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Question:

(Climate Change Vulnerability Study) Refer to Exhibit CLP-TSP-4 p. 29-44. Please explain the goal of the two case study extreme event scenarios and how they relate to understanding the Company's climate change vulnerability.

Response:

The goal of these two extreme event scenarios is to supplement the global climate model-based projections of climate hazards and provide a more comprehensive view of the potential risks of extreme events and the associated expected value of climate adaptation. The global climate model-based projections of climate hazards have technical limitations on their extension to extreme events. For example, the two extreme events studied use historical events to contemplate a plausible sequence of occurrences of climate hazard maxima and assess the increase in risk when this happens back-to-back, as opposed to global climate model-based projections of climate hazards that can only evaluate these hazards independently.