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I. Identification

Q: Mr. Chernick, please state your name, occupation, and business address.

A: I am Paul L. Chernick. I am the president of Resource Insight, Inc., 5 Water St., Arlington, Massachusetts.

Q: Summarize your professional education and experience.

A: I received an SB degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in June 1974 from the Civil Engineering Department, and an SM degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in February 1978 in technology and policy. I have been elected to membership in the civil engineering honorary society Chi Epsilon, and the engineering honor society Tau Beta Pi, and to associate membership in the research honorary society Sigma Xi.

I was a utility analyst for the Massachusetts Attorney General for more than three years and was involved in numerous aspects of utility rate design, costing, load forecasting, and the evaluation of power supply options. Since 1981, I have been a consultant in utility regulation and planning, first as a research associate at Analysis and Inference, after 1986 as president of PLC, Inc., and in my current position at Resource Insight. In these capacities, I have advised a variety of clients on utility matters.

My work has considered, among other things, the cost-effectiveness of prospective new electric generation plants and transmission lines, retrospective review of generation-planning decisions, ratemaking for plant under construction, ratemaking for excess and/or uneconomical plant entering service, conservation program design, cost recovery for utility efficiency programs, the valuation of environmental externalities from energy production and use, allocation of costs of service between rate classes and jurisdictions, design of retail and wholesale rates, and performance-based ratemaking and cost recovery in restructured gas and electric industries. My professional qualifications are further summarized in Exhibit RII-1.

Q: Have you testified previously in utility proceedings?

A: Yes. I have testified more than 350 times on utility issues before various regulatory, legislative, and judicial bodies, including utility regulators in thirty-seven states and six Canadian provinces, and two U.S. Federal agencies. This testimony has included the review of many utility-proposed power plants and purchased-power contracts.

Q: Have you testified previously regarding NS Power's Annual Capital Expenditure plans?

A: Yes. I have filed evidence on four of those plans, as well as some capital expenditures filed subsequent to the annual plans, as listed in my resume.

Q: Have you previously testified in other proceedings before this Board?

A: Yes. I testified in over 25 Board proceedings, as listed in my resume. I have also assisted the Consumer Advocate in preparing comments and developing positions in numerous proceedings and stakeholder processes.

Q: Mr. Wilson, please state your name, occupation, and business address.

A: I am John D. Wilson. I am the research director of Resource Insight, Inc., 5 Water St., Arlington, Massachusetts.

Q: Summarize your professional education and experience.

A: I received a BA degree from Rice University in 1990, with majors in physics and history, and an MPP degree from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government with an emphasis in energy and environmental policy, and economic and analytic methods.

I was deputy director of regulatory policy at the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy for more than twelve years, where I was the senior staff member responsible for SACE's utility regulatory research and advocacy, as well as energy resource analysis. I engaged with southeastern utilities through regulatory proceedings, formal workgroups, informal consultations, and research-driven advocacy.

My work has considered, among other things, the cost-effectiveness of prospective new electric generation plants and transmission lines, retrospective review of generation-planning decisions, conservation program design, ratemaking and cost recovery for utility efficiency programs, allocation of costs of service between rate classes and jurisdictions, design of retail rates, and performance-based ratemaking for electric utilities.

My professional qualifications are further summarized in Exhibit RII-2.

Q: Have you testified previously in utility proceedings?

A: Yes. I have testified more than a dozen times before utility regulators in the Southeast U.S. and appeared numerous additional times before various regulatory and legislative bodies.

Q: Have you previously testified before this Board?

A: No.

II. Introduction and Summary

Q: On whose behalf are you testifying?

A: Our testimony is sponsored by the Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate.

Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?

A: We review aspects of NS Power's application for approval its Annual Capital Expenditure Plan for 2020. Specifically, our testimony addresses the following topic areas:

- Potential to decommission hydroelectric systems.
- Review of annually recurring capital projects under the new $1 million threshold.
- Use of project contingencies.
- Cost minimization practices.

Our testimony is very much in the context of the ongoing integrated resource planning process. The IRP process will consider whether it is advisable to retire certain plants and project operations (capacity factor) at all plants. The sustaining capital costs from the ACE Plan are inputs to the IRP, and the retirement dates and capacity factors are inputs into the ACE Plan. While the IRP is being updated, greater caution regarding investment commitments is warranted.

III. Potential to Decommission Hydroelectric Systems

Q: Why should the Board consider issues related to decommissioning hydroelectric systems?

A: NS Power is developing an integrated resource plan (an "IRP) that will evaluate the system benefits of all its generation resources. A comprehensive hydro asset study has been completed as an input into the IRP and thus provides planning-level guidance for resource investment decisions.[1] Furthermore, NS Power is studying Life Extension and Modernization ("LEM") projects for the Wreck

[1] NS Power, *Hydro Asset Study* (December 21, 2018). Hereafter, *HAS.* See also NS Power, response to CA IR-8.

Cove Hydro System and the Annapolis Tidal Power Facility, Safety Remedial Works for Gaspereau Dam, and a Redevelopment Project for the Mersey Hydro System. Many millions of dollars in capital investments in the hydro systems are at stake, as well as the potential need for investment in replacement resources.

Q: Which hydroelectric system assets might be candidates for decommissioning?

A: The Board should closely examine the possibility that decommissioning the Mersey and Annapolis systems could be more cost-effective than sustained investment. Based on long term sustaining capital cost estimates in the Hydro Asset Study, it is probable that the remainder of the hydro systems merit continued sustaining investments.

Q: Are you recommending decommissioning at this time?

A: No. We are recommending that the Board emphasize that NS Power should not advance capital projects at Mersey and Annapolis (other than health and safety) until it has completed a comprehensive review of their cost-effectiveness through both the IRP and the redevelopment and LEM projects, respectively.

Q: How did you analyze the costs and benefits of NS Power's hydro systems?

A: The Hydro Asset Study was our primary source. It includes "forecast sustaining costs and decommissioning costs of each of NS Power's hydro systems."[2] However, there are at least two missing elements to the cost study.

[2] *HAS*, p. 7.

First, NS Power notes that the costs "do not include the cost of replacement energy and capacity."[3] In the absence of comprehensive, system-specific data, we assumed that the cost of replacement energy would be 4 cents per kWh.[4]

Second, NS Power's analysis is that it does not consider the cost of eventually decommissioning the facilities if their lives are extended. The decommissioning cost should already be on the NS Power books, as NS Power accounting policies appear to require creation of a cost of removal liability upon putting a facility into service.[5] Decommissioning is not a new cost that is being created, it is one that has already been committed, with only the timing to be determined.

To correct for this omission, we adjusted the sustaining capital forecast by assuming that each system would be decommissioned in 2058. This simply places the sustaining and decommissioning cost estimates on a level basis, consistent with NS Power accounting policies. Another way to view our analysis is as a comparison of decommissioning in 2018 vs decommissioning in 2058.

Exhibit RII-3, a net benefit analysis, summarizes the net present value of each hydro system through 2058, adjusting NS Power's estimate of decommissioning costs to include a replacement cost of energy, and adjusting the

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[3] *HAS,* p. 7. NS Power also states that the costs "do not reflect the value that [they] provide to the overall system." We are unsure what this refers to beyond energy and capacity, but agree that the full value of the systems should be considered.

[4] We assumed 4¢/kWh because NS Power did not provide a value in response to a request. NS Power response to CA IR-8. The 4¢/kWh value is broadly representative of the prices of recent procurements of renewable power and storage in favorable locations. Over the next 40 years, the 4¢/kWh is an optimistic, but not unrealistic, marker for similar technologies in Nova Scotia. The hydro facilities, like the replacement renewables, are limited in their ability to follow load.

[5] NS Power, response to NSUARB IR-5.

estimate of sustaining costs to include the cost of decommissioning in 2058. The projects are sorted in order of net benefits as a percentage of sustaining costs.

Q: What did you conclude from your analysis?

A: Only the Mersey and Annapolis systems appear to be a close call in this analysis, and we will discuss them below.

For the remainder, while the Board should exercise scrutiny on the costs of sustaining each of those systems, it does not appear likely that the others will be good candidates for decommissioning.[6] For example, the net benefits of sustaining the Fall River system are nearly a 100% return on the sustaining cost investment. The other systems have more than a 100% return. We offer some comments on the Wreck Cove system as well.

Q: What are the major sources of uncertainty in your analysis?

A: The sustaining cost estimates could omit major capital investment requirements. The Hydro Asset Study forecasts costs through 2058 for the "sustaining investment profile."[7] However, hydro assets probably cannot be maintained indefinitely without an LEM project. NS Power is not able to estimate when life extension projects would need to be considered, except for those hydro facilities for which an LEM project is being proposed.[8]

Both the sustaining and decommissioning cost estimates are "high-level estimates," and include "a broad range of accuracy, from –50 to +100 percent."[9] Mersey and Annapolis are the most likely systems to be more expensive to

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[6] Harmony and Roseway do not currently generate electricity. Should a capital project be anticipated for safety reasons, all alternatives should be considered, including decommissioning.

[7] NS Power, response to CA IR-5.

[8] NS Power, response to CA IR-6.

[9] *HAS*, p. 9.

operate than to decommission and replace. With higher replacement power costs, continued operation of Mersey and Annapolis would be economic, at NS Power's current cost estimates. At the extremes of the cost-estimates accuracy ranges, Fall River, Sheet Harbour, and even Tusket could also conceivably be uneconomic to keep in service.

Q: What is the current status of potential work on the Mersey system?

A: The 2020 ACE Plan references the Mersey Hydro System Redevelopment project. Phase 1 (CI #39472) is a subsequent submittal item from the 2019 ACE Plan (having been originally submitted in the 2017 ACE Plan), currently estimated at $161 million.[10] Previously, NS Power has estimated that the 10- to 12-year redevelopment project would be submitted in several phases and could cost "approximately $500–600 million."[11]

The Hatch decommissioning study projects that Mersey decommissioning could have a net present value cost of $214 million through 2058;[12] adding replacement generation at 4¢/kWh would bring the total to $365 million. For the alternative of rebuilding and continuing to operate the Mersey system, NS Power currently projects that sustaining costs would be $356 million; adding delayed decommissioning in 2058 brings that total to $366 million. These figures are subject to substantial uncertainty, as we discussed above. Assuming these current estimates, life extension and decommissioning would have essentially the same cost.

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[10] NS Power, *2020 ACE Plan*, p. 24.

[11] NS Power, *2018 ACE Plan*, p. 35.

[12] *HAS*, p. 15; and Hatch, *Hydro System Decommissioning Cost Estimate for Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s Control Structures* (December 12, 2018), p. 70; filed as *HAS*, Appendix B, p. 87.

The Hydro Asset Study sustaining cost estimate is [redacted] in a confidential briefing to stakeholders in December 2019. However, NS Power's estimate of the range of possible costs [redacted] that the capital spending associated with either or both the Mersey Redevelopment Project and the Mersey decommissioning [redacted] than the Hydro Asset Study suggested.[13]

Q: What is the current status of potential work on the Annapolis Tidal system?

A: The 2020 ACE Plan does not reference a major project on the Annapolis system. However, in the 2018 and 2019 ACE Plans, NS Power included the "Annapolis Overhaul" as a multi-million dollar forecast capital plan expenditure.[14] NS Power is now conducting an LEM feasibility analysis.[15]

NS Power explains that even though the Annapolis Tidal Power Facility was committed to run for 4 years, it has been maintained for over three decades.[16]

As shown in Exhibit RII-3, decommissioning Annapolis and replacing its energy could have a net present value cost of $38 million through 2058, while sustaining Annapolis could have a cost of $36 million. These figures are subject to substantial uncertainty, as we discussed above. The $3 million (rounded) in net benefit to customers is well within the uncertainty bounds of the cost estimates.

Q: Are there any special concerns with decommissioning the Annapolis Tidal Facility?

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[13] NS Power, *Hydro Projects*, confidential presentation to stakeholders (December 2019), p. 23.

[14] NS Power, *2018 ACE Plan*, p. 158; and *2019 ACE Plan*, p. 134.

