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Witness: Brendan J. O'Brien and Garrett J. Murray
Request from: Office of Education, Outreach, and Enforcement

Question:

(EARNINGS SHARING MECHANISM-ESM) Provide an unlocked Excel spreadsheet detailing the Company's annual ESM results (i.e., calculated return on equity-ROE) in comparison to the Company's authorized ROE each annual ESM filing since the Company's last rate case. Separately, provide a similar comparison of the Company's "hypothetical" annual ROE results to the Company's authorized ROE whereby the "hypothetical" ROE results are capped at the equity ratio authorized in the last rate case.

Response:

In accordance with Section 10(a) of the 2018 Rate Settlement approved by PURA in Docket No. 17-10-46, earnings at the end of each calendar year above the authorized return on equity ("ROE") of 9.25% shall be shared between customers and the Company on a 50/50 basis. The Company reports its ROE at the end of each calendar year in Docket No. 76-03-07 (2018 – 2020) or Docket No. 76-03-07RE01 (2021 – 2025) as the basis for any earnings sharing.[1] The Company did not earn above the authorized 9.25% at the end of any calendar year between 2018 and 2025.

Please refer to Exhibit 1(C)(1) of Attachments 1a through 5a for each actual ROE for the period 2018 through 2022. Please refer to Exhibit 1(C)(1a) of Attachments 6 through 8 for each actual ROE for the period 2023 through 2025.

Please refer to Exhibit 1(C)(1) of Attachments 1b through 5b for each illustrative ROE for 2018 through 2022 utilizing the Company's authorized equity ratio from Docket No. 17-10-46. The Company began reporting an illustrative ROE utilizing the Company's authorized equity ratio from Docket No. 17-10-46, beginning with its year-end 2023 results. Please refer to Exhibit 1(C)(1b) of Attachments 6 through 8 for each illustrative ROE for 2023 through 2025 utilizing the Company's authorized equity ratio from Docket No. 17-10-46.

A table summarizing the results is presented below:

[1] Section 10.c of the January 11, 2018 Settlement Agreement states that "[t]he Company shall file an earnings sharing report, on a calendar year basis, annually with the Authority each March 31st", however, the Company's year end ROE filing is filed prior to that date each year satisfying this requirement to the extent there is no earnings sharing.

Year	Earned ROE w/ Actual Capital Structure	Illustrative ROE Using Authorized Capital Structure	Reference
2018	8.98%	9.00%	Attachments 1a and 1b
2019	8.70%	8.85%	Attachments 2a and 2b
2020	9.03%	9.26%	Attachments 3a and 3b
2021	9.09%	9.26%	Attachments 4a and 4b
2022	8.33%	8.60%	Attachments 5a and 5b
2023	7.35%	7.57%	Attachment 6
2024	6.13%	6.23%	Attachment 7
2025	6.51%	6.57%	Attachment 8