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Request from: Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Question:
(Financial Viability) Discuss and provide analysis of the effects of the proposed issuance to the Company's financial viability and flexibility. Specifically:

a. Explain if the Company expects its financial viability and financial flexibility to change and/or be hindered because of issuing the proposed financial transactions. Provide evidence in support of the explanation provided.
b. Explain if the Company's post-issuance solvency ratios will remain within electric industry norms. Provide evidence in support of the explanation provided.
c. Explain if the Company will have difficulty servicing the incremental debt. Provide evidence in support of the explanation provided.

Response:

a. The Company does not expect its financial viability and financial flexibility to be hindered because of issuing the proposed financial transactions. The financial position of CL&P would be hindered if it could not access the capital markets for these purposes.

   The issuance of the proposed 2026-2027 financings will support the Company's financial viability and flexibility. The proposed long-term debt issuances are necessary to fund planned capital expenditures necessary to provide safe and reliable service to customers and to repay debt.

b. Post-issuance solvency ratios will remain within electric industry norms. Please refer to the forecasted credit metrics on page 14 of the pre-filed Testimony of Company Witnesses Fallon, Vancho and Dzialo (Attachment A to the Application filed in this docket) as well as Moody's credit metrics for the Company's peers provided in Application Attachment N at page 22 of 81.

c. The Company will not have difficulty servicing the incremental debt. As discussed in the pre-filed Testimony of Company Witnesses Fallon, Vancho and Dzialo (Attachment A to the Application filed in this docket), the Company's credit metrics, including interest

coverage metrics, are expected to end the Authorization Period in ranges supportive of the Company's current credit ratings, barring any unforeseeable events.