[15] *HAS*, p. 20.

[16] *HAS*, p. 20.

A: Yes. Decommissioning Annapolis is subject to some unusual uncertainties. NS Power assumes that after decommissioning, the provincial government would assume responsibility for the remaining facilities. The decommissioning project would require construction of bulkheads and filling of the empty powerhouse. Because it was assumed that the causeway would remain in place, the tidal power generating facility, sluice gates and other improvements would be transferred to the responsibility of the provincial government.[17]

NS Power's documentation for work at the Annapolis Tidal Facility does not discuss whether the provincial government has agreed to take responsibility for the facility after decommissioning. It is possible that the provincial government could require additional decommissioning work or require NS Power to retain liabilities for the facility.

Q: What are your recommendations for the Mersey and Annapolis systems?

A: When NS Power submits its Redevelopment project application for Mersey and its LEM project application for Annapolis, the Board should be prepared to give careful consideration to both the sustaining investment and decommissioning options. While NS Power's detailed analysis could suggest a different choice, at this time the Board should communicate that NS Power should not anticipate any further cost recovery for capital projects at Mersey or Annapolis (other than health and safety), until it has reviewed the comprehensive analyses.

Furthermore, the comprehensive analyses should consider the cost of decommissioning at the end of the estimated lifetime of the projects.

Providing this direction to NS Power would help ensure that NS Power does not request further cost recovery for potentially uneconomic investment into

[17] J.B. Yates Engineering Ltd, *Annapolis Tidal Power Generation Station, Powerhouse Demolition Study* (October 19, 2018), p. 4 & 16; filed as *HAS,* Appendix D, p. 7 & 19.

Mersey or Annapolis, and that the Board receives the most comprehensive analysis comparing decommissioning to a major sustaining capital investment project in order to make decisions that manage impacts to rates for NS Power customers.

Q: What is your assessment of the Wreck Cove LEM project?

A: The December 2019 confidential briefing to stakeholders also discussed the Wreck Cove LEM project. Wreck Cove is a particularly flexible resource, which is likely to pass reasonable economic tests. Nonetheless, it is important that NS Power review the economics of major life extension projects realistically, as a routine matter.

Data shared in the confidential briefing suggest the Wreck Cove LEM project will be even more beneficial to NS Power customers than suggested by the Hydro Asset Study data presented in Exhibit RII-3. There are several Wreck Cove projects in the 2020 ACE Plan, including the pending 2019 LEM subsequent submittal (C0013838), 2020 LEM forecast subsequent submittal (C0014218), and four projects with value of less than $1 million each.[18]

However, it was not clear from the confidential briefing or NS Power's responses to interrogatories whether or not the Wreck Cove LEM project cost estimates included sustaining capital, which should be included in the project application.[19] Furthermore, when NS Power submits its project application, the LEM project analysis should consider the cost of decommissioning at the end of the estimated lifetime of all options that extend the operating life of the system.

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[18] NS Power, response to SBA IR-5, Attachment 1, p. 1.

[19] NS Power, response to CA IR-5(b)(i); NS Power, *Hydro Projects (Confidential)* (December 2019), p. 17.

The Board should review the economics of the 2019 and 2020 LEM project applications along with other foreseeable costs.

IV. Review of Annually Recurring Capital Projects Under the New $1 Million Threshold

Q: What is the current standard for capital projects that do not require Board approval?

A: Capital projects under $1 million do not require Board approval under the recently amended *Public Utilities* Act.[20] This is the first year that this standard is being applied.

Q: Are these projects a significant portion of the 2020 ACE Plan?

A: Yes. The 2020 ACE Plan includes $35.2 million in projects less than $1 million for steam units.[21] When the ongoing integrated resource planning process is complete, some of these units may have significantly shorter economic lifetimes than currently forecast.

Q: Are projects less than $1 million subject to economic analysis?

A: No. Capital projects greater than $1 million are subject to economic analysis, which is "based on establishing which alternative, among a number of alternatives that satisfy basic requirements, yields the best value for customers

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[20] NS Power, *Capital Planning & Capital Expenditure Justification Criteria* (December 13, 2019), p. 9.

[21] NS Power, response to SBA IR-5, Attachment 1, p. 9.

and NS Power."[22] It appears that this analysis is only conducted for projects that require Board approval.[23]

Q: Would shorter economic lifetimes put at risk the economic justification for capital projects?

A: Yes. The projects will install assets that "will last longer than [the] life of the unit in most cases."[24] A short remaining life of the generating asset would erode the economic benefits of the sustaining investment and may require accelerated depreciation, which would increase the rate effects of the capital project. This is of particular concern if some or all of NS Power's coal units are required to be shut down by 12/31/2029.

Q: How will NS Power treat multiple projects that relate to the same asset or initiative that cumulatively exceed the $1 million standard?

A: It is not clear. NS Power's criteria state that, "When multiple projects relate to the same asset, or initiative they should be grouped as a package."[25] However, it is not clear whether three $400,000 projects that are grouped as a package require Board approval.

Q: Are there examples of multiple projects that relate to the same asset that would exceed the $1 million threshold?

A: Yes. We identified at least nine examples of multi-year refurbishment programs with annual budgets between $250,000 and $1,000,000 in recent years; these

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[22] NS Power, *Capital Planning & Capital Expenditure Justification Criteria* (December 13, 2019), p.25.

[23] *Id.*, pp. 27-28.

[24] NS Power, response to CA IR-9.

[25] NS Power, *Capital Planning & Capital Expenditure Justification Criteria* (December 13, 2019), p. 28.

projects would have been subject to individual Board approval with the old threshold, but not the new one. These projects fall into several categories.

- **Annual boiler refurbishments.** Boiler refurbishments at several coal units are described by nearly identical language. The language used for Trenton Unit 6 is a good example.

  > The scope of work for this project is to refurbish and replace deteriorated boiler tubes, tube bends and shields on the Trenton Unit 6 boiler as part of the planned outage in 2019. The scope of this project is determined as part of the annual boiler condition data collection and analysis. This effort includes evaluation and prioritization of activities to be undertaken during the annual outage. Protective erosion shields identified as missing or degraded will be replaced with new shields. Tubes and bends will be replaced in the areas where the thickness readings are below American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) specifications. This tolerance maximizes the economic tube life while maintaining boiler reliability.[26]

  Boiler refurbishments are essentially routine replacement in kind of equipment that is failing or close to failing. Similar routine projects are found in other parts of NS Power's operations, such as the replacement of some number of overloaded or leaking line transformers each year. Those programs would never end, so long at the plant is kept in service, since by the time the last boiler tube has degraded to the point of replacement, tubes replaced years before will require another round of replacement.

- **Annual, rotating refurbishment of one or two assets.** Specific parts at coal units have been identified for refurbishment. For example, at Lingan there are eight screens that remove sea debris from water used in the plant's cooling

[26] NS Power, *2019 ACE Plan*, p. 423.

systems, and eight cooling water pumps. Typically, two screens and one pump are refurbished each year.[27]

- **Annual work to the same assets.** In at least one case, some of the work appears to be repeating the same refurbishments. For example, the descriptions of Port Hawkesbury Biomass's annual boiler refurbishments for multiple years have specified "the collecting system alignment will be improved and casing refurbishments undertaken to reduce air ingress."[28]

Q: What concerns do you have about these repeating annual capital projects?

A: We are primarily concerned that the decision to keep investing substantial amounts in the steam units be subject to an appropriate level of review when the total multi-year commitment exceeds the $1 million threshold. The costs may fall into one of three categories.

First, the repeated projects may represent periodic replacement in kind of failing equipment. In those situations, the repeated projects are part of the cost of keeping the unit reliable, and NS Power should periodically demonstrate that the multi-year program remains cost-effective compared to, for example, running equipment to failure and repairing it after it fails. Periodic review is appropriate because the unit's economics may change over time, due to plant-specific operating issues, changing operating schedules, or changes in overall system economics. Decisions about whether to continue multiple preventative replacement programs, run equipment to failure, or promptly retire a unit can be examined during an integrated resource planning process, but IRPs are not

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[27] *Id.*, pp. 895, 941.

[28] NS Power, *2016 ACE Plan*, p. 249; *2018 ACE Plan*, p. 1614; *2019 ACE Plan,* p. 452. The Port Hawkesbury Biomass annual refurbishment was reviewed in some detail in 2017. *UARB Approval of 2017 Capital Work Order*, Matter No. M08177 (August 4, 2017).

frequent and are already complicated affairs. Having some review in the ACE Plans of commitments to keep units running, with projects exceeding $1 million over the foreseeable future, may be a useful supplement to the IRPs.

Second, some of the continuing projects may be multi-year upgrades, rather than simple replacement of failing components. Each such program should be reviewed as a project, if the program exceeds $1 million over multiple years.

Third, some of these repeating activities appear to be more like expenses that must be incurred roughly annually, rather than capital investments.

Q: How might the Board effectively review plant economics for annual capital projects?

A: The Board could require that recurring annual capital projects be grouped as a package and, if the cumulative budget exceeds $1 million, be justified under the procedure used for capital projects. This justification would only need to be repeated if there are plant-specific changes that might affect the unit economics, or if the plant's economics have changed during an integrated resource planning process. If nothing material has changed, NS Power could simply refer back to the explanation in the previous ACE.

For example, Lingan cooling water pump refurbishment economic analyses were included in the 2016, 2017, and 2018 ACE Plans.[29] If the Board adopted a project grouping policy, the analysis included in the 2016 ACE Plan could have been used to justify up to eight annual refurbishments (one per pump), unless a plant-specific change (such as anticipated retirement of Lingan 2) or system change in plant economics (perhaps identified in an IRP) merited revisiting the justification.

[29] NS Power, *2016 ACE Plan*, p. 580; *2017 ACE Plan*, p. 376; *2018 ACE Plan,* p. 1781.

The Board suggested just this approach when it examined NS Power's practice of submitting multiple component capital expenditures "which are all required to benefit the hydro system as a whole." The Board went on to explain that "while capital costs related to only one 'project' are included in the analysis, the same benefits related to avoided expenses are often included in a number of individual 'project' submissions. This appears to the Board to fail to truly reflect a matching of capital expenditures to claimed benefits."[30]

Q: How might NS Power improve its alternatives for annual refurbishments?

A: Currently, boiler refurbishments are evaluated against the alternative of unplanned outages, replacement energy and repairs.[31] There may be alternatives that could result in the annual work being required on a less frequent basis – alternatives such as reduced unit operating times, enhanced monitoring, or life-extending treatments. NS Power could seek to identify a more robust set of alternatives to minimize the cost of these capital projects, especially as the steam plants approach potential retirement dates.

Q: What types of costs might be more appropriately categorized as expenses?

A: It appears that every year, Port Hawkesbury Biomass's annual boiler refurbishments has included "the collecting system alignment will be improved and casing refurbishments undertaken to reduce air ingress."[32] If the same work

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[30] NSUARB, *In the Matter of an Application by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated for Approval its Annual Capital Expenditure Plan for 2018*, Decision in Matter No. M08350 (April 25, 2018), p. 31–32.

[31] See, for example, NS Power, *2018 ACE Plan*, p. 1551, 1559, 1567 and 1575.

[32] NS Power, *2016 ACE Plan*, p. 249; *2018 ACE Plan*, p. 1614; *2019 ACE Plan,* p. 452. The Port Hawkesbury Biomass annual refurbishment was reviewed in some detail in 2017. *UARB Approval of 2017 Capital Work Order*, Matter No. M08177 (August 4, 2017).

is being performed each year, then the result is not a capital asset. Annual refurbishment work should be reviewed, and if the same work is required each year, NS Power should explain why that work should not be considered an expense.

Q: What would be the implications if a 12/31/2029 deadline is enforced for closure of coal plants?

