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Dr. Agustin J. Ros is a Principal of the Brattle Group whose expertise is in public utility economics and antitrust in network industries—airlines, energy, postal, telecommunications and water—and is an Adjunct Professor at the International Business School at Brandeis University where he teaches a course on public utilities and antitrust economics. He has more than 20 years of consulting and agency experience and specializes in cost of service and performance-based ratemaking, competition and market power in network industries, damages, and econometric modelling. He teaches at the annual Edison Electric Institute ("EEI") Advanced Rate Course in Madison, Wisconsin on embedded and marginal cost of service as well as efficient rate design principles and practices. At the EEI Electric Rate Course he has taught industry professionals all aspects of embedded cost of service including the theory and practice of functionalization, classification, allocation and rate design.

Dr. Ros worked at the Illinois Commerce Commission where he reviewed dozens of cost of service studies and advised the Chairman on all matters before the Commission. His consulting and research interest includes examining the workings of retail electricity competition and his econometric and statistical investigation of competition in retail and wholesale electricity markets in the U.S. was recently published in the *Energy Journal*. In addition, he has published his research in the *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, *Review of Industrial Organization*, *Review of Network Economics*, Telecommunications Policy and Info.

#### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- Cost of Service, Demand and Pricing in Network Industries
- Regulated Industry Policy and Restructuring
- Competition and Performance Based Ratemaking

#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Economics, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign	1994
M.S. Economics, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign	1991
B.A. Economics, Rutgers University-Newark	1989
<b>TEACHING POSITIONS</b> Brandeis University, International Business School, <i>Adjunct Professor</i>	2016-present
University of Anahuac, Mexico City, Guest Lecturer	2010
Northeastern University, Adjunct Instructor	2000



### **EXPERT REPORTS, TESTIMONY AND AFFIDAVITS**

Testimony before the State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, Docket No. DE 19-064, on behalf of the Staff of the New Hampshire Public Utility Commission on marginal cost of service studies, December 6, 2019.

Expert report on behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities: Review of Existing and Proposed Network Additions Policies for Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, with Philip Hanser and Peal Donohoo-Vallet, November 19, 2019.

Expert report on behalf of Bragg Communications Inc. (c.o.b. Eastlink), Cogeco Communications Inc., Rogers Communications Canada Inc., Shaw Cablesystems G.P., and Videotron Ltd., Analysis of CRTC's Final Rates for Aggregated Whoelsale High-Speed Access Services: Impact on Broadband Network Investment and Innovation, with Renée M. Duplantis, Dimitri Dimitropoulos and Ian Cass, November 13, 2019.

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Expert report on behalf of Infraestructura Marina del Golfo, before the Mexican Energy Regulatory Commission: expert opinion on issues related to the appropriate allowed rate of return for the IMG pipeline, with Paul Carpenter and Bente Villadsen, May 23, 2018.

Expert report on behalf of GCI Communications before the Federal Communications Commission: rate of return, cost of service and cross-subsidy analysis of GCI's Satellite-Based Services, with William Zarakas and Nicolas E. Powers, May 2018.

Expert report on behalf of GCI Communications before the Federal Communications Commission, In the Matter of Connect America Fund and Universal Service Reform, WC Docket No. 10-90 and WT Docket No. 10-208A: analysis of the FCC's Rural Health Care Program Funding and Recipients, with William Zarakas, David Kwok, and M. Elaine Cunha, September 2017.

Expert report on behalf of Teléfonos de Mexico before the Mexican Telecommunications Authority: measurement of total factor productivity for Teléfonos de Mexico, July, 2014.

Expert report on behalf of Citibank, before the Honduran Competition Commission: expert report on the competitive effects of the FICHOSA – Citibank merger, April, 2014.

Expert report on behalf of America Móvil before the Mexican Competition Commission: correcting the OECD's erroneous assessment of competition in the Mexican telecommunications sector, May 2013. With Professor Jerry A. Hausman.

Expert report on behalf of Leyde and LACTHOSA before the Honduran Competition Commission: expert report on the competitive effects of a joint venture between Leyde and LACTHOSA in the Honduran dairy sector, April 2013.

Expert report on behalf of Lowe's Mexico before the Mexican Competition Commission: economic analysis on market definition, market power and monopolistic practices in the market for home improvement products sold through superstores, October 2012.

