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34	Station Equipment	239	240	245	247	247	252	261	273.8	290.8		298 5	308		335
35	Towers & Fixtures	221	228	238	239	240	244	250.5		256 8		249 5	259 3	273	282
36	Poles & Fixtures	230	235	240	241	243	244	261 5	2813	2918	3113	324.5	330	352	360
37	Overhead Conductors & Devices	235	252	244	242	243	232	300 5	309	3113	319 5	300 3	308 8	321.5	346
38	Underground Conduit	228	233	233	231	229	231	240.3	252 8	252	248 8	246 3	249 3		256
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42	Total Distribution Plant	232	238	240	241	241	241	252.8	264	271	274.5	274.8	279	289	296
43	Station Equipment	231	233	235	237	238	244	265	285 8	304	305	303	305.3		329
44	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	239	241	244	245		245	249 8	258	266.8	277	288		3143	323
45	Overhead Conductors & Devices	236	248	250	250	249	244	285 3	294.3	295.3	301.5	289 5	298 3	313	331
46	Underground Conduit	211	225	228	224	222	224	233 3	253.3	251 5	243 8	2403	243 3	251	254
47	Underground Conductors & Devices	215	217	216	221	230	233	235	249 3	259.5			267.3		279
48	Line Transformers	209	212	214	215	216	214	215	222.8	226	225 3		229 3		230
49	Pad Mounted Transformers	190	192	208	209	215	236	257 5	271 5	277	285 8	284	290	291 5	291
50	Services-Overhead	211	215	229	225	223	226	242 5	255 8	255	255	249	253	265	275
51	Services-Underground	182	201	204.	185	178	189	201 5	218	220	210		203 8	213	218
52	Meters Installed	192	205	206	207	212	210	1953	185	185 3	198.8	197 3	198 8	189	285
53	Street Lighting-Overhead	264	265	276	284	282	267	267 8	276 3	284 3	293 5	301 5	313	328 8	340
54	Mast Arms & Luminaires Installed	264	270	288	298	289	277	276.8	290.5	299.3	3113	321	329 3	350	360
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33	Total Transmission Plant	335	339	346	341	360	369	375	379	376	377	375	384	410
34	Station Equipment	337	342	351	355	380	390	396	399	400	402	396	400	441
35	Towers & Fixtures	296	302	305	314	325	329	336	340	341	343	344	368	376
36	Poles & Fixtures	375	382	386	376	379	385	394	400	395	395	397	407	411
37	Overhead Conductors & Devices	352	352	363	334	359	372	378	381	368	369	370	376	404
38	Underground Conduit	261	261	268	274	278	283	286	293	296	298	297	308	328
39	Underground Conductors & Devices	423	422	425	433	434	444	423	428	431	435	436	440	490
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42	Total Distribution Plant	298	297	303	303	310	316	320	326	326	329	331	335	355
43	Station Equipment	327	329	342	345	348	351	352	354	346	348	346	351	395
44	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	331	335	337	339	344	349	354	359	363	364	368	368	378
45	Overhead Conductors & Devices	338	337	346	335	359	371	376	383	378	384	387	394	413
46	Underground Conduit	260	262	266	273	283	288	291	298	307	308	305	316	319
47	Underground Conductors & Devices	285	283	288	293	301	309	295	300	299	299	301	303	320
48	Line Transformers	225	213	218	218	220	222	228	232	236	235	241	231	251
49	Pad Mounted Transformers	304	307	308	310	313	314	333	335	342	336	336	365	435
50	Services-Overhead	275	271	276	276	286	292	293	298	293	298	298	308	316
51	Services-Underground	217	216	211	209	220	225	220	223	229	229	229	233	234
52	Meters Installed	188	200	206	198	195	205	222	243	254	264	264	300	300
53	Street Lighting-Overhead	360	365	367	372	380	385	391	398	412	432	436	439	445
54	Mast Arms & Luminaires Installed	384	389	386	386	392	398	399	405	406	408	415	417	423
55	Street Lightung-Underground	354	359	362	368	377	383	390	397	415	441	444	448	452
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34	Station Equipment	455 381	466 385	484	502	534	553 1	572	595	610	611	632	641
35	Towers & Fixtures	427	445	394	398	405	433 3	442	446	453	428	439	441
36	Poles & Fixtures	427	445	446 497	460 529		468 6	499	508	526		542	520
37	Overhead Conductors & Devices	358	358	367	373	555	569 6 377 6	617 389	680 430			554 427	561
38	Underground Conduit	495	512	551	555	384 562	567.2	389 746	784	441 788	421 799	797	433
40	Underground Conductors & Devices	493	312	221	222	362	367.2	/46	/84	/88	/99	/9/	789
41	Distribution Plant												
42	Total Distribution Plant	368	377	401	422	451	459	521	514	535	522	544	553
43	Station Equipment	409	415	437	447	476	4911	506	525	534		552	559
44	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	395	399	404	414		425.5	435	450		467	481	478
45	Overhead Conductors & Devices	432	454	488	513	537	551 2	596	641	655		601	613
46	Underground Conduit	339	340	358	361	373	369 6	378	387	404		402	406
47	Underground Conductors & Devices	346	358	382	387	463	469 7	508	540	604		554	560 5
48	Line Transformers	262	269	305	345	392	398 9	585	489	516		566	592
49	Pad Mounted Transformers	467	516	534	626	659	790.1	610	727	697	634	639	
50	Services-Overhead	329	337	356		373	373 6	396	406			403	412
51	Services-Underground	242	256	297	336	315	310 6	306	307	282	283	286	309
52	Meters Installed	287	287	288	294	296	301 8	306	307	311	311	325	325
53	Street Lighting-Overhead	461	469	483	549	568	577 8	591	622	690	702	725	674
54	Mast Arms & Luminaires Installed	450	465	488	519	534	544 9	536	546	669	665	676	690
55	Street Lighting-Underground	466	473	485	563	585	594 6	612	649	708	726	755	682
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32	Transmission Plant											ĺ	
33	Total Transmission Plant	565	581	573	579	592	590	591	599	607	609	618	620
34	Station Equipment	657	663	671	679	699	690	694	707	718	724	728	731
35	Towers & Fixtures	454	458	470	469	482	472	474	481	487	489	491	495
36	Poles & Fixtures	521	524	529	532	537	539	529	532	537	531	541	545
37	Overhead Conductors & Devices	546	599	537	545	556	570	570	576	581	581	603	603
38	Underground Conduit	445	451	471	472	471	469	488	487	497	493	494	497
39	Underground Conductors & Devices	851	855	865	896	908	930	956	966	976	981	994	994
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41	Distribution Plant							l i					
42	Total Distribution Plant	563	578	582	592	606.5			634		648.5	658	658
43	Station Equipment	571	577	583	589	589	592	598	599	603	598	599	600
44	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	476	480	485	489	494	498	491	493	501	496		507
45	Overhead Conductors & Devices	620	661	630	640	661	676	687	699	716		738	738
46	Underground Conduit	418	420	434	434	436	436	443	444		455	455	457
47	Underground Conductors & Devices	594 5	608 5	642	665 5	653	680	672 5			689 5	670 5	670 5
48	Line Transformers	604	622	642	657	699	716	754	771	803	805	832	830
49	Pad Mounted Transformers	620	677	679	678	680		659		646	663	693	632
50	Services-Overhead	434	454	433	435	440		452	462	479	481	482	481
51	Services-Underground	349	367	390	410	416	418	414		398	392	363	358
52	Meters Installed	316	315	311	314	318	321	326	327	331	331	334	326
53	Street Lighting-Overhead	684	708	720	734	728	736	694			711	701	699
54	Mast Arms & Luminaires Installed	692	707	728	748	732	748	661	665		681	647	647
55	Street Lighting-Underground	697	723	733	746	742	749	716	717	718	736	728	726
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31 32	Transmission Plant												
33	Total Transmission Plant	627	628	649.5	658	677	677	685	694	664	692.5	692.5	
34	Station Equipment	748	749	770	784	803	803	805	824	850	891	891	
35	Towers & Fixtures	503	493	505		531		517	518	550	603	603	
36	Poles & Fixtures	549	561	557	557	569	569	596	602	593	600	600	
37	Overhead Conductors & Devices	590	590	643	642	673	673	697	697	493	496	496	
38	Underground Conduit	515	519	523	531	543	543	560	558	575	600	600	
39	Underground Conductors & Devices	1007	1056	1111	1127	1178	1178	1199	1239	1276	1399	1399	
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41	Distribution Plant												
42	Total Distribution Plant	672	684		710			763	776.5		796	796	
43	Station Equipment	614	620	639	648	662	662	673	673	691	722	722	
44	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	515	530	518		533		574	575		573	573	
45	Overhead Conductors & Devices	744	754	779	791	813		851	865		784	784	
46 47	Underground Conduit	471 651.5	473 672.5	485 680 5	489 693	499		515 754 5	515 782.5		547 859	547 859	
48	Underground Conductors & Devices Line Transformers	863	888	920	942	728 978		1014	1052	1089	1127	1127	
48	Pad Mounted Transformers	652	697	699	716			738	738	787	941	941	
50	Services-Overhead	490	493	468	483	472		506	505	501	504	504	
51	Services-Overhead Services-Underground	361	378	403	417	422		447	448	462	465	465	
52	Meters Installed	329	329	334	334	338		355	355		363	363	
53	Street Lighting-Overhead	711	687	698	721	785		821	831	751	762	762	
54	Mast Arms & Luminaires Installed	667	616	637	669			762	781	638	663	663	
55	Street Lighting-Underground	739	716	729	750	805		854	862	796	801	801	
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# 2022 RATE CASE ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC WORKPAPERS FOR THE DIRECT TESTIMONY OF GREGORY S. WILSON

