

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application, Schedule B, page 37) It is stated "The New**  
2 **Transformers program includes the cost of purchasing transformers to serve**  
3 **customer growth." How is customer growth factored into the budget**  
4 **calculation for 2025?**  
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- 6 A. The budget for the *New Transformers* program is based on a historical average. There is  
7 no direct relationship between the number of new customers and the number of new  
8 transformers installed in a given year. There is a lead-lag relationship between the new  
9 distribution infrastructure being installed and the new customers being connected.  
10 Customers being connected in the current year could be connected utilizing  
11 infrastructure installed in prior years and infrastructure installed in the current year may  
12 not see all customer connections until future years.