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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 2:47 PM
To: Welch, Thomas L
Subject: RE: material type correction RE: Gas-Elec Study: final run decision - CT + ME feedback needed

yeah - didnt realize.

You had earlier said pipe + hydro, then that you dont care much. On the line, Dave Littell said he personally seemed to agree with MA but didnt talk to you so it wasnt Maine's view. That plus CT being off led me to just ask both of you.

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Subject: RE: material type correction RE: Gas-Elec Study: final run decision - CT + ME feedback needed
From: "Welch, Thomas L" <Thomas.L.Welch@maine.gov>
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No wonder I was confused.
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With apologies, in the email below, ME should be MA. That is MA prefers to do nothing more. ME has not expressed a view.

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As you recall, we have a final solution run available in the Gas-Electric Study (This is the last of three incremental runs outside of the main study that are the subject of a contract extension. We have not yet paid the bill for any of the three). We had a call last week to bring this to closure but we did not have feedback from some states - CT and Maine. This seeks those states final feedback to allow us to close on this issue. **Action requested is for Maine and CT to indicate preferences by COB Wednesday Oct 16th**

Reminder of discussion to date: The solution to which most agreed at the outset was to look at Gas Pipeline + Hydro (this would show the influence of more available gas on electric prices and its consequent potential effect on hydro prices). There was a later suggestion to look at 2 hydro lines. Then, there was a suggestion we look at nothing further. (There was also a suggestion we redo a fair amount of assumptions, which is more a redo of a study than a solution run and would not allow comparability: there did not seem to be interest in this option in email or on the call, discussed below.)

Summary of last week's call discussion: ME prefers to do nothing more (and negotiate to reduce money owed to B&V). A number of assumptions in the study advantage gas relative to hydro, directionally (gas prices, hydro prices, carbon assumptions) and so the best approach is to consider the work complete. NH indicates the study is not a recommendation, it is information under a specific set of assumptions which one can discount etc. but still get some value and this final run is under contract. RI indicates it does not have resources to do its own studies and so collaborative efforts such as the study provide value. VT agreed with RI. VT stated that we would benefit from more data associated with Gas + Hydro. At that point, RI, VT and NH seemed to agree to the value of looking at Gas + Hydro. Maine did not have a chance to talk internally and CT was not on the phone. If this is not a fair characterization, please feel free to correct.

There was discussion about not making the results public due to MA concerns. We did not issue notice of these extra runs so there is no stakeholder expectation to see them. The results of the final run could be distributed internally only, the same way we distribute other internal analysis. That said, most states are subject to FOI (and from time to time some TOs get very aggressive about seeking information from states and from time to time they appear to be successful) so the assumption should be that any information could be in the public record even if we do not post it.

To help us bring this to close, could ME and CT indicate preferences by COB Wednesday October 16th.

Thanks -

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