Expert report on behalf of Comcel before the Regulatory Commission of Communications in Colombia: expert report on economic analysis of Resolution CRC 3139 2011 regarding on-net and off-net pricing and termination rates, November 9, 2011.



Expert report on behalf of ESSOSA and Puma before the El Salvador Competition Commission: expert report on the competition implications of assets sales in El Salvador, (with Ramsey Shehadeh) October 5, 2011.

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Expert report before the Italian Regulatory Commission on behalf of Telecom Italia, final report "Volume Discounts: A Report for Telecom Italia" (with Nigel Attenborough, Andrea Coscelli, and Andrea Lofaro), October 1998.

Expert report before the Federal Communications Commission on behalf of Bell Atlantic, Docket Nos. 96-262, 94-1, 91-213, 96-263, "An Analysis of the Effects of Exchange Access Reform on Demand Stimulation" (with Charles Zarkadas), 27 April 1997.

#### RECENT CONSULTING ENGAGEMENTS

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Consulting work on behalf of a Canadian electricity provider: benchmarking analysis of generation utilities in transmission and regulatory practices with respective to generation procurement practices, distributed energy resources and customer-specific pricing practices, 2018.

Consulting work on behalf of a U.S. generation and transmission electricity cooperative: embedded and marginal cost of service studies to support rate reform initiative, 2018.

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Consulting work on behalf of the Cities of Garland, Mesquite, Plano, and Richardson appealing the decision by North Texas Municipal Water District affecting wholesale water rates, Texas PUC Docket No. 46662 and SOAH Docket No. 473-17-4964.WS: economic analysis of whether wholesale water rate charged by the District adversely affects the public interest and rate design issues.

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Consulting report for the Mexican Secretariat of Communications and Transport: "Econometric demand study of fixed and mobile broadband and telephony services and Pay-TV services using discrete choice analysis." January 2016. With Kenneth Train and Douglas Umaña.

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#### **RECENT PRESENTATIONS**

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Presentation before the EEI Electric Rates Advanced Course, "Introduction to Embedded Cost of Service," with Phil Q Hanser, July 2018.

Presentation before the EEI Electric Rates Advanced Course, "Introduction to Marginal Cost of Service," with Phil Q Hanser, July 2018.

Presentation before the Public Collaborative for the Puerto Rico Electricity System, "Introduction to Utility Regulation," with Karl McDermott, July 19, 2018.

Presentations before the Public Collaborative for the Puerto Rico Electricity System, "Introduction to Electricity System Planning," with Karl McDermott, July 19, 2018.

Presentation before the Public Collaborative for the Puerto Rico Electricity System, "Ownership Structure, Contracting Process and Wholesale Markets," with Karl McDermott, July 19, 2018.

Presentation before Rutgers University Center for Research in Regulated Industries Eastern Conference: "Marginal cost of service: electricity distribution locational marginal costs, with Phillip Q Hanser and T. Bruce Tsuchida, June 8, 2018.

Presentation before the World Forum on Energy Regulation, Cancun Mexico: "Rate design helping facilitate change in electricity markets," March 2018.

Presentation before Rutgers University's Center for Research in Regulated Industries, Advanced Workshop: "Utility of the future and cost of service: challenges and opportunities," January 2018.

Presentation before Rutgers University's Center for Research in Regulated Industries, 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Conference: "The evolving electricity distribution network – technological, competitive and regulatory implications." May 2017.

Presentation before Rutgers University's Center for Research in Regulated Industries, Advanced Workshop: "Costing and pricing of electricity smart grid service offerings and competitive implications." January 2017.

Presentation before Rutgers University's Center for Research in Regulated Industries, 35th Annual Eastern Conference: "Determinants of total factor productivity in the U.S. electricity sector and the effects of performance-based regulation." May 2016.

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Request from: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Staff

Witness: Edward A. Davis, Amparo Nieto

#### Request:

Reference Amparo Nieto testimony. Provide the annual marginal cost based revenue requirement by cost center (i.e., bulk station, non-bulk station, primary trunk, local distribution, and customer cost) for a customer using the design demand and average usage. Provide this example in a live Excel format.

#### Response:

Please see Attachment Staff 14-002 for the Marginal Cost-of-Service Study by component.

