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Witness: Brendan J. O'Brien and Garrett J. Murray
Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-1 Please explain why the Company has not excluded costs associated with its participation in rate case proceedings from the revenue deficiency calculation in this proceeding. In your response, please explain how the Company's proposed treatment of such costs complies with the requirements of SB 7, An Act Strengthening Protections For Connecticut's Consumers Of Energy, concerning recovery of costs associated with participation in rate case proceedings.

Response:

The Company has not removed costs associated with the preparation and participation in this rate case proceeding from the revenue deficiency calculation as these costs are necessary operating costs ensuring that rates are set at a just and reasonable level to enable the ongoing investment into the system to maintain a safe and reliable electric system, benefiting customers. As such, these costs are appropriately recovered from customers and are therefore included in the Company's proposed revenue deficiency. In this regard, the Company plans to provide legal argument on the plain language of the statute at the appropriate juncture in this proceeding. In the meantime, the Company plans to submit to the record the documentary support necessary to support recovery of the costs.

The Company justifies its recovery for costs associated with the preparation and participation in this rate amendment proceeding as prudently incurred and normal operating costs to litigate this rate amendment application. The Company is entitled to a reasonable opportunity, but not a guarantee, to recover its operating costs and maintain its credit integrity. Further, the Company should be allowed to demonstrate that the costs incurred to adjudicate this rate case proceeding are just and reasonable and affording PURA the opportunity to set equitable rates and establish innovative rate mechanisms and programs for the benefit of our customers.