

- 1 **Q. Please confirm that the prudence and reasonableness of past expenditures made by**
2 **NP are relevant to this Application.**
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- 4 A. The prudence and reasonableness of past expenditures made by the Company are
5 relevant to this Application only insofar as such past expenditures: (i) are directly related
6 to the proposals in this Application, and (ii) the prudence and reasonableness has not
7 already been examined by the Board.
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- 9 In the circumstance where the Board has examined specific past expenditures and
10 determined them to be reasonable and/or prudent in a final order, then considerations of
11 regulatory certainty would indicate a reexamination of those same costs would be
12 unjustified.
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- 14 Please refer to the responses to CA-NP-173, CA-NP-405, and CA-NP-406.