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Notes on the Updated Commission Reporting Spreadsheet

1. With information regarding the allocation of net power costs to the appropriate classification category provided by PacifiCorp, the Spreadsheet now shows net power cost in general rates which ties to the Company's rebuttal testimony and the stipulation.
2. Base EBA rates are calculated using both the Stipulated Scalar and the March EBA Order equations. The Stipulated Scalar approach is also referred to as "EBA rates" and the March EBA Order calculation shows what is in "GRC rates."
3. Additionally, two sensitivity cases of actual conditions are presented to depict the EBA balancing account after one year under each EBA calculation approach.
4. Additionally, the two approaches are compared under four conditions regarding application of the two approaches to actual costs: 1) Both allocation factors and the scalar are dynamic i.e., are recalculated for the loads or costs actually present in the period; 2) the allocation factors are dynamic and the scalar is fixed to the value in the Stipulation; 3) the allocation factors are fixed to the GRC SG and SE allocation factors; and 4) Both allocation factors and the scalar are fixed to the values in the GRC and Stipulation. The comparative results from these four conditions are shown on the EBA tab in cells Q4 to S28.

Background on GRID "actual cost" scenarios:

Commission staff created new GRID runs to evaluate an assumed 10% increase and a 10% decrease in Oregon loads due to a hypothetical weather event for all hours during the period December 12, 2011 through December 16, 2011. We used the "UT GRC 2011 Rebuttal Gold NPC Study_2011 06 22" GRID project from the Company's rebuttal testimony in the previous GRC as the forecast baseline. We created a new scenario whereby GRID's "Retail Load" data file was altered for a 10% increase (and a 10% decrease) in loads for the West Main Central Oregon, Greater Portland, Southern Oregon, and Willamette Valley transmission areas during the period 12/12/11 through 12/16/11 for all hours (in GRID, these are labeled West Main CO, West Main GP, West Main SO, and West Main WV, respectively). This analysis covers the GRC test period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Note the Oregon December coincident peak in the test period is forecast to occur on December 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

All other GRID inputs were held constant. These scenarios depict actual conditions which are exactly as forecast except for the change in Oregon loads to view the affect on the Utah EBA balancing account under various assumptions regarding calculation of the EBA balancing account.