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Question:

Reference Ex. CLP-ELP-1, p. 112. Identify whether Eversource proposes any benchmark, reference year, or other points of comparison for evaluating the Sustainability and Financial Efficiency metrics except for Greenhouse Gas Emissions over performance-based multi-year rate plan term. If none is proposed, explain how the reported results are intended for evaluation.

Response:

In a PBR Framework, the use of reporting only metrics is intended to provide transparency and insight without specific targets or benchmarks. They enable quantification through reasonably available data and calculation methods, which enables reporting, verification, and trending over time.

The Company's proposed Sustainability and Financial Efficiency reporting metrics, excluding Greenhouse Gas Emissions, are: Customer Receivables Over 60 Days; and four Cost Efficiency metrics (Core Operating Expense per Customer, Core Operating Expense per Line Mile, Capital Expense per Customer, and Capital Expense per Line Mile).

The reporting metric for Customer Receivables Over 60 Days is designed to provide transparency into the level of customer arrearages. The Cost Efficiency metrics are intended to provide transparency of the Company's overall core business costs during the PBMRP term in a clear and comparable manner.

If the proposed Consumer Dividend calculation is approved, the Consumer Dividend will be set each year by comparing the Company's Core Operating Expense per customer to an inflation-adjusted benchmark. The benchmark will be expressed on a per-customer basis and set according to a fixed formula within the proposed PBMRP, as described in Exhibit CLP-ELP-1, at pages 94-95.