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10		6/30/2018												
11	BREAKDOWN OF MCOSS BY COMPONENT	TOTAL RETAIL	R PL+TOD	R LCS	RWH	GPL+TOD	G SH	G LCS	G-WH	GV	LG	RATE B	OL	EOL
12	Bulk distribution stations	4,305.52	1,634.69	19.1	56.4	993.5	2.0	2.6	2.3	955.7	631.5	7.6	0.1	0.1
13	Distribution non-bulk substations	\$183	97.9	1.1	3.4	59.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	17.2	3.2	0.3	0.0	0.1
14	Distribution Primary feeder	\$0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Local distribution facilities (Transf. & local conductors)	\$120,938	89,018.0	161.9	624.8	30,932.2	28.5	16.1	13.4	-	-	-	78.2	65.0
16	Customer MC	\$121,796	78,849.9	104.5	902.3	18,011.9	22.7	5.8	26.6	20,563.5	1,583.8	9.4	1,594.0	121.7
17	Total MCOS Results by Rate Class (before reconciling)	247,222.70	169,600.5	286.7	1,586.8	49,997.0	53.2	24.7	42.5	21,536.4	2,218.5	17.2	1,672.3	186.8
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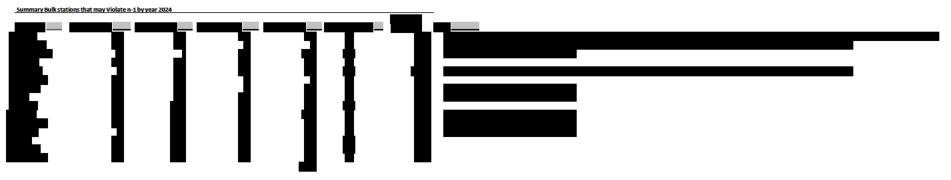
MCOS-BASED REVENUE BY CLASS

19 Note: Calculated using hourly kWh by Class times Hourly Marginal Costs (distribution bulk and non-bulk substations) and with design demand (Dis Facilities)

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21		R PL+TOD	R LCS	RWH	GPL+TOD	G SH	G LCS	G-WH	GV	LG	RATE B	OL	EOL
22	Annual Class kWh used in computation of Bulk, and Non Bulk Sub MC	3,144,970,835	36,776,885	92,916,119	1,716,678,138	5,451,861	4,509,879	3,379,300	1,665,675,827	1,135,836,018	18,134,626	17,848,655	12,455,893
23	Design kW used in computation of Distribution Facilities Cost	11.63	2.54	0.83	21.28	4.06	4.77	0.63				4.46	3.71
24													
25	Average Marginal Cost (cent/kWh) by Cost Center												
26	Bulk distribution stations	0.0519779	0.0519779	0.0606959	0.0578742	0.0360479	0.0578742	0.0672078	0.0573738	0.0556013	0.0417527	0.0006185	0.0005882
27	Distribution stations	0.0031121	0.0031121	0.0036340	0.0034651	0.0021583	0.0034651	0.0040239	0.0010305	0.0002778	0.0013826	0.0000370	0.0005882
28	Distribution Primary feeder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Local distribution facilities (Transf. & local conductors)	2.8304889	0.4402960	0.6724213	1.8018608	0.5224704	0.3565511	0.3975410	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.4381502	0.5216290
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31	Average Marginal cost per kWh	2.8855788	0.4953859	0.7367512	1.8632001	0.5606766	0.4178904	0.4687727	0.0584044	0.0558792	0.0431353	0.4388057	0.5228054

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Request from: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Staff

Witness: Edward A. Davis, Amparo Nieto

#### Request:

Refer to con\_19-057\_res\_oca\_6\_105\_d\_att\_eversource.xlsx (confidential), tab "Substation Reliability," and con\_19-057\_res\_oca\_2\_51\_a att\_eversource.xlsx (confidential), tab "Capital Budget Bulk Stat W2."

