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Question:

(Depreciation) Did the Company utilize the Public Utility Depreciation Practices August 1996 manual when determining depreciation judgments made in its 2025 Depreciation Study?

Response:

It is unclear what is meant by the phrase "utilize the *Public Utility Depreciation Practices August 1996 Manual* when determining depreciation judgments." *Public Utility Depreciation Practices (August 1996)* is a textbook that describes depreciation methods and concepts, as well as considerations for aspects of estimating depreciation (such as service life analysis and net salvage analysis). Company Witness Allis is familiar with the text and incorporates considerations discussed in the text when estimating service lives, net salvage and other aspects of a depreciation study. However, recommendations in the depreciation studies conducted by Mr. Allis also utilize data analysis and other relevant information specific to the company studied, as well as Mr. Allis′s experience performing depreciation studies for many utilities across North America over the past 20 years.