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1 Q. Would the members of the Forecasting Panel please
2 state their names and business address?

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4 Hourihane, and Hock G. Ng, 4 Irving Place, New York,
5 New York 10003.

6 Q. By whom are you employed, in what capacity, and what
7 are your professional backgrounds and qualifications?

8 A. We are employed by Consolidated Edison Company of New
9 York, Inc. ("Con Edison" or the "Company").

10 **(Bevilacqua)** I am the Vice President of Business
11 Finance. My background is as follows: I received a
12 Bachelor of Business Administration degree in
13 Accounting from Iona College in 1980 and the degree of
14 Master of Business Administration in Management
15 Information Systems from Iona College in 1985. In
16 June 1979, I began my employment with Con Edison. I
17 have held various positions of increasing
18 responsibility over the years in the following
19 organizations: the Company's planning organization,
20 Transformer Shop, Corporate Accounting and Stores
21 Operations. During these assignments, I worked on
22 sales and revenue forecasting for gas and electric. I

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1 also worked on the development of the Company's
2 financial forecasting systems. In 2006, I worked as
3 the Director of the Shared Services Administration
4 group and worked on the restructuring of the
5 Corporation. In 2008, I was promoted to Vice
6 President and General Auditor, and worked in that
7 position until November 2014, when I moved to my
8 current position.

9 **(McGrath)** I am Director of Budget and Forecasting in
10 Business Finance. I received a Bachelor of Science
11 degree from New York Institute of Technology in 1990
12 and Master of Business Administration degree from New
13 York University in 1994. I began my employment with
14 Con Edison in 1985 and have held positions of
15 increasing responsibility in Central Operations,
16 Energy Management and Finance. In 2001, I was
17 promoted to Director in the Treasury Department. In
18 2004, I became an Assistant Controller in Corporate
19 Accounting and worked in that position until 2013,
20 when I moved to my current position.

21 **(Hourihane)** I am Section Manager of Electric Revenue
22 and Volume Forecasting in Business Finance. My

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1 background is as follows: I received a Bachelor of
2 Arts Degree in History from Saint Meinrad in 1974 and
3 a Master in Energy Management Degree from New York
4 Institute of Technology in 2000. In 1975, I began my
5 employment with Con Edison in the Customer Service
6 Department. Between 1978 and 2005, I worked in
7 positions of increasing responsibility in the Customer
8 Service and Energy Management departments. My
9 responsibilities included such projects as the
10 electric governmental forecast and the gas delivery
11 forecast. In 2005, I transferred to the Rate
12 Engineering Department. In December 2006, I was
13 promoted to my present position in Business Finance.
14 My responsibilities include overseeing the electric
15 volume and revenue forecast.

16 **(Ng)** I am a Senior Planning Analyst of Electric
17 Revenue and Volume Forecasting in Business Finance.
18 My background is as follows: I received a Bachelor of
19 Economics degree from the University of Western
20 Australia in 1983. I also received a PhD degree in
21 Economics in 1992 from Stanford University. In 2005,
22 I began my employment with Con Edison. Prior to

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1 joining Con Edison, I taught and performed research in
2 economics and econometrics at various universities.
3 My responsibilities include developing, testing and
4 updating the forecasting models used to produce the
5 electric delivery volume and revenue forecast.

6 Q. Has any panel member published any literature, which
7 is relevant to modeling and forecasting?

8 A. **(Ng)** Yes, I co-authored two articles dealing with
9 forecast modeling issues that have been published in
10 the International Journal of Forecasting, and Systems
11 Analysis Modeling Simulation, respectively.

12 Q. Have you previously testified in regulatory
13 proceedings?

14 A. **(Bevilacqua), (Hourihane), & (Ng)** We have previously
15 testified.

16 **(McGrath)** No, I have not previously testified.

17 Q. What is the purpose of the Forecasting Panel's
18 testimony?

19 A. The Panel presents the Company's forecast of electric
20 delivery volumes, revenues and system sendout for
21 October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018, and

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1 discusses the methodologies used to develop these
2 forecasts.

3 Q. What were the actual and normalized delivery volumes
4 for the 12 months ending September 2014?

5 A. The actual franchise area delivery volume for the 12
6 months ending September 2014 was 56,496 gigawatt hours
7 ("GWHs"). The normalized delivery volume for this
8 period was 56,808 GWHs.

9 Q. Would you please summarize, in aggregate form, your
10 delivery volume forecast?

11 A. The delivery volume forecast for the three months
12 ending December 2014 is 13,428 GWHs. The delivery
13 volume forecast for the 12 months ending December 2015
14 is 56,803 GWHs. The delivery volume forecasts are
15 56,643 GWHs for the 12 months ending December 2016
16 ("Rate Year" or "RY1"), 56,430 GWHs for the 12 months
17 ending December 2017 (which we will refer to as "RY2"
18 for ease of reference), and 56,641 GWHs for the 12
19 months ending December 2018 (which we will refer to as
20 "RY3" for ease of reference).