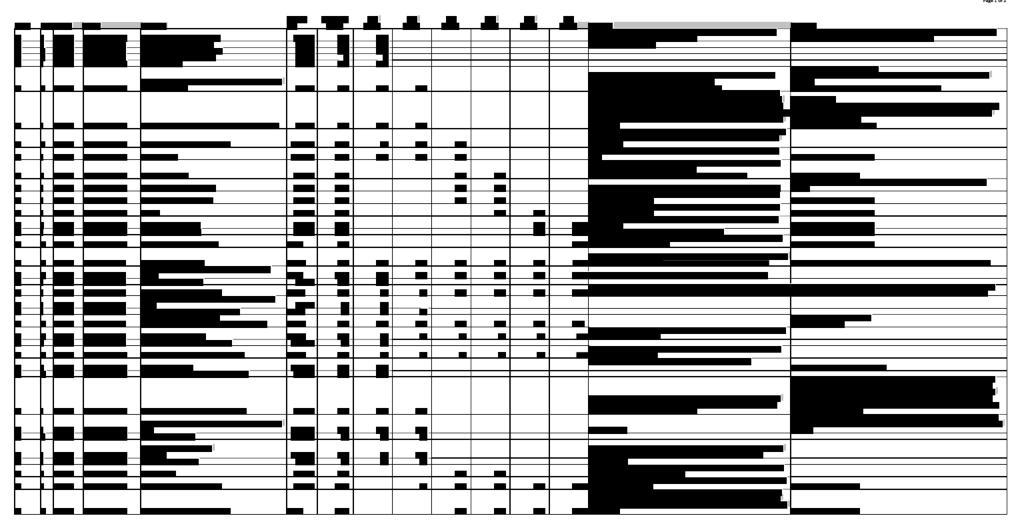
- a. Please confirm that the projects in rows 15-17 and 20-21 of the Eversource Capital Budget are included in the Eversource MCOSS Model.
- b. Please explain the following discrepancies between the projects listed in the Capital Budget vs. in the MCOSS Model:
  - 1. Huse Rd.: The MCOSS (in row 10) reports 2020 costs of \$1M, while the Capital Budget (in row 20) reports no costs in 2020.
  - 2. Monadnock: The MCOSS (in row 12) reports 2019 costs of \$1M, while the Capital Budget (row 16) reports 2019 costs of \$500K.
  - 3. Madbury: The MCOSS (row 13) reports 2021 costs of \$1M, while the Capital Budget (row 21) reports no costs in 2020.
- c. Please explain why the Long Hill project included in the MCOSS (row 14), but not part of the Capital Budget.

#### Response:

- a) That is correct.
- b) The total project cost per transformer was estimated at \$2.5m. The replacement of a transformer typically requires engineering, site work, protection upgrades and other commissioning costs. We broke down the \$2.5 m so that about 20 percent of the cost would take place the year before the transformer would become operative, and 80 percent the year the transformer would be operative. In other words, the full replacement work for each transformer is assumed to be completed over two years. This split is mainly cosmetic and does not affect the resulting marginal cost estimate since, as explained in answer to Question 14-40, no discounted cost approach was used.
- c) The Capital Budget includes a Long Hill project, in line 23, which incorrectly states "Pine Hill" in the version that the Staff received. A correction was made by the Company to replace Pine Hill with "Long Hill" in the budget file on April 2019. This revision was noted by the MCOS study but did not get to the version of the Excel file that was submitted as part of the back-up documentation.

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TABLE 2. DERIVATION OF ANNUAL BULK AND NON-BULK SUBSTATION MARGINAL COSTS

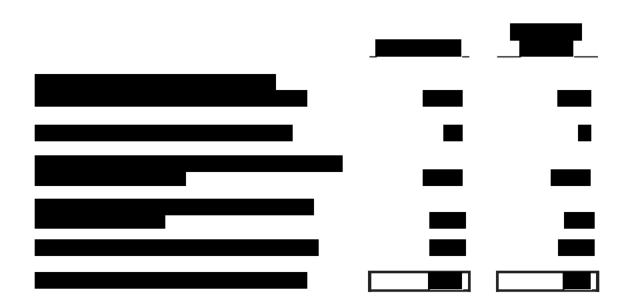


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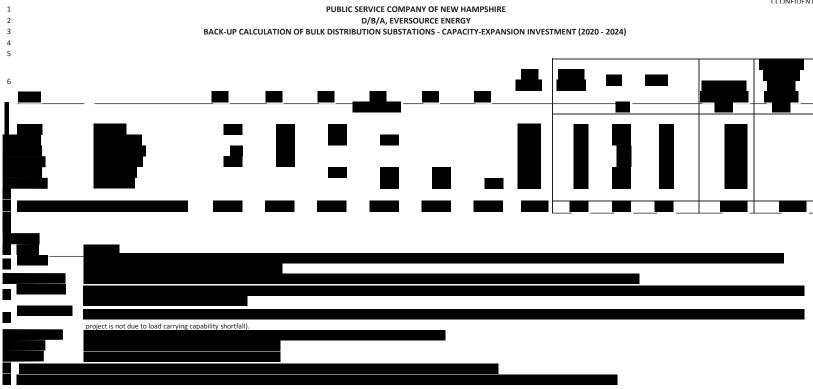
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# PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A, EVERSOURCE ENERGY BACK-UP DERIVATION OF MARGINAL BULK STATION AND DISTRIBUTION STATION AND LINE INVESTMENT