A: The economic justification for annual recurring refurbishments may not be met if coal plants are required to shut down in 2029. As part of the integrated resource planning process, it could be useful to identify at what point annual recurring refurbishments would be terminated in advance of a plant closure date. For example, Lingan cooling water pump refurbishments might be suspended three years in advance of closure since there would still be one relatively new pump per unit. If the current sustaining capital cost assumptions are based on the idea that annual recurring refurbishments will occur up until the very last year of operation, that practice may need to be revised. If so, this could result in near-term cost savings by avoiding unnecessary annual refurbishments.

V. Use of Project Contingencies.

Q: How does NS Power explain its use of project cost contingencies?

A: NS Power explains its use of contingencies as follows:

> The requirement for contingency is determined on a case-by-case basis for each project and a range of contingency percentage amounts, or none at all, can be expected given the varying levels of uncertainty within each project. Contingency can be calculated as a percentage of capital projects as a whole or can be applied to specific project components if there is a specific level of uncertainty with those components. For example an additional contingency may be applied to materials to account for unknowns related to steel tariffs, as was the case in CI C0002539 - HYD Bridge Remediation 2019.

> Applying contingency to a project will depend on the potential range of uncertainty associated with aspects of the project. For example, the contingency can be impacted by the firmness of vendor pricing estimates or the number of unknowns on a project. For some projects, the level of uncertainty is so low that applying a contingency factor is unnecessary, such as for an Unforeseen and Unbudgeted (U&U) item filed with the NSUARB after the project has been completed will not have any contingency as the project is complete. The requirement for contingency on any given project is determined by NS Power on a case by case basis.[33]

Q: Does NS Power appear to be effectively identifying the need for contingency on a case by case basis?

A: No. For projects with contingency factors, the level of uncertainty in project cost estimates is not much different than those without contingency factors. In Table 1, NS Power added aggregated contingencies of 9.1% to the pre-contingency budgets of the reported projects, which actually incurred overruns of just 10.4% above the pre-contingency budget.

The projects for which NS Power added no contingency to the budget experienced a 7.6% cost overrun.[34] This is slightly lower than the 10.4% overruns relative to the pre-contingency budget, but not enough to suggest that NS Power has effectively identified projects that need a contingency.

[33] NS Power, response to SBA IR-8.

[34] These percentage cost overruns are weighted by project cost, so these results are for the average dollar budgeted in this period. The average project to which NS Power added contingency experienced a final cost 10.6% higher than the pre-contingency estimate, while the average project to which NS Power did not add contingency experienced a final cost 11.3% higher than the budget. The various averages are skewed by such surprising results as CI# 43200, for which NS Power reports a final cost 99.95% lower than the budget, which included a 7.8% contingency; the completed project is unlikely to be even remotely related to the budgeted project.

Table 1: Average Capital Project Costs, With and Without Contingencies

	With Contingencies		Without Contingencies	
Approved Estimate	$931,179		$844,720	
Contingency	$77,452		-	
Pre-Contingency Estimate	$853,727		844,720	
Contingency Percentage	9.1 %			
Actual Spend	$942,345		$909,279	
Average Cost Overrun vs Pre-Contingency Estimate	$88,618	10.4 %	$64,559	7.6 %
Average Cost Overrun vs Approved Estimate	$11,166	1.2 %	$64,559	7.6 %

Source: Analysis of NS Power Response to NSUARB IR-46, Updated Appendix F.

For the projects to which NS Power added contingencies, those contingencies were not quite sufficient to cover the aggregate cost overruns. The actual spend was an average of 1.2% more than the approved project cost estimate, including the contingency.

When project contingencies were not used, cost overruns (compared to the approved estimate) were more than five times greater: 7.6% of the approved estimate. Clearly, projects that NS Power determined to not merit the use of a contingency have been subject to much higher cost risks than NS Power assumed. Comparing contingency projects to non-contingency projects, the percentage cost overrun relative to pre-contingency estimates was 10.4% and 7.6%, respectively, suggesting that there is not much difference in cost risk between the two categories of projects.

Q: What do you recommend with respect to contingencies?

A: In the interest of providing the Board with better cost estimates, NS Power should utilize project contingencies more widely. However, care should be taken that this does not inadvertently reduce the incentives for project managers to control costs. It should be noted that average project contingencies in the 2020 ACE Plan appear to be significantly higher than in prior years.[35]

[35] NS Power, response to SBA IR-10.

VI. Cost Minimization Practices.

Q: How does NS Power describe practices it uses to minimize costs in its capital projects?

A: NS Power identified several practices it uses to minimize costs in its capital projects.[36]

- Evaluating multiple alternatives throughout the planning process
- Dam redesign efforts to reduce the archaeological footprint
- Track actual vs budget, with forecasts updated monthly
- Use of competitive bidding with contract assurances and protections, including consolidation and joint procurement for economy of scale
- Harmonizing specifications and identifying alternative options
- Negotiating best and final offers
- Multi-year or master service agreements, locking in rates
- Scheduling capital work during planned outages.

Q: Do you agree that these are cost minimization practices?

A: While they may be prudent actions, these are mostly fairly generic practices that do not necessarily lead to cost minimization. For example, tracking actual cost versus budget is not a cost minimization practice, unless there is also a practice that ensures the information leads to some change in project management or in future budgeting and investment decisions.

NS Power provided several good examples of specific cost-minimization practices. Several of these examples involve using monitoring techniques to defer major refurbishments.[37] NS Power was also able to identify specific cost savings

[36] NS Power, responses to CA IR-2, IG IR-11.

[37] NS Power, *2020 ACE Plan*, p. 128.

based on price reductions achieved as a result of strategic joint procurement with NB Power.[38]

Another example of a specific cost minimization practice was given by NS Power in its response to the Industrial Group's question about failed primary aerial conductors.[39] These devices were responsible for the largest number of customer hours of interruption in 2019. When such failures occur, significant costs are incurred. NS Power describes a number of risk mitigation activities. This would appear to be an area in which NS Power could have described how it has optimized inspections, equipment replacement, and other activities, based on a least-cost strategy to avoid costly equipment failures.

Q: What do you mean by specific cost minimization practices?

A: A well-executed cost minimization strategy will include very specific strategies and outcomes. For example, in a recent trade magazine article, industry experts described:

- Early purchases of critical equipment to lock down technical details that influence engineering and design;
- Incorporating scaffolding into project design; and
- Use of drones to plan and arrange site materials.[40]

In a case study of capital project planning and execution, ScottMadden Management Consultants describe a number of best practices.[41] NS Power should

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[38] NS Power, response to IG IR-11.

[39] NS Power, response to IG IR-12. See also NS Power, response to NSUARB IR-9.

[40] Gail Reitenbach, "New Best Practices for Power Project Planning and Construction," *Power Magazine* (August 2016).

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consider whether it is implementing these best practices. For instance, it is not clear whether project managers are included in NS Power's capital project planning process.

Post-project reviews or audits are another strategy for cost minimization. For example, the Halifax auditor general recently completed an audit of its LED streetlight conversion project, in which it found that the municipality "had effective systems and procedures to manage the LED streetlight conversion project; LED savings have been realized."[42] However, the auditor general also found some deficiencies such as lacking documentation for budgets. NS Power does not discuss post-project reviews or audits in any of its answers discussing cost minimization.

Q: What do you recommend with respect to cost-minimization practices?

A: NS Power should continue to describe its cost minimization practices in its annual ACE Plans. It should endeavor to identify practices that successfully reduce project costs and publicize them to other staff in order to encourage adoption of those practices and development of new practices. For example, NS Power could conduct a quarterly or annual competition to recognize innovative cost minimization practices.

If NS Power is not conducting post-project reviews or audits such as the one conducted by the Halifax auditor general, we recommend this practice be adopted.

Q: Does this conclude your testimony?

A: Yes.

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1981–86 **Research Associate, Analysis and Inference, Inc.** (Consultant, 1980–81). Researched, advised, and testified in various aspects of utility and insurance regulation. Designed self-insurance pool for nuclear decommissioning; estimated probability and cost of insurable events, and rate levels; assessed alternative rate designs. Projected nuclear power plant construction, operation, and decommissioning costs. Assessed reasonableness of earlier estimates of nuclear power plant construction schedules and costs. Reviewed prudence of utility construction decisions. Consulted on utility rate-design issues, including small-power-producer rates; retail natural-gas rates; public-agency electric rates, and comprehensive electric-rate design for a regional power agency. Developed electricity cost allocations between customer classes. Reviewed district-heating-system efficiency. Proposed power-plant performance standards. Analyzed auto-insurance profit requirements. Designed utility-financed, decentralized conservation program. Analyzed cost-effectiveness of transmission lines.

1977–81 **Utility Rate Analyst, Massachusetts Attorney General.** Analyzed utility filings and prepared alternative proposals. Participated in rate negotiations, discovery, cross-examination, and briefing. Provided extensive expert testimony before various regulatory agencies. Topics included demand forecasting, rate design, marginal costs, time-of-use rates, reliability issues, power-pool operations, nuclear-power cost projections, power-plant cost-benefit analysis, energy conservation, and alternative-energy development.

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   Household size, appliance efficiency, appliance penetration, price elasticity, commercial forecast, industrial trending, peak demand forecast.

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    Conservation as an energy source; advantages of per-kWh allocation over per-customer-month allocation.

16. **Mass. DPU** 535; regulations to carry out Section 210 of PURPA; Massachusetts Attorney General. January 1981 and February 1981.

    Filing requirements, certification, qualifying-facility status, extent of coverage, review of contracts; energy rates; capacity rates; extra benefits of qualifying facilities in specific areas; wheeling; standardization of fees and charges.

17. **Mass. EFSC** 80-17, Northeast Utilities 1980 forecast; Massachusetts Attorney General. March 1981.

    Specification process, employment, electric heating promotion and penetration, commercial sales model, industrial model specification, documentation of price forecasts and wholesale forecast.

18. **Mass. DPU** 558, Western Massachusetts Electric Company rate case; Massachusetts Attorney General. May 1981.

    Rate design including declining blocks, marginal cost conservation impacts, and promotional rates. Conservation, including terms and conditions limiting renewable, cogeneration, small power production; scope of current conservation program; efficient insulation levels; additional conservation opportunities.

19. **Mass. DPU** 1048, Boston Edison plant performance standards; Massachusetts Attorney General. May 1982.

    Critique of company approach, data, and statistical analysis; description of comparative and absolute approaches to standard-setting; proposals for standards and reporting requirements.

20. **DC PSC** FC785, Potomac Electric Power rate case; DC Peoples Counsel. July 1982.

    Inter-class revenue allocations, including generation, transmission, and distribution plant classification; fuel and O&M classification; distribution and service allocators. Marginal cost estimation, including losses.

21. **N.H. PSC** DE 81-312, Public Service of New Hampshire supply and demand; Conservation Law Foundation et al. October 1982.

    Conservation program design, ratemaking, and effectiveness. Cost of power from Seabrook nuclear plant, including construction cost and duration, capacity factor, O&M, replacements, insurance, and decommissioning.

22. **Mass. Division of Insurance,** hearing to fix and establish 1983 automobile insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General. October 1982.

    Profit margin calculations, including methodology, interest rates, surplus flow, tax flows, tax rates, and risk premium.

23. **Ill. CC** 82-0026, Commonwealth Edison rate case; Illinois Attorney General. October 1982.

Review of Cost-Benefit Analysis for nuclear plant. Nuclear cost parameters (construction cost, O&M, capital additions, useful like, capacity factor), risks, discount rates, evaluation techniques.

24. **N.M. PSC** 1794, Public Service of New Mexico application for certification; New Mexico Attorney General. May 1983.

    Review of Cost-Benefit Analysis for transmission line. Review of electricity price forecast, nuclear capacity factors, load forecast. Critique of company ratemaking proposals; development of alternative ratemaking proposal.

25. **Conn. DPUC** 830301, United Illuminating rate case; Connecticut Consumers Counsel. June 17 1983.

    Cost of Seabrook nuclear power plants, including construction cost and duration, capacity factor, O&M, capital additions, insurance and decommissioning.

26. **Mass. DPU** 1509, Boston Edison plant performance standards; Massachusetts Attorney General. July 15 1983.

