

Corrected Second Supplemental Direct Testimony

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7 Optimizer (“SO”) model simulations taking into account these findings. The SO model
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10 interconnection capacity was identified.

11 **Q. Did the Company update its SO and Planning and Risk (“PaR”) studies to reassess
12 the economic benefits of the Combined Projects?**

13 A. Yes. As explained by Company witness Mr. Link, the Company updated the SO and
14 PaR studies for all nine price-policy scenarios. Mr. Link’s updated economic analysis
15 demonstrates increased customer benefits of \$167 million in the medium case through
16 2050 (as compared to \$137 million in the original filing and \$151 million in the first
17 supplemental filing), and an increased benefit range of \$357 million to \$405 million in
18 the medium case through 2036. Moreover, the updated economic analysis demonstrates
19 the Combined Projects continue to provide net customer benefits under all scenarios
20 studied through 2036, and in seven of the nine scenarios through 2050.

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22 achieving these economic benefits?**

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