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1 **I. INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

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3 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND OCCUPATION.

4 A. My name is Lon Huber. I am employed as a Director with Navigant
5 Consulting, Inc.

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7 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE.

8 A. My career in the energy industry began in 2007 when I started work at a solar
9 energy research institute housed within the University of Arizona. From 2010
10 to 2013, I held positions in the solar industry working on matters both local to
11 Arizona and across the U.S. Subsequently, I served as a consultant for
12 Arizona’s consumer advocate, the Residential Utility Consumer’s Office
13 (RUCO), on energy related issues. I then joined RUCO as a full-time
14 employee. At RUCO, I was the staff lead on significant dockets involving net
15 metering, resource procurement, and pricing. I decided to rejoin the
16 consulting space in 2015 where I have since worked for numerous consumer
17 advocates, state utility commissions, and energy companies. A major topic of
18 my work has been around pricing and rate design with a particular specialty in
19 time-varying rates and subscription-based pricing. I am a regular instructor at
20 the Financial Research Institute (FRI) Transformational Pricing course held at
21 the University of Washington, and I currently consult for entities such as the
22 New York Public Service Commission, and the Office of Consumer Counsel
23 in Connecticut on pricing for renewable energy. My work on rate design,
24 through the above examples and more – including my efforts in Minnesota,
25 New Hampshire, Arizona, and Maine – helped me garner Utility Dive’s 2018
26 Innovator of the Year award.

1 In terms of educational background, I obtained a Bachelor of Science degree
2 in Public Policy and Management from the University of Arizona in 2009. I
3 also received a Master of Business Administration from the Eller College of
4 Management at the same university. I completed NARUC rate school in 2014.
5 My full resume is included as Exhibit___(LMH-1), Schedule 1.

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7 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

8 A. I am presenting on behalf of Northern States Power Company, doing business
9 as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy or the Company) a new Time of Use (TOU) rate
10 for the commercial and industrial customers served under the current General
11 Time-of-Day (TOD) tariff. I also present the Company's proposed
12 modification to the current full Revenue Decoupling Mechanism for the
13 residential and small commercial non-demand classes as well as a new
14 decoupling mechanism (RDM-D) for the demand class commercial and
15 industrial customers. Together, these proposals better align our customer rate
16 offerings with system costs, the policy goals of the state, and the utility
17 business model.

18 19 **II. GENERAL TOU RATE PROPOSAL**

20 21 **A. Key Provisions of New General TOU Rate Proposal**

22 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE NEW GENERAL TOU RATE PROPOSED BY XCEL
23 ENERGY.

24 A. Xcel Energy is proposing a new three-part TOU rate for Commercial &
25 Industrial (C&I) Demand class customers. The rate has different pricing by
26 season (summer, winter, shoulder) and by time of day (on-peak, mid-peak, off-
27 peak). This new rate removes the Energy Charge Credit provision in the

1 current General TOD tariff and introduces a separate Distribution Demand
2 charge. The proposed tariff language for this new General TOU rate is
3 presented in Exhibit___(LMH-1), Schedule 2.
4

5 Q. WHY IS XCEL ENERGY PROPOSING THIS NEW TOU RATE?

6 A. There are two primary drivers behind the Company's proposal. First, the
7 Company is seeking to test the capabilities of the new Advanced Metering
8 Infrastructure (AMI) meters to provide price signals to encourage its C&I
9 customers to shift energy usage to off-peak periods. This shift in energy usage
10 may allow the Company to rely more heavily on renewable resources as well as
11 avoid the future need for new investments to serve peak loads.
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13 In addition, this new TOU rate is being proposed in compliance with two
14 order points from a July 17, 2019 Commission Order in Docket No. E002/M-
15 18-643.
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17 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PRIOR COMMISSION ORDER THAT REQUIRED
18 DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TOU RATE.

19 A. In October 2018, the Company filed a petition requesting approval of two
20 electric vehicle (EV) pilot programs, a Fleet EV Service Pilot and a Public
21 Charging Pilot in Docket No. E002/M-18-643. As part of its review of these
22 two EV pilots, the Commission also evaluated the Company's current General
23 TOD rate structure that would be available to participants in both EV pilots.
24 Based on this evaluation, Order Point 7 of the Commission's July 17, 2019
25 Order required the Company to develop and propose a new General TOD
26 rate "that is more reflective of hourly system costs with a price signal designed

1 to reduce peak demand.” As discussed in greater detail below, this proposed
2 new General TOU rate will address both of these requirements.

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4 Order Point 5 of the Commission’s July 17, 2019 Order also required that
5 within six months that the Company file a commercial EV charging tariff
6 “that is more reflective of hourly system costs with a price signal designed to
7 reduce peak demand.” As the proposed General TOU rate will be available to
8 both current General TOD customers and commercial EV customers, this
9 proposed rate is intended to fulfill both Order Points 5 and 7 from the EV
10 pilot program docket.

11
12 Q. WHAT CUSTOMERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS NEW TOU RATE?

13 A. Initially, the rate will be offered on an experimental basis to C&I customers in
14 the commercial EV pilots. The rate will be available on a voluntary basis to all
15 commercial EV customers. We are proposing to limit the number of
16 customers on this rate initially so that we can test and gain insights on the
17 workings of this rate prior to deploying this rate more broadly to our C&I
18 customers.

19
20 Q. ARE YOU PROPOSING ANY CHANGES TO THE PEAK CONTROLLED CUSTOMER
21 CLASS?

22 A. Yes, the existing Peak Controlled tariff would also be modified to use a three-
23 part TOU rate design. Company witness Mr. Steven V. Huso discusses the
24 Peak Controlled tariff in more detail in his Direct Testimony.

1 Q. WHEN WILL THIS NEW GENERAL TOU RATE TAKE EFFECT?

2 A. Implementation of this General TOU rate will require the installation of AMI
3 meters. As such, Xcel Energy proposes to implement this new rate once AMI
4 deployment is complete across our Minnesota service territory. As discussed
5 by Company witness Ms. Kelly A. Bloch, deployment of the AMI meters will
6 be substantially complete by the end of 2024. The Company plans to file an
7 implementation plan with additional details regarding the roll-out of this new
8 rate as part of its final rate compliance filing in this case. Mr. Huso discusses
9 the impact of this new rate on the billing system and potential changes
10 required to implement this rate in his testimony.

11

12 Q. WHY IS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS GENERAL TOU RATE TIED TO THE
13 INSTALLATION OF AMI METERS?

14 A. The Company's currently installed AMR meters do not have any register level
15 interval data or multiple "bin" TOU functionality. However, the new AMI
16 meters that are being proposed as part of the AGIS initiative in this case have
17 the interval data capabilities that are needed to implement advanced TOU
18 rates. As discussed by Ms. Bloch, the new AMI meters will enable the
19 recording of customer energy usage in 5 or 15 minute increments throughout
20 the day. This data can be aggregated and collected every four hours by the
21 metering head-end system. This will allow for a much more granular view of
22 the customer load. Customers will also have greater access to their energy
23 usage data thus enabling them to take action to reduce energy usage or shift
24 their energy usage in response to the offered TOU rates.

25

26 Q. IF THE NEW AMI METERS WILL NOT BE FULLY ROLLED-OUT UNTIL 2024, WHY
27 IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING THIS NEW RATE NOW?

1 A. The Company believes that being proactive in this regard will result in a better
2 final rate design. By having the structure for the rate approved in this case, the
3 Company can begin applying data to the structure and analyzing customer
4 impacts to fine tune the rate design prior to the rate becoming effective for all
5 customers.

6
7 Q. DESCRIBE THE TOU RATE PERIODS THE COMPANY IS PROPOSING FOR THIS
8 NEW GENERAL TOU RATE.

9 A. The Company proposes three TOU rate periods: (1) On-peak period from 3
10 p.m. to 8 p.m. on non-holiday weekdays; (2) Off-peak period from 12 a.m. to
11 6 a.m. every day; and (3) Mid-peak period for all other hours. The rate also
12 contains a seasonal component with different demand charges for the summer
13 months (June-September), winter months (December-March), and the
14 remaining shoulder months.

15
16 Q. HOW DID THE COMPANY SELECT THESE TOU RATE PERIODS?

17 A. One of the primary objectives of this new rate design is to encourage
18 customers to shift consumption to off-peak periods with the lowest system
19 loads and when there is a surplus of low-cost renewable generation in the
20 wholesale electric market to serve these customers. This abundance of low-
21 cost renewable generation is reflected in a lower Locational Marginal Price
22 (LMP) during these off-peak periods. As shown in Exhibit___(LMH-1),
23 Schedule 3, for most months in the year the peak loads occur between the
24 weekday hours of 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. During those hours, the LMP prices are
25 higher than the average LMP price. Likewise, energy prices are below the
26 average LMP price between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. The mid-peak
27 time period reflects the hours in which the average LMP prices occur.

1 Q. HOW DID THE COMPANY SELECT THE SEASONAL RATE PERIODS?

2 A. The basis of the seasonal rates is the load data from Xcel Energy's 2025
3 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) forecast. Schedule 3 of Exhibit___(LMH-1)
4 shows the net load on the NSP system after incorporating wind and solar
5 generation. Upon analysis of this data, the winter and summer months
6 showed times of higher peak hours than the spring and fall months. The
7 highest system peaks were in the summer, so the summer time period sees the
8 highest demand charges. There was a smaller winter peak, and so that
9 received higher demand charges than the shoulder months. Since the
10 shoulder months were not targeted for load shifting, either seasonally or intra-
11 day, those months do not have the high on-peak energy charge.

12

13 Q. HOW DO THE ON-PEAK DEMAND AND MID-PEAK DEMAND CHARGES INTERACT
14 WITH ONE ANOTHER?

15 A. The two demand charges can be thought of as distinct and different rate
16 components that are determined and billed separately. A customer in a given
17 month is billed the mid-peak demand charge for the highest monthly 15-
18 minute load during the mid and on-peak times (6 a.m. to midnight).
19 Additionally, the customer is billed the on-peak demand charge for the highest
20 monthly 15-minute load during the on-peak time (3 p.m. to 8 p.m.).

21

22 Q. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED NEW GENERAL TOU RATE COMPARE TO THE
23 RESIDENTIAL TOU PILOT?¹

24 A. The residential pilot rate design and demand rate design proposal are very
25 similar in that they both are based on forward looking data to anticipate grid

¹ Docket No. E002/M-17-775.