    Critique of company approach and statistical analysis; regression model of nuclear capacity factor; proposals for standards and for standard-setting methodologies.

27. **Mass. Division of Insurance,** hearing to fix and establish 1984 automobile-insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General. October 1983.

    Profit margin calculations, including methodology, interest rates.

28. **Conn. DPUC** 83-07-15, Connecticut Light and Power rate case; Alloy Foundry. October 3 1983.

    Industrial rate design. Marginal and embedded costs; classification of generation, transmission, and distribution expenses; demand versus energy charges.

29. **Mass. EFSC** 83-24, New England Electric System forecast of electric resources and requirements; Massachusetts Attorney General. November 14 1983, Rebuttal, February 2 1984.

    Need for transmission line. Status of supply plan, especially Seabrook 2. Review of interconnection requirements. Analysis of cost-effectiveness for power transfer, line losses, generation assumptions.

30. **Mich. PSC** U-7775, Detroit Edison Fuel Cost Recovery Plan; Public Interest Research Group in Michigan. February 21 1984.

    Review of proposed performance target for new nuclear power plant. Formulation of alternative proposals.

31. **Mass. DPU** 84-25, Western Massachusetts Electric Company rate case; Massachusetts Attorney General. April 6 1984.

Need for Millstone 3. Cost of completing and operating unit, cost-effectiveness compared to alternatives, and its effect on rates. Equity and incentive problems created by CWIP. Design of Millstone 3 phase-in proposals to protect ratepayers: limitation of base-rate treatment to fuel savings benefit of unit.

32. **Mass. DPU** 84-49 and 84-50, Fitchburg Gas & Electric financing case; Massachusetts Attorney General. April 13 1984.

    Cost of completing and operating Seabrook nuclear units. Probability of completing Seabrook 2. Recommendations regarding FG&E and MDPU actions with respect to Seabrook.

33. **Mich. PSC** U-7785, Consumers Power fuel-cost-recovery plan; Public Interest Research Group in Michigan. April 16 1984.

    Review of proposed performance targets for two existing and two new nuclear power plants. Formulation of alternative policy.

34. **FERC** ER81-749-000 and ER82-325-000, Montaup Electric rate cases; Massachusetts Attorney General. April 27 1984.

    Prudence of Montaup and Boston Edison in decisions regarding Pilgrim 2 construction: Montaup's decision to participate, the Utilities' failure to review their earlier analyses and assumptions, Montaup's failure to question Edison's decisions, and the utilities' delay in canceling the unit.

35. **Maine PUC** 84-113, Seabrook-1 investigation; Maine Public Advocate. September 13 1984.

    Cost of completing and operating Seabrook Unit 1. Probability of completing Seabrook 1. Comparison of Seabrook to alternatives. Rate effects. Recommendations regarding utility and PUC actions with respect to Seabrook.

36. **Mass. DPU** 84-145, Fitchburg Gas and Electric rate case; Massachusetts Attorney General. November 6 1984.

    Prudence of Fitchburg and Public Service of New Hampshire in decision regarding Seabrook 2 construction: FGE's decision to participate, the utilities' failure to review their earlier analyses and assumptions, FGE's failure to question PSNH's decisions, and utilities' delay in halting construction and canceling the unit. Review of literature, cost and schedule estimate histories, cost-benefit analyses, and financial feasibility.

37. **Penn. PUC** R-842651, Pennsylvania Power and Light rate case; Pennsylvania Consumer Advocate. November 1984.

    Need for Susquehanna 2. Cost of operating unit, power output, cost-effectiveness compared to alternatives, and its effect on rates. Design of phase-in and excess capacity proposals to protect ratepayers: limitation of base-rate treatment to fuel savings benefit of unit.

38. **N.H. PSC** 84-200, Seabrook Unit-1 investigation; New Hampshire Consumer Advocate. November 1984.

    Cost of completing and operating Seabrook Unit 1. Probability of completing Seabrook 1. Comparison of Seabrook to alternatives. Rate and financial effects.

39. **Mass. Division of Insurance,** hearing to fix and establish 1986 automobile insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General. November 1984.

    Profit-margin calculations, including methodology and implementation.

40. **Mass. DPU** 84-152, Seabrook Unit 1 investigation; Massachusetts Attorney General. December 1984.

    Cost of completing and operating Seabrook. Probability of completing Seabrook 1. Seabrook capacity factors.

41. **Maine PUC** 84-120; Central Maine Power rate case; Maine PUC Staff. December 1984.

    Prudence of Central Maine Power and Boston Edison in decisions regarding Pilgrim 2 construction: CMP's decision to participate, the utilities' failure to review their earlier analyses and assumptions, CMP's failure to question Edison's decisions, and the utilities' delay in canceling the unit. Prudence of CMP in the planning and investment in Sears Island nuclear and coal plants. Review of literature, cost and schedule estimate histories, cost-benefit analyses, and financial feasibility.

42. **Maine PUC** 84-113, Seabrook 2 investigation; Maine PUC Staff. December 1984.

    Prudence of Maine utilities and Public Service of New Hampshire in decisions regarding Seabrook 2 construction: decisions to participate and to increase ownership share, the utilities' failure to review their earlier analyses and assumptions, failure to question PSNH's decisions, and the utilities' delay in halting construction and canceling the unit. Review of literature, cost and schedule estimate histories, cost-benefit analyses, and financial feasibility.

43. **Mass. DPU** 1627, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company financing case; Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy Resources. January 1985.

    Cost of completing and operating Seabrook nuclear unit 1. Cost of conservation and other alternatives to completing Seabrook. Comparison of Seabrook to alternatives.

44. **Vt. PSB** 4936, Millstone 3 costs and in-service date; Vermont Department of Public Service. January 1985.

    Construction schedule and cost of completing Millstone Unit 3.

45. **Mass. DPU** 84-276, rules governing rates for utility purchases of power from qualifying facilities; Massachusetts Attorney General. March 1985 and October 1985.

Institutional and technological advantages of Qualifying Facilities. Potential for QF development. Goals of QF rate design. Parity with other power sources. Security requirements. Projecting avoided costs. Capacity credits. Pricing options. Line loss corrections.

46. **Mass. DPU** 85-121, investigation of the Reading Municipal Light Department; Wilmington (Mass.) Chamber of Commerce. November 1985.

    Calculation on return on investment for municipal utility. Treatment of depreciation and debt for ratemaking. Geographical discrimination in street-lighting rates. Relative size of voluntary payments to Reading and other towns. Surplus and disinvestment. Revenue allocation.

47. **Mass. Division of Insurance,** hearing to fix and establish 1986 automobile insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau. November 1985.

    Profit margin calculations, including methodology, implementation, modeling of investment balances, income, and return to shareholders.

48. **N.M. PSC** 1833, Phase II; El Paso Electric rate case; New Mexico Attorney General. December 1985.

    Nuclear decommissioning fund design. Internal and external funds; risk and return; fund accumulation, recommendations. Interim performance standard for Palo Verde nuclear plant.

49. **Penn. PUC** R-850152, Philadelphia Electric rate case; Utility Users Committee and University of Pennsylvania. January 1986.

    Limerick-1 rate effects. Capacity benefits, fuel savings, operating costs, capacity factors, and net benefits to ratepayers. Design of phase-in proposals.

50. **Mass. DPU** 85-270;, Western Massachusetts Electric rate case; Massachusetts Attorney General. March 1986.

    Prudence of Northeast Utilities in generation planning related to Millstone 3 construction: decisions to start and continue construction, failure to reduce ownership share, failure to pursue alternatives. Review of industry literature, cost and schedule histories, and retrospective cost-benefit analyses.

51. **Penn. PUC** R-850290, Philadelphia Electric auxiliary service rates; Albert Einstein Medical Center, University of Pennsylvania, and Amtrak. March 1986.

    Review of utility proposals for supplementary and backup rates for small power producers and cogenerators. Load diversity, cost of peaking capacity, value of generation, price signals, and incentives. Formulation of alternative supplementary rate.

52. **N.M. PSC** 2004, Public Service of New Mexico Palo Verde issues; New Mexico Attorney General. May 1986.

    Recommendations for power-plant performance standards for Palo Verde nuclear units 1, 2, and 3.

53. **Ill. CC** 86-0325, Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Co. rate investigation; Illinois Office of Public Counsel. August 1986.

    Determination of excess capacity based on reliability and economic concerns. Identification of specific units associated with excess capacity. Required reserve margins.

54. **N.M. PSC** 2009, El Paso Electric rate moderation program; New Mexico Attorney General. August 1986.

    Prudence of EPE in generation planning related to Palo Verde nuclear construction, including failure to reduce ownership share and failure to pursue alternatives. Review of industry literature, cost and schedule histories, and retrospective cost-benefit analyses.

    Recommendation for rate-base treatment; proposal of power plant performance standards.

55. **City of Boston Public Improvements Commission,** transfer of Boston Edison district heating steam system to Boston Thermal Corporation; Boston Housing Authority. December 1986.

    History and economics of steam system; possible motives of Boston Edison in seeking sale; problems facing Boston Thermal; information and assurances required prior to Commission approval of transfer.

56. **Mass. Division of Insurance,** hearing to fix and establish 1987 automobile insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau. December 1986 and January 1987.

    Profit margin calculations, including methodology, implementation, derivation of cash flows, installment income, income tax status, and return to shareholders.

57. **Mass. DPU** 87-19, petition for adjudication of development facilitation program; Hull (Mass.) Municipal Light Plant. January 1987.

    Estimation of potential load growth; cost of generation, transmission, and distribution additions. Determination of hook-up charges. Development of residential load estimation procedure reflecting appliance ownership, dwelling size.

58. **N.M. PSC** 2004, Public Service of New Mexico nuclear decommissioning fund; New Mexico Attorney General. February 1987.

    Decommissioning cost and likely operating life of nuclear plants. Review of utility funding proposal. Development of alternative proposal. Ratemaking treatment.

59. **Mass. DPU** 86-280, Western Massachusetts Electric rate case; Massachusetts Energy Office. March 1987.

    Marginal cost rate design issues. Superiority of long-run marginal cost over short-run marginal cost as basis for rate design. Relationship of Consumer reaction, utility planning process, and regulatory structure to rate design approach. Implementation of short-run and long-run rate designs. Demand versus energy charges, economic development rates, spot pricing.

60. **Mass. Division of Insurance** 87-9, 1987 Workers' Compensation rate filing; State Rating Bureau. May 1987.

    Profit-margin calculations, including methodology, implementation, surplus requirements, investment income, and effects of 1986 Tax Reform Act.

61. **Texas PUC** 6184, economic viability of South Texas Nuclear Plant #2; Committee for Consumer Rate Relief. August 1987.

    Nuclear plant operating parameter projections; capacity factor, O&M, capital additions, decommissioning, useful life. STNP-2 cost and schedule projections. Potential for conservation.

62. **Minn. PUC** ER-015/GR-87-223, Minnesota Power rate case; Minnesota Department of Public Service. August 1987.

    Excess capacity on MP system; historical, current, and projected. Review of MP planning prudence prior to and during excess; efforts to sell capacity. Cost of excess capacity. Recommendations for ratemaking treatment.

63. **Mass. Division of Insurance** 87-27, 1988 automobile insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau. September 2 1987. Rebuttal October 1987.

    Underwriting profit margins. Effect of 1986 Tax Reform Act. Biases in calculation of average margins.

64. **Mass. DPU** 88-19, power Sales Contract from Riverside Steam and Electric to Western Massachusetts Electric; Riverside Steam and Electric. November 1987.

    Comparison of risk from QF contract and utility avoided-cost sources. Risk of oil dependence. Discounting cash flows to reflect risk.

65. **Mass. Division of Insurance** 87-53, 1987 Workers' Compensation rate refiling; State Rating Bureau. December 1987.

    Profit-margin calculations including updating of data, compliance with Commissioner's order, treatment of surplus and risk, interest rate calculation, and investment tax rate calculation.

66. **Mass. Division of Insurance,** 1987 and 1988 automobile insurance remand rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau. February 1988.

