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Question:

In Exhibit CLP-TSP-2, Page 24, Eversource notes that "*Collectively, historical system analysis, economic forecasting, distributed energy resource modeling, electric vehicle forecasting, energy efficiency projections, and large customer analyses are integrated into the Company's substation-level forecasts and long-term demand assessments*."

Please share how the impacts from its existing demand response programs including but not limited to: Connected Solutions, Energy Storage Solutions, Electric Vehicle Managed Charging2 are incorporated into the forecast.

Response:

Impacts from Demand Management programs are captured in the forecast through the economic trend forecast component. That forecast component relies on the last 10-years of station peaks as recorded. Programs that impact those station peaks drive down the registered peak considered in the model.

Impacts from future demand response programs are not incorporated into the forecast and are not included in any Energy Efficiency adjustments made to the forecast. Future programs will be considered through the model once their impact to system peaks become quantifiable. Fundamentally, demand response of any form is a solution to an identified need and can only be considered as a permanent need reduction once the programs work, have quantifiable impacts, and secure funding for long duration operations.