1 needs and both are three period designs to send more accurate price signals to
2 customers. This three-part rate is just a more sophisticated version of the
3 residential pilot rate design due to the fact that demand-rate customers are
4 more sophisticated with energy use, are less homologous as a class, and have
5 greater demands on the system. However, in the end, the same philosophy
6 and analytical approach was used for both rates.

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8 Q. HOW DOES THIS NEW GENERAL TOU RATE PROPOSAL DIFFER FROM THE
9 CURRENT GENERAL TOD RATE FOR C&I DEMAND CUSTOMERS?

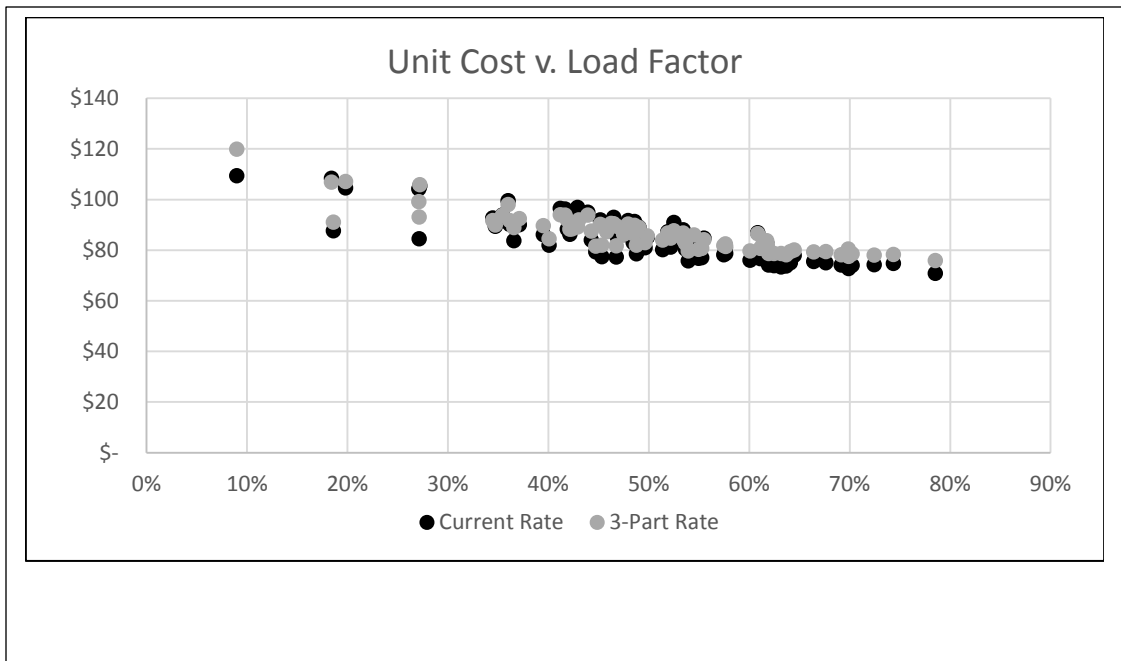
10 A. Currently, Xcel Energy offers a two-part General TOD rate to C&I
11 customers. This rate is the traditional 12-hour on-peak rate that formed the
12 backbone of the original TOU rates created around 1980. Under the current
13 rate, customers only have one option to avoid peak energy prices. Not only
14 that, but customers who have the desire to avoid those high-price times can
15 only do so if they shift or curtail load for an entire 12-hour period.

16
17 The current rate includes an Energy Charge Credit provision that provides an
18 incentive similar to the proposed six-hour off-peak period, by targeting the
19 high load factors that typical occur from energy usage during that time frame.
20 However, this provision is not embedded in the current off-peak rate and does
21 not provide a price signal that is as clear and focused as the proposed TOU
22 rate. The inflexibility of the current two-part rate structure limits how much
23 customers can benefit from time-varying rates and how effective those rates
24 can be toward achieving policy goals such as reducing peak demand.

25
26 Q. DOES THE NEW GENERAL TOU RATE REMOVE THE ENERGY CHARGE CREDIT
27 PROVISION OF THE CURRENT GENERAL TOD TARIFF?

1 A. Yes. The proposed General TOU rate removes the Energy Charge Credit
2 provision for high load factor customers. Under the current General TOD
3 tariff, customers receive an energy credit for energy usage beyond a 55 percent
4 load factor. This reflects the fact that high load factor customers, by virtue of
5 having more even load profiles, have above average usage during the lowest
6 cost time periods. Under the proposed three-part General TOU rate, the
7 additional time period more directly captures the lower costs. On a per-MWh
8 basis, high load factor customers will pay less than low load factor customers.
9 In fact, as shown in Figure 1, the three-part rate has a tighter correlation
10 between unit cost and load factor than the current rate, even without the
11 Energy Charge Credit provision.

12
13 **Figure 1**



25
26 Q. WHAT ARE THE OTHER KEY PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED GENERAL TOU
27 RATE?

1 A. The proposed three-part General TOU rate contains a separate Distribution
2 Demand charge for distribution system costs and the same voltage level
3 discounts as the current two-part rate.

4

5 Q. DOES THE PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION DEMAND CHARGE FOR THE NEW
6 GENERAL TOU RATE INCLUDE A RATCHET PROVISION?

7 A. Yes. A ratchet provision refers to billed kW demand that can be affected by
8 peak demands prior to the current billing month. The proposed Distribution
9 Demand charge would be billed based on the highest maximum measured
10 demand in the twelve months ending in the current billing month. Upon the
11 effective date of this rate, the Company would begin the Distribution Demand
12 charge as a zero-month ratchet. In other words, prior monthly demands
13 under the current General TOD tariff would not be used to determine the
14 Distribution Demand billing units.

15

16 Q. HOW WOULD THE RATCHET AFFECT CUSTOMERS WITH LARGE MOTORS OR
17 OTHER DEVICES THAT CAUSE HIGH IN-RUSH CURRENTS DURING STARTUP?

18 A. In the customer meetings discussed in Section B of my testimony, a common
19 concern with ratcheted demand charges had to do with demand spikes during
20 startup. Short periods of high in-rush current would set the Distribution
21 Demand ratchet at a much higher number than the regular maximum
22 measured demand in other hours. As part of this proposal, the TOU tariff
23 would include an isolated high demand waiver for instances where there is a
24 high spike in metered demand due to unexpected outages. Under the waiver,
25 if a customer experienced a demand spike due to unplanned outages on the
26 distribution system, that month would not be used to determine the
27 Distribution Demand billing units. This would protect customers from bill

1 spikes after extreme weather events or other unplanned outages of the
2 distribution system. However, it would not apply to situations where the
3 customer voluntarily shut down and restarted operations.

4
5 Q. CAN YOU GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF HOW A CUSTOMER MIGHT BE BILLED FOR
6 DEMAND CHARGES?

7 A. Let us take two examples to illustrate demand charge billing under the rates in
8 the sample tariff. First, a customer whose monthly peak demand of 1 MW
9 occurs at 4 p.m. on a weekday in January. That customer would see on its bill
10 a line for the on-peak demand charge of \$4,850 and a second line for the mid-
11 peak demand charge of \$7,500. The distribution demand charge would apply
12 to the highest peak demand in the most recent 12 billing months. If this
13 customer had a peak demand of 1.25 MW in September, then it would see a
14 line for distribution demand charges of \$2,500 along with the other charges.

15
16 Next, a customer with a monthly peak demand of 1 MW occurring at noon on
17 a weekday in January. For this customer, we need one more piece of
18 information: the monthly peak demand during the on-peak period. Let us say
19 that peak was 800 kW occurring at 5 p.m. on a weekday. This customer would
20 see on its bill a line for the on-peak demand charge of \$3,880 and a second
21 line for the mid-peak demand charge of \$7,500. Again, if this customer had a
22 peak demand of 1.25 MW in September, then it would see a line for
23 distribution demand charges of \$2,500 along with the other charges.

24
25 Q. WOULD CUSTOMERS WHO TAKE SERVICE AT EITHER PRIMARY OR
26 TRANSMISSION VOLTAGE PAY THE SAME DISTRIBUTION DEMAND CHARGE?

27 A. No. This proposal maintains comparable voltage discounts for customers

1 who take service at either primary or transmission voltage. This is a
2 reasonable provision because those customers do not rely on the secondary
3 distribution system for power delivery. Likewise, transmission voltage
4 customers would not pay the Distribution Demand charge at all because they
5 are not connected to the distribution system.

6
7 Q. WOULD THE VOLTAGE DISCOUNTS CONTINUE TO APPLY TO THE ENERGY
8 CHARGES AS WELL?

9 A. Yes. These discounts reflect the fact that taking service at a higher voltage
10 results in fewer line losses to the Company. The demand charge voltage
11 discount would apply only to the Distribution Demand charge.

12
13 **B. Customer Engagement**

14 Q. DID THE COMPANY SEEK INPUT FROM ITS C&I CUSTOMERS IN DESIGNING
15 THIS RATE?

16 A. Yes. Xcel Energy held two customer engagement sessions with commercial
17 and industrial customers to discuss the Company's goals and obtain feedback
18 from these customers. Xcel Energy also solicited customer feedback for those
19 that could not attend the meetings in-person.

20
21 Q. WHAT FEEDBACK DID YOU RECEIVE FROM THESE C&I CUSTOMERS?

22 A. Customers were generally supportive of revising the rate to incorporate better
23 price signals. Some of the higher load factor customers expressed concern
24 that they would be unable to shift load to respond to the new rate, and other
25 customers pointed out that shifting load to off-peak times often carries
26 ancillary costs such as overtime, increased maintenance costs, and
27 weekend/night pay. Customers also expressed concern about bill increases

1 when switching to a three-part rate. In order to help them respond to the rate,
2 customers who cannot easily shift load asked for more energy efficiency and
3 demand response programs.

4
5 Q. WHAT BEST PRACTICES CAN YOU RECOMMEND FOR MAKING SUCH A
6 FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE TO RATES?

7 A. In my experience, the Company has already done the first step: involving
8 affected customers outside of a regulatory proceeding. This ensures that
9 customer concerns can be addressed, as much as possible, up front. It is also
10 important for the Company to have an implementation plan and communicate
11 that plan to customers. Having generous lead times prior to the actual
12 switchover will avoid surprise and be more transparent to customers. During
13 the customer meetings, customers also expressed the desire for assistance in
14 identifying their particular load characteristics and the Company intends to
15 develop an implementation plan to address this customer desire. Mr. Huso
16 discusses more details around the implementation plan in his testimony.