21 Q. What is the purpose of the delivery volume and sendout
22 forecasts?

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1 A. The delivery volume forecast is used to determine the
2 revenue forecast. The sendout forecast is supplied to
3 the Energy Supply Panel for their forecast of the cost
4 of energy supply.

5 Q. Do you have any exhibits that accompany this
6 testimony?

7 A. Yes, we are presenting ten exhibits, Exhibit ____ (FP-
8 1) through Exhibit ____ (FP-10).

9 Q. Were these ten exhibits prepared under the Panel's
10 direction and supervision?

11 A. Yes. We will describe each of these exhibits in the
12 course of our testimony.

13 DELIVERY VOLUMES BY SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

14 Q. What forecasting methodologies are used to project the
15 electric delivery volumes?

16 A. The delivery volume forecasts are based on various
17 methodologies. The forecasts of delivery volumes for
18 major service classifications ("SCs") are based on
19 econometric models, which will be discussed shortly
20 under Econometric Models. The forecasts of delivery
21 volumes for the other SCs are performed on a
22 deterministic or individual service class basis.

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1 Q. Please explain.

2 A. For two small service classifications (SC 5 -- Rail
3 Road Platform and Stations Lightings and SC 6 -- New
4 York City Private Street Lighting), under which
5 delivery volumes have not changed significantly,
6 forecasts were done on a deterministic basis.

7 Q. Are there any other delivery volume forecasts that are
8 not based on econometric models?

9 A. Yes. The delivery volume forecasts for three groups
10 of customers who are on special rates are not based on
11 econometric models.

12 Q. Please elaborate.

13 A. The forecast of delivery volumes for commercial
14 customers receiving the Company's Business Incentive
15 Rate ("BIR") under Rider J are also done on a
16 deterministic basis. The Recharge New York ("RNY")
17 forecast for the portion ("below-the-allocation") that
18 is exempt from the System Benefits Charge ("SBC") and
19 Renewable Portfolio Standard ("RPS") charge was based
20 on historical data. The Standby Service forecast was
21 performed on an individual customer basis for the 56
22 existing and six projected new customers.

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Econometric Models

2 Q. For which classes did the Company use econometric
3 models?

4 A. Econometric models were used to forecast electric
5 delivery volumes for SC 1 (Residential), SC 2 (Small
6 Commercial), SC 8 (Master Metered Apartments), SC 9
7 (Large Commercial), and SC 12 (Multiple Dwelling Space
8 Heating). The modeling periods, the independent
9 variables, and the model structure are described
10 below.

Modeling Period

12 The SC 12 econometric model is developed on a monthly
13 basis, using data from October 1989 through September
14 2014. The other econometric models are developed on a
15 quarterly basis, using data from the fourth quarter of
16 1989 through the third quarter of 2014.

Independent Variables

18 We employ three types of variables - weather, dummy
19 and economic.

20 Weather variables, in terms of heating and cooling
21 degree days, are included in all models to account for
22 delivery variations due to differences in weather

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1 conditions. Dummy variables are included in the SC 2,
2 SC 9 and SC 12 models to account for structural breaks
3 in the data.

4 Key economic variables included in the various models
5 are as follows:

6 • The SC 2 and SC 9 models include the number of
7 customers in the class, real electric price of
8 the class, and private non-manufacturing
9 employment. In this and all future references
10 to the private non-manufacturing employment
11 variable, we are referring to the series that
12 has not been seasonally adjusted.

13 • The SC 1 and SC 8 models include the real
14 electric price of the class and real
15 disposable income.

16 • The SC 12 model includes the number of
17 customers in the class.

18 Q. In Case No. 13-E-0030, you used private non-
19 manufacturing employment as an independent variable in
20 your SC 8 model. Why have you replaced this variable
21 with a real personal disposable income variable?

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1 A. As in Case No. 13-E-0030, we use real disposable
2 income as an explanatory variable in the model for SC
3 1, which is the main service classification for
4 residential customers. Since SC 8 includes many
5 residential apartments, we decided to test an SC 8
6 model that included a real personal disposable income
7 variable against an SC 8 model with private non-
8 manufacturing employment. We opted to change to the
9 model with the real personal disposable income
10 variable because it better explains the variations in
11 historical delivery volumes.

12 Model Structure

13 Each of the econometric models consists of two parts:
14 the first part is a regression model, which correlates
15 the delivery volume with the set of independent
16 variables selected into the model; the second part is
17 an autoregressive integrated moving average ("ARIMA")
18 model. The combined model is often referred to as an
19 ARIMAX model in modeling literature, where the letter
20 "X" stands for the set of independent variables
21 included in the model. The ARIMA model can take many
22 different forms, and each model has its own ARIMA

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1 structure, statistically determined according to the
2 data pattern of each SC.

3 Q. What is the purpose of including an ARIMA part in the
4 model?

5 A. In forecast modeling, the model includes only a few
6 key economic variables, such as real electric price,
7 number of customers, income and/or employment.
8 Although other economic variables may have an effect
9 on electric delivery, they are excluded from the model
10 because they are not quantifiable, or there are no
11 data available on them. The ARIMA mechanism captures
12 the collective effect of those excluded variables. In
13 addition, ARIMA also smoothes out autocorrelations in
14 the data; the presence of autocorrelations would
15 increase forecast error.

