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Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

(LIDR) Please refer to Exhibits CLP-Customer-1, p.20-24, and CLP-Customer-2. Do the recommendations in CLP-Customer-1 and the data in CLP-Customer-2 reflect the proposed new rates? If not, please revise and resubmit CLP-Customer-2 with the proposed new rates and indicate if that would produce any changes to CLP-Customer-1, and if so, what changes.

Response:

The Company clarifies that the Low Income Discount Rate ("LIDR") scenario analysis in CLP-CUSTOMER-1 used "*the current electric LIDR discount percentages and 2025 customer billing and usage data,*" as stated at page 21, which applied to all three scenarios provided. Additional LIDR scenario modeling assumptions are clarified in the Company's response to OCC-112.[i]

The Company now provides OCC-111 Attachment 1, which updates the CLP-CUSTOMER-2 modeled LIDR scenario analysis as reflected on the "Key Cost Inputs" tab to replace 2025 actuals with Revenue Year projections[1] for the following:

- Total Electric Customers
- Total Billed Usage
- Total Proposed Rate Year revenue
- Average kWh cost
- Average Bill

In addition, to support stakeholder scenario analysis inquiries in the parallel Gas Tiered LIDR proceedings in Docket No. 26-02-06, as discussed in the Monday, July 27 Hearing in that proceeding, the Company includes in OCC-111 Attachment 1, a new tab that models a 4% LIDR electricity burden scenario. Within the time provided, the Company was not able to incorporate CEAP assumptions but expects key stakeholders would likely find this valuable to consider as well.

[1] The total proposed rate year revenue is $5,289,118,603, as reflected in Exhibit CLP-RATES-2.3, page 1 of 6, base distribution rates.

Prior Referenced Response:

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[i] **OCC-112 Question:**

(LIDR) Please refer to Exhibit CLP-Customer-2.

a. Please confirm that the Exhibit creates a LIDR that targets a 6% energy burden.
b. Please confirm that the Exhibit is an unlocked Excel file that may be modified to reflect different variables/inputs.
c. Please confirm that to reach a 4% energy burden under the tab 5T Proposed Strawman, the discounts would need to be modified, respectively, to 15%, 35%, 51%, 61%, and 83% (with 83% resulting in a 3.9% energy burden, but 82% resulting in a 4.2% energy burden), and result in a total residential monthly bill impact of $6.56.

OCC-112 Response [emphasis added in bold]:

a. Exhibit CLP-Customer-2 provides electric Low Income Discount Rate ("LIDR") energy burden analysis that is intended to create transparent insight into 1) the energy burden impact of the current electric LIDR discount percentages and 2) *alternative* LIDR scenarios to more equitably provide electricity at an affordable energy burden levels by varying discount percentages by tiers and 3) consider the 2% annual LIDR budgetary cost cap. While 6% is modeled to provide current and alternative LIDR scenario analyses, the Company did not intend to "create" an *electric* burden target of 6%. Rather, the Company's intention is to perform LIDR scenario analysis and integrate key stakeholder feedback to adjust the electric LIDR to provide more affordable electricity to those who need the most assistance, while considering costs to all customers to fund the LIDR.

b. Yes. Exhibit CLP-Customer-2 is an unlocked spreadsheet that can be modified to reflect different variables.

c. Yes. To reach a 4% energy burden for all low-income residential electric (heating and non-heating) customers the discounts would need to be 15%, 35%, 51%, 61%, and 83% and would result in a total residential monthly bill impact of $6.56. **This does not include an assumption of receipt of Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).**