17
18 **C. Policy Goals of New General TOU Rate**

19 Q. WHAT POLICY GOALS DO XCEL ENERGY HOPE TO ACHIEVE THROUGH THIS
20 NEW GENERAL TOU RATE?

21 A. The primary goal of this new rate design is to better align the rates with the
22 Company's costs to send a more accurate price signal to commercial and
23 industrial customers resulting in lower peak demand. Further, this rate design
24 is designed to encourage customers to shift load to periods of high renewable
25 generation and thus reduce reliance on fossil-fuel generation. At the same
26 time, the new rates are designed to increase customer satisfaction. This is
27 expected to be achieved because the data provided by their AMI meter

1 customers will have more information about their usage so they can respond
2 to the TOU rate signals and make targeted energy efficiency investments to
3 lower their energy costs. This rate design is also consistent with the
4 Commission's direction to optimize the cost-effective integration of EVs by
5 encouraging efficient use of the system to benefit utility ratepayers, including
6 non-EV owners. Finally, the new rate is designed to be revenue neutral to the
7 class, with a tight distribution of individual impacts.

8
9 *1. Price Signals to Reduce Peak Demand*

10 Q. DESCRIBE THE COMPANY'S FIRST POLICY OBJECTIVE TO USE PRICE SIGNALS TO
11 LOWER PEAK DEMAND.

12 A. TOU rates use price signals to direct customers when to consume or reduce
13 their energy usage to better align with electricity production costs and system
14 needs as compared to traditional flat and tiered rate structures. Time-varying
15 rates give consumers the information and choice to manage their energy use
16 and save money, while beneficially reducing peak demand and thus reducing
17 production costs and carbon emissions over the long-term.

18
19 Q. WHAT OTHER INITIATIVES CAN BENEFIT FROM LOWERING PEAK DEMAND?

20 A. Compared to today's rates, the price signals in the proposed rate design will
21 improve the economics of technologies that can shift load and reduce peak
22 demand. Energy storage is a prime example of such a technology. The low
23 off-peak energy rates are beneficial for charging storage, then the higher on-
24 peak energy rates and peak focused demand charges provide a stronger
25 economic signal than today's rate to discharge the storage during high demand
26 times.

27

1 Q. HOW DO NSPM'S ENERGY COSTS VARY WITHIN THE DAY?

2 A. Exhibit___(LMH-1), Schedule 3 shows the average hourly price of energy
3 according to the Company's 2020-2034 Upper Midwest Integrated Resource
4 Plan (IRP).² It shows that locational marginal prices (LMP) at the NSPM load
5 pricing node vary throughout the day, rising in the afternoon and then falling
6 overnight into the morning hours. Prices also vary seasonally, often higher in
7 the summer and winter than in other months.

8

9 Q. WHAT ABOUT THE COMPANY'S CAPACITY AND TRANSMISSION COSTS?

10 A. For NSPM, capacity and transmission costs come from long-term investments
11 in generation and transmission plant. A large portion of the costs are directly
12 related to the peak system loads. Exhibit___(LMH-1), Schedule 3 shows the
13 forecasted system peak load by hour and month in 2025, according to the
14 most recent IRP. The forecasted loads follow the same general shape as the
15 hourly energy prices, both daily and seasonally. Over the long-term, the
16 appropriate price signal will incent customers to modify their load in such a
17 way that helps reduce the peak system load in high-demand hours.

18

19 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THESE RATES INCENTIVIZE CUSTOMERS TO SHIFT OR
20 REDUCE LOAD DURING PEAK DEMAND TIMES.

21 A. The three-part rate provides a more targeted price signal than the current rate.
22 The on-peak demand and energy time is only a five-hour window from 3 p.m.
23 to 8 p.m. on weekdays. Unlike the current 12-hour on-peak window, the
24 smaller on-peak window allows for more opportunity to see bill savings by
25 making smaller shifts in behavior. At the proposed rates, if a customer can

² Docket No. E002/RP-19-368.

1 shift their summer peak in a month by just a few hours, that will result in a bill
2 savings of \$6.80/kW. On a broader scale, the three seasonal periods provide a
3 greater incentive to use power during the shoulder months when customers
4 can avoid the on-peak demand charge all-together.

5
6 Q. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED GENERAL TOU RATE DESIGN ADDRESS THE
7 GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION COST COMPONENTS?

8 A. To reflect the intraday changes in energy prices, the proposed rate structure
9 splits the day into three time periods: On-peak, Mid-peak, and Off- peak. As
10 shown in Exhibit___(LMH-1), Schedule 3, for most months in the year the
11 peak loads occur between the weekday hours of 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. During
12 those hours, the LMP prices are higher than the average LMP price. Likewise,
13 energy prices are below the average LMP price between the hours of 12 a.m.
14 and 6 a.m. The Mid-peak time period reflects the hours in which the average
15 LMP prices occur.

16
17 A similar approach is used to address long-term capacity costs. The demand
18 charge uses the same time periods as the energy charge, but also contains a
19 seasonal component. Demand charges are highest in the summer months
20 when the system experiences its peak load. The winter months have a
21 demand charge to reflect the bump in load due primarily to heating needs.
22 For the shoulder months, the demand charge is the lowest to incent the
23 maximum amount of load-shifting to these months. While the hourly time
24 periods encourage intraday load shifting, the seasonal component encourages
25 larger shifts in load from summer and winter months to spring and fall
26 months. For example, a C&I customer could move regularly scheduled
27 maintenance to the summer months to take advantage of being down during

1 high demand prices. Seasonal shifting has a bigger effect on capacity and
2 transmission costs by reducing the summer peak loads, thus reducing the
3 capacity obligation incurred by the Company.

4
5 Q. DO DISTRIBUTION COSTS VARY IN THE SAME WAY AS PRODUCTION OR
6 TRANSMISSION COSTS?

7 A. No. Distribution investments are made to provide delivery of a customer's
8 maximum power needs, regardless of when that power is needed. Therefore,
9 the distribution system costs reflect the non-coincident peak demand of each
10 individual customer. In order to properly size the delivery system for each
11 customer or set of customers, the utility must plan for the sum of all
12 customers' maximum loads.

13
14 Q. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED RATE DESIGN ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION COSTS?

15 A. Since distribution investments are largely based on the non-coincident
16 customer demands, the ratcheted Distribution Demand charge better aligns
17 cost recovery with cost drivers. Under my proposal, customers would pay the
18 Distribution Demand charge based on their maximum measured demand in all
19 hours. The ratchet function smooths out recovery of the fixed distribution
20 assets.

21
22 Q. HOW IS THIS METHOD OF RECOVERING DISTRIBUTION COSTS BENEFICIAL FOR
23 CUSTOMERS?

24 A. This provides a more stable collection of revenue, giving more predictability
25 to customers around their energy costs. Of particular value to businesses with
26 highly seasonal operations is the reduction in the rate for the ratchet.
27 Currently any ratcheted demand is charged the full demand price. Under my

1 proposal, the ratcheted demand would be charged only \$2.00 per kW. Instead
2 of collecting all distribution costs in the few months that the business
3 operates, those costs can be collected over an entire year resulting in lower
4 average monthly bills for those customers.

5
6 *2. Increased Use of Renewable Energy to Meet Customer's Energy Needs*

7 Q. HOW DOES YOUR PROPOSED GENERAL TOU RATE FOSTER INCREASED
8 RELIANCE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY BY THE COMPANY?

9 A. As the Company continues to move toward its renewable energy target, more
10 and more of the generation fleet will be powered by zero marginal cost
11 renewable resources. The 2025 load forecast shows what the forecasted net
12 load on the system will be with increased renewable generators. The times of
13 maximum renewable output are overnight and early morning for wind and in
14 the middle of the day for solar. Seasonally, wind is strongest in the non-
15 summer months, and solar is strongest in the summer months. While these
16 generators complement each other, they unfortunately have limited
17 dispatchability. The price signals contained in this rate design incent
18 customers to use more electricity in times and seasons where renewable energy
19 production is highest. As customers begin to respond to the price signals and
20 take advantage of lower prices, a greater share of the energy consumed will
21 come from renewable and zero-carbon resources. Not only will this have
22 environmental benefits, but the use of these resources will lower the annual
23 fuel cost paid by all customers.

24
25 **D. Increase Customer Satisfaction**

26 Q. WHY DOES THE COMPANY EXPECT THAT THE PROPOSED GENERAL TOU
27 RATE WILL RESULT IN INCREASED CUSTOMER SATISFACTION?

1 A. Generally speaking, customers like to have optionality when it comes to
2 electric rates and they like to have more control over their energy bills. By
3 offering TOU rates, customers will have additional rate options and will also
4 have more control over their energy bills as they can shift their energy usage
5 to take advantage of off-peak pricing. The high-demand waiver for the
6 ratcheted distribution demand charge, and the increased customer data will
7 also increase customer satisfaction as these components are directly related to
8 feedback the Company received from customers.

9
10 **E. Optimize EV Integration**

11 Q. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED RATE DESIGN ACHIEVE THE COMPANY'S GOAL TO
12 OPTIMIZE INTEGRATION OF EVS?

13 A. The proposed TOU rates optimize EV integration by encouraging EV
14 charging during off peak periods and during periods of higher renewable
15 energy production. The more discreet time periods allow for greater flexibility
16 in charging schedules, particularly for commercial customers that operate an
17 electric fleet. The mid-peak time period offers a charging period with lower
18 rates than the current two-part rate. And rather than having to avoid charging
19 during an entire twelve-hour period, the on-peak time in the three-part rate is
20 only five hours.

21
22 Q. DOES THE PROPOSED RATE DESIGN ALIGN WITH COMMISSION POLICY?

23 A. In its February 1, 2019 Order in Docket No. E999/CI-17-879, the
24 Commission made a series of findings following its inquiry into EV charging
25 and infrastructure. Among them, the Commission found that it is the role of
26 utilities to “encourage environmentally and economically optimal EV
27 integration through, at a minimum, the adoption of appropriate and effective

1 time-of-use and EV-specific rate designs, and reasonable initiatives or
2 investments that encourage and support smart charging.” It further required
3 utilities to file plans to optimize EV benefits by, for example, aligning charging
4 with periods of lower customer demand and higher renewable energy
5 production and by improving grid management and overall system
6 utilization/efficiency. The Company believes that this proposed rate satisfies
7 these requirements.

