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Question:

(PBMRP Z- factor) Refer to Exhibit CLP-ELP-1 pp. 24-25, 99. Discuss any interaction of the proposed PBMRP and the Leadership Panel's discussion of opportunities to coordinate upgrades to the gas distribution and transmission systems to increase firm gas supply in southeast Connecticut, facilitating either the buildout of a new natural gas combined-cycle generation unit or firming up an equivalent amount of gas supply for existing generation.

Response:

There is no direct interaction under the proposal presently before PURA. The Leadership Panel identified a potential opportunity to coordinate gas distribution and transmission upgrades in southeast Connecticut to increase firm gas supply, either to facilitate new combined-cycle generation or to firm gas supply for existing generation. That discussion does not place any such investment or cost into CL&P's proposed distribution PBMRP.

To the extent a future policy or project were approved through legislation, a regulatory order, or another binding action, the ratemaking treatment would depend on the nature of the approved project and the entity and jurisdiction to which the resulting costs are assigned. A cost would not become eligible for CL&P distribution Z-Factor treatment merely because the Leadership Panel discussed the concept. Any future request would have to satisfy the Z-Factor criteria, including that the distribution cost change is beyond the Company's control, not otherwise reflected in the I-Factor or another recovery mechanism, and meets the applicable materiality threshold.