    Underwriting profit margins. Provisions for income taxes on finance charges. Relationships between allowed and achieved margins, between statewide and nationwide data, and between profit allowances and cost projections.

67. **Mass. DPU** 86-36, investigation into the pricing and ratemaking treatment to be afforded new electric generating facilities which are not qualifying facilities; Conservation Law Foundation. May 1988.

    Cost recovery for utility conservation programs. Compensating for lost revenues. Utility incentive structures.

68. **Mass. DPU** 88-123, petition of Riverside Steam & Electric; Riverside Steam and Electric Company. May 1988 and November 1988.

    Estimation of avoided costs of Western Massachusetts Electric Company. Nuclear capacity factor projections and effects on avoided costs. Avoided cost of energy interchange and power plant life extensions. Differences between median and expected oil prices. Salvage value of cogeneration facility. Off-system energy purchase projections. Reconciliation of avoided cost projection.

69. **Mass. DPU** 88-67, Boston Gas Company; Boston Housing Authority. June 1988.

    Estimation of annual avoidable costs, 1988 to 2005, and levelized avoided costs. Determination of cost recovery and carrying costs for conservation investments. Standards for assessing conservation cost-effectiveness. Evaluation of cost-effectiveness of utility funding of proposed natural gas conservation measures.

70. **R.I. PUC** 1900, Providence Water Supply Board tariff filing; Conservation Law Foundation, Audubon Society of Rhode Island, and League of Women Voters of Rhode Island. June 1988.

    Estimation of avoidable water supply costs. Determination of costs of water conservation. Conservation cost-benefit analysis.

71. **Mass. Division of Insurance** 88-22, 1989 automobile insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau; Profit Issues, August 1988, supplemented August 1988; Losses and Expenses, September 1988.

    Underwriting profit margins. Effects of 1986 Tax Reform Act. Taxation of common stocks. Lag in tax payments. Modeling risk and return over time. Treatment of finance charges. Comparison of projected and achieved investment returns.

72. **Vt. PSB** 5270 Module 6, investigation into least-cost investments, energy efficiency, conservation, and the management of demand for energy; Conservation Law Foundation, Vermont Natural Resources Council, and Vermont Public Interest Research Group. September 1988.

    Cost recovery for utility conservation programs. Compensation of utilities for revenue losses and timing differences. Incentive for utility participation.

73. **Vt. House of Representatives, Natural Resources Committee,** House Act 130; "Economic Analysis of Vermont Yankee Retirement"; Vermont Public Interest Research Group. February 1989.

    Projection of capacity factors, operating and maintenance expense, capital additions, overhead, replacement power costs, and net costs of Vermont Yankee.

74. **Mass. DPU** 88-67 Phase II, Boston Gas company conservation program and rate design; Boston Gas Company. March 1989.

    Estimation of avoided gas cost; treatment of non-price factors; estimation of externalities; identification of cost-effective conservation.

75. **Vt. PSB** 5270, status conference on conservation and load management policy settlement; Central Vermont Public Service, Conservation Law Foundation, Vermont Natural Resources Council, Vermont Public Interest Research Group, and Vermont Department of Public Service. May 1989.

    Cost-benefit test for utility conservation programs. Role of externalities. Cost recovery concepts and mechanisms. Resource allocations, cost allocations, and equity considerations. Guidelines for conservation preapproval mechanisms. Incentive mechanisms and recovery of lost revenues.

76. **Boston Housing Authority Court** 05099, Gallivan Boulevard Task Force vs. Boston Housing Authority, et al.; Boston Housing Authority. June 1989.

    Effect of master-metering on consumption of natural gas and electricity. Legislative and regulatory mandates regarding conservation.

77. **Mass. DPU** 89-100, Boston Edison rates; Massachusetts Energy Office. June 1989.

    Prudence of decision to spend $400 million from 1986–88 to return Pilgrim nuclear plant to service. Projections of nuclear capacity factors, O&M, capital additions, and overhead. Review of decommissioning cost, tax effect of abandonment, replacement power cost, and plant useful life estimates. Requirements for prudence and used-and-useful analyses.

78. **Mass. DPU** 88-123, petition of Riverside Steam and Electric Company; Riverside Steam and Electric. July 1989. Rebuttal, October 1989.

    Reasonableness of Northeast Utilities' 1987 avoided cost estimates. Projections of nuclear capacity factors, economy purchases, and power plant operating life. Treatment of avoidable energy and capacity costs and of off-system sales. Expected versus reference fuel prices.

79. **Mass. DPU** 89-72, Statewide Towing Association police-ordered towing rates; Massachusetts Automobile Rating Bureau. September 1989.

    Review of study supporting proposed increase in towing rates. Critique of study sample and methodology. Comparison to competitive rates. Supply of towing services. Effects of joint products and joint sales on profitability of police-ordered towing. Joint testimony with I. Goodman.

80. **Vt. PSB** 5330, application of Vermont utilities for approval of a firm power and energy contract with Hydro-Quebec; Conservation Law Foundation, Vermont Natural Resources Council, Vermont Public Interest Research Group. December 1989. Surrebuttal February 1990.

    Analysis of a proposed 20-year power purchase. Comparison to efficiency investment. Critique of conservation potential analysis. Analysis of Vermont electric energy supply. Planning risk of large supply additions. Valuation of environmental externalities. Identification of possible improvements to proposed contract.

81. **Mass. DPU** 89-239, inclusion of externalities in energy-supply planning, acquisition, and dispatch for Massachusetts utilities. Boston Gas Company. December 1989; April 1990; May 1990.

    Critique of Division of Energy Resources report on externalities. Methodology for evaluating external costs. Proposed values for environmental and economic externalities of fuel supply and use.

82. **California PUC,** incorporation of environmental externalities in utility planning and pricing; Coalition of Energy Efficient and Renewable Technologies. February 1990.

    Approaches for valuing externalities for inclusion in setting power purchase rates. Effect of uncertainty on assessing externality values.

83. **Ill. CC** 90-0038, proceeding to adopt a least-cost electric-energy plan for Commonwealth Edison Company; City of Chicago. May 25 1990. Joint rebuttal testimony with David Birr, August 1990.

    Problems in Commonwealth Edison's approach to demand-side management. Potential for cost-effective conservation. Valuing externalities in least-cost planning.

84. Md. PSC 8278, adequacy of Baltimore Gas & Electric's integrated resource plan; Maryland Office of People's Counsel. September 1990.

Rationale for demand-side management. BG&E's problems in approach to DSM planning. Potential for cost-effective conservation. Valuation of environmental externalities. Recommendations for short-term DSM program priorities.

85. Ind. URC, integrated-resource-planning docket; Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor. November 1990.

Integrated resource planning process and methodology, including externalities and screening tools. Incentives, screening, and evaluation of demand-side management. Potential of resource bidding in Indiana.

86. Mass. DPU 89-141, 90-73, 90-141, 90-194, 90-270; preliminary review of utility treatment of environmental externalities in October qualifying-facilities filings; Boston Gas Company. November 1990.

Generic and specific problems in Massachusetts utilities' RFPs with regard to externality valuation requirements. Recommendations for corrections.

87. Mass. EFSC 90-12/90-12A, adequacy of Boston Edison proposal to build combined-cycle plant; Conservation Law Foundation. December 1990.

Problems in Boston Edison's treatment of demand-side management, supply option analysis, and resource planning. Recommendations of mitigation options.

88. Maine PUC 90-286, adequacy of conservation program of Bangor Hydro Electric; Penobscot River Coalition. February 1991.

Role of utility-sponsored DSM in least-cost planning. Bangor Hydro's potential for cost-effective conservation. Problems with Bangor Hydro's assumptions about customer investment in energy efficiency measures.

89. Va. SCC PUE900070, commission investigation; Southern Environmental Law Center. March 1991.

Role of utilities in promoting energy efficiency. Least-cost planning objectives of and resource acquisition guidelines for DSM. Ratemaking considerations for DSM investments.

90. Mass. DPU 90-261-A, economics and role of fuel-switching in the DSM program of the Massachusetts Electric Company; Boston Gas Company. April 1991.

Role of fuel-switching in utility DSM programs and specifically in Massachusetts Electric's. Establishing comparable avoided costs and comparison of electric and gas system costs. Updated externality values.

91. **Private arbitration,** Massachusetts Refusetech Contractual Request for Adjustment to Service Fee; Massachusetts Refusetech. May 1991.

NEPCo rates for power purchases from the New England Solid Waste Compact plant. Fuel price and avoided cost projections vs. realities.

92. **Vt. PSB** 5491, cost-effectiveness of Central Vermont's commitment to Hydro Quebec purchases; Conservation Law Foundation. July 1991.

Changes in load forecasts and resale markets since approval of HQ purchases. Effect of HQ purchase on DSM.

93. **S.C. PSC** 91-216-E, cost recovery of Duke Power's DSM expenditures; South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs. Direct, September 13 1991; Surrebuttal October 1991.

Problems with conservation plans of Duke Power, including load building, cream skimming, and inappropriate rate designs.

94. **Md. PSC** 8241 Phase II, review of Baltimore Gas & Electric's avoided costs; Maryland Office of People's Counsel. September 1991.

Development of direct avoided costs for DSM. Problems with BG&E's avoided costs and DSM screening. Incorporation of environmental externalities.

95. **Bucksport (Maine) Planning Board,** AES/Harriman Cove shoreland zoning application; Conservation Law Foundation and Natural Resources Council of Maine. October 1991.

New England's power surplus. Costs of bringing AES/Harriman Cove on line to back out existing generation. Alternatives.

96. **Mass. DPU** 91-131, update of externalities values adopted in Docket 89-239; Boston Gas Company. October 1991. Rebuttal, December 1991.

Updates on pollutant externality values. Addition of values for chlorofluorocarbons, air toxics, thermal pollution, and oil import premium. Review of state regulatory actions regarding externalities.

97. **Fla. PSC** 910759, petition of Florida Power Corporation for determination of need for proposed electrical power plant and related facilities; Floridians for Responsible Utility Growth. October 1991.

Florida Power's obligation to pursue integrated resource planning and failure to establish need for proposed facility. Methods to increase scope and scale of demand-side investment.

98. **Fla. PSC** 910833-EI, petition of Tampa Electric Company for a determination of need for proposed electrical power plant and related facilities; Floridians for Responsible Utility Growth. October 1991.

    Obligation to pursue integrated resource planning, failure to establish need for proposed facility. Methods to increase scope and scale of demand-side investment.

99. **Penn. PUC** I-900005, R-901880; investigation into demand-side management by electric utilities; Pennsylvania Energy Office. January 1992.

    Appropriate cost recovery mechanism for Pennsylvania utilities. Purpose and scope of direct cost recovery, lost revenue recovery, and incentives.

100. **S.C. PSC** 91-606-E, petition of South Carolina Electric and Gas for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a coal-fired plant; South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs. January 1992.

    Justification of plant certification under integrated resource planning. Failures in SCE&G's DSM planning and company potential for demand-side savings.

101. **Mass. DPU** 92-92, adequacy of Boston Edison's street-lighting options; Town of Lexington. June 1992.

    Efficiency and quality of street-lighting options. Boston Edison's treatment of high-quality street lighting. Corrected rate proposal for the Daylux lamp. Ownership of public street lighting.

102. **S.C. PSC** 92-208-E, integrated-resource plan of Duke Power Company; South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs. August 1992.

    Problems with Duke Power's DSM screening process, estimation of avoided cost, DSM program design, and integration of demand-side and supply-side planning.

103. **N.C. UC** E-100 Sub 64, integrated-resource-planning docket; Southern Environmental Law Center. September 1992.

    General principles of integrated resource planning, DSM screening, and program design. Review of the IRPs of Duke Power Company, Carolina Power & Light Company, and North Carolina Power.

104. **Ont. EAB** Ontario Hydro Demand/Supply Plan Hearings, *Environmental Externalities Valuation and Ontario Hydro's Resource Planning* (3 vols.); Coalition of Environmental Groups. October 1992.