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9 **F. Customer Rate Impacts and Implementation**

10 Q. WHAT ANALYSIS HAVE YOU DONE REGARDING THE RATE IMPACT OF THIS NEW
11 GENERAL TOU RATE?

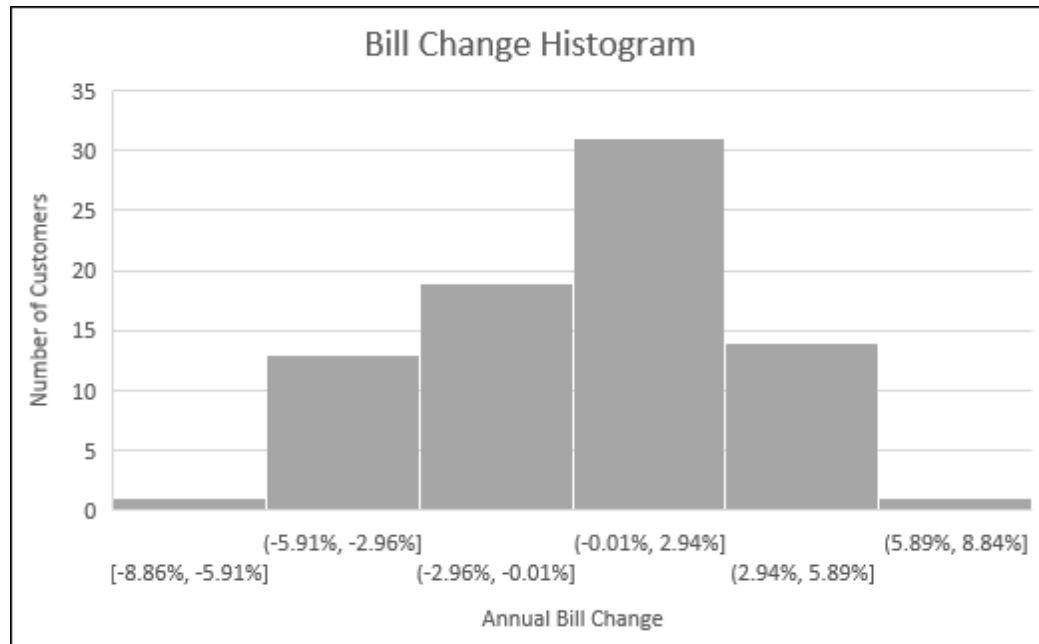
12 A. I performed a comparison bill analysis on a sample of General TOD
13 customers to determine what the impact would be on switching to the new
14 rate. Compared to the rates proposed by Mr. Huso for the proposed two-part
15 rate in the test year, the proposed three-part rate is designed to be revenue
16 neutral from a class perspective. The complete results are shown in
17 Exhibit___(LMH-1), Schedule 4.

18
19 Q. EVEN IF THE RATE IS REVENUE NEUTRAL ON A CLASS BASIS, INDIVIDUAL
20 CUSTOMERS MAY SEE BILL CHANGES AS A RESULT OF THE NEW RATE DEIGN.
21 WHAT DOES YOUR ANALYSIS SAY ABOUT INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMER IMPACTS?

22 A. The comparison bill analysis I performed on the customer sample group
23 shows an even distribution of individual bill impacts upon switching to the
24 three-part rate. It is important to note that these results are just for switching
25 rates, not modifying load in any way after switching. The bill impacts range
26 from an 8.9 percent decrease to an 8.2 percent increase. A histogram of the
27 individual bill impacts of the proposed future TOU design compared to the

1 existing rate design under rates proposed in this case is shown as Figure 2
2 below.

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4 **Figure 2**



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17 Q. FOR CUSTOMERS WHO WOULD SEE A BILL INCREASE AS A RESULT OF
18 SWITCHING TO THE NEW RATE, IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING TO OFFER ANY
19 SORT OF BILL PROTECTION ONCE THE RATE DESIGN IS AVAILABLE AT SCALE?

20 A. Yes. Some customers by virtue of their current load profile may see a bill
21 increase on the three-part rate. For those customers, the Company proposes a
22 bill protection adjustment. The residential TOU pilot provides a conceptual
23 example for this adjustment. The details will be proposed by the Company as
24 part of its implementation plan for the three-part rate. The cost of any bill
25 protection mechanism would be captured in the RDM-D mechanism.

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1 Q. WILL THE COMPANY ASSIST CUSTOMERS IN EVALUATING THE THREE-PART
2 RATE IN ADVANCE OF THE RATE GOING INTO EFFECT?

3 A. Yes. The Company will commit to develop a tool to assist customers in
4 understanding the impacts of the three-part rate to bills. This will allow
5 customers to take action and prepare prior to actually seeing the price signal.
6 The Company's implementation plan will describe the features of the tool in
7 greater detail.

8

9 Q. FOR CUSTOMERS WITH LIMITED ABILITY TO SHIFT LOAD, HOW CAN THEY
10 RESPOND TO THE PRICE SIGNAL?

11 A. Certain customers may not be able to shift load easily. This could be due to
12 facing increased overtime or night and weekend costs, inflexible operating
13 hours like retail stores, or the business is already operating at close to full
14 capacity. These customers could respond to price signals by temporarily or
15 permanently reducing loads through demand management or energy
16 efficiency, rather than shifting.

17

18 Q. WHAT DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE TO DO FOR THESE CUSTOMERS?

19 A. As shown in the most recent IRP, the Company has proposed to increase
20 their energy efficiency commitment. Energy efficiency, demand response, and
21 program support are all ways that the Company can help customers with
22 limited load flexibility reduce their demands during the peak hours.

23

24 Q. IN GENERAL, HOW WILL CUSTOMERS WHO DO NOT RESPOND TO THE PRICE
25 SIGNAL BENEFIT FROM THIS RATE?

26 A. As discussed above, any response from customers will help control costs and
27 mitigate future investment needs, particularly on the generation side. The

1 benefits of having some customers respond to the price signal will be felt by
2 all customers, even those not directly in the General TOD class.

3
4 Q. WOULD THE SMART CHARGERS USED FOR THE FLEET EV SERVICE PILOT
5 PROGRAM INTEGRATE WITH THE THREE-PART RATE?

6 A. In the docket authorizing the Fleet EV Service pilot, the Commission required
7 that all chargers used for this pilot have smart charging capability. Smart
8 chargers that send data back to the Company can be programmed with the
9 three-part rate time periods to maximize efficient and cost-effective charging.
10 Also, the demand rate component allows for customers to save more money
11 by having the smart charger manage the load in such a way as to maximize
12 load factor. As shown above, the three-part rate combined with high load
13 factor usage results in the lowest per-unit cost of energy.

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15 **III. DECOUPLING AND REVENUE DECOUPLING MECHANISM-**
16 **DEMAND (RDM-D)**
17

18 Q. WHAT IS DECOUPLING?

19 A. Decoupling is a rate adjustment mechanism that trues up the revenues
20 received by a utility to the authorized test year revenue requirement set by a
21 commission in a rate case. For utilities with multi-year rate plans, decoupling
22 is essential to maintaining fixed cost recovery in the interim years between rate
23 cases. In general, decoupling is used as a mechanism to better align the
24 utility's interests with public policy goals, thus making it easier to achieve
25 those goals.

26

1 Q. WHAT ARE PUBLIC POLICY REASONS SUPPORTING DECOUPLING?

2 A. Public utilities are just like any other business in that, when sales increase, so
3 do potential revenues. This may create an incentive to maximize sales. By
4 weakening the link between raw sales and utility earnings, utilities have more
5 flexibility to offer aggressive energy efficiency programs, innovative rate
6 designs such as the proposed three-part TOU demand rate, and optional
7 programs to meet customer demands. Decoupling also helps ensure that
8 utilities continue to collect their authorized revenue to safely and reliably serve
9 customer load, even as that load responds to economic trends outside the
10 utility's control. Paired with public policy programs, decoupling maximizes
11 the effectiveness of those programs. Also, as utilities are increasingly agents
12 of transformative policies, decoupling removes some of the financial
13 uncertainty faced by utilities between rate cases.

14

15 Q. PLEASE ELABORATE ON HOW DECOUPLING CAN FURTHER POLICY GOALS,
16 SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO THE EXAMPLES YOU LIST ABOVE.

17 A. The Company fully recognizes that conservation and increased renewable
18 energy production are beneficial to the public at large. The Company also
19 wishes to provide services to customers that reflect their needs and priorities.
20 It is for these reasons that the Company is making the proposals in this docket
21 and the current IRP. But in the short term, these programs will result in lower
22 revenues as customers use less power and take the power they do use in times
23 when the rates are lower. And since the Company's fixed costs do not change
24 during the test year until the next rate case, decoupling mechanisms ensure
25 that the Company remains whole while offering these programs.

26

1 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE CURRENT DECOUPLING MECHANISM FOR THE
2 RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL NON-DEMAND CLASSES.

3 A. The Commission approved a three-year decoupling pilot via their May 8, 2015
4 Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order in Docket No. E002/GR-13-868.
5 In the Company's next rate case, the Commission extended the decoupling
6 pilot through 2019 via their June 12, 2017 Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and
7 Order in Docket No. E002/GR-15-826. This was done in order to match the
8 Company's multi-year rate plan. The current decoupling mechanism expires
9 with the test year.

10

11 Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING IN THIS CASE FOR THE RESIDENTIAL AND
12 SMALL COMMERCIAL NON-DEMAND CLASS CUSTOMERS?

13 A. The Company is proposing the full decoupling mechanism that was approved
14 in the previous two cases. The Company's proposed tariff is attached as
15 Exhibit___(LMH-1), Schedule 5. The Company looks to build on the success
16 of the current decoupling mechanism, and therefore proposes to maintain
17 decoupling with some changes. The mechanism measures sales revenues
18 against a baseline revenue-per-customer by class, with over- or under-
19 recoveries calculated and deferred each month. The annual result is credited
20 or charged to customers through a \$ per kWh factor applied to each individual
21 customer's usage each month for twelve months as a separate line item on
22 their bill. The Company proposes to begin the deferral calculation January 1,
23 2021, with annual reporting of results by February 1 after the conclusion of
24 each year and the corresponding factors in place April through March. For
25 example, if the mechanism begins January 1, 2021, then deferrals would be
26 calculated for each month of 2021. The Company would file an annual report
27 by February 1, 2022, and the credit or surcharge factors would be effective

1 April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. The Company proposes this to be a
2 permanent mechanism.

3
4 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DECOUPLING DEFERRAL CALCULATIONS DURING THE
5 INTERIM RATE PERIOD.

