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DATA REQUEST RESPONSE

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Subject: Q01. Regarding Liberty's expected weather station optimization analysis from Eagle Rock Analytics

Q02. Regarding Liberty's projected expenses for VM Enterprise Management System (WMP-VM-ESG-01)

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Question 1: Regarding Liberty’s expected weather station optimization analysis from Eagle Rock Analytics:

In Liberty’s response to area for continued improvement LU-23-18 “Weather Station Optimization” Liberty indicated it has “engaged Eagle Rock Analytics to perform a weather station optimization analysis for its system to evaluate how well the network captures the diversity of climate conditions within Liberty’s territory.”¹

- a. When does Liberty expect to receive the final analysis from Eagle Rock Analytics?
- b. Will Liberty make this final analysis available to the public?

Response to Question 1:

- a. Liberty expects to receive the final analysis from Eagle Rock Analytics by the end of 2024.
- b. Yes, Liberty will provide the final analysis in its next WMP submission or in response to stakeholder request.

Question 2: Regarding Liberty’s projected expenses for VM Enterprise Management System (WMP-VM-ESG-01):

Were the cost categories listed in Liberty’s 2025 WMP Update (i.e., project permitting, community outreach, communications, and various vegetation management program development activities, as listed in Section 2.2.19.3) included in the projected expenditures in its 2023-2025 Base WMP?²

- a. If they were not included, please describe how and why cost assumptions and expenditure categories (as listed in Section 2.2.19.3) have changed between its 2023-2025 Base WMP and its 2025 WMP Update.
- b. If they were included, please describe how cost assumptions for the categories listed in Section 2.2.19.3 have changed since the approval of Liberty’s 2023-2025 Base WMP on February 5, 2024.

¹ [Liberty's 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Update \(R1\) \(clean version, Sept. 3, 2024\)](https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=57295&shareable=true), Section 5.18 “LU-23-18: Weather Station Optimization,” p. 46 (https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=57295&shareable=true, accessed Sept. 4, 2024).

² [Liberty's 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Update \(R1\) \(clean version, Sept. 3, 2024\)](https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=57295&shareable=true), Section 2.2.19.3 “Change Justification,” p. 26 (https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=57295&shareable=true, accessed Sept. 4, 2024).

Response to Question 2:

2. Yes, the cost categories associated with WMP-VM-ESG-01 were included in the projected expenditures in Liberty's 2023-2025 Base WMP.

- a. N/A.
- b. The cost assumptions regarding tracking and recording these categories have changed to capture all of the costs of project permitting within a single initiative. Previously some of the cost categories, mostly project permitting, were recorded as part of the costs of associated initiatives. For example, project permitting costs associated with fall-in mitigation work were projected and recorded within Liberty's fall-in mitigation WMP initiative. As of the 2025 WMP Update, Liberty will project and track all of the cost categories listed in WMP-VM-ESG-01 within that initiative.