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Witness: Robert A. Baumann
Request from: Office of Consumer Advocate

Question:

Please quantify the amount included in the proposed 2012 Default Energy Service rate for uncollectibles. Please also quantify the amount included for Regulatory Expense related to the NH PUC and providing supporting documentation.

Response:

The 2012 Default Energy Service rate contained a forecasted level of uncollectible expense of \$3.687 million and \$2.399 million in Regulatory Expense pertaining to the NHPUC. The calculation of these forecasted expenses is shown below:

1. Uncollectible expense - \$3.687 million

The total 2012 forecasted uncollectible expense was derived by using the 2012 total budgeted revenues for PSNH of \$1.096 billion and applying a net write off factor of 0.5175%, resulting in \$5.672 million of total projected uncollectible expense. The Default Energy Service was then allocated 65% of this expense or \$3.687 million.

2. Regulatory Expense - \$2.399 million

This expense is made up of two components; the first component was for NHPUC Regulatory Assessment and the remaining costs were associated with a NHPUC regulatory consultant. The 2012 projected NHPUC Assessment was based on the latest available quarterly payment in mid 2011. When annualized, this charge came to \$3,764,000 of which approximately 61.9% was allocated to the Energy Service resulting in a forecasted NHPUC assessment of \$2,327,000. The 2012 regulatory consultant costs for the ES were projected at \$72,000, resulting in a projected total 2012 ES regulatory expense of \$2,399,000.