16 Q. Have you prepared an Exhibit showing the models that
17 you have just described?

18 A. Yes, we have prepared a six-page document entitled
19 "VOLUME FORECASTING MODELS." In the Exhibit, we
20 provide the econometric models used for forecasting
21 delivery volume for SCs 1, 2, 8, 9, and 12, as well as
22 the sendout model.

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1 MARK FOR IDENTIFICATION AS EXHIBIT ____ (FP-1)

2 Q. What are the criteria used to measure the accuracy of
3 the econometric models?

4 A. Generally accepted criteria to measure the accuracy of
5 each model are used. Many different model structures
6 are tested for each SC, with variations especially in
7 the structure of the ARIMA part of the model. A
8 Durbin-Watson value near two, a low standard error,
9 and a high R^2 , are criteria used to select the models
10 for forecasting.

11 Q. Have you prepared an Exhibit showing the measures of
12 accuracy you have just described?

13 A. Yes, we have prepared a one-page document entitled
14 "ELECTRIC FORECASTING MODEL STATISTICS." In this
15 Exhibit, we present measures of model performance for
16 SCs 1, 2 and 9. These three service classifications
17 are featured in the Exhibit because they account for
18 over 90 percent of total Con Edison delivery volumes.

19 MARK FOR IDENTIFICATION AS EXHIBIT ____ (FP-2)

20 Q. Please explain this Exhibit.

21 A. The Exhibit lists the adjusted R^2 , standard error, and
22 Durbin-Watson statistic of the models for SCs 1, 2 and

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1 9. All three statistics indicate that the models fit
2 the historical data very well.

3 Q. Besides these statistics, have you considered other
4 measures of forecast performance?

5 A. Yes, we tracked the forecast performance of the
6 Company's volume forecasting models from Case 13-E-
7 0030, which are similar in model structure to the
8 models we present in this Case, against those proposed
9 by the Staff witness in Case 13-E-0030. The results,
10 shown in the one-page document entitled "A COMPARISON
11 OF FORECAST VARIANCES," indicate that the total
12 forecast derived using the Company's models were 71
13 GWH (or 0.1%) above the actual delivery volume over
14 the period from January 2013 through September 2014.
15 In comparison, the total forecast using Staff's models
16 were 827 GWH (1.0%) above the actual delivery volume.
17 When compared against weather normalized delivery
18 volume over the same period, the Company's models
19 again performed better at 846 GWH (1.0%) over actual
20 volume as compared to 1,602 GWH (2.0%) over actual
21 volume for Staff's models.

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1 Model Assumptions

2 Q. You listed the key economic variables used in the
3 forecasting models as private non-manufacturing
4 employment, real electric price, real disposable
5 income, and the number of customers in each SC.
6 Please explain how the forecast of private non-
7 manufacturing employment is developed.

8 A. The private non-manufacturing employment forecast is
9 developed using the forecast from the economic
10 consulting firm, Moody's Analytics, Inc. The
11 forecasts from Moody's Analytics are used by the New
12 York Independent System Operator and other New York
13 State utilities. The Moody's Analytics forecast is
14 developed for New York State as a whole as well as for
15 individual regions and counties within the State. For
16 the historical period, the Company uses the Bureau of
17 Labor Statistics Current Employment Survey ("CES")
18 data for New York City (through September 2014) and
19 Westchester County (through December 2004). The
20 Bureau of Labor Statistics CES discontinued the
21 Westchester County series at the end of 2004. As
22 such, January 2005 - September 2014 employment figures

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1 for Westchester County are estimated by applying the
2 most up-to-date year over year growth rates (obtained
3 from the Moody's Analytics database in September 2014)
4 to the actual CES historical (2004) figures.

5 The forecast for New York City was developed by
6 applying the annual growth rates available in the
7 Moody's Analytics database in September 2014 (the most
8 current available at the time the forecast was
9 developed) to the CES actuals. The forecast for
10 Westchester County was developed by applying the
11 annual growth rates available in Moody's Analytics
12 database in September 2014 to the CES 2004 actuals.

13 Q. What is the projection for private non-manufacturing
14 employment?

15 A. For the Company's service territory, private non-
16 manufacturing employment is projected to increase by
17 2.5% in 2014, 2.5% in 2015, 2.0% in 2016, 2.0% in
18 2017, and 2.3% in 2018.

19 Q. What is the projection for real personal disposable
20 income?

21 A. For the Company's service territory, real personal
22 disposable income is projected to increase by 2.4% in

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1 2014, 2.6% in 2015, 3.4% in 2016, 2.3% in 2017, and
2 2.1% in 2018.

3 Q. What assumption does the model use for the real
4 electric price variable for forecasting purposes?

5 A. For forecasting purposes, we assumed that the real
6 electric price remains at the level for the 12 months
7 ended September 2014.

8 Q. Are the foregoing projections of employment, real
9 disposable income, and real electric price used as
10 inputs in the forecasting models to generate the Con
11 Edison delivery volume forecasts?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Please explain the development of the forecasts of the
14 number of customers for the various service
15 classifications.