6 A. The Company will begin calculating monthly decoupling deferrals in January
7 2021, at the same time interim rates are in effect. Monthly baseline fixed
8 revenue per customer and baseline fixed energy charges will be calculated
9 using 2021 test year sales and rates, including interim rates, in effect during
10 each month of the deferral. On a monthly basis throughout the interim rate
11 period, authorized revenues are calculated using the baseline fixed revenue per
12 customer and actual monthly customer accounts. Actual revenues are
13 calculated using the baseline fixed revenue per customer and actual monthly
14 sales. The Decoupling deferral is equal to the over- or under-recovery
15 between authorized and actual revenue each month.

16
17 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DECOUPLING DEFERRAL CALCULATIONS AT THE
18 CONCLUSION OF THE CASE.

19 A. Monthly baseline fixed revenue per customer and baseline fixed energy
20 charges will be calculated each month based on the test year or plan year in
21 effect at that time. For 2021, the RDM calculation would measure the
22 difference between the 2021 plan year authorized revenues and the 2021 actual
23 revenues as calculated in the mechanism. For 2022, the RDM calculation
24 would measure the difference between the 2022 plan year authorized revenues
25 and the 2022 actual revenues as calculated in the mechanism. For years
26 beyond 2022, the RDM calculation would measure the difference between the

1 2022 plan year authorized revenues and that year's actual revenues as
2 calculated in the mechanism.

3
4 Q. WHAT CHANGES TO DECOUPLING ARE YOU PROPOSING IN THIS CASE?

5 A. The Company is proposing several updates to decoupling in this case:

- 6 • Additional Rate Codes Included: The Company proposes to add the
7 Small General Service Direct Current (A13) and Small Municipal
8 Pumping Service (A40) to the Small Commercial Non-Demand Class
9 within the Decoupling Mechanism. These customers are similar to the
10 other classes in the Small Commercial Non-Demand class. For
11 instance, the Small General Service Direct Current (A13) customers are
12 subjected to the same rates as the other Small General Service
13 customers (Rate Codes A09, A10, and A11). The Small Municipal
14 Pumping Service customers are not subjected to demand charges.
15 Further, we are adding our residential time-of-use pilot customers to
16 the Decoupling Mechanism since this pilot was not in existence when
17 our last mechanism was approved by the Commission. The bill
18 protections associated with the residential time-of-use pilot will also be
19 added to the Decoupling Mechanism and collected from all customers
20 subject to this mechanism.
- 21 • Cap: The Company proposes to increase the cap on surcharges to five
22 percent of base revenues by class, compared to the current cap of three
23 percent. This is meant to reflect a proposed increase in energy
24 efficiency and demand response in the current IRP.
- 25 • Demand Customers: Instead of the sales true-up currently in place for
26 the demand customers, the Company proposes changing to a full

1 decoupling mechanism using a RDM-D model. The Company's
2 proposed tariff is attached as Exhibit___(LMH-1), Schedule 6.

- 3 • Duration: The Company proposes to make the decoupling mechanisms
4 permanent in this case. The Company and its customers have enough
5 experience with decoupling to be comfortable with the program. Also,
6 for reasons more fully discussed below, the Company expects to see
7 accelerated transition in the utility's relationship with customers in
8 order to meet public policy goals; decoupling provides a smoother
9 glidepath for the Company to implement those policy goals.

10
11 Q. WHY IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING THESE CHANGES?

12 A. There are two reasons for proposing these changes at this time. First, as
13 discussed in the ongoing resource planning docket, NSPM is proposing to
14 increase the targeted energy efficiency and demand response savings goals.
15 Second, as directed in Docket No. E002/M-19-127, the Company evaluated
16 what modifications would better reflect the value of electric vehicles and other
17 beneficial electrification.

18
19 Q. HOW WOULD THE PROPOSED CHANGES RELATE TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND
20 OTHER BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION?

21 A. It is important to note that the electric vehicle pilots offered by the Company
22 are outside the decoupling mechanism. That being said, the Company
23 recognizes that not all electric vehicles are covered by the electric vehicle-
24 specific tariffs. As customers, both residential and non-residential, add electric
25 vehicles to the system, those that are charged under the host's retail tariff will
26 add sales in future years. The same principle applies to beneficial

1 electrification; those actions are anticipated to increase sales under the base
2 tariffs.

3
4 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE CURRENT SALES TRUE-UP FOR THE DEMAND CUSTOMER
5 CLASSES.

6 A. Customers in the demand classes are currently in a partial decoupling
7 mechanism known as the sales true-up. In the Commission's order dated June
8 12, 2017 for Docket No. E002/GR-15-826, the Commission approved using
9 the sales true-up for these commercial and industrial customers. The sales
10 true-up is based on weather-normalized sales in a given year, with a cap on
11 surcharges of three percent of base (non-fuel) revenues.

12
13 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE RDM-D WILL WORK FOR DEMAND CUSTOMERS.

14 A. The base revenues are the authorized revenues for the affected customer
15 classes in the test year. In each subsequent year to the test year monthly
16 deferrals are calculated as the difference between actual revenues and
17 authorized base revenues. The annual deferral is either credited or charged to
18 customers over a 12-month period through a \$ per kWh factor applied to
19 customer usage. The RDM-D would directly incorporate the revenues from
20 demand charges to more equally share the costs and benefits associated with
21 changes in class load factor. The RDM-D would also incorporate uncollected
22 revenues due to the transition protection adjustment as part of the three-part
23 rate. The revenues refunded to these customers will be added to the RDM-D
24 and collected from all customers subject to that rate.

25

1 Q. WHY ARE YOU PROPOSING TO INCLUDE THE IMPACTS OF WEATHER IN THE
2 RDM-D?

3 A. The Company proposes to include the impacts of weather in the RDM-D in
4 order to be consistent with the RDM mechanism. Under the current
5 decoupling mechanism, some sales in the sales true-up for demand customers
6 are weather normalized, which has the effect of muting the impact of the
7 increased sales due to electric vehicle charging and electrification. The
8 demand class customers are generally less weather-sensitive than the
9 Residential and Small Commercial classes included in the RDM.

10

11 Q. WHY IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING TO IMPLEMENT THE RDM-D INSTEAD OF
12 THE CURRENT SALES TRUE-UP DECOUPLING MECHANISM?

13 A. Under the current sales true-up, only the energy sales are directly evaluated for
14 calculating the revenues in a given year, and demand revenues are derived
15 from the energy sales. A sales true-up approach is appropriate for energy only
16 rate classes but does not accurately account for demand classes because a large
17 portion of fixed-cost revenue for these customers comes from demand
18 charges. The RDM-D mechanism represents a more accurate means by which
19 the Company can remain whole while at the same time fulfilling public policy
20 goals regarding demand response, energy efficiency, and renewable generation.

21

22 Q. HOW WILL THE CREDIT OR SURCHARGE BE APPLIED TO CUSTOMER BILLS?

23 A. Adjustments due to the RDM and RDM-D mechanisms will be applied to
24 customer usage as a \$ per kWh factor and shown as a separate line item on
25 customer bills, just as they are currently in the RDM and sales true-up
26 mechanisms.

27

1 Q. IN ADDITION TO THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CUSTOMERS, HAVE ANY CLASSES
2 BEEN OMITTED FROM THE DECOUPLING AND RDM-D MECHANISMS?

3 A. Yes. The Company has elected to omit the lighting class and
4 interdepartmental sales from both mechanisms. Lighting customers have
5 been excluded since they are for the most part on per-fixture rates; therefore,
6 their bills are flat. The interdepartmental customers have also been excluded
7 since they make up a minimal amount of total sales.

8

9 Q. ARE THERE ANY OTHER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CURRENT DECOUPLING
10 MECHANISMS AND THE PROPOSED MECHANISMS?

11 A. Yes. The proposed RDM and RDM-D mechanisms would have a cap on
12 surcharges of five percent of base revenues by class, compared to the current
13 cap of three percent. As discussed previously, this is meant to reflect a
14 significant increase in energy efficiency and demand response in the current
15 IRP. Further, the Company was required to increase their demand response
16 offerings by 400 MW with the new IRP.

17

18 Q. IN THE PREVIOUS SECTION YOU DISCUSSED HOW CUSTOMERS CAN REDUCE
19 THEIR BILLS BY SHIFTING OR REDUCING LOAD. DOES THE PROPOSED RDM-D
20 ALLOW CUSTOMERS TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF SHORT TERM COST SAVINGS?

21 A. Yes, because like all decoupling mechanisms the RDM-D is intended to
22 protect the long-term fixed cost recovery of the utility between rate cases. If
23 customers respond to the price signal and help reduce the system's peak load,
24 that will result in savings that will be passed to customers in the near-term.
25 First, if customers respond to the price signal by reducing their usage, they will
26 enjoy fuel-related savings immediately. Second, as customers shift load to
27 lower-cost time periods, the utility does not have to generate power or

1 purchase power during times of high LMPs, which results in a reduction in the
2 overall system fuel costs.

3
4 Q. DOES THE RDM-D ALLOW CUSTOMERS TO AVOID LONG-TERM COSTS AFTER
5 RESPONDING TO THE PRICE SIGNALS IN THE THREE-PART RATE?

6 A. Yes. Over the long term, a consistent reduction in system load reduces the
7 capacity obligation incurred by the Company. This affects customers directly
8 in two ways. First, it increases the amount of capacity that the Company can
9 sell to other utilities. Such sales shift costs in the jurisdictional cost-of-service
10 study from retail customers to wholesale operations. Second, if the load share
11 of NSPM in the total NSP system decreases, NSPM will see lower costs
12 through the Interchange Agreement. Both of these effects of increased
13 available system capacity would put downward pressure on retail rates for all
14 customers in future rate cases. The RDM-D allows the Company to remain
15 whole between rate cases, especially during multi-year rate plans.

16
17 Q. HOW DOES THE RDM-D COMPARE TO HOW OTHER UTILITIES TREAT REVENUE
18 DECOUPLING FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS?

