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Please confirm that, notwithstanding the assumptions and algorithms in the proposed TRM, all results from the Utilities must be tested and calculated against best available information at the time. Please confirm that, with this Application, the Utilities are not seeking to modify that principle, or propose that the TRM assumptions be applied instead of better, more recent information.

RESPONSE

The Technical Reference Manual ("TRM") was developed to provide a common set of input assumptions underpinning prescriptive measure savings. As detailed in the Board's letter of August 21, 2015, the Evaluation Contractor ("EC") will lead a process to update the TRM in consultation with the Evaluation Advisory Committee ("EAC").

The Utilities will follow the Board's 2015-2020 DSM Plan (EB-2015-0029/EB-2015-0049) Decision and Order, dated January 20, 2016, as it pertains to the treatment and application of TRM input assumptions. In its Decision, at p. 74, the Board accepted the position of the Utilities that input assumptions for prescriptive measures should not be adjusted retroactively based on the results of the annual evaluations process for the purpose of determining eligible shareholder incentive amounts. The Board went on to state that:

any updates to existing input assumptions, or new input assumptions identified during a year, should be applied prospectively when evaluating savings from prescriptive measures.

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