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Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

Please state whether the Company has analyzed the impact of 1-, 2-, 3-, and 5-year delays in load settlement, customer or third-party/supplier data access, TVR, demand-response, or ISO-NE settlement functionality on the AMI BCA or customer bill impacts, and provide any such analyses.

a. If not, please calculate these scenarios using the Company's existing BCA model and provide the resulting BCR, net benefits, and customer bill impacts.

b. Please provide any analyses comparing the selected Massachusetts/Connecticut AMI technology architecture to alternative vendors or designs that could provide lower-cost, lower-latency, or more complete settlement, customer-data, TVR, or demand-response functionality.

Response:

In response to this request, the Company analyzed 1-, 2-, 3-, and 5-year delays in the costs and benefits associated with Load Settlement using the existing AMI BCA model. The results are shown below:

Scenario	Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR)
Base Case	0.77
Load Settlement Delayed 1 Year	0.78
Load Settlement Delayed 2 Year	0.78
Load Settlement Delayed 3 Year	0.78
Load Settlement Delayed 5 Year	0.78

a. The Company does not take the position that Load Settlement is required to enable TVR and has not taken a position on whether supplier TVR requires Load Settlement. Accordingly, the sensitivity analysis delays only the Load Settlement costs and does not delay TVR-related benefits. The Company has not performed comparable delay analyses for customer or third-party/supplier data access, demand response, or ISO-NE settlement functionality because these capabilities are not impacted by a load settlement delay.

The table above provides the requested Load Settlement sensitivity analysis. For workpapers, please refer to the following attachments:

Load Settlement 1 Year Delay Scenario, please refer to OCC-421, Attachment 1 CONFIDENTIAL

Load Settlement 2 Year Delay Scenario, please refer to OCC-421, Attachment 2 CONFIDENTIAL

Load Settlement 3 Year Delay Scenario, please refer to OCC-421, Attachment 3 CONFIDENTIAL

Load Settlement 5 Year Delay Scenario, please refer to OCC-421, Attachment 4 CONFIDENTIAL

Please refer to OCC-421, Attachment 5, lines 121 through 127 on each tab for the year-by-year estimated bill impact analysis for each of the delay scenarios.

b. The current Load Settlement cost estimates were developed through an internal Eversource evaluation of the scope, architecture, implementation requirements and expected costs for interval-based settlement, including scenarios in which Connecticut and New Hampshire implement before Massachusetts, or conversely, leveraging a Massachusetts solution implemented first. The estimates are high-level planning estimates developed without direct input from potential replacement-solution vendors and consider software and licensing, infrastructure, data conversion, integration, internal labor, testing, edge-system changes, and ongoing support.