

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
RESPONSE TO OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE'S DATA REQUEST
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Q. Reference: Load forecast:

- a. Confirm that CMP uses a 2% per year net increase in the 90/10 extreme load forecast between 2011 and 2017 to arrive at the 2017 load forecast used in the base case power flow modeling of the impacts of MPRP.
- b. Explain in detail all assumptions used to arrive at the 2% per year load growth used between 2011 and 2017.
- c. In its load forecast, does CMP assume any level of demand response for peak load reduction separate from the impacts of Efficiency Maine conservation savings for any of the years 2008 through 2017? Please explain all rationale for including or excluding any demand response savings, and provide all documents and analyses in support of this decision.
- d. Provide Global Insight's economic forecast for Maine counties through 2011.

A. (a) Yes, in developing its Fall 2006 load forecast, CMP used a 2% per year net increase in the 90/10 extreme load forecast between 2011 and 2017 to arrive at the 2017 load forecast used in the base case power flow modeling of the impacts of MPRP.

(b) The extension of the CMP forecast beyond 2011 was based on the projected annual percentage growth in peak load between 2009 and 2011. The 2009-2011 period was selected because the earlier years of the forecast are impacted by the loss of sales to a few large customers.

(c) In the load forecast no explicit assumption is made with respect to the level of demand response separate from the impacts of Efficiency Maine conservation savings. However, the potential for demand response was analyzed as part of the Company's evaluation of non-transmission alternatives. See Exhibit I-3 of Volume IX.

(d) Please refer to the **confidential** attachments to CES-01-11.

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