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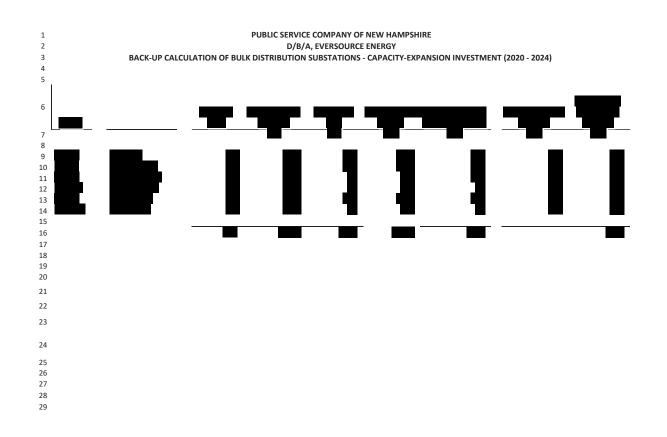
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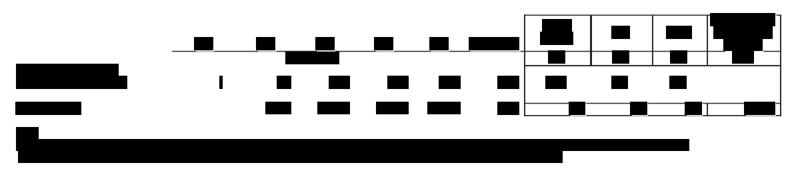
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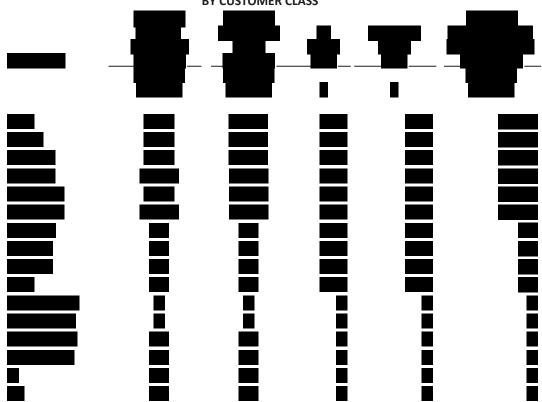
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# PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A, EVERSOURCE ENERGY MARGINAL SERVICE INVESTMENT BY CUSTOMER CLASS



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Date Request Received: 10/11/2019 Date of Response: 10/25/2019

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Request from: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Staff

Witness: Edward A. Davis, Amparo Nieto

#### Request:

Refer to Nieto testimony, Bates 001769, "To compute the marginal cost of bulk and distribution stations we divided the identified peak-load related station investment by station's project added capacity."

- a. Please confirm that the peak-load related station investments are in constant dollars.
- b. Please confirm that the marginal cost calculation does not discount the investments and thereby weighs a \$1 investment made in 2020 the same as a \$1 investment made in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.
- c. If the answer to b is yes, please explain why investments should not be discounted for marginal cost calculations.

