CAE-003

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CAE-003 Q:

Order No. 19 Compliance, July 30, 2026. In calculating a proposed nonrefundable application fee, the EDCs assumed that NRES bid review and tariff agreement processing takes six months of each staff member's time. Is this assumption based on actual recorded staff time dedicated to NRES Program administration? If not, explain how the six-month assumption was determined and provide the actual amount of staff time spent on NRES bid review and tariff agreement processing in 2025.

CAE-003 A:

The six-month assumption was not based on actual recorded staff time dedicated specifically to NRES bid review and tariff agreement processing activities. Rather, the assumption was developed to reflect the approximate duration of the NRES procurement cycle and the level of staff involvement required to administer the process in accordance with the deadlines established by PURA in its Final Decision and subsequent Orders approving the annual NRES procurement schedule.

Accordingly, the six-month assumption was used as a reasonable planning estimate of staff resources required to support annual NRES procurement activities rather than as a measure of actual recorded labor hours.