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Question:

(VEGETATION MANAGEMENT) Exhibit CLP-VMP-1, p. 37. Provide documentation on how the Company reached the conclusion on vegetation growth and trimming efficiency based on 1-2 years' time for contact.

Response:

Please refer to Exhibit CLP-VMP-1, at page 36, line 8, through page 37, line 7. This section of the testimony discusses the changes in the proposed Scheduled Maintenance Trim ("SMT") budget and cost efficiencies that could be achieved by transitioning Scheduled Maintenance Trimming ("SMT") to full circuit trimming rather than targeted condition-based trimming, which is based on the comparison of cycle trimming costs and condition-based trimming costs derived from the analysis of terrestrial LiDAR collection.

Please also refer to Exhibit CLP-VMP-2, on page 34, for the demonstration of cycle-based, condition-based, and selective condition-based trimming mileage and costs for years one through eight, and on page 15, for a description of condition-based and cycle approaches that the Company utilized. Condition-based and selective condition-based trimming scenarios use risk levels 5 (highest risk) to 0 (lowest risk). Risk levels 5 through 1 are stratified within portions of the established Utility Protection Zone and correspond to the Company's Standard Maintenance Trimming specification.

In this context, it is more operationally and financially efficient to trim all risk levels under a full circuit trimming program in Year 1, rather than trimming lower risk levels (e.g. risk levels 2 and 1) at a higher cost in Year 2 through Year 3.