16 A. The forecast of the number of customers for SCs 1, 2,
17 8, and 9 are based on ARIMA models, using quarterly
18 data from the fourth quarter of 1989 through the third
19 quarter of 2014.

20 The forecast for the number of SC 12 customers is
21 based on a monthly ARIMA model, using data from
22 October 1989 through September 2014.

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1 The forecasts of the number of customers for SC 5
2 and SC 6 are done on a deterministic basis.

3 SC 1 and SC 9 represent the two largest number of
4 customer classes.

5 The forecast of the number of customers in each
6 service class is used to forecast the number of bills,
7 which, in turn, is used in calculating the competitive
8 delivery revenues, to be explained later in our
9 testimony.

10 Q. Have you prepared an exhibit showing the ARIMA models
11 used for forecasting the number of customers?

12 A. Yes, we have prepared a five-page document entitled
13 "CUSTOMERS FORECASTING MODELS." In the Exhibit, we
14 provide the ARIMA models used to forecast the number
15 of customers for SCs 1, 2, 8, 9 and 12.

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17 Q. Based upon the foregoing methodologies, what are the
18 projections for customers for SC 1 and SC 9?

19 A. The number of customers for SC 1 is projected to grow
20 by 0.30% in 2014, 0.51% in 2015, 0.54% in 2016, 0.55%
21 in 2017, and 0.57% in 2018, while the number of
22 customers for SC 9 is projected to grow by 0.52% in

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1 2014, 0.38% in 2015, 0.43% in 2016, 0.41% in 2017, and
2 0.42% in 2018.

3 Q. Are the foregoing projections of the numbers of
4 customers used as inputs in the forecasting models to
5 generate the Con Edison delivery volume forecasts?

6 A. For SCs 2, 9 and 12, these customer forecasts are used
7 as inputs in their respective forecasting models.
8 However, customer forecasts for all Con Edison service
9 classes were developed for use in projecting the
10 number of bills to determine competitive charge
11 revenues, as explained later in our testimony.

12 Q. Have you prepared an exhibit showing the economic
13 assumptions you have described?

14 A. Yes, we have prepared a one-page document entitled
15 "ECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS." In this exhibit, we provide
16 projected values of the economic variables during the
17 forecast period.

18 MARK FOR IDENTIFICATION AS EXHIBIT ____ (FP-5)

19 Q. Are there other delivery volumes that are included in
20 the forecast?

21 A. Yes. We also include New York Power Authority
22 ("NYPA") volumes.

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1 Q. Please describe the methodology for forecasting NYPA
2 volumes.

3 A. For SC 66 (Westchester Street Lighting), and SC 80
4 (New York City Street Lighting), the forecast of
5 delivery volume is performed on a deterministic basis
6 based on recent billing data. The forecast of
7 delivery volume for the new World Trade Center ("WTC")
8 and the development of the Hudson Yards are based on
9 data provided by Energy Services. Econometric Models
10 were used to forecast the power supplied by Kennedy
11 International Airport Cogeneration ("KIAC") to JFK
12 Airport, and the forecasts of delivery volumes for all
13 other NYPA service classes.

14 Q. Have you prepared an exhibit showing the models that
15 you have just described?

16 A. Yes, we have prepared a three-page document entitled
17 "NYPA VOLUME FORECASTING MODELS." In this Exhibit, we
18 provide the econometric models used for forecasting
19 NYPA delivery volume.

20 MARK FOR IDENTIFICATION AS EXHIBIT ____ (FP-6)

21 Q. Please describe how the RNY delivery volume is
22 forecasted.

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1 A. The delivery volume forecast for RNY was developed
2 using historical data for the 12 month period ended
3 September 2014 of the customers who have accepted a
4 RNY allocation offered by NYPA.

5 Q. How are the total delivery volumes for the franchise
6 area derived?

7 A. The total delivery volumes are equal to the sum of Con
8 Edison, NYPA, and RNY volumes.

9 Q. Does your forecast of delivery volumes reflect savings
10 due to the impact of demand side management ("DSM")
11 programs?

12 A. Yes. The forecasts are net of the impact of Con
13 Edison Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard ("EEPS")
14 programs, Con Edison's Demand Management Program
15 ("DMP"), and the Company's current Targeted DSM
16 program, including the Brooklyn Queens Demand
17 Management Program ("BQDM"). The forecast also
18 includes projected reductions attributable to other
19 demand reduction programs, such as the approved
20 NYSERDA EEPS programs and NYPA's planned efficiency
21 projects in the Company's service territory. EEPS
22 program goals for both Con Edison and NYSERDA have

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1 been adjusted, as authorized in the New York Public
2 Service Commission's Order issued on October 25, 2011
3 in Case 07-M-0548, *Proceeding on Motion of the*
4 *Commission Regarding an Energy Efficiency Portfolio*
5 *Standard*. This order reauthorized most of the energy
6 efficiency programs covered under EEPS and revised
7 targets and budgets where it was deemed appropriate.
8 The Company included its Demand Management Program
9 projected savings from Case No. 12-E-0503 and BQDM
10 Program from Case No. 14-E-0302. The Company also
11 used the NYSERDA "PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF ENERGY
12 EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARD BUDGETS AND TARGETS,"
13 dated March 30, 2012, the NYSERDA "NEW YORK'S SYSTEM
14 BENEFITS CHARGE PROGRAMS EVALUATION AND STATUS,"
15 August 22, 2011 and Quarterly Reports September 30,
16 2014 from the Department of Public Service Staff's
17 EEPS reporting website to develop its projected DSM
18 savings.
19 Savings related to the NYSERDA Clean Energy Fund
20 ("CEF") are not included in this forecast but will be
21 considered in future forecast updates as more
22 information and details emerge on the CEF initiatives

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1 and associated funding and goals.

