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NPC - The monthly NPC reports provided to the Division do not appear to match the NPC cost numbers in the semiannual report. See the example below.

	Dec-10			
	Semiannual			Monthly
	5.1.1 NPC Adj			NPC Reports
	"B Tabs"	"Unadjusted NPC"	Type 1 Normalized	2010
Sales for Resale	501,563,210	492,522,473	492,522,473	442,034,360
Purchased Power	(380,007,678)	(416,825,351)	(433,328,102)	(391,334,119)
Wheeling	(136,854,649)	(136,854,649)	(136,854,649)	(135,369,090)
Fuel Expense	(1,083,006,206)	(1,064,612,593)	(1,064,612,593)	(1,065,276,437)
TOTAL NPC	(1,098,305,323)	(1,125,770,120)	(1,142,272,870)	(1,149,945,286)

- a. Should the NPC monthly report amounts tie to one of the semiannual columns above?
- b. Please explain why the monthly report amounts differ from the semiannual report.
- c. Please provide a reconciliation of the 2010 NPC from the monthly reports to the "Unadjusted NPC" column shown in the table above.
- d. Please indicate what type of "actuals" (B Tabs, Unadjusted NPC, Type 1 Normalized, Monthly NPC reports) the Company proposes to use in the EBA calculations and why.

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- a. No
- b. The monthly NPC report differs from the semiannual reports for three main reasons:
 1. Expenses and revenue related to purchases (FERC Account 555), sales (FERC Account 447), and wheeling (FERC Account 565) are tracked in the Company's TORIS database and follow the time periods when the transactions and generation occurred. Amounts are transferred to SAP in the subsequent month, causing a one month lag for purposes of reporting actual costs from SAP. The monthly NPC report relies on TORIS information, while the semiannual reports rely on information from SAP.
 2. In SAP, some FERC accounts related to net power costs also contain miscellaneous charges or credits that do not fit within the Company's definition of 'net power costs'.

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3. The monthly NPC report contains regulatory adjustments that are made outside of SAP. Net power cost accounts in SAP also include monthly estimates and exchanges that are not included in the monthly NPC report. The exchanges are the approximated values of the undelivered energy under the energy-only exchange contracts.
- c. Please refer to Attachment DPU 14.1c.
 - d. The Company proposes to use actual NPC as reported in the monthly NPC report for the reasons outlined in part b above.