    Valuation of environmental externalities from fossil fuel combustion and the nuclear fuel cycle. Application to Ontario Hydro's supply and demand planning.

105. **Texas PUC** 110000, application of Houston Lighting and Power company for a certificate of convenience and necessity for the DuPont Project; Destec Energy, Inc. September 1992.

Valuation of environmental externalities from fossil fuel combustion and the application to the evaluation of proposed cogeneration facility.

106. **Maine BEP,** in the matter of the Basin Mills Hydroelectric Project application; Conservation Intervenors. November 1992.

Economic and environmental effects of generation by proposed hydro-electric project.

107. **Md. PSC** 8473, review of the power sales agreement of Baltimore Gas and Electric with AES Northside; Maryland Office of People's Counsel. November 1992.

Non-price scoring and unquantified benefits; DSM potential as alternative; environmental costs; cost and benefit estimates.

108. **N.C. UC** E-100 Sub 64, analysis and investigation of least cost integrated resource planning in North Carolina; Southern Environmental Law Center. November 1992.

Demand-side management cost recovery and incentive mechanisms.

109. **S.C. PSC** 92-209-E, in re Carolina Power & Light Company; South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs. November 1992.

Demand-side-management planning: objectives, process, cost-effectiveness test, comprehensiveness, lost opportunities. Deficiencies in CP&L's portfolio. Need for economic evaluation of load building.

110 **Fla. DER** hearings on the Power Plant Siting Act; Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation. December 1992.

Externality valuation and application in power-plant siting. DSM potential, cost-benefit test, and program designs.

111. **Md. PSC** 8487, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company electric rate case. Direct January 1993; rebuttal February 1993.

Class allocation of production plant and O&M; transmission, distribution, and general plant; administrative and general expenses. Marginal cost and rate design.

112. **Md. PSC** 8179, Approval of amendment to Potomac Edison purchase agreement with AES Warrior Run; Maryland Office of People's Counsel. January 29 1993.

Economic analysis of proposed coal-fired cogeneration facility.

113. Mich. PSC U-10102, Detroit Edison rate case; Michigan United Conservation Clubs. February 17 1993.

Least-cost planning; energy efficiency planning, potential, screening, avoided costs, cost recovery, and shareholder incentives.

114. Ohio PUC 91-635-EL-FOR, 92-312-EL-FOR, 92-1172-EL-ECP; Cincinnati Gas and Electric demand-management programs; City of Cincinnati. April 1993.

Demand-side-management planning, program designs, potential savings, and avoided costs.

115. Mich. PSC U-10335, Consumers Power rate case; Michigan United Conservation Clubs. October 1993.

Least-cost planning; energy efficiency planning, potential, screening, avoided costs, cost recovery, and shareholder incentives.

116. Ill. CC 92-0268, electric-energy plan for Commonwealth Edison; City of Chicago. Direct, February 1 1994; rebuttal, September 1994.

Cost-effectiveness screening of demand-side management programs and measures; estimates by Commonwealth Edison of costs avoided by DSM and of future cost, capacity, and performance of supply resources.

117. FERC 2422 et al., application of James River–New Hampshire Electric, Public Service of New Hampshire, for licensing of hydro power; Conservation Law Foundation; 1993.

Cost-effective energy conservation available to the Public Service of New Hampshire; power-supply options; affidavit.

118. Vt. PSB 5270-CV-1,-3, and 5686; Central Vermont Public Service fuel-switching and DSM program design, on behalf of the Vermont Department of Public Service. Direct, April 1994; rebuttal, June 1994.

Avoided costs and screening of controlled water-heating measures; risk, rate impacts, participant costs, externalities, space- and water-heating load, benefit-cost tests.

119. Fla. PSC 930548-EG–930551-EG, conservation goals for Florida electric utilities; Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation, Inc. April 1994.

Integrated resource planning, avoided costs, rate impacts, analysis of conservation goals of Florida electric utilities.

120. Vt. PSB 5724, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation rate request; Vermont Department of Public Service. Joint surrebuttal testimony with John Plunkett. August 1994.

Costs avoided by DSM programs; Costs and benefits of deferring DSM programs.

121. **Mass. DPU** 94-49, Boston Edison integrated-resource-management plan; Massachusetts Attorney General. August 1994.

Least-cost planning, modeling, and treatment of risk.

122. **Mich. PSC** U-10554, Consumers Power Company DSM program and incentive; Michigan Conservation Clubs. November 1994.

Critique of proposed reductions in DSM programs; discussion of appropriate measurements of cost-effectiveness, role of DSM in competitive power markets.

123. **Mich. PSC** U-10702, Detroit Edison Company cost recovery, on behalf of the Residential Ratepayers Consortium. December 1994.

Impact of proposed changes to DSM plan on energy costs and power-supply-cost-recovery charges. Critique of proposed DSM changes; discussion of appropriate measurements of cost-effectiveness, role of DSM in competitive power markets.

124. **N.J. BRC** EM92030359, environmental costs of proposed cogeneration; Freehold Cogeneration Associates. November 1994.

Comparison of potential externalities from the Freehold cogeneration project with that from three coal technologies; support for the study "The Externalities of Four Power Plants."

125. **Mich. PSC** U-10671, Detroit Edison Company DSM programs; Michigan United Conservation Clubs. January 1995.

Critique of proposal to scale back DSM efforts in light of potential for competition. Loss of savings, increase of customer costs, and decrease of competitiveness. Discussion of appropriate measurements of cost-effectiveness, role of DSM in competitive power markets.

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Calculation of avoided costs. Recovery of utility energy-efficiency-program costs and lost revenues. Shareholder incentives for efficiency-program performance.

250. **Plymouth, Mass., Superior Court** Civil Action No. PLCV2006-00651-B (Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant v. Gas Recovery Systems LLC et al.), Breach of agreement; defendants. Affidavit, May 2010.

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251. **N.S. UARB** M02961, Port Hawkesbury biomass project; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. June 2010.

Least-cost planning and renewable-energy requirements. Feasibility versus alternatives. Unknown or poorly estimated costs.

252. **Mass. DPU** 10-54, NGrid purchase of long-term power from Cape Wind; Natural Resources Defense Council et al. July 2010.

Effects of renewable-energy projects on gas and electric market prices. Impacts on system reliability and peak loads. Importance of PPAs to renewable development. Effectiveness of proposed contracts as price edges.

253. **Md. PSC** 9230, Baltimore Gas & Electric rates; Maryland Office of People's Counsel. Direct, July 2010; rebuttal, surrebuttal, August 2010.

Allocation of gas- and electric-distribution costs. Critique of minimum-system analyses and direct assignment of shared plant. Allocation of environmental compliance costs. Allocation of revenue increases among rate classes.

254. **Ont. Energy Board** 2010-0008, Ontario Power Generation facilities charges; Green Energy Coalition. Evidence, August 2010.

Critique of including a return on CWIP in current rates. Setting cost of capital by business segment.

255. **N.S. UARB** 03454, Heritage Gas rates; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. October 2010.

Cost allocation. Cost of capital. Effect on rates of growth in sales.

256. **Man. PUB** 17/10, Manitoba Hydro rates; Resource Conservation Manitoba and Time to Respect Earth's Ecosystem. December 2010.

Revenue-allocation and rate design. DSM program.

257. **N.S. UARB** M03665, Nova Scotia Power depreciation rates; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. February 2011.

Depreciation and rates.

258. **New Orleans City Council** UD-08-02, Entergy IRP rules; Alliance for Affordable Energy. December 2010.

Integrated resource planning: Purpose, screening, cost recovery, and generation planning.

259. **N.S. UARB** M03665, depreciation rates of Nova Scotia Power; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. February 2011.

Steam-plant retirement dates, post-retirement use, timing of decommissioning and removal costs.

260. **N.S. UARB M**03632, renewable-energy community-based feed-in tariffs; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. March 2011.

Adjustments to estimate of cost-based feed-in tariffs. Rate effects of feed-in tariffs.

261. **Mass. EFSB** 10-2/**DPU** 10-131, 10-132; NStar transmission; Town of Sandwich, Mass. Direct, May 2011; Surrebuttal, June 2011.

Need for new transmission; errors in load forecasting; probability of power outages.

262. **Utah PSC** 10-035-124, Rocky Mountain Power rate case; Utah Office of Consumer Services. June 2011.

Load data, allocation of generation plants, scrubbers, power purchases, and service drops. Marginal cost study: inclusion of all load-related transmission projects, critique of minimum- and zero-intercept methods for distribution. Residential rate design.

263. **N.S. UARB** M04104; Nova Scotia Power general rate application; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. August 2011.

Cost allocation: allocation of costs of wind power and substations. Rate design: marginal-cost-based rates, demand charges, time-of-use rates.

264. **N.S. UARB** M04175, Load-retention tariff; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. August 2011.

Marginal cost of serving very large industrial electric loads; risk, incentives and rate design.

265. **Ark. PSC** 10-101-R, Rulemaking re self-directed energy efficiency for large customers; National Audubon Society and Audubon Arkansas. July 2011.

Structuring energy-efficiency programs for large customers.

266. **Okla. CC** PUD 201100077, current and pending federal regulations and legislation affecting Oklahoma utilities; Sierra Club. Comments July, October 2011; presentation July 2011.

Challenges facing Oklahoma coal plants; efficiency, renewable and conventional resources available to replace existing coal plants; integrated environmental compliance planning.

267. **Nevada PUC** 11-08019, integrated analysis of resource acquisition, Sierra Club. Comments, September 2011; hearing, October 2011.

Scoping of integrated review of cost-effectiveness of continued operation of Reid Gardner 1–3 coal units.

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270. **Ky. PSC** 2011-00375, Kentucky utilities' purchase and construction of power plants; Sierra Club and National Resources Defense Council. December 2011.

Assessment of resources, especially renewables. Treatment of risk. Treatment of future environmental costs.

271. **N.S. UARB** M04819, demand-side-management plan of Efficiency Nova Scotia; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. May 2012.

Avoided costs. Allocation of costs. Reporting of bill effects.

272. **Kansas CC** 12-GIMX-337-GIV, utility energy-efficiency programs; The Climate and Energy Project. June 2012.

Cost-benefit tests for energy-efficiency programs. Collaborative program design.

273. **N.S. UARB** M04862, Port Hawksbury load-retention mechanism; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. June 2012.

Effect on ratepayers of proposed load-retention tariff. Incremental capital costs, renewable-energy costs, and costs of operating biomass cogeneration plant.

274. **Utah PSC** 11-035-200, Rocky Mountain Power Rates; Utah Office of Consumer Council. June 2012.

Cost allocation. Estimation of marginal customer costs.

275. **Ark. PSC** 12-008-U, environmental controls at Southwestern Electric Power Company's Flint Creek plant; Sierra Club. Direct, June 2012; rebuttal, August 2012; further, March 2013.

Costs and benefits of environmental retrofit to permit continued operation of coal plant, versus other options including purchased gas generation, efficiency, and wind. Fuel-price projections. Need for transmission upgrades.

276. **U.S. EPA** EPA-R09-OAR-2012-0021, air-quality implementation plan; Sierra Club. September 2012.

Costs, financing, and rate effects of Apache coal-plant scrubbers. Relative incomes in service territories of Arizona Coop and other utilities.

277. **Arkansas PSC** Docket No. 07-016-U; Entergy Arkansas' integrated resource plan; Audubon Arkansas. Comments, September 2012.

Estimation of future gas prices. Estimation of energy-efficiency potential. Screening of resource decisions. Wind costs.

278. **Vt. PSB** 7862, Entergy Nuclear Vermont and Entergy Nuclear Operations petition to operate Vermont Yankee; Conservation Law Foundation. October 2012.

Effect of continued operation on market prices. Value of revenue-sharing agreement. Risks of underfunding decommissioning fund.

279. **Man. PUB** 2012–13 GRA, Manitoba Hydro rates; Green Action Centre. November 2012.

Estimation of marginal costs. Fuel switching.

280. **N.S. UARB** M05339, Capital Plan of Nova Scotia Power; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. January 2013.

Economic and financial modeling of investment. Treatment of AFUDC.

