

**CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S DATA REQUEST NO. 5
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- Q.** (Volume IX, Page 153 of 464) Please explain how economic evaluations of non transmission alternatives can be compared to transmission alternatives with the amount of the project to be socialized not determined and perhaps not even known total project costs (Sub-transmission costs and additional equipment from yet to be performed analyses)?
- A.** The primary economic measure used in the evaluation of non-transmission alternatives is the economic impact on Maine customers. The economic evaluations of each option can be compared with others on this basis.

The economic evaluation of transmission solutions and Non-Transmission Alternatives that was filed with the petition in this proceeding was based upon the latest MPRP project cost estimate that was available at the time the analysis was performed. We also used the latest information available for the costs of the NTAs. The economic evaluation filed with the petition also assumed that the MPRP would receive PTF treatment and that its costs would be socialized throughout New England. This assumption is based upon our review of other projects that have been recently approved by ISO-NE for PTF treatment. If costs for the MPRP or the NTAs change, the comparison can be updated.

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