2 Q. Did you make any adjustments to DSM forecast?

3 A. Yes. The Company made adjustments to the projected
4 DSM savings to reflect the variance of the actual DSM
5 achieved from what was projected in Case No. 13-E-
6 0030.

7 Q. Are there any other adjustments to the delivery
8 forecast?

9 A. The forecast includes the following adjustments:

- 10 • Solar generation - to account for the loss in
11 delivery volume due to the installation of solar
12 panels by customers who will then generate a
13 portion or all of their energy requirements.
- 14 • Standby service - to reflect the projected loss
15 in delivery volume from customers who plan to
16 convert a portion, or all, of their existing load
17 to on-site generation and will become standby
18 service customers.
- 19 • Hudson Yards - to capture the projected increases
20 in delivery volume from the development of the
21 Hudson Yards. This adjustment is based on data
22 provided by Energy Services.

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- 1 • Steam air-conditioning conversions - to capture
2 the projected increases in delivery volume to
3 customers who currently operate steam air-
4 conditioning chillers and plan to convert to
5 electric chillers.
- 6 • The delivery forecast for NYPA is also adjusted
7 to reflect the projected loss in delivery from
8 NYPA customers who plan to convert all or a
9 portion of their existing load to on-site
10 generation and will become standby service
11 customers (as provided by Distribution
12 Engineering), as well as the projected increases
13 in delivery to the WTC and the Hudson Yards (as
14 provided by Energy Services).
- 15 Q. Have you prepared an exhibit showing the adjustments
16 you have made to the delivery volume forecast?
- 17 A. Yes, we have prepared a five-page document entitled
18 "DELIVERY AND SENDOUT ADJUSTMENTS." In this Exhibit,
19 we provide the impacts on delivery volume due to
20 energy efficiency programs, solar panel installation,
21 steam air-conditioning conversions, WTC, Hudson Yards,
22 and standby service (including NYPA customers). The

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1 impacts are listed, by service class, for each rate
2 year.

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4 Q. For what periods are delivery volumes forecasted?

5 A. Quarterly. However, the quarterly delivery volumes
6 need to be disaggregated into monthly amounts.

7 Q. Why do you need to disaggregate the quarterly delivery
8 volumes into monthly forecasts?

9 A. Monthly delivery volumes are required to calculate
10 revenues.

11 Q. How are the quarterly delivery volumes disaggregated
12 into monthly delivery volumes?

13 A. Quarterly delivery volumes are divided into monthly
14 delivery volumes by reflecting the patterns of
15 historical weather-normalized monthly delivery
16 volumes. Monthly delivery volumes are also adjusted
17 to reflect the differences in forecasted billing cycle
18 days.

19 REVENUE FORECAST

20 Q. Please explain the method of estimating Con Edison's
21 delivery revenues.

22 A. The delivery revenue forecast consists of both the

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1 non-competitive delivery revenues and the competitive
2 delivery revenues. The non-competitive delivery
3 revenues represent revenues from customer charges, and
4 the energy and demand delivery rates while the
5 competitive delivery revenues are comprised of the
6 Merchant Function Charge ("MFC"), Billing and Payment
7 Processing Charge ("BPP"), and Metering Charge
8 Revenues.

9 Q. Please explain the method of estimating Con Edison's
10 non-competitive transmission and distribution delivery
11 ("T&D") revenues for the forecast periods.

12 A. The T&D revenues from the forecasted delivery volumes
13 to Con Edison's customers are estimated by month and
14 by service classification. For each of the energy-
15 only classes (SCs 1 and 2), a pricing equation is
16 developed by correlating historical average T&D
17 revenue of the class to historical volume of the
18 class, the number of billing days and summer/winter
19 rate differentials, if applicable, for the period
20 September 2012 through August 2013. These pricing
21 equations are an update of those used in Case No. 13-
22 E-0030.

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1 For each of the commercial classes (SCs 5, 8, 9,
2 and 12), where energy and demand charges apply, a
3 demand pricing equation is also developed by
4 correlating historical average T&D revenue of the
5 class to historical billed demand of the class, the
6 number of billing-days and summer/winter rate
7 differentials, if applicable, for the period September
8 2012 through August 2013. The T&D energy revenues for
9 commercial classes are based upon pricing equations
10 similar to those developed for the energy only
11 classes. The delivery volume, billed demand and
12 revenues of customers receiving BIR under Rider J and
13 RNY customers are excluded from the data used in these
14 commercial pricing equations. These pricing equations
15 are then applied to the delivery and demand forecast
16 of the respective service classes to obtain revenue at
17 rates that went into effect on April 1, 2012. The
18 revenue from the pricing models is then adjusted to
19 reflect the rate changes that went into effect on
20 March 1, 2014 and January 1, 2015.

