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Question:

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.).

Response:

The Company's Non-Wires Alternative (NWA) Framework, which is part of the distribution planning process, is designed to consider both front-of-the-meter (FTM) and behind-the-meter (BTM) distributed energy resource (DER) technologies in the NWA Evaluation Process. The scope of technologies considered in the NWA Framework for system needs includes Energy Efficiency (EE), Demand Response (DR), Photovoltaic (PV), Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Combined Heat and Power (CHP), Conservation Voltage Reduction (CVR), Fuel Cell (FC), and spot generation (diesel, gas, etc.). The list of applicable technologies is periodically evaluated and updated based on industry information and feedback. To allow for a technical and economic comparison on a level playing field, solutions are compared not simply with their initial capital need, but over longer time horizons to ensure that 1) they can meet future capacity needs in a reliable manner and, 2) they are economically feasibility over longer time spans.