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First Data Request

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On page 5 of Exhibit C(E) and Exhibit C(G), would using projected sales for April 2017 through March 2018 prevent the ECR factor from changing as drastically for the next ECR recovery period?

Response:

While it is possible to enter the projected sales for January through March 2018, at this time, the current plan ends with 2017 and a new plan that would include a 2018 budget will not be filed until later this year. Therefore there are no budgeted costs to balance against these projected recoveries and we are unable to provide an estimate as to the impact to the ECR factor.

If the budgets for 2018 (currently unknown) are higher than or similar to this year, then the increase in the next ECR recovery period would be larger using January through March projected sales and budgeted costs.

In the current ECR reconciliation, the 2016 costs were trued up (from the previous year's reconciliation budget) and the January 2017 – December 2017 budget and the recoveries for January 2017 – December 2017 were estimated (with the exception of January 2017, where actual recoveries were used).

Cost recoveries for January 2017 through March 2017 are included as an offset to recoverable costs under the new factor on Page 3, with January being actual recoveries and February and March estimated using the current factor. These recoveries reduce the 2017 budget amounts included in the new factor (see page 3 of Exhibit C(E) Line 12 "Remainder to be Recovered", calculated as Line 6 minus Line 11; and Exhibit C(G) Line 11 "Remainder to be Recovered", calculated as Line 5 minus Line 10).

The budget amounts carried forward on Page 5 (of both Exhibit C(E) and Exhibit C(G)) Column (b) Lines 1 and 2 are 9-month budget totals, which is why the Projected April – December Sales in column (g) is for a 9-month period as well.