21 Q. How do you forecast the revenues for customers not
22 included in the pricing equations?

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1 A. The forecast of T&D energy and demand revenues for BIR
2 customers are based on the trend of actual BIR
3 revenues over the 36 months ended December 2013,
4 adjusted to reflect current rates.

5 The forecast of T&D revenues for the allocated portion
6 of RNY customers are based on historical billing data
7 for the same period used to develop the delivery
8 volume forecast.

9 The T&D revenues for SC 6 and commercial classes
10 taking service under standby service were estimated by
11 applying the appropriate tariff rates.

12 Q. Please explain the method of estimating Con Edison's
13 competitive delivery revenues for the forecast
14 periods.

15 A. The MFC revenues represent the supply and credit and
16 collection related charges. The service class
17 delivery volumes for full service customers only were
18 multiplied by the current MFC rate as determined in
19 Case No. 13-E-0030. The BPP revenues are determined
20 by applying the BPP charge per bill to the forecasted
21 number of bills. This charge is at the level set in
22 Case No. 13-E-0030 and depends on the customer's

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1 choice of billing option and choice of service. The
2 Metering Charge is also on a per bill basis and
3 applies to demand classes only (SCs 5, 8, 9, 12, and
4 Standby Service). We similarly forecast this charge
5 by using the rates set in Case No. 13-E-0030.

6 Q. Please explain the development of the forecasts of the
7 number of bills for the various service
8 classifications.

9 A. The forecasted monthly number of bills by service
10 class is determined by adding the monthly year over
11 year change in the number of customers to the monthly
12 number of bills for the twelve months ended December
13 31, 2010, as was provided to us by the Electric Rate
14 Panel, i.e., the historical period for which detailed
15 billing data is available. For January 2011 through
16 September 2014, this change in the number of customers
17 is based on actual customer counts. For the forecast
18 period, the change in the number of bills is based on
19 the number of customers forecast.

20 Q. Please explain the projection of billable demand for
21 Con Edison's commercial customers.

22 A. The billable demand forecast is the ratio of the

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1 forecasts for energy volume and the average hours use.

2 Q. How is the average hours use forecasted?

3 A. A detailed analysis of the relationship between
4 historical delivery volumes and billable demand is
5 used to project the average hours use.

6 Q. Please explain the method of estimating NYPA delivery
7 service revenues for the forecast periods.

8 A. The NYPA delivery service revenues are estimated by
9 applying monthly average demand rates to the estimated
10 billable demand. The estimated monthly demand rates
11 are based upon the average actual demand rates for the
12 12 months ended September 2014, adjusted to reflect
13 the rate changes that went into effect on March 1,
14 2014 and January 1, 2015. For NYPA standby service,
15 the energy only classes, KIAC, WTC, and the Hudson
16 Yards, the delivery revenues are estimated by applying
17 the appropriate tariff rates to our forecast.

18 Q. Please explain the method of arriving at the estimated
19 NYPA demand.

20 A. Monthly billable demand projections are based on an
21 analysis of historical growth patterns and a three-
22 year average of the historical ratio of monthly

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1 billable demand to the total annual billable demand.

2 Billable demand is not applicable to small general
3 services and non-New York City street lighting that
4 only have an energy charge component.

5 Q. Please explain the method of arriving at KIAC billable
6 demand.

7 A. The KIAC billable demand forecast is based on a method
8 that is similar to that used in developing the Con
9 Edison commercial class demand forecast. The KIAC
10 billable demand is calculated by taking the ratio of
11 the energy volume forecast and the average hours use.

12 Q. How is the average hours use forecasted?

13 A. The average hours use is projected by using the
14 relationship between KIAC's historical delivery
15 volumes and billable demand.

16 Q. Please explain the method of estimating WTC and the
17 Hudson Yards billable demand.

18 A. The WTC and the Hudson Yards billable demand forecast
19 is developed on a deterministic method using the
20 estimated load levels provided by Energy Services.

21 Q. The revenue forecast also includes Market Supply
22 Charge ("MSC") and Monthly Adjustment Clause ("MAC")

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1 revenues. Please explain how these components are
2 forecast.

3 A. Rates for the MSC and MAC charges for each service
4 class are supplied by the Electric Rate Panel. These
5 rates are then multiplied into the delivery volume
6 forecast for the respective service classes to
7 determine, by service class, the MSC and MAC charges.

8 SENDOUT FORECAST

9 Q. How is the franchise area sendout forecast developed?

10 A. An econometric model is used to forecast the franchise
11 area sendout on a quarterly basis.

12 Q. What variables are used in the sendout model?

13 A. Weather variables in terms of heating and cooling
14 degree days are included in the model to account for
15 variations due to differences in weather conditions.

