

ICNU Data Request 26.58

Please refer to GND-5T, page 27, lines 3-5. Does the Company agree that the primary reason it should enter into non-firm transmission purchases is for economy purposes, i.e., to lower power costs?

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The majority of non-firm transmission purchases may be done for economic purposes. However, no evaluation of volumes has been done for the purposes of this response. Of prime importance is the use of non-firm transmission to serve load that may otherwise not be served. Therefore, consistent with the Company obligation to serve load, the primary reason it should enter into non-firm transmission purchases is to serve load. The Company does attempt to serve load on firm transmission when possible, but firm transmission is not always available.

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