281. **N.S. UARB** M05416, South Canoe wind project of Nova Scotia Power; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. January 2013.

Revenue requirements. Allocation of tax benefits. Ratemaking.

282. **N.S. UARB** 05419; Maritime Link transmission project and related contracts, Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate and Small Business Advocate. Direct, April 2013; supplemental (with Seth Parker), November 2013.

Load forecast, including treatment of economy energy sales. Wind power cost forecasts. Cost effectiveness and risk of proposed project. Opportunities for improving economics of project.

283. **Ont. Energy Board** 2012-0451/0433/0074, Enbridge Gas Greater Toronto Area project; Green Energy Coalition. June 2013, revised August 2013.

Estimating gas pipeline and distribution costs avoidable through gas DSM and curtailment of electric generation. Integrating DSM and pipeline planning.

284. **N.S. UARB** 05092, tidal-energy feed-in-tariff rate; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. August 2013.

Purchase rate for test and demonstration projects. Maximizing benefits under rate-impact caps. Pricing to maximize provincial advantage as a hub for emerging tidal-power industry.

285. **N.S. UARB** 05473, Nova Scotia Power 2013 cost-of-service study; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. October 2013.

Cost-allocation and rate design.

286. **B.C. UC** 3698715 & 3698719; performance-based ratemaking plan for FortisBC companies; British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association and Sierra Club British Columbia. Direct (with John Plunkett), December 2013.

Rationale for enhanced gas and electric DSM portfolios. Correction of utility estimates of electric avoided costs. Errors in program screening. Program potential. Recommended program ramp-up rates.

287. **Conn. PURA** Docket No. 14-01-01, Connecticut Light and Power Procurement of Standard Service and Last-Resort Service. July and October 2014.

Proxy for review of bids. Oversight of procurement and selection process.

288. **Conn. PURA** Docket No. 14-01-02, United Illuminating Procurement of Standard Service and Last-Resort Service. January, April, July, and October 2014.

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289. **Man. PUB** 2014, need for and alternatives to proposed hydro-electric facilities; Green Action Centre. Evidence (with Wesley Stevens) February 2014.

Potential for fuel switching, DSM, and wind to meet future demand.

290. **Utah PSC** 13-035-184, Rocky Mountain Power Rates; Utah Office of Consumer Services. May 2014.

Class cost allocation. Classification and allocation of generation plant and purchased power. Principles of cost-causation. Design of backup rates.

291. **Minn. PSC** E002/GR-13-868, Northern States Power rates; Clean Energy Intervenors. Direct, June 2014; rebuttal, July 2014; surrebuttal, August 2014.

Inclining-block residential rate design. Rationale for minimizing customer charges.

292. Cal. PUC Rulemaking 12-06-013, electric rates and rate structures; Natural Resources Defense Council. September 2014.

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Effect of proposed merger on Consumer bills, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and climate goals.

294. N.S. UARB M06514, 2015 capital-expenditure plan of Nova Scotia Power; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. January 2015.

Economic evaluation of proposed projects. Treatment of AFUDC, overheads, and replacement costs of lost generation. Computation of rate effects of spending plan.

295. Md. PSC 9153 et al., Maryland energy-efficiency programs; Maryland Office of People's Counsel. January 2015.

Costs avoided by demand-side management. Demand-reduction-induced price effects.

296. Québec Régie de L'énergie R-3867-2013 phase 1, Gaz Métro cost allocation and rate structure; ROEÉ. February 2015

Classification of the area-spanning system; minimum system and more realistic approaches. Allocation of overhead, energy-efficiency, gas-supply, engineering-and-planning, and billing costs.

297. Conn. PURA Docket No. 15-01-01, Connecticut Light and Power Procurement of Standard Service and Last-Resort Service. February and July 2015.

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298. Conn. PURA Docket No. 15-01-02, United Illuminating Procurement of Standard Service and Last-Resort Service. February, July, and October 2015.

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Review basis for higher customer charges, including cost allocation. Design of time-of-day rates.

300. **Ky. PSC** 2014-00372, Louisville Gas and Electric electric rates; Sierra Club. March 2015.

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301. **Mich. PSC** U-17767, DTE Electric Company rates; Michigan Environmental Council, Sierra Club, and Natural Resource Defense Council. May 2015.

Cost effectiveness of pollution-control retrofits versus retirements. Market prices. Costs of alternatives.

302. **N.S. UARB** M06733, supply agreement between Efficiency One and Nova Scotia Power; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. June 2015.

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303. **Penn. PUC** P-2014-2459362, Philadelphia Gas Works DSM, universal-service, and energy-conservation plans; Philadelphia Gas Works. Direct, May 2015; Rebuttal, July 2015.

Avoided costs. Recovery of lost margin.

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Avoided costs: price mitigation, carbon prices, marginal gas supply costs, avoidable distribution costs, avoidable upstream costs (including utility-owned pipeline facilities).

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306. **N.S. UARB** M06214, NS Power Renewable-to-Retail rate, Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. November 2015.

Review of proposed design of rate for third-party sales of renewable energy to retail customers. Distribution, transmission and generation charges.

307. **PUC Texas** Docket No. 44941, El Paso Electric rates; Energy Freedom Coalition of America. December 2015.

Cost allocation and rate design. Effect of proposed DG rate on solar customers. Load shapes of residential customers with and without solar. Problems with demand charges.

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Economic evaluation of proposed projects, including replacement energy costs and modeling of equipment failures. Treatment of capitalized overheads and depreciation cash flow in computation of rate effects of spending plan.

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Assessment of benefits of Smart Meter programs for energy revenue, load reductions and price mitigation; capacity load reductions and price mitigation; free riders and load shifting in peak-time rebate (PTR) program; cost of PTR participation; effect of load reductions on PJM capacity obligations, capacity prices and T&D costs.

310. **City of Austin TX**, Austin Energy 2016 Rate Review, Sierra Club and Public Citizen. May 2016

Allocation of generation costs. Residential rate design. Geographical rate differentials. Recognition of coal-plant retirement costs.

311. **Manitoba PUB**, Manitoba Hydro Cost of Service Methodology Review, Green Action Centre. June 2016, reply August 2016.

Allocation of generation costs. Identifying generation-related transmission assets. Treatment of subtransmission. Classification of distribution lines. Allocation of distribution substations and lines. Customer allocators. Shared service drops.

312. **Md. PSC** 9418, PEPCo Application for recovery of Smart Meter costs, Maryland Office of People's Counsel. Direct July 2016, Rebuttal August 2016, Surrebuttal September 2016.

Assessment of benefits of Smart Meter programs for energy revenue, load reductions and price mitigation; load reductions in dynamic-pricing (DP) program; cost of DP participation; effect of load reductions on PJM capacity obligations, capacity prices and T&D costs.

313. **Md. PSC** 9424, Delmarva P&L Application for recovery of Smart Meter costs, Maryland Office of People's Counsel. Direct September 2016, Rebuttal October 2016, Surrebuttal October 2016.

Estimation of effects of Smart Meter programs—dynamic pricing (DP), conservation voltage reduction and an informational program—on wholesale revenues, wholesale prices and avoided costs; estimating load reductions from the DP program; cost of DP participation; effect of load reductions on PJM capacity obligations, capacity prices and T&D costs.

314. **N.H. PUC** Docket No. DE 16-576, Alternative Net Metering Tariffs, Conservation Law Foundation. Direct October 2016, Reply December 2016.

Framework for evaluating rates for distributed generation. Costs avoided and imposed by distributed solar. Rate design for distributed generation.

315. **Puerto Rico Energy Commission** CEPR-AP-2015-0001, Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority rate proceeding, PR Energy Commission. Report December 2016.

Comprehensive review of structure of electric utility, cost causation, load data, cost allocation, revenue allocation, marginal costs, retail rate designs, identification and treatment of customer subsidies, structuring rate riders, and rates for distributed generation and net metering.

316. **N.S. UARB** M07745, NS Power 2017 Capital Expenditures Plan, Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. January 2017.

Computation and presentation of rate effects. Consistency of assumed plant operation and replacement power costs. Control of total cost of small projects. Coordination of information-technology investments. Investments in biomass plant with uncertain future.

317. **N.S. UARB** M07746, NS Power Enterprise Resource Planning project, Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. February 2017.

Estimated software project costs. Costs of internal and contractor labor. Affiliate cost allocation.

318. **N.S. UARB** M07767, NS Power Advanced Metering Infrastructure projects, Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. February 2017.

Design and goals of the AMI pilot program. Procurement. Coordination with information-technology and software projects.

319. **Québec Régie de l'énergie** R-3867-2013 phase 3A; Gaz Métro estimates of marginal O&M costs; ROEÉ. March 2017.

Estimation of one-time, continuing and periodic customer-related operating and maintenance cost. Costs related to loads and revenues. Dealing with lumpy costs.

320. **N.S. UARB** M07718, NS Power Maritime Link Cost Recovery, Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. April 2017.

Usefulness of transmission interconnection prior to operation of the associated power plant.

321. **Mass. DPU** 17-05, Eversource Rate Case, Cape Light Compact. Direct April 2017, Rebuttal May 2017.

Critique of proposed performance-based ratemaking mechanism. Proposal for improvements.

322. **PUCO** 16-1852, AEP Ohio Electric Security Plan, Natural Resources Defense Council. May 2017.

Residential customer charge. Cost causation. Effect of rate design on consumption.

323. **Iowa Utilities Board** RPU-2017-0001, Interstate Power and Light rate case, Natural Resources Defense Council. Direct August 2017, Reply September 2017.

Critique of proposed demand-charge pilot rates for residential and small commercial customers. Defects of demand rates and shortcomings of IPL experimental proposal design.

324. **N.S. UARB** M08087, NS Power 2017 Load Forecast, Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. Direct August 2017.

Review of forecast methodology, including extrapolation of drivers of commercial load from US national data; treatment of non-firm and competitive loads; behind-the-meter generation and controlling peak-load growth.

325. **Québec Régie de l'énergie** R-3867-2013 phase 3B; Gaz Métro line-extension policy; ROEÉ. September 2017.

The costs of adding new load. Estimating the durability of revenues from line extensions.

326. **Mass. EFSB** 17-02; Eversource proposed Hudson-Sudbury transmission line; Town of Sudbury. October 2017.

Accuracy of ISO New England regional load forecasts. Potential for distributed solar, storage and demand response.

327. **Manitoba PUB**, Manitoba 2017/18 & 2018/19 General Rate Application; Green Action Coalition. October 2017.

Marginal costs. Rate design. Affordability rate design for low-income and electric-heating customers. Design of residential inclining blocks. Problems with demand charges and demand ratchets. Cost-of-service study improvements.

328. **N.S. UARB** M08383, NS Power 2018 Annually Adjusted Rates; Consumer Advocate. January 2018.

Projection of incremental dispatch cost. Computing administrative charges. Methodological issues.

329. N.S. UARB M08349, NS Power's Advanced Metering Infrastructure Proposal; Consumer Advocate. January 2018.

Estimation of AMI benefits: load balancing among feeders, critical peak pricing, avoided costs of meters for distributed generation. NS Power's claims of benefits from accounting credits (AFUDC, overheads, and converting write-offs to reduced revenue) and shifting costs to customers (earlier billing, higher recorded usage). Realistic AMI meter life. Excessive charge for customers who opt out of AMI.

330. N.S. UARB M08350, NS Power 2018 Annual Capital Expenditures Plan; Consumer Advocate. February 2018.

Overlap between ACE projects and AMI project. Hydro project planning and valuation of lost hydro energy output.

331. Conn. PURA Docket No. 08-01-01RE05, Proposed Amendment to Peaker Contracts; Connecticut Consumers Counsel. May 2018.

Dividing increased revenues from ISO-NE's Pay-for-Performance mechanism between contract generators and ratepayers.

332. Kansas CC Docket No. 18-WSEE-328-RTS, Westar Rate Case; Sierra Club. Direct June 2018. Rebuttal June 2018. Supplement July 2018.

