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

Question:

Judgments/Settlements (Direct and Allocated).

a. Please provide, in list form, the details of all judgments and/or settlements resulting from suits brought which involved the Company or affiliates as a defendant, which resulted in the Company or affiliates, during the test year, paying or agreeing to pay or being ordered to pay an amount in excess of $10,000, including but not limited to the case name, a brief description of the case, the date filed, the date of settlement or the date of judgment and the amount the Company or affiliates was ordered or agreed to pay. Provide this information even if appeals are pending and note every instance of an appeal.
b. Provide the total amount of judgments/settlements expense (direct and allocated) for each of the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and the amount included in the rate year.

Response:

a. Please refer to OCC-308, Attachment 1 CONFIDENTIAL, for a list of all judgements and/or settlements resulting from suits brought in federal or state court, which resulted in the Company either paying or agreeing to pay an amount in excess of $10,000 during the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

b. Settlements and judgments that are property damage or bodily injury claims are funded out of the Company's public liability reserve up to $1 million. Property damage and bodily injury settlements and judgements over $1 million are covered by the Company's excess liability insurance. The Company has included $3.829 million in its Rate Year to accrue into the public liability reserve which is recovered from customers through base distribution rates. The table below summarizes the public liability expense for each year 2021 through 2025 and the legal settlement payments that are not covered by the Public Liability Reserve and excess liability insurance.

The Public Liability Reserve Accrual values are included in herein are from OCC-303, Attachment 2.

Year	Public Liability Reserve Accrual	CL&P Legal Settlements Payments
2021	$ 616,606	$ 21,041
2022	$ 10,474,004	$ 320,000
2023	$ 6,015,776	$ 1,030,000
2024	$ 1,340,332	
2025	$ 2,923,957	