16 Like the delivery volume forecast, the key economic
17 variables included in the sendout model are real

18 electric price, total non-manufacturing employment,
19 real disposable income and the number of customers.

20 As with the private non-manufacturing employment

21 series used in the delivery volume forecasting models,

22 the total non-manufacturing employment series used in

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1 the sendout model is not seasonally adjusted.

2 Q. Please explain how the forecast variables are derived.

3 A. The bases for the real electric price and real
4 disposable income are the same as for the delivery
5 volume forecast. Total non-manufacturing employment
6 is the sum of private non-manufacturing employment and
7 governmental employment. The governmental employment
8 projection is based on Moody's Analytics' forecast of
9 total government employment. Total non-manufacturing
10 employment is projected to increase by 2.1% in 2014,
11 2.3% in 2015, 2.0% in 2016, 1.7% in 2017, and 1.2% in
12 2018. The number of customers is represented by a
13 sales-weighted index of the number of customers in SCs
14 1, 2, 8 and 9.

15 Q. Does your forecast of system sendout reflect the
16 impact of DSM programs?

17 A. Yes. Like the delivery volume forecast, the sendout
18 forecast is net of the impact of the DSM programs.

19 Q. Are there any other adjustments made to the sendout
20 forecast?

21 A. Yes. The sendout forecast is also adjusted for
22 projected losses in delivery volumes that result from

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1 customers who have informed the Company that they plan
2 to convert a portion, or all, of their existing load
3 to on-site generation, including the installation of
4 solar generation, and for projected gains in delivery
5 volumes that result from the completion of expected
6 large loads, such as the WTC and the Hudson Yards
7 development, and the projected conversion of steam
8 chillers to electric chillers.

9 Q. How do you determine the sendout forecasts for the
10 different categories of delivery volumes, such as
11 NYPA, RNY and retail access delivery volumes?

12 A. The NYPA and RNY sendout forecasts are derived from
13 their respective delivery volume forecasts. We apply
14 the historical averages of distribution efficiency
15 factors to the delivery volume forecast to account for
16 the line loss in the system. Forecasts for retail
17 access customers are done using a proportional
18 allocation.

19 Q. How was the sendout for Con Edison full service
20 customers derived?

21 A. It is derived by subtracting the sendout forecasts for
22 NYPA, RNY and retail access customers from the

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1 franchise area sendout.

2 Q. What is the actual and normalized sendout for the 12
3 months ended September 2014?

4 A. The actual franchise area sendout for 12 months ended
5 September 2014 was 60,166 GWHs. The normalized
6 sendout for the same period was 60,598 GWHs.

7 Q. Please summarize your sendout forecasts.

8 A. The sendout forecast for the three months ended
9 December 2014 is 13,893 GWHs. The sendout forecast
10 for the 12 months ending December 2014 is 60,298 GWHs.
11 The sendout forecasts are 60,168 GWHs for RY1, 59,748
12 GWHs for RY2, and 59,490 GWHs for RY3.

13 Q. Do you need to disaggregate the quarterly sendout
14 forecasts into monthly forecasts?

15 A. Yes. The Energy Supply Panel requires the monthly
16 full service sendout for forecasting fuel costs.

17 Q. How are the quarterly sendout forecasts disaggregated
18 into monthly sendouts?

19 A. Quarterly sendouts are divided into monthly sendouts
20 by reflecting the patterns of historical weather-
21 normalized monthly sendout figures.

22 Q. I show the Panel a one-page document entitled

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1 "ELECTRIC SENDOUT, DELIVERY VOLUMES, AND REVENUES FROM
2 DELIVERY VOLUMES - FORECASTED THREE MONTHS ENDING
3 DECEMBER 31, 2014, AND YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015,
4 DECEMBER 31, 2016, DECEMBER 31, 2017, AND DECEMBER 31,
5 2018" and ask if it was prepared under the Panel's
6 supervision and direction?

7 A. Yes, it was.

8 MARK FOR IDENTIFICATION AS EXHIBIT ____ (FP-8)

9 Q. Will you please describe what is shown on this
10 Exhibit?

11 A. Yes. This Exhibit shows the forecast of electric
12 system sendout, delivery volumes and revenues from
13 delivery volumes for the three months ended December
14 31, 2014 and the twelve months ending December 31,
15 2015, December 31, 2016, December 31, 2017, and
16 December 31, 2018. Lines 1 through 4 show sendout
17 categories within the Con Edison franchise area, and
18 the total sendout for each period. Lines 5 through 8
19 show electric system delivery volumes for the same
20 categories. Lines 9 through 23 show revenues for each
21 of the periods. For RY1, as shown in column 3, lines
22 24 through 29 show the proposed revenue increases from

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1 delivery volumes to Con Edison and NYPA customers,
2 decreased revenues from discounts to low income
3 customers, as well as the associated revenue taxes,
4 and line 30 shows total revenue at the proposed rates.

5 Q. I show the Panel a document consisting of five pages,
6 entitled "ELECTRIC DELIVERY VOLUMES AND REVENUES FROM
7 DELIVERY VOLUMES BY SERVICE CLASSIFICATION" and ask if
8 this Exhibit was prepared under the Panel's
9 supervision and direction?