Costs and benefits of running Westar coal plants. Costs of renewables and other alternatives. Recommendation regarding planning, coal retirement schedule, and acquisition of leased capacity.

333. Cal. PUC Application 17-09-006; Pacific Gas and Electric Gas Cost Allocation Proceeding; Small Business Utility Advocates. Direct June 2018.

Allocation of gas distribution system costs. Allocation of costs of energy-efficiency programs.

334. N.S. UARB M08670, NS Power 2018 Load Forecast, Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. Direct July 2018.

Review of forecast methodology, including treatment of future energy-efficiency programs, treatment of third-party supply and behind-the-meter generation.

335. Iowa Utilities Board RPU-2018-0003, MidAmerican Energy Request for Approval of Ratemaking Principles for Wind XII; Sierra Club. Direct August 2018.

Cost and benefits of continued operation of six MidAmerican coal-fired units.

336. Cal. PUC A.18-02-016, 03-001, 03-002; 2018 Energy Storage Plans; Small Business Utility Advocates. Direct, Rebuttal and Supplement, August 2018.

Reliance on substation-sited storage. Need for increased emphasis on customer-sited and shared storage. Maximizing benefits, total and for small business. Oversized SDG&E proposed projects. Cost recovery. Storage technology diversity.

337. La. PSC U-34794; Cleco Corp Purchase of NRG Assets and Contracts; Sierra Club. Direct, September 2018.

Economics of NRG generation resources, Cleco Power coal plants and wholesale sales contracts. Risks of the proposed transaction.

338. Cal. PUC A.18-11-005; Southern California Gas Demand-Response Proposal; Small Business Utility Advocates. Direct March 2019, Rebuttal April 2019.

Potential benefits of gas demand response and SoCalGas failure to identify potential benefits from its programs. Program design. Cost allocation.

339. Cal. PUC A.18-11-003; Pacific Gas & Electric Electric Vehicle Rate; Small Business Utility Advocates. Direct April 2019, Rebuttal May 2019.

Critique of subscription demand charge. Time-of-use periods. Outreach to small business. Time-of-use price differentials.

340. Cal. PUC A.18-07-024; Southern California Gas and San Diego Gas & Electric Triennial Cost Allocation Proceeding; Small Business Utility Advocates. Direct April 2019.

Core commercial declining blocks. Computation of customer charges. Embedded versus marginal cost allocation. Marginal cost computation. Allocation of self-generation incentives.

341. Vt. PUC 19-0397-PET; Screening Values for Energy-Efficiency Measures; Conservation Law Foundation. Direct May 2019.

Conceptual basis for including price-suppression benefits to consumers. Avoided T&D costs. Avoided externalities with a renewable energy standard. Risk mitigation.

342. N.S. UARB M09096; EfficiencyOne Application for 2020–2022 DSM Plan; Consumer Advocate. May 2019

Evaluate NS Power critique of EfficiencyOne proposal. Comparability of efficiency budgets. Affordability. Energy-efficiency programs and resource planning.

343. N.S. UARB M09191; NS Power 2019 Load Forecast Report; Consumer Advocate. July 2019.

Review load-forecast treatment of energy efficiency, fuel switching, electric vehicles, behind-the-meter solar, AMI-enabled programs, and the changing trend in lighting efficiency.

344. **Iowa Utilities Board** RPU-2019-001; Interstate Power and Light Rate Case; Sierra Club. Direct August 2019; Rebuttal September 2019.

Economics of continued operation of five coal units: fuel, O&M, capital additions, overheads, market revenues, and cost of renewable resources. Recommend retirement of all units.

345. **Maine PUC** 2019-00101; Unitil Precedent Agreement for Westbrook Xpress, Conservation Law Foundation. August 2019.

The role of fuel convserions in Unitil's load forecast. Mandates for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Efficient electric end uses as alternatives to gas system expansion. Risks of and alternatives to new pipeline supply.

346. **Maine PUC** 2019-00105; Bangor Natural Gas Precedent Agreement for Westbrook Xpress, Conservation Law Foundation. August 2019.

Mandates for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Efficient electric end uses as alternatives to gas system expansion. Risks of and alternatives to new pipeline supply.

347. **Wisconsin PSC 6690-UR-126**; Wisconsin Public Service Corporation 2020 Rate Case, Sierra Club. Direct August 2019, Surrebuttal October 2019.

Economics of continued operation of four coal units: fuel, O&M, capital additions, overheads, market revenues, and cost of renewable resources. Recommend retirement of uneconomic units.

348. **Wisconsin PSC 05-UR-109**; Wisconsin Electric Power Company2020 Rate Case; Sierra Club. Direct August 2019, Surrebuttal October 2019

Economics of continued operation of six coal units: fuel, O&M, capital additions, overheads, market revenues, and cost of renewable resources. Recommend retirement of uneconomic units.

349 **N.S. UARB M09277**; NS Power Maritime Link Cost Recovery, Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. August 2019.

Benefits of the Maritime Link transmission line prior to operation of associated power supply and connecting transmission facilties.

350. **N.H. PUC** DG 17-198; Liberty Utilities Petition to Approve Firm Supply, Transportation Agreements, and the Granite Bridge Project; Conservation Law Foundation. September 2019.

Need for transportation contracts and new pipeline. Alternative of switching oil and propane to efficient electric end uses. Limited life of gas infrastructure and effect on ratepayer costs.

351. **Colorado PUC** 19AL-0268E; Public Service of Colorado Rate Case; Sierra Club. September 2019.

Prudence of management of superheater tube failures. Unfavorable economics of coal plants nationally. Need for continuing review of coal-plant economics and benefits of retirement.

352. **N.H. PUC** DG 17-152; Liberty Utilities Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan; Conservation Law Foundation. September 2019.

Integrated planning for gas utilities in an era of carbon constraints. Heat pump electrification versus gas conversion of oil-fired space and water heating.

353. **N.S. UARB** M09420; NS Power Application for an Extra-Large Industrial Active Demand Control Tariff; Nova Scotia Consumer Advocate. December 2019.

Estimating incremental costs, including lost wheeling revenues, variable O&M, and variable capital cost; updating and reconciliation of incremental costs.

354. **Cal. PUC** A.19-07-006; San Diego Gas & Electric Fast-Charging and Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle Proposal; Small Business Utility Advocates. Direct January 2020.

Interim rate proposal. Critique of subscription and demand charges. Time-of-use periods. Recovery of lost revenues.

ACRONYMS AND INITIALISMS

APS	Alleghany Power System
ASLB	Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
BEP	Board of Environmental Protection
BPU	Board of Public Utilities
BRC	Board of Regulatory Commissioners
CC	Corporation Commission
CMP	Central Maine Power
DER	Department of Environmental Regulation
DPS	Department of Public Service
DQE	Duquesne Light
DPUC	Department of Public Utilities Control
DSM	Demand-Side Management
DTE	Department of Telecommunications and Energy
EAB	Environmental Assessment Board
EFSB	Energy Facilities Siting Board
EFSC	Energy Facilities Siting Council
EUB	Energy and Utilities Board
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
ISO	Independent System Operator
LRAM	Lost-Revenue-Adjustment Mechanism
NARUC	National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
NEPOOL	New England Power Pool
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
OCA	Office of Consumer Advocate
PSB	Public Service Board
PBR	Performance-based Regulation
PSC	Public Service Commission
PUC	Public Utility Commission
PUB	Public Utilities Board
PURA	Public Utility Regulatory Authority
PURPA	Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act
ROEÉ	Regroupement des organismes environnementaux en énergie
SCC	State Corporation Commission
UARB	Utility and Review Board
USAEE	U.S. Association of Energy Economists
UC	Utilities Commission
URC	Utility Regulatory Commission
UTC	Utilities and Transportation Commission

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2007-19 **Deputy Director for Regulatory Policy, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.** Managed regulatory policy, including supervision of experts in areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and market data. Provided expert witness testimony on topics of resource planning, renewable energy, energy efficiency to utility regulators. Directed litigation activities, including support of expert witnesses in the areas of rate design, resource planning, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and resource procurement. Conducted supporting research and policy development. Represented SACE on numerous legislative, utility, and private committees across a wide range of climate and energy related topics.

2001–06 **Executive Director, Galveston-Houston Association for Smog Prevention.** Directed advocacy and regulatory policy related to air pollution reduction, including ozone, air toxics, and other related pollutants in the industrial, utility, and transportation sectors. Served on the Regional Air Quality Planning Committee, Transportation Policy Technical Advisory Committee, and Steering Committee of the TCEQ Interim Science Committee.

2000–01 **Senior Associate, The Goodman Corporation.** Provided transportation and urban planning consultant services to cities and business districts across Texas.

1997–99 **Senior Legislative Analyst and Technology Projects Coordinator, Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, Florida Legislature.** Author or team member for reports on water supply policy, environmental permitting, community development corporations, school district financial management and other issues – most recommendations implemented by the 1998 and 1999 Florida Legislatures. Edited statewide government accountability newsletter and coordinated online and internal technical projects.

1997 **Environmental Management Consultant, Florida State University.** Project staff for Florida Assessment of Coastal Trends.

1992-96 **Research Associate, Center for Global Studies, Houston Advanced Research Center.** Coordinated and led research for projects assessing environmental and resource issues in the Rio Grande / Rio Bravo river basin and across the Greater Houston region. Coordinated task force and edited book on climate change in Texas.

EDUCATION

BA, Physics (with honors) and history, Rice University, 1990.

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Exhibit RII-3: Simple Model of Net Benefit Hydro Assets ($ millions, net present value)

Hydro System	Decommission 2018			Sustain through 2058, then Decommission			Net Benefit of Sustaining Through 2058
	Decommission	Replacement Energy 2018-58	Total	Sustaining through 2058	Decommission Costs in 2058	Total	
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g
Mersey	$213.6	$151.2	$364.8	$355.7	$9.8	$365.6	-$0.8
Annapolis	$23.9	$14.4	$38.3	$34.5	$1.1	$35.6	$2.7
Fall River	$6.5	$1.3	$7.8	$3.9	$0.3	$4.2	$3.6
Sheet Harbour	$55.5	$28.8	$84.3	$33.4	$2.6	$36.0	$48.3
Tusket	$79.5	$7.2	$86.7	$23.6	$3.7	$27.3	$59.4
St. Margaret's Bay	$68.1	$15.7	$83.8	$23.5	$3.1	$26.6	$57.2
Wreck Cove	$424.9	$190.5	$615.5	$160.1	$19.6	$179.7	$435.8
Lequille	$10.0	$16.4	$26.4	$8.3	$0.5	$8.8	$17.6
Black River	$194.7	$61.5	$256.2	$47.4	$9.0	$56.3	$199.9
Dickie Brook	$33.0	$5.2	$38.3	$5.4	$1.5	$6.9	$31.3
Avon	$46.7	$16.4	$63.1	$10.2	$2.1	$12.3	$50.7
Bear River	$124.6	$22.3	$146.8	$17.9	$5.7	$23.6	$123.2
Paradise	$64.2	$13.7	$77.9	$7.1	$3.0	$10.1	$67.9
Nictaux	$28.2	$26.2	$54.4	$6.2	$1.3	$7.5	$46.8
Sissiboo	$200.1	$47.1	$247.2	$16.3	$9.2	$25.5	$221.7
Roseway	$4.6	-	$4.6	-	$0.2	$0.2	$4.4
Harmony	$5.4	-	$5.4	-	$0.2	$0.2	$5.1

All values are net present value over 40 years.

Sources: a, d: *HAS*, p. 19.

b: Replacement energy quantity: *HAS, p. 19*. Replacement energy value: Resource Insight, Inc. assumed 4 c/kWh as no comparable value was provided by NS Power (NS Power, response to CA IR-8). This assumption is a simple estimate of the cost of replacement energy and does not incorporate capacity value. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a sensitivity analysis. NPV calculation assuming a discount rate of 5.78%. Discount rate from input tab of NS Power's EAM.

c: a + b

e: Calculated from (a), assuming a discount rate of 5.78%. Discount rate from input tab of NS Power's EAM.

f: d + e

g: c - f