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Request:

Referencing the Rosario joint testimony on page 58, lines 6-10, what is the current funding for each of the listed programs?

Response:

Gas Transmission Integrity Management

Historic test year spending for gas integrity management inspections was \$250,000. The Company is projecting a program cost of \$300,000 for Fiscal Year 2019, which is an increase of \$50,000 over the historic test year spending. The Company notes that, in the joint pre-filed direct testimony of Company Witnesses Raymond J. Rosario, Jr., Alfred Amaral III, and Ryan M. Constable on Page 58, Line 7, the Company requested incremental funding of \$300,000 in connection with this program; however, this amount reflects the total projected budget for Fiscal Year 2019. Therefore, the Company is revising its proposal to reflect incremental funding of \$50,000 for the Gas Transmission Integrity Management program.

Gas Transmission Integrity Verification

There was no spending in the historic test year in connection with the gas integrity verification process programs, as these are new. Accordingly, the Company is proposing incremental funding of \$300,000 per year in connection with this program as indicated on Page 58, Line 8 of the joint pre-filed direct testimony of Company Witnesses Rosario, Amaral, and Constable.

Public Awareness

The Company spent \$306,943 on this program in the historic test year. The Company notes that, in the joint pre-filed direct testimony of Company Witnesses Rosario, Amaral, and Constable on Page 58, Lines 9-10, the Company included a request for additional funding of \$200,000 for enhancements to its Public Awareness program. Upon further review, the Company believes it can continue to fund this program at the current spending level. Accordingly, the Company is revising its proposal to eliminate its request for incremental funding of \$200,000 in connection with this program.

Therefore, the Company will reduce its revenue requirement by \$450,000 in relation to the revised proposals for Gas Transmission Integrity Management (\$250,000) and Public Awareness (\$200,000).