19 A. Revenue decoupling has spread across the country over the last decade. While
20 many utilities do not include large commercial and industrial customers in
21 their decoupling mechanisms, the ones that do take a varied approach. Other
22 states such as New York and Connecticut currently have decoupling
23 mechanisms for large commercial and industrial customers like the one
24 proposed here. The specific mechanism approved by a given state's
25 commission or legislature reflects the particular environment of those states.
26 Given that there is no consensus around "best practices" for decoupling with
27 large commercial and industrial customers, a reasonable program is one that

1 addresses fixed cost recovery in a manner that shares the risks between the
2 utility and its customers. The proposed modifications reflect such a
3 reasonable program for the reasons described above.

4 5 **IV. CONCLUSION**

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7 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY.

8 A. With regard to the proposed three-part General TOU rate, it is a rate design
9 that more closely mirrors the hourly and seasonal cost differential, thereby
10 sending more accurate price signals to customers. If customers are successful
11 in responding to the price signals, it offers the opportunity for customers to
12 save on their bills and for the utility to reduce its costs.

13
14 The proposed changes to the current partial decoupling mechanism in use by
15 demand customers will keep the Company indifferent to advances in energy
16 efficiency and demand response programs. Given the proposed increase to
17 those programs as described in the Company's ongoing resource planning
18 docket, this full decoupling mechanism will allow the Company to achieve its
19 goals in a more equitable manner. The full decoupling mechanism will also
20 more fully reflect changes in sales due to electric vehicle charging under base
21 tariffs and beneficial electrification more generally.

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23 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

24 A. Yes, it does.



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- Solar Power International – Distributed storage best practices
- ARPA-E and ESA National Conference – Energy Storage and Decarbonization
- Winter NARUC and APPA Webinar – Cutting Edge Rate Design
- EUCI – Residential Demand Charges and NY Policy Update
- NARUC Orlando – Microgrids, Energy Storage Multi-Use Applications, and Rate Design
- Critical Consumer Issues Forum – New Customer Driven Solutions and Grid Modernization
- Solar Power International – Energy Storage Policy and Market Forecast
- SEPA Grid Evolution Summit – DER Rate Design and SEPA Utility Conference Salon Moderator
- National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners – Moderator, Evolving Grid Innovations
- National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates – Designing Rates for DG
- US Department of Energy National Community Solar Partnership – Community Solar Webinar
- Annual conference of the Coalition for Community Solar Access – Community Solar Program Best Practices

Awards

- Innovator of the Year 2018 – Utility Dive
- Top Innovator Honor Roll and Fortnightly under Forty - Public Utilities Fortnightly
- The Phil Symons Award - Energy Storage Association
- 40 under 40 – Arizona Daily Star
- Young Alumni Award and Outstanding Professional Staff Member – University of Arizona
- Congressional Recognition Award – US House

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AVAILABILITY

Available beginning January 1, 2024 for general service to any non-residential customer with a minimum peak demand of 25 kW and Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) metering.

Available prior to January 1, 2024, service on an experimental basis to a maximum of 100 electric vehicle charging applications without AMI metering subject to the availability of alternative metering capability and Company approval.

DETERMINATION OF CUSTOMER BILLS

Customer bills shall reflect energy charges (if applicable) based on customer's kWh usage, plus a customer charge (if applicable), plus demand charges (if applicable) based on customer's kW billing demand as defined below. Bills may be subject to a minimum charge based on the monthly customer charge and / or certain monthly or annual demand charges. Bills also include applicable riders, adjustments, surcharges, voltage discounts, and energy credits. Details regarding the specific charges applicable to this service are listed below.

RATE

Customer Charge per Month	\$31.00			
		<u>Jun-Sep</u>	<u>Dec-Mar</u>	<u>Other Months</u>
System Demand Charge per Month per kW				
On-Peak Period Demand		\$6.80	\$4.85	\$0.00
Mid-Peak Period Demand		\$9.75	\$7.50	\$7.50
Distribution Demand Charge per Month per kW				
Secondary Voltage	\$2.00			
Primary Voltage	\$1.52			
Transmission Transformed Voltage	\$0.64			
Energy Charge per kWh				
On-Peak Period Energy	\$0.05367			
Mid-Peak Period Energy	\$0.03258			
Off-Peak Period Energy	\$0.00970			
Energy Voltage Discount per kWh				
Primary Voltage	\$0.00115			
Transmission Transformed Voltage	\$0.00282			
Transmission Voltage	\$0.00293			

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In addition, customer bills under this rate are subject to the following adjustments and/or charges.

FUEL CLAUSE

Bills are subject to the adjustments provided for in the Fuel Clause Rider.

RESOURCE ADJUSTMENT

Bills are subject to the adjustments provided for in the Conservation Improvement Program Adjustment Rider, the State Energy Policy Rate Rider, the Renewable Development Fund Rider, the Transmission Cost Recovery Rider, the Renewable Energy Standard Rider and the Mercury Cost Recovery Rider.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT RIDER

Bills are subject to the adjustments provided for in the Environmental Improvement Rider.

SURCHARGE

In certain communities, bills are subject to surcharges provided for in a Surcharge Rider.

LOW INCOME ENERGY DISCOUNT RIDER

Bills are subject to the adjustment provided for in the Low Income Energy Discount Rider.

The following are terms and conditions for service under this tariff.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided for in the General Rules and Regulations, Section 3.5.

DEFINITION OF TIME OF USE PERIODS

The On-Peak period is defined as those hours between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except the following holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. When a designated holiday occurs on Saturday, the preceding Friday will be designated a holiday. When a designated holiday occurs on Sunday, the following Monday will be designated a holiday.

The Mid-Peak period is defined as all hours not defined as On-Peak or Off-Peak periods.

The Off-Peak period is defined as those hours between midnight (12:00 a.m.) and 6:00 a.m. every day.

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DETERMINATION OF ON PEAK PERIOD DEMAND

The actual on peak period demand in kW shall be the greatest 15-minute load for the on peak period during the month for which the bill is rendered. The adjusted demand in kW for billing purposes shall be determined by dividing the actual on peak demand by the power factor expressed in percent but not more than 90%, multiplying the quotient so obtained by 90%, and rounding to the nearest whole kW. In no month shall the on peak billing demand be greater than the value in kW determined by dividing the kWh sales for the billing month by 100 hours per month. The greatest monthly adjusted on peak period demand in kW during the preceding 11 months shall not include the additional demand which may result from customer's use of standby capacity contracted for under the Standby Service Rider.

DETERMINATION OF MID PEAK PERIOD DEMAND

The actual mid peak period demand in kilowatts shall be the greatest 15-minute load for the combined mid peak and on peak periods during the month for which the bill is rendered rounded to the nearest whole kW. The adjusted demand in kW for billing purposes shall be determined by dividing the actual mid peak demand by the power factor expressed in percent but not more than 90%, multiplying the quotient so obtained by 90%, and rounding to the nearest whole kW. In no month shall the on peak billing demand be greater than the value in kW determined by dividing the kWh sales for the billing month by 100 hours per month. The greatest monthly adjusted mid peak period demand in kW during the preceding 11 months shall not include the additional demand which may result from customer's use of standby capacity contracted for under the Standby Service Rider.

DETERMINATION OF DISTRIBUTION DEMAND

The distribution demand will be the greatest 15-minute load, regardless of time of use period and not adjusted for power factor, which occurred during the past 12 months, including the current month. Unusual demands incurred after a failure on the Company's distribution system will not be included in the evaluation of distribution demand billing in kilowatts, at the Company's discretion.

POWER FACTOR

For three phase customers with services above 200 amperes, or above 480 volts, the power factor for the month shall be determined by permanently installed metering equipment. For all single phase customers and three phase customers with services 200 amperes or less, a power factor of 90% will be assumed.

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Average Hourly Load (MW) - Net of Renewable Generation

Hour	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	2078	1612	1857	1643	1203	1835	2804	2324	1527	1856	1636	2147
2	1978	1575	1801	1650	1159	1627	2599	2096	1434	1828	1605	2106
3	1937	1653	1800	1675	1219	1487	2509	2012	1406	1771	1556	2100
4	1986	1800	1883	1771	1303	1630	2577	2188	1508	1792	1586	2215
5	2160	2090	2150	1989	1617	2013	2892	2686	1837	2020	1774	2492
6	2576	2646	2646	2393	2205	2660	3501	3449	2457	2427	2154	2982
7	3100	3318	3095	2560	2565	3141	4001	4107	3034	2729	2702	3476
8	3445	3619	3212	2260	2462	3393	4115	4275	3197	2715	2927	3733
9	3491	3489	2842	1980	2330	3593	4245	4386	3108	2457	2962	3750
10	3282	3017	2754	1897	2304	3760	4519	4681	3151	2319	2712	3500
11	3155	2944	2720	1905	2302	3776	4764	4830	3205	2197	2680	3408
12	3232	3112	2805	1918	2331	3724	4929	4986	3144	2260	2765	3465
13	3247	3057	2839	1814	2336	3742	5164	5103	3202	2252	2709	3467
14	3234	2923	2796	1763	2327	3710	5236	5132	3158	2294	2685	3394
15	3102	2740	2734	1688	2271	3664	5338	5223	3067	2224	2588	3253
16	2955	2574	2638	1647	2202	3621	5285	5239	2971	2171	2544	3134
17	2908	2602	2626	1653	2180	3539	5255	5168	2900	2249	2748	3245
18	3476	2922	2678	1760	2177	3426	5161	5071	2933	2482	3245	3693
19	3749	3665	3053	2069	2287	3393	5031	5037	3243	2793	3258	3633
20	3569	3558	3492	2622	2703	3564	5086	5144	3467	2666	3079	3432
21	3270	3114	3268	2641	2913	3822	5111	4893	3090	2387	2829	3192
22	2785	2543	2750	2194	2390	3308	4391	3946	2469	1988	2435	2851
23	2357	2060	2342	1781	1782	2697	3599	3173	2014	1709	2086	2468
24	2049	1789	2199	1579	1380	2255	3006	2705	1758	1584	1867	2188