The information is voluminous and is being provided in electronic format in compliance with RFP General Instruction No. 15. Portions of the information are confidential and will be made available only after execution of a certification to be bound by the draft protective order set forth in Section VII of this Rate Filing Package or a protective order issued in this docket.

Additionally, in accordance with RFP General Instruction No. 12(c), below is a list of the files that are being provided electronically:

### Testimony Workpapers/Wilson

GSW Workpapers WP-1.pdf

### Testimony Workpapers/Confidential/Wilson

Oncor Simulation 2021.xlxs
WP Voluminous Confidential Index.docx

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### DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ANGELA GUILLORY

### 2 I. POSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Oncor's Senior Leadership Team.

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- Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND CURRENT
   4 EMPLOYMENT POSITION.
- A. My name is Angela Y. Guillory. My business address is 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, Texas, 75202. I am currently the Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Corporate Affairs for Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor" or "Company"). I am also a member of
- 10 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.
- I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the 12 Α. University of Texas in Austin, Texas. I received a Masters of Business 13 Administration from the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. I have 14 15 been employed in several roles in my 28-year career with Oncor, its predecessors and affiliates, including roles within the Human Resources 16 17 ("HR") Department. I was hired by Oncor in January 2010 as a Director of 18 External Affairs. I became the Vice President of Customer and Market Operations in 2013, the Vice President of Human Resources and Corