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Question:

(FEE FREE PROGRAM) Discuss the differential between Fee Free Program fees collected through distribution rates and program fees assessed by and paid to the vendor.

Response:

The Company is billed the credit card fee that is applicable when a customer pays their electric bill with a credit card. Those fees are offset by the revenues authorized in the Company's last base distribution rate proceeding in Docket No. 17-10-46. In accordance with the 2018 Rate Settlement from Docket No. 17-10-46, the Company has tracked the actual expenses to revenues received and deferred any over or under-recoveries. Please refer to Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-1, pages 54 through 57, for a discussion of the fee free Deferral.

Please also refer to line 48 of B-6.2 in Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-2 for the test year actual and rate year projected over-recovery balances net of accumulated deferred income taxes. Please refer to C-3.15 and WP C-3.15 in Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-2 for the proposed rate year amount to be recovered annually in base distribution rates. The current amount set in rates is $2,654 million as part of the 2018 Rate Settlement in Docket No. 17-10-46 (2018).