#### Response:

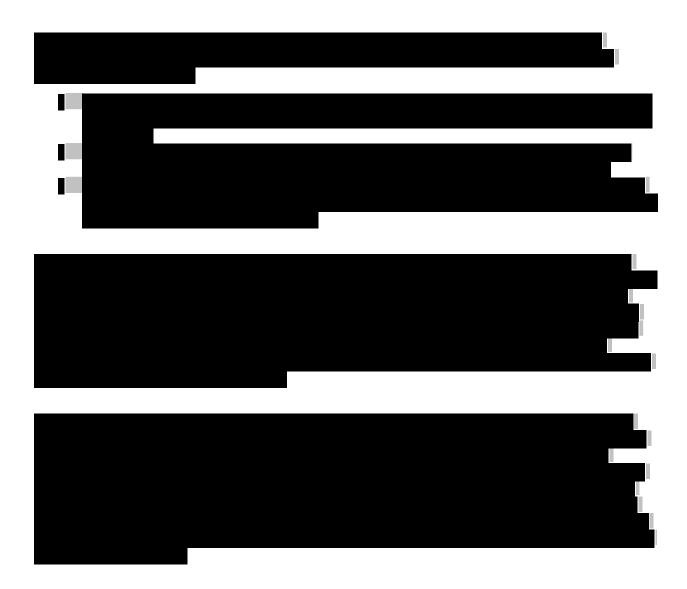
- a) Yes, all dollars of investment are stated already in 2019 dollars.
- b) The marginal cost calculation takes inflation into account. Thereby \$1 of investment in year 2021 is assumed to be \$1/(1+inflation) in year 2019.
- c) The marginal cost that the study aims to estimate is the incremental or decremental cost associated with change in a unit of demand across the entire five-year period. The study does not presume the year the particular load change will take place. Thus, it does not seek to estimate the incremental (or avoided) cost that the Company would experience if the load growth (or load reduction) took place in year 1 (2020) vs. year 2 (2021), etc. The MCOS study is designed to inform the ongoing marginal cost impact through distribution rates, which will be fixed for the foreseeable three or four years as opposed to being updated on an annual basis. In addition, in practice, the timing for a particular planned substations investment may shift by one year or more for reasons unrelated to station load, such as changes in the pace of available funds, or other reasons. In short, adopting a discounted cost approach would not add accuracy to the marginal cost calculation due to the purpose of the MCOS study coupled with the inherent uncertainty in the precise timing of the distribution investment project over the five-year period.

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Date Request Received: 10/11/2019 Date of Response: 10/25/2019

Request No. STAFF 14-007 Page 1 of 1

Request from: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Staff

Witness: Edward A. Davis, Amparo Nieto

#### Request:

Refer to MCOSS Study Report (Att. MCOSS-1), Bates 001768-69: "The 2019 MCOS utilizes project expectations as per the Company's capital plan over years 2020-2024...." Please identify non-bulk projects in the Eversource Capital Budget that are included in the MCOSS.

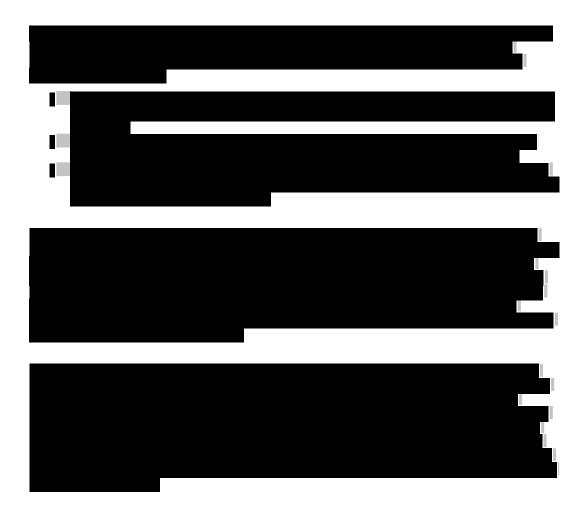
#### Response:

The Company's five-year capital plan at the time of conducting the MCOS study anticipated three non-bulk capacity expansion stations in years 2022 through 2024. These investments are noted in Confidential Attachment OCA 6-105 under tab "Substation Peak" and under the line item "Substation Peak Load Project". The Company has not formalized the specific investment and therefore cost detail was not available. However, recognizing that some peak load investment will take place, the MCOS study assumed, upon consultation with the Company, that this project will at least involve installation of three 12.5 MWA transformers, replacing three existing transformers (two of 5.25 MVA and one 6.25 MVA).

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Request No. STAFF 14-042 Page 1 of 1

Request from: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Staff

Witness: Edward A. Davis, Amparo Nieto

#### Request:

Refer to confidential con\_19-057\_res\_oca\_2\_51\_a\_att\_eversource.xlsx, tab "Capital Budget Bulk Stat W2."

- a. Refer to total costs in 2019 \$ (col K):
  - 1. Explain why project costs are not discounted.
  - 2. Explain why 2019 project costs included in the total costs.
- b. Refer to Project added load carrying capability in MVA (col AD):
  - 1. Explain why the incremental load carrying capability used in the cost unitization calculation reflect the total incremental capability of the project, rather than the incremental capability needed to meet load growth.
  - 2. Explain why the conversion from MW to MVA not involve power factors.

