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Question:

(PBMRP Z- factor) Refer to Exhibit CLP-ELP-1 pp. 22-24, 99. Discuss any interaction of the proposed PBMRP and the Comprehensive Independent Integrated Resource Plan ("CIIRP") stakeholder process described by Leadership Panel.

Response:

The CIIRP discussion does not itself create a PBMRP adjustment. The Leadership Panel proposed a comprehensive, independent stakeholder process to evaluate supply options, associated costs and implementation issues and to provide a longer-term framework for future resource decisions. No specific resource selected through such a future process is embedded in the proposed PBMRP by virtue of that discussion.

The PBMRP and the CIIRP concept therefore operate at different levels. The PBMRP is a distribution ratemaking framework for the four-year stay-out term. The CIIRP is described as a broader resource-planning process. If a future CIIRP process ultimately results in legislation, regulation, or another binding action that imposes a qualifying distribution cost change during the PBMRP, the Company would evaluate that discrete cost change under the Z-Factor criteria. The CIIRP process itself would not automatically qualify as an Exogenous Event.