SME judgment to provide inputs to the risk methodology.</p> <p>Data can be information derived from, but not limited to, observations, models, records, analysis, or measurements.</p>
32.	Implementation	<p>The methodology and agreed-upon items herein will be implemented by the utilities within one year following a final CPUC decision, beginning with the 2024 PG&E RAMP filing and continuing with subsequent filings.</p>
33.	Minimum Requirements	<p>This document outlines the minimum requirements for the RAMP and the Mitigations presented in the GRC for which Step 3 analysis is required under Row 28. The utilities may provide additional data and information as they see fit and/or view as necessary to justify their GRC request. Parties reserve the right to challenge the sufficiency of the justification for risk-justified projects or programs proposed in the GRC for which the utility elects not to conduct a quantitative analysis of risk reduction and Cost-Benefit Ratios.</p>

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