10 A. Yes, it was.

11 MARK FOR IDENTIFICATION AS EXHIBIT ____ (FP-9)

12 Q. Does this Exhibit set forth the results of the
13 forecasts?

14 A. Yes. This Exhibit sets forth in greater detail, by
15 service classification, the data that were shown in
16 summary form on Exhibit ____ (FP-8). Page 1 of this
17 Exhibit shows the forecasted electric delivery volumes
18 and revenues by service classification for the three
19 months ended December 31, 2014. Kilowatt hour
20 delivery volumes are shown in Column 1, the sum of the
21 monthly billable demand for Con Edison and NYPA in
22 Column 2, non-competitive transmission and

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1 distribution delivery revenues at the current rates in
2 Column 3, competitive service revenues at the current
3 rates in Column 4, Reactive Power revenues at the
4 current rates in Column 5, System Benefit
5 Charge/Renewable Portfolio Standard revenues in Column
6 6, MSC and MAC revenues in Column 7, revenue taxes in
7 Column 8, and total revenues at current rates in
8 Column 9. Pages 2 through 5 are similar in format to
9 page 1; page 2 covers the forecast for 12 months
10 ending December 31 2015, page 3 covers the forecast
11 for RY1, page 4 covers the forecast for RY2, and page
12 5 covers the forecast for RY3. For the rate years,
13 the low income discounts are shown as a separate item
14 on line 9 at the level proposed by the Customer
15 Operations Panel. For RY1, as shown on page 3, the
16 effect of the proposed changes in revenues, annualized
17 for the Rate Year, are shown in Columns 10 through 13,
18 with the associated increase in revenue taxes shown in
19 Column 14. The proposed change in revenues from the
20 purchase of receivables, as supplied by the Electric
21 Rate Panel, is shown on line 10. Column 15 shows the
22 total revenues at proposed rates. The total proposed

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1 revenue increase to Con Edison's customers of
2 \$319,730,000, exclusive of GRT, consists of the non-
3 competitive T&D related delivery revenue increase of
4 \$297,729,000, the competitive service revenue decrease
5 of \$1,835,000, reactive power revenue increase of
6 \$1,611,000, and a MAC increase of \$22,225,000. The
7 proposed rates also result in increases, exclusive of
8 GRT, in NYPA delivery revenue of \$40,263,000, and
9 reactive power revenue increase of \$464,000. The
10 resultant proposed overall increase for RY1, inclusive
11 of the increase in rates and charges of \$8,083,000 for
12 revenue taxes, amounts to \$368,139,000.

13 Q. Should this revenue forecast be used as the basis for
14 setting the target revenues in the revenue decoupling
15 mechanism ("RDM")?

16 A. Yes, the non-competitive delivery revenue forecast
17 shown in Columns 3, 5, 10 and 12 on Page 3 of Exhibit
18 ____ (FP-9) should be the basis for setting the target
19 revenue for each relevant service classification.

20 Q. Is the Company proposing any changes to the RDM?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Please explain the current methodology.

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1 A. The current RDM is based on a total class revenue
2 approach. That is, at the end of each rate year, the
3 Company will reconcile, by service class, the actual
4 delivery revenues including reactive power revenue to
5 the "allowed delivery revenues, which include reactive
6 power revenue." The Company refunds to customers if
7 the actual delivery revenues are more than the allowed
8 delivery revenues and surcharges customers if the
9 actual delivery revenues are less than the allowed
10 delivery revenues. The RDM is applicable to SCs 1,
11 2/6, 8, 9/5, and 12. In addition, NYPA is considered
12 its own service class subject to the RDM. Certain
13 customers and service classes are excluded from the
14 RDM, such as standby service.

15 Q. Assuming that retail access customers' supply costs
16 were equivalent to the supply cost projected by the
17 Company to its full service customers, and assuming
18 that NYPA customers' supply costs were \$0.081226/kWh,
19 as specified in the testimony of the Electric Rate
20 Panel, what is the overall percentage increase
21 corresponding to the total overall revenue increase?

22 A. The percentage increase for RY1 is 3.2 percent.

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1 Q. Has the Forecasting Panel prepared an exhibit that
2 shows the future average prices of delivery and supply
3 by service class, taking into account both the
4 increase in proposed delivery rates and other expected
5 changes, such as changes in the MSC and MAC?

6 A. Yes, we have prepared a one-page document entitled
7 "FUTURE AVERAGE DELIVERY AND SUPPLY PRICES BY SERVICE
8 CLASSIFICATION." In this Exhibit, we provide the
9 forecast of the average price of T&D Delivery and
10 Supply for each service classification for the three
11 rate years. The supply charges reflect the effect of
12 projected MSC and MAC charges based on the supply cost
13 projections made by the Energy Supply Panel. The
14 delivery charges consist of projected non-competitive
15 T&D charges and projected competitive service charges
16 based on three years of proposed delivery revenue
17 increases as provided to us by the Electric Rate
18 Panel.

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20 Q. Does this conclude the Panel's direct testimony?

21 A. Yes, it does.