#### Response:

a)

- 1. Please see response to 14-040.
- 2. The Company anticipated that a share of the costs of the substation projects that will be in service by end of 2020 and 2021 would be incurred in 2019. Construction of these transformers is scheduled to begin in 2020, only a small amount of engineering costs has been incurred in 2019 to date. The MCOS study needs to capture the full cost of each transformer upgrade in order to be representative of the typical marginal cost associated with growth of bulk station-coincident peak demand.

b)

- 1. The substation transformer comes in standard sizes and transformer investment has economies of scale, meaning the per unit cost of larger transformer is lower than the per-unit cost of smaller transformer. Using the added load-carrying capability of the transformer as opposed to just the kW of capacity needed to solve the constraint over the next five years smooths out the lumpiness effect of the substation investment and at the same time allows the study to capture the economies of scale.
- 2. The Company applies power factor correction measures to ensure that the power factor approaches unity at the low side of the transformer before considering other mitigation measures, therefore 1 MW is assumed to be equal to 1 MVA.

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Request from: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Staff

Witness: Edward A. Davis, Amparo Nieto

#### Request:

Refer to 19-057\_res\_oca\_7\_14\_att\_(REPLACEMENT 051-G).eversource.xlsx, tab "Summary."

- a. In column D, why is the average net facilities cost based on estimated costs, rather than actual costs?
- b. In column F, what is the source of the average OH/UG split?

#### **Response:**

- a) The calculation of typical connection costs by class that would need to be recovered in rates produces a more realistic number when relying on the estimated net facilities costs because the up-front payment by the customer is based on the estimated cost of the job rather than ultimate cost of completing the job. There are situations when the job cost estimate may be higher or lower than the ultimate connect costs. In those cases the customer up-front payment is higher or lower than the customer contribution that would have been requested ex-post.
- b) Information on existing breakdown of underground vs overhead transformers was provided by the Company. Please see Attachment Staff 14-037 for the source of the OH/UG split.

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#### Average Single-Phase Facilities Costs in 2019 Dollars Overhead and Underground, 2015 - 2017

#### (Rounded to standard design)

		Average	Average Net										
		Gross	<b>Facilities Cost</b>			Average							
		<b>Facilities Cost</b>	(after CIAC)			<b>Transformer Size</b>	Median		No. of Residential	Average kVA	No. of G	S 1-ph	Average kVA
Construction	Include	per kVA	per KVA	Average	Average Transformer	per Work Order	Transformer	Average Transformer	customers per	per Customer	Custome	rs per	per Customer
Туре	Transformer?	(2019\$)	(2019\$)	OH/UG split	Cost per kVA (2019\$)	(kVA)	Size (KVA)	Size (kVA)	transformer 1-ph	(residential)	Transfo	rmer	(GS)
UG 1 PH	Υ	\$174.04	\$126.77	0.21	\$100.29	46.1	37.5	50	2.6	19.23	1.5	5	32.26
OH 1 PH	Υ	\$191.79	\$115.98	0.79	\$64.78	29.4	25.0	25	2.6	9.62	1.5	5	16.13
Average Cost									Weighted Average		Weighted A	Average	
(after CIAC)			\$118.24						kVA (1-ph)	11.63	kVA (1	-ph)	19.52

Service Drop	2019\$	2019\$
Drop	Gross \$/ft	Net \$/ft
ОН	11.85	11.76
UG	10.82	11.76

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# Average Three-Phase Facilities Costs in 2019 Dollars Overhead and Underground, 2015 - 2017

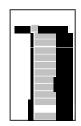
Constructio n Type	Include Transformer?	Average Gross Facilities Cost per kVA (2019\$)	Average Net Facilities Cost (after CIAC) per KVA (2019\$)	Average OH/UG split	Average Transformer Cost per kVA (2019\$)	Median Transformer Size (KVA)	Max Size (KVA)	No. of customers per transformer GS-3ph	kVA per GS Customer	
UG	Υ	\$168.87	\$141.26	0.39	\$80.77	50.0	175.0	1.9	26.32	<u>-</u>
ОН	Υ	\$229.67	\$220.91	0.61	\$84.49	50.0	150.0	1.9	26.32	2
	Average Cost				1			Weighted Average		1
	(after CIAC)			\$189.85				kVA (3-ph)	\$26.32	kVA

