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Request from: Office of Education, Outreach, and Enforcement

Question:

(STORM CUSTOMER CONTRIBUTIONS) Refer to Exhibit-ACCT-1, WACC Cust Cont, Column E. Explain how each of the customer contribution amounts were derived.

Response:

Please refer to EOE-018, Attachment 1, for the calculation of the monthly customer contributions included in Exhibit-ACCT-1, tab "WACC Cust Cont", Column E. EOE-018, Attachment 1, is further explained below:

(1) Rows 15 through 22 identify the storm amortizations included in CL&P's base distribution rates established as a result of storm reviews in Docket Nos. 17-10-46 and 18-11-12. This reflects the annual revenue the Company receives from customers associated with prior storm amortizations. As these amortizations fully collect their respective storm costs the amortizations transition from funding prior storm costs to funding the storm reserve.

(2) Rows 25 through 28 identify the total revenues recovered in rates for the storm amortizations and removes the amortizations that are still being applied against prior storm costs. For example, Row 26 shows that the $2.940 million amortization was being applied against prior Docket No. 17-10-46 storm costs through April 30, 2024, and then was utilized to fund the storm reserve effective May 1, 2024 (i.e. increases the storm reserve funding). Row 27 shows that the $23.504 million amortization was being applied against prior Docket No. 18-11-12 storm costs through April 30, 2025, and therefore was not utilized to fund the storm reserve during this time period.

(3) Rows 30 and 31 show the base distribution funding of the catastrophic storm and pre-staging reserves authorized in Docket No. 17-10-46, which were each established at $3 million annually.

(4) Rows 32 and 34 show the total customer contributions to the storm reserve annually and monthly respectively. As shown on Row 34, customers contributed to the storm reserve $2.839 million monthly for the period May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 and $3.084 million for the period May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025.

The customer contributions shown on Row 34 of Attachment 1 are reflected in Exhibit ACCT-1, tab "WACC Cust Cont" on a 2-month lag to reflect the billing and customer payment lag experienced by the Company. For example, the $3.084 million customer contributions beginning in rates on May 1, 2024 are reflected in Exhibit ACCT-1, tab "WACC Cust Cont" beginning in July 2024. Consistent with PURA's treatment of customer contributions in their final decision in Docket No. 25-12-13 the Company has applied only the contributions during the period for which the storms were incurred (i.e. January 2024 through March 2025).

Please note that the February 2024 customer contribution is a net amount resulting from PURA's final decision in Docket No. 25-12-13. In that Docket the Company presented total customer contributions for the period May 2018 through December 2023 of $101,882,534. PURA's final decision ultimately utilized $101,469,791 to offset 2018 – 2023 catastrophic storm and pre-staging events resulting in a remaining customer contribution amount of $412,743 as of December 31, 2023. Consistent with the 2-month lag above, the $412,743 remaining amount as of December 31, 2023 is reflected in February 2024.

Subsequent to filing this rate amendment application on July 14, 2026, the Company has received the final decision in Docket No. 25-12-13. The Company plans to update the cost of service in this case to reflect the final decision in Docket No. 25-12-13 during the course of this proceeding and will reflect any changes related to Exhibit ACCT-1 including customer contributions.