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**Wind.** Please list and explain the technical and administrative barriers the Company used to develop its 200 MW annual limit on wind acquisition.

### **Response to UCE-WRA Data Request 1.2**

The reasons are cited in both the 2008 and 2011 IRP documents. The wind capacity smoothing approach embodies the planning preference of the Company to acquire wind on a steady and predictable basis rather than in large quantities on an infrequent basis. This smoothing is intended as a long-term planning assumption rather than a precise prediction of how the Company expects to acquire wind. As noted on page 227 of the 2011 IRP, actual wind acquisition “will be determined as an outcome of government mandates and constraints, transmission availability, technology costs, and the Company’s renewable procurement process.”