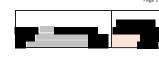
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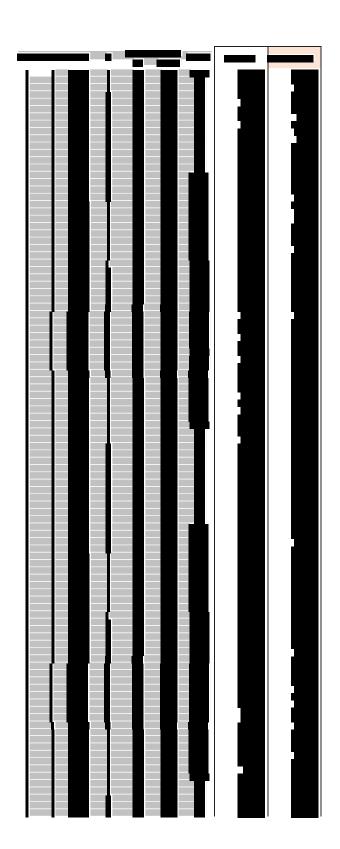




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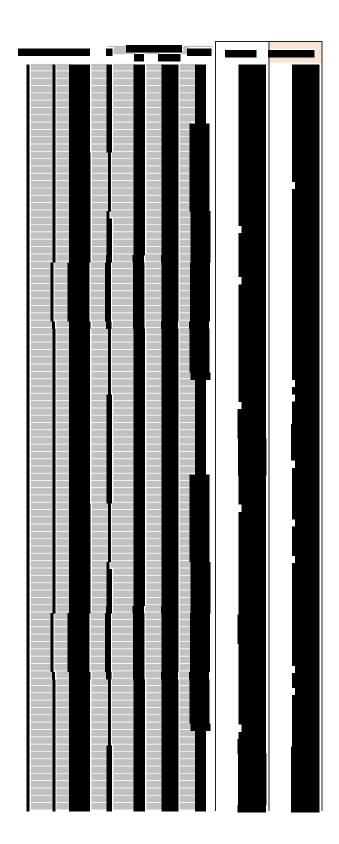
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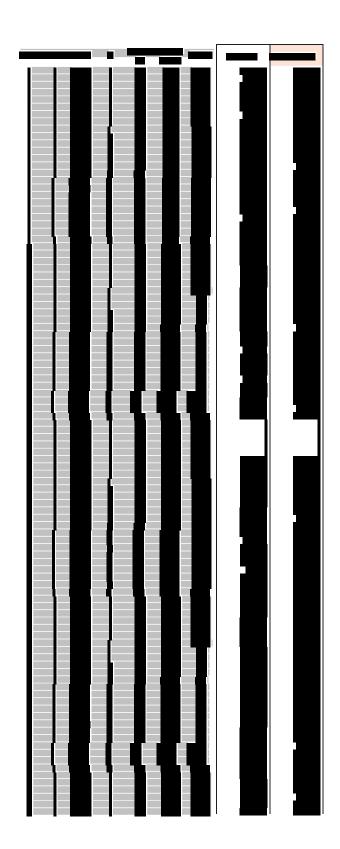
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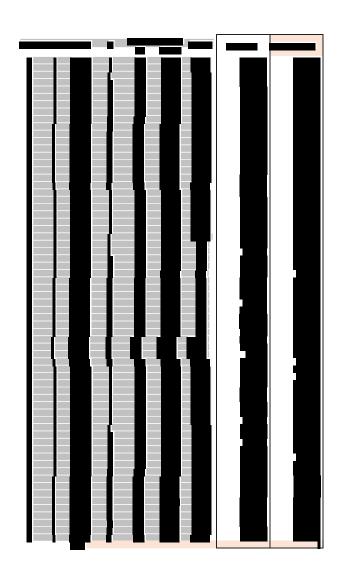
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Request from: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Staff

Witness: Edward A. Davis, Amparo Nieto

#### **Request:**

Refer to Nieto testimony on time differentiation, Bates 001771, "The MCOS uses hourly probability of peak factors for each typical weekday and weekend by month to allocate the annual marginal bulk station and non-bulk station costs to hours and months."

- a. Please describe in detail the methodology used to develop the probability of peakfactors.
- b. Please refer to other instances where Ms. Nieto has used the same methodology.
- c. Please provide citations to the costing literature for support of the methodology.

#### Response:

Please see Confidential Attachment Staff 14-038 for the response.

Pursuant to Puc 203.08(d) and RSA 363:28, VI, Eversource provides this response on a confidential basis to the Commission Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate. Eversource submits that it has a good faith basis for seeking confidential treatment of the documents in this response and that it intends to submit a motion for confidential treatment of the documents prior to the commencement of any hearing in this proceeding.

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