Index-Monthly Average Peak Hourly Load Percentile

Hour	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	55.4%	44.0%	53.2%	62.2%	41.3%	48.0%	52.5%	44.4%	44.0%	66.5%	50.2%	57.3%
2	52.7%	43.0%	51.6%	62.5%	39.8%	42.6%	48.7%	40.0%	41.4%	65.5%	49.3%	56.1%
3	51.7%	45.1%	51.5%	63.4%	41.9%	38.9%	47.0%	38.4%	40.6%	63.4%	47.8%	56.0%
4	53.0%	49.1%	53.9%	67.1%	44.7%	42.6%	48.3%	41.8%	43.5%	64.2%	48.7%	59.1%
5	57.6%	57.0%	61.6%	75.3%	55.5%	52.7%	54.2%	51.3%	53.0%	72.3%	54.5%	66.5%
6	68.7%	72.2%	75.8%	90.6%	75.7%	69.6%	65.6%	65.8%	70.9%	86.9%	66.1%	79.5%
7	82.7%	90.5%	88.6%	96.9%	88.1%	82.2%	75.0%	78.4%	87.5%	97.7%	82.9%	92.7%
8	91.9%	98.7%	92.0%	85.6%	84.5%	88.8%	77.1%	81.6%	92.2%	97.2%	89.8%	99.6%
9	93.1%	95.2%	81.4%	75.0%	80.0%	94.0%	79.5%	83.7%	89.7%	88.0%	90.9%	100.0%
10	87.6%	82.3%	78.9%	71.8%	79.1%	98.4%	84.6%	89.4%	90.9%	83.0%	83.3%	93.3%
11	84.2%	80.3%	77.9%	72.2%	79.0%	98.8%	89.2%	92.2%	92.4%	78.6%	82.3%	90.9%
12	86.2%	84.9%	80.3%	72.6%	80.0%	97.4%	92.3%	95.2%	90.7%	80.9%	84.9%	92.4%
13	86.6%	83.4%	81.3%	68.7%	80.2%	97.9%	96.7%	97.4%	92.4%	80.6%	83.2%	92.5%
14	86.2%	79.7%	80.1%	66.8%	79.9%	97.1%	98.1%	98.0%	91.1%	82.1%	82.4%	90.5%
15	82.7%	74.8%	78.3%	63.9%	77.9%	95.9%	100.0%	99.7%	88.5%	79.6%	79.4%	86.7%
16	78.8%	70.2%	75.6%	62.4%	75.6%	94.7%	99.0%	100.0%	85.7%	77.7%	78.1%	83.6%
17	77.6%	71.0%	75.2%	62.6%	74.8%	92.6%	98.4%	98.6%	83.6%	80.5%	84.4%	86.5%
18	92.7%	79.7%	76.7%	66.7%	74.7%	89.6%	96.7%	96.8%	84.6%	88.9%	99.6%	98.5%
19	100.0%	100.0%	87.4%	78.4%	78.5%	88.8%	94.2%	96.1%	93.5%	100.0%	100.0%	96.9%
20	95.2%	97.1%	100.0%	99.3%	92.8%	93.2%	95.3%	98.2%	100.0%	95.4%	94.5%	91.5%
21	87.2%	85.0%	93.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	95.7%	93.4%	89.1%	85.4%	86.8%	85.1%
22	74.3%	69.4%	78.7%	83.1%	82.0%	86.5%	82.2%	75.3%	71.2%	71.2%	74.7%	76.0%
23	62.9%	56.2%	67.1%	67.4%	61.2%	70.6%	67.4%	60.6%	58.1%	61.2%	64.0%	65.8%
24	54.6%	48.8%	63.0%	59.8%	47.4%	59.0%	56.3%	51.6%	50.7%	56.7%	57.3%	58.3%

2025 LMP Analysis

2025 Average LMP

Mo	Percentile				Ratio On/Mid	Ratio On/Off	Overall Average	2025 Average LMP			
	All	On	Mid	Off				26.6 AveAll	AveOn	AveMid	AveOff
1	1.12	1.29	1.19	0.84	1.08	1.53	29.7	34.2	31.7	22.4	
2	1.02	1.18	1.10	0.76	1.07	1.55	27.3	31.4	29.2	20.2	
3	0.97	1.12	1.04	0.70	1.08	1.60	25.7	29.9	27.6	18.7	
4	0.85	0.90	0.91	0.68	0.98	1.32	22.7	23.8	24.3	18.1	
5	0.87	0.97	0.95	0.64	1.03	1.51	23.3	25.9	25.2	17.2	
6	0.95	1.11	1.03	0.65	1.07	1.70	25.2	29.5	27.4	17.3	
7	1.17	1.58	1.23	0.81	1.29	1.96	31.3	42.1	32.7	21.5	
8	1.21	1.66	1.30	0.74	1.28	2.25	32.2	44.1	34.6	19.6	
9	1.01	1.29	1.10	0.64	1.18	2.02	27.0	34.4	29.3	17.1	
10	0.86	1.06	0.92	0.60	1.15	1.78	23.0	28.3	24.6	15.9	
11	0.94	1.14	0.98	0.71	1.16	1.62	24.9	30.4	26.2	18.8	
12	1.02	1.14	1.07	0.84	1.07	1.36	27.2	30.4	28.4	22.4	
Summer	1.09	1.41	1.17	0.71	1.21	1.99	28.9	37.6	31.0	18.9	
Winter	0.96	1.10	1.02	0.72	1.08	1.53	25.5	29.3	27.1	19.2	
Year	1.00	1.20	1.07	0.72	1.13	1.68	26.6	32.1	28.4	19.1	

Customer	Load Factor	Annual 2-Part Bill	\$/MWh	Annual 3-Part Bill	\$/MWh	Percent Change
1	37.1%	\$ 17,179.31	\$ 92.44	\$ 17,051.10	\$ 92.44	-0.7%
2	41.7%	\$ 348,637.32	\$ 93.77	\$ 350,577.59	\$ 93.77	0.6%
3	55.3%	\$ 325,037.13	\$ 80.61	\$ 327,082.20	\$ 80.61	0.6%
4	42.4%	\$ 698,585.18	\$ 88.39	\$ 702,906.55	\$ 88.39	0.6%
5	60.8%	\$ 627,980.88	\$ 86.44	\$ 632,015.62	\$ 86.44	0.6%
6	36.0%	\$ 218,587.03	\$ 98.04	\$ 219,668.21	\$ 98.04	0.5%
7	63.7%	\$ 25,905.67	\$ 78.17	\$ 25,855.97	\$ 78.17	-0.2%
8	27.1%	\$ 177,119.56	\$ 99.17	\$ 177,787.68	\$ 99.17	0.4%
9	64.5%	\$ 266,984.81	\$ 80.01	\$ 268,600.43	\$ 80.01	0.6%
10	53.6%	\$ 13,603.14	\$ 82.69	\$ 13,464.82	\$ 82.69	-1.0%
11	54.5%	\$ 42,592.55	\$ 86.01	\$ 42,656.37	\$ 86.01	0.1%
12	46.3%	\$ 304,496.15	\$ 90.48	\$ 306,273.76	\$ 90.48	0.6%
13	69.2%	\$ 24,598.60	\$ 78.17	\$ 24,542.77	\$ 78.17	-0.2%
14	61.9%	\$ 221,134.54	\$ 78.62	\$ 222,468.22	\$ 78.62	0.6%
15	42.1%	\$ 153,235.55	\$ 88.28	\$ 154,045.16	\$ 88.28	0.5%
16	39.5%	\$ 181,686.79	\$ 89.70	\$ 182,682.12	\$ 89.70	0.5%
17	48.0%	\$ 355,586.72	\$ 90.29	\$ 357,712.01	\$ 90.29	0.6%
18	52.2%	\$ 86,178.32	\$ 84.67	\$ 86,522.66	\$ 84.67	0.4%
19	45.8%	\$ 382,017.95	\$ 87.29	\$ 384,199.83	\$ 87.29	0.6%
20	61.7%	\$ 698,509.93	\$ 82.52	\$ 702,901.80	\$ 82.52	-45.0%
21	41.9%	\$ 134,380.12	\$ 91.85	\$ 135,040.38	\$ 91.85	423.1%
22	34.5%	\$ 26,778.80	\$ 91.69	\$ 26,711.22	\$ 91.69	404.3%
23	67.6%	\$ 377,089.05	\$ 79.36	\$ 379,588.24	\$ 79.36	-92.9%
24	51.4%	\$ 334,196.98	\$ 83.97	\$ 336,267.92	\$ 83.97	13.6%
25	48.8%	\$ 386,936.66	\$ 81.96	\$ 389,353.24	\$ 81.96	-13.1%
26	60.1%	\$ 310,459.12	\$ 79.69	\$ 312,413.25	\$ 79.69	25.4%
27	49.8%	\$ 287,882.00	\$ 85.55	\$ 289,584.20	\$ 85.55	8.5%
28	27.2%	\$ 280,236.74	\$ 105.87	\$ 281,530.76	\$ 105.87	3.3%
29	74.4%	\$ 135,608.21	\$ 78.23	\$ 136,371.00	\$ 78.23	107.6%
30	43.9%	\$ 366,023.77	\$ 93.75	\$ 368,085.06	\$ 93.75	-62.7%
31	55.0%	\$ 504,417.04	\$ 80.34	\$ 507,686.44	\$ 80.34	-27.0%
32	55.5%	\$ 418,685.73	\$ 84.02	\$ 421,063.37	\$ 84.02	21.3%
33	18.4%	\$ 13,562.84	\$ 106.86	\$ 13,401.22	\$ 106.86	3004.5%
34	61.4%	\$ 46,436.10	\$ 82.59	\$ 46,533.92	\$ 82.59	-71.1%
35	78.5%	\$ 343,965.22	\$ 75.85	\$ 346,272.82	\$ 75.85	-86.5%
36	36.6%	\$ 81,816.56	\$ 88.85	\$ 82,126.62	\$ 88.85	323.2%
37	44.7%	\$ 64,352.39	\$ 81.51	\$ 64,559.70	\$ 81.51	27.6%
38	46.8%	\$ 220,347.47	\$ 81.65	\$ 221,635.51	\$ 81.65	-70.7%
39	62.5%	\$ 283,702.53	\$ 78.63	\$ 285,522.80	\$ 78.63	-21.9%
40	42.9%	\$ 316,908.64	\$ 89.07	\$ 318,725.92	\$ 89.07	-9.9%
41	45.2%	\$ 80,720.49	\$ 90.10	\$ 81,002.67	\$ 90.10	294.9%
42	52.5%	\$ 405,145.31	\$ 87.68	\$ 407,380.43	\$ 87.68	-80.0%
43	43.0%	\$ 352,426.75	\$ 91.90	\$ 354,451.55	\$ 91.90	15.6%
44	53.2%	\$ 73,741.25	\$ 86.08	\$ 73,979.90	\$ 86.08	380.7%
45	49.0%	\$ 718,389.11	\$ 88.83	\$ 722,782.14	\$ 88.83	-89.7%

