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Question:

With reference to the Panel's response to OCC-464, explain whether:

a. The term "large-scale computational loads" includes only data centers, or if it also may be applied to other non-residential loads.

b. There are specific criteria that Eversource uses to define what constitutes a "data center"? If the answer is in the affirmative, provide and explain the criteria.

Response:

a. The Company's response relied on "data center" as the context for what is meant by the term "large scale computational load" referred to.

b. There may be many different types of customers and loads whose characteristics fall within the classification of a data center. The State of Connecticut's Office of Legislative research report, "Data Center Energy Impacts and State Responses" refers to a description of a data center as, generally, "a physical facility that houses and runs large computer systems." The report further provides: "A data center typically contains multiple computer servers, data storage devices, and network equipment to store, manage, process, and transmit large amounts of data". [1] The term "large-scale" provides additional specificity regarding what might be attributable to a specific data center. As stated in response to OCC-464, the Company believes the appropriate treatment of such loads, including whether a specific rate or customer-specific terms are warranted should be determined through deliberations with state agencies when that load materializes.

[1] "Data Center Energy Impacts and State Responses", Connecticut General Assembly, Office of Legislative Research, 2025-R-0164, Mary Fitzpatrick, October 14, 2025.