

LOL-HECO-IR-13

Ref: HECO Application.

Question(s):

- a. What is HECO's budget for expert witnesses and non-HECO exhibits?
- b. How much did HECO pay for each non-HECO witnesses? Please break it down by witness, by Exhibit, and by testifier.

HECO Response:

- a. HECO's estimated budget for outside services related to the PUC proceeding for the subject docket is approximately \$500,000, including costs for expert witnesses, exhibits created by non-HECO employees, and outside legal counsel.
- b. For this proceeding, expert witnesses have been retained for the duration of the proceeding and will participate as warranted. As we are still in the early stages of the proceeding, it is difficult to determine the level of participation by each witness and what other exhibits may be needed. For example, if a non-HECO witness receives a large number of information requests, the higher his level of participation will be in this proceeding (than if he only receives a few information requests). Therefore, HECO is unable to provide a breakdown of costs, as requested.