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Question:
Refer to page 3 of the Petition.

a) Explain why the achieved TRC for the Heat Pump Water Heaters program has decreased again from that achieved in 2022 (TRC .98) and is still below 1.0 even though participation has increased.
b) Explain why the regulatory affairs expense more than doubled from the actual expense in 2022.

Response:

a) The heat pump water heater program had more administrative activities in 2023 almost doubling from the 2022 spend level. The achievement also increased from 5,341 kWh to 8,148 kWh in annual savings from 2022 to 2023, but that increase did not keep pace with the increase in spend, resulting in a decrease in TRC.

b) The Regulatory Affairs expenses were higher in 2023 due to an increase in staffing levels working on regulatory filings related to the DSM programs as new staff was trained in.

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