Customer	Load Factor	Annual 2-Part Bill	\$/MWh	Annual 3-Part Bill	\$/MWh	Percent Change
46	66.4%	\$ 173,629.79	\$ 79.26	\$ 174,633.72	\$ 79.26	316.3%
47	9.0%	\$ 129,343.95	\$ 119.79	\$ 129,732.11	\$ 119.79	35.0%
48	48.6%	\$ 563,670.03	\$ 89.80	\$ 566,996.18	\$ 89.80	-77.0%
49	61.8%	\$ 298,170.40	\$ 80.08	\$ 300,068.84	\$ 80.08	90.2%
50	18.6%	\$ 3,109.27	\$ 90.99	\$ 2,896.75	\$ 90.99	9550.8%
51	57.7%	\$ 308,108.68	\$ 81.47	\$ 310,006.96	\$ 81.47	-99.1%
52	34.7%	\$ 745,088.29	\$ 89.94	\$ 749,528.71	\$ 89.94	-58.4%
53	63.2%	\$ 422,514.72	\$ 78.65	\$ 425,257.71	\$ 78.65	77.4%
54	49.6%	\$ 70,878.63	\$ 82.93	\$ 71,137.49	\$ 82.93	500.0%
55	69.9%	\$ 293,699.91	\$ 77.51	\$ 295,612.21	\$ 77.51	-75.8%
56	53.4%	\$ 540,898.65	\$ 86.68	\$ 544,282.75	\$ 86.68	-45.3%
57	57.6%	\$ 703,205.62	\$ 82.39	\$ 707,827.17	\$ 82.39	-22.6%
58	51.9%	\$ 94,813.19	\$ 86.67	\$ 95,203.66	\$ 86.67	646.5%
59	19.8%	\$ 190,561.54	\$ 107.03	\$ 191,370.75	\$ 107.03	-50.0%
60	35.4%	\$ 278,825.68	\$ 93.67	\$ 280,329.18	\$ 93.67	-31.4%
61	46.8%	\$ 224,017.97	\$ 89.33	\$ 225,365.37	\$ 89.33	25.1%
62	48.7%	\$ 686,825.21	\$ 86.94	\$ 690,855.24	\$ 86.94	-67.2%
63	64.1%	\$ 303,707.80	\$ 79.39	\$ 305,651.22	\$ 79.39	127.5%
64	46.5%	\$ 436,536.33	\$ 90.43	\$ 439,139.82	\$ 90.43	-30.0%
65	53.9%	\$ 512,738.13	\$ 79.68	\$ 516,151.07	\$ 79.68	-14.4%
66	36.2%	\$ 17,074.92	\$ 91.70	\$ 16,951.08	\$ 91.70	2922.9%
67	72.5%	\$ 387,355.55	\$ 78.05	\$ 389,897.47	\$ 78.05	-95.6%
68	70.3%	\$ 67,421.49	\$ 78.49	\$ 67,674.80	\$ 78.49	478.3%
69	48.5%	\$ 25,772.36	\$ 86.47	\$ 25,716.17	\$ 86.47	162.6%
70	61.1%	\$ 339,988.55	\$ 80.66	\$ 342,173.85	\$ 80.66	-92.4%
71	69.9%	\$ 1,455,803.91	\$ 80.37	\$ 1,465,485.05	\$ 80.37	-76.5%
72	41.2%	\$ 445,073.20	\$ 93.97	\$ 447,631.83	\$ 93.97	229.3%
73	57.5%	\$ 205,434.66	\$ 81.80	\$ 206,643.08	\$ 81.80	117.9%
74	45.3%	\$ 13,951.26	\$ 81.90	\$ 13,814.60	\$ 81.90	1381.2%
75	44.3%	\$ 186,580.99	\$ 87.47	\$ 187,596.69	\$ 87.47	-92.6%
76	40.1%	\$ 53,232.29	\$ 84.40	\$ 53,350.33	\$ 84.40	252.4%
77	47.5%	\$ 605,152.90	\$ 86.18	\$ 608,974.12	\$ 86.18	-91.2%
78	61.8%	\$ 345,390.90	\$ 83.65	\$ 347,466.21	\$ 83.65	76.3%
79	53.5%	\$ 218,038.80	\$ 84.01	219304.6151	84.012656	59.4%

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**REVENUE DECOUPLING MECHANISM RIDER
PROGRAM**

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APPLICABILITY

Applicable to bills for electric service provided under the Company's Residential and non-demand-metered Small General Service schedules, excluding lighting services.

RIDER

For customers subject to this rider, there shall be included on each customer's monthly bill a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism Rider (RDM Rider) which shall be the applicable Revenue Decoupling Mechanism Rider factor multiplied by the customer's monthly kWh electric consumption.

DETERMINATION OF RDM RIDER FACTORS

Annual RDM Rider Factor

Each year during the term of this rider the Company will calculate an RDM Rider factor for each applicable class. These factors will be based on revenues billed through December 31 and applied to bills from April 1 through the March 31 of the following year. The RDM Rider factors are:

Residential without Space Heating (A01, A02, A03, A04, A05, A06, A72, A74)	\$0.001625 per kWh credit	T
Residential with Space Heating (A00, A01, A02, A03, A04, A05, A06)	\$0.001056 per kWh credit	
Small General Service (non-demand) (A05, A06, A09, A10, A11, A12, A13, A16, A18, A22, A40)	\$0.000213 per kWh credit	T

The calculation for the RDM Rider factor is:

$$\text{Annual RDM Rider factor} = \text{RDM Rider Deferral} / \text{Forecasted Sales}$$

For purposes of this section the following definitions apply:

RDM Rider Deferral Annual RDM Rider Deferral = the sum of the 12 monthly RDM Rider Deferrals plus any under- or over-recovery of the previous Annual RDM Rider Deferral as described in item 3 of the RDM Rider Deferral Account on tariff sheet 5-118.

Forecasted Sales Forecasted Usage = forecasted use in kWh for the timeframe the RDM Rider factor to be in place.

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**REVENUE DECOUPLING MECHANISM RIDER
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DETERMINATION OF RDM RIDER FACTORS (Continued)

The Annual RDM Rider factor to collect under-recovered revenues shall be capped at +5% of the total customer group base revenue for each of the rate classes, unless the Company is granted approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to recover revenues in excess of the 5% cap. The RDM Rider factor to return over-recovered revenues shall not be capped.

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RDM Rider Deferral Account

1. Each month the Company will calculate the Monthly RDM Rider Deferral, which will be entered in the RDM Rider Deferral Account. Separate deferrals will be calculated for Residential Standard, Residential with Electric Space Heating, and non-demand-metered Small General services.

$$\text{Monthly RDM Rider Deferral} = (\text{FRC} \times \text{C}) - (\text{FEC} \times \text{Sales})$$

For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

FRC Fixed Revenue per Customer = Energy charge revenues divided by customer count, calculated monthly from test year data. Expressed in dollars per customer

C Customer Count = Actual customer count for deferral month.

FEC Fixed Energy Charge = Average energy charge for each month of test year. Expressed in dollars per kWh

Sales Actual Sales = Actual calendar sales for deferral month. Expressed in kWh.

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2. The Company will defer and amortize the Monthly RDM Deferrals in Account 182.3 or 254.
3. Any under- or over-recovery of the Annual RDM Rider Deferral will be included as a deferral in the RDM Rider Deferral Account and reflected in the calculation of the following year's Annual RDM Rider factor.

TERM

The Company will begin calculating Monthly RDM Rider Deferrals on January 1, 2021.

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The Company will file its proposed Annual RDM Rider factor surcharge or credit with the Commission annually on February 1, beginning on February 1, 2022. The proposed rate will become effective on April 1 each year and remain in effect for the next 12 months, or until April 1 of the following year. In the event the Company files a rate case, the RDM rider factors from deferrals in a test year will not be applied to bills until final rates in that proceeding have been approved by the Commission.

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APPLICABILITY

Applicable to bills for electric service provided under the Company's Demand-metered schedules. These include General, General Time of Day, Peak Controlled Tiered, Peak Controlled Tiered Time of Day, Real Time Pricing, Light Rail Line, Municipal Pumping, and Tier 1 Energy Controlled Rider schedules.

RIDER

For customers subject to this rider, there shall be included on each customer's monthly bill a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism-Demand (RDM-D) Rider which shall be the applicable Revenue Decoupling - Demand Rider factor multiplied by the customer's monthly kWh electric consumption.

DETERMINATION OF REVENUE DECOUPLING MECHANISM-DEMAND RIDER FACTORS

Annual Revenue Decoupling Mechanism-Demand Rider Factor

Each year during the term of this rider the Company will calculate a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism-Demand Rider factor for the applicable class. These factors will be based on revenues billed through December 31 and applied to bills from April 1 through March 31 of the following year. The Revenue Decoupling Mechanism-Demand factor is:

Demand-Metered Customers (A14, A15, A23, A24, A27, A29, A41, A62)	\$0.000000 per kWh credit
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The calculation of the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism-Demand Rider factor is:

Annual Revenue Decoupling Mechanism-Demand Factor = Revenue Decoupling Mechanism-Demand Deferral / Forecasted Sales

DEFINITIONS

Revenue Decoupling Mechanism-Demand Deferral = Annual Actual Revenue – Annual Target Revenue

Annual Actual Revenue = includes customer, demand, and energy charge base revenues.

Annual Target Revenue = the class-specific base revenue requirement approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in the Company's most recent general rate case.

Forecasted Sales = forecasted sales for the timeframe the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism-Demand factor to be in place.

Annual Revenue Decoupling Mechanism-Demand Cap = The Annual RDM-D factor to collect under-recovered revenues shall be capped at +5% of the total customer group base revenue for the Demand class, unless the Company is granted approval from the Commission to recover revenues in excess of the 5% cap. The Revenue Decoupling Mechanism-Demand Rider factor to return over-recovered revenues shall not be capped.

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TERM

The Company will begin calculating Monthly Revenue Decoupling Mechanism-Demand Rider Deferrals on January 1, 2021. The Company will file its proposed Annual Revenue Decoupling-Demand Rider factor surcharge or credit with the Commission annually on February 1, beginning on February 1, 2021. The proposed rate will become effective on April 1 each year and remain in effect for the next 12 months, or until April 1 of the following year. In the event the Company files a rate case, the RDM-D Rider factors from deferrals in a test year will not be applied to bills until final rates in that proceeding have been approved by the Commission.

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