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PMUI-007 Q:

Did you complete a Cost-Benefit Analysis when developing this year's Grid Needs Filing? If so, was that analysis aligned with the approach defined in the finalized BCA Manual submitted on June 16, 2025 and approved by PURA through 24-08-08?[2,3] If not, please describe the screening process that was used to inform the preferred solution in this year's Grid Needs Filings and the rationale for using that process.

PMUI-007 A:

UI's Cycle 2 Grid Needs Filing includes one project: the Hill Regional Career High School BESS Microgrid – New Haven (PRJ-003790). As noted in the filing, this project was authorized under Public Act 22-55[1] and was fully reviewed and approved by the Authority in Docket No. 22-06-05[2], which established a separate statutory path for utility-owned energy storage pilot projects.

A Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) was completed for Project PRJ-003790 as part of that proceeding. However, this BCA does not align with the NWS BCA Manual because the project was approved by PURA before the NWS program commenced on January 1, 2025, and therefore was not evaluated through the NWS BCA framework described in Docket No. 17-12-03RE07[3] (NWS Process Design Document).

Although the Company conducted internal screening, including consideration of non-wires alternatives, the project ultimately advanced under Public Act 22-55—not the NWS program—and its need, sizing, operating strategy, and BCA were already accepted by the Authority in Docket No. 22-06-05.

Accordingly, PRJ-003790 is included in this year's Grid Needs Filing for informational and tracking purposes only, and the Company has not re-performed a BCA under the finalized NWS BCA Manual to avoid duplicating an analysis already approved in a separate proceeding.

[1] CT. P. A. 22-55
[2] Docket No. 22-06-05
[3] Docket No. 17-12-03RE07