STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NON-WIRES SOLUTIONS PROCESS **DOCKET NO. 26-08-08**
CYCLE 2 **March 20, 2026**

PROCESS MONITOR
FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES

Dunsky Energy + Climate Advisors (Dunsky) serves as the Non-Wires Solutions Process Monitor in Docket No. 26-08-08, Non-Wires Solutions Process Cycle 2, with NV5, Inc. (NV5) serving as a subcontractor to Dunsky (together, the Process Monitor Team).

The Process Monitor Team requests responses from the Connecticut Power and Light Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource" or "Company") to the following interrogatories in the above-captioned proceeding by **April 3, 2025**. If there are any objections to any questions or if providing responses to certain questions would be unduly burdensome, please contact the Process Monitor Team as soon as possible.

SCOPE

The Process Monitor Team requests additional clarifying data concerning EDC data filing requirements as established in Docket No. 24-08-08 Final Decision, Orders 1 and 4, comprised of System, Financial, DER, and Reliability & Resilience Data, including confidential data (together, EDC Filings).

PMEV-1: Please confirm if the Annual Grid Needs Filing (Attachment 17) in this and future process cycles only includes grid needs that were identified after the Annual Grid Needs Filing in the prior process cycle. If this is not the case, please describe what this filing represents.

PMEV-2: Please append the projects in last year's Annual Grid Needs Filing (Attachment 15, as filed in 25-08-08) to this year's Annual Filing (Attachment 17), adding a column to indicate the process cycle in which a project was originally filed.

PMEV-3: In the expanded Annual Filing, please indicate if projects filed in the prior Process Cycle have been installed, cancelled, have had changes in scope of the grid need or the expected price of the wires or non-wires solution or if they have moved to more advanced funding stages.

PMEV-4: As noted in the prior cycle, "NWS solutions would be evaluated as projects advance in funding stages".[1] As part of the response to PMEV-2 and PMEV-3, please also indicate if additional NWS evaluation has occurred, or is ongoing, for each project filed in the prior process cycle.

PMEV-5: If you have not performed additional evaluation on the applicable projects from last year's filing, please confirm whether you plan to do so, describe the timing and process of this evaluation, and specify whether you plan to explicitly include the projects in future Grid Needs Filings.

PMEV-6: Are there any factors that may cause you to reevaluate projects that had been previously identified as "Likely NWS Opportunities" but did not proceed to an NWS RFP? If so, what are these factors and what would cause them to trigger a re-evaluation (i.e., change in cost of the wired option, change in forecast over the distribution circuit, reduction in costs of specific NWS solutions, etc.)?

PMEV-7: 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.

PMEV-8: Please describe how you determined which potential NWS option(s) were included during the initial screening process (i.e., in front of the meter batteries, distributed generation, targeted EE/DR, etc.).

PMEV-9: Please describe how any additional benefits from the NWS alternative were estimated and included in the Cost-Benefit Analysis.

PMEV-10: In the narrative documents (Attachment 16), the same level of detail is not provided for all projects. Please amend the narrative document to include a full description of the evaluated options, similar to what was provided for project #CD02440.

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[1] Eversource Comments, July 18, 2025
[2] Finalized BCA Reference Manual
[3] PURA BCA Manual Ruling

PMEV-11: In addition to the response to PMEV-10, when updating the narrative document, please include, at minimum, all of the information that was provided in last year's process cycle in response to the PM Interrogatories submitted May 1, 2025, as included in the interrogatory response in columns K through W, filed June 06, 2025.[4,5] Please note that we are not requesting a reversion to the format of those responses, just incorporation of the same substantive information as part of the update and expansion to the narrative document provided in this year's annual grid need filing.
The information included in the 25-08-08 filing which appears to be omitted from the 26-08-08 Narrative Documents includes, but is not limited to:

- Circuits Impacted, including Circuit Capacity and Customer Count
- Technical & Financial Details of the NWS's considered, including what NWS options were considered, and as applicable:
    - MW/MWh of BESS solutions considered
    - Sources and methodology for underlying cost estimates
    - Rationale behind why an NWS was not selected

PMEV-12: When completing this update (in response to PMEV-10) to the Narrative Documents (Attachment 16), please ensure that technical details of the NWSs considered and the basis for associated costs are provided for Projects CD02701, CD02723, CD02207, CD02208, CD02618 and CD02654.

PMEV-13. In Financial Data Requirement #4 (Attachment 17), Project IDs CD02211, CD02229, and CD02393 are justified as "Infrastructure Replacement". Please update the "Project Justification" column rationale to align with the exclusion criteria set forth in the 24-08-08 Final Decision.[6]

PMEV-14: Regarding Financial Data Requirement #4 (Attachment 17), for all projects exceeding $500,000, please provide additional details to support classifying these projects under the 24-08-08 Final Decision exclusion criteria.

PMEV-15: In the response to DER Requirement #2 (Attachment 13), it was indicated that "Fuel Cell" deployment is projected. Please provide more details on the specific technology being referenced in this instance.

[4] May 1 Interrogatories
[5] PMEV Interrogatory Response
[6] 24-08-08 Final Decision

PMEV-16: For Project ID CD02440 (Attachment 16), please confirm that the contractor bids used to estimate the $54.45 million battery cost were from Process Cycle 1, based on the least cost of three (3) vendors received in May 2024 (Docket 22-06-05).

PMEV-17: Please provide a copy of the RFP or competitive solicitation for these bids (referred to in PMEV-16) and the responses received.