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#### **Cost of Service Allocation Methods**

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# **COST OF SERVICE**

#### **BASIC STEPS IN COST OF SERVICE:**

ESTABLISH TOTAL COST OF SERVICE /REV. REQ.
FUNCTIONALIZE COSTS
MAKE DIRECT COST ASSIGNMENTS
DEVELOP COST ALLOCATORS
ALLOCATE JOINT COSTS

## **COST OF SERVICE METHODS**

#### **BASIC STEPS IN COST OF SERVICE:**

- ESTABLISH TOTAL COST OF SERVICE
- PERFORM A REVENUE REQUIREMENTS STUDY
- FUNCTIONALIZE COSTS
- - SEPARATE COSTS INTO PRODUCTION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS
  - FUNCTIONALIZE ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL COSTS AND OTHER JOINT COSTS MAKE DIRECT COST ASSIGNMENTS
  - IDENTIFY CERTAIN COSTS THAT BELONG TO SPECIFIC SECTORS OF THE MARKET.( For example: Specifically assignable substations or street lighting expenses)

## **COST OF SERVICE METHODS (Contd.)**

- ESTABLISH COST ALLOCATORS AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF SYSTEM
- ANALYZE SALES DATA
- ANALYZE AVAILABLE DEMAND DATA
- CUSTOMER METERED DATA
- LOAD RESEARCH
- SUBSTATION LOAD DATA
- ALLOCATE JOINT COST (OR COSTS NOT DIRECTLY ASSIGNED)

### **COST OF SERVICE METHODS**

#### **ALLOCATION METHODS**

- DEMAND BASES
  - SYSTEM COINCIDENT PEAK DEMAND
  - NONCOINCIDENT MAXIMUM DEMAND
- ENERGY BASIS (Kwh)
- CUSTOMER BASES
- REVENUE

# **Allocation Methods**

#### Cost type

# Contribution to Coincident system Peak Demand

- **1. Production Capacity** (sometimes 75:25)
- 2. Production Variable
- 3. Transmission Capacity
- 4. Distribution Substations
- 5. Distribution Lines

**Energy Requirements of Class** 

Non-coincident Peaks on Points of Delivery from Grid

**Allocation Basis** 

Non-coincident Peaks of distribution Maximum demands on distribution

system

# **Cost Allocation** (contd.)

**6. Line Transformers** 

Max demands of low voltage customers

7. Customer costs
(such as metering,
billing, customer service,
sales, etc.)

Weighted customer Basis (e.g res.=1,comm.=10)

8. Revenues

**Actual received from each class** 

- 9. Direct Assigned Costs
- 10. Allocate Joint Costs

# Final Step

- COMPUTE CLASS UNIT COSTS BY DEMAND AND ENERGY
- GIVE THE RESULTS A SANITY CHECK
- DON'T OVER OR UNDERESTIMATE THE VALUE OF THE STUDY



# THANK YOU!