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Question:

(Uncollectible) Referring to Exhibit CL&P-RevReq-2 Schedule C-3.0, line 47. Explain the increase in uncollectible expense from the test year to the rate year.

Response:

The Test Year Uncollectible Expense in Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-2 Schedule C-3.0, line 47, of $17,185,000 represents actual uncollectible expenses recorded to FERC Account 904 in the Company's Test Year (calendar year 2025). The Rate Year amount is based on a historical 5-year average calculation of the uncollectible expense percentage from calendar years 2021 to 2025. Uncollectible expenses can be volatile year-to-year based on factors such as customer payment behavior, economic conditions, rate changes, customer consumption patterns and other payment-related factors existing each year. Therefore, use of a five-year average is appropriate to establish a representative annual uncollectible expense. In order to calculate the Rate Year uncollectible expense in this proceeding, the Company multiplied Rate Year revenues ($2,943,648,000) by the five-year average percentage of uncollectible expenses (0.5868%), resulting in a Rate Year uncollectible expense amount of $17,274,000, or $89,000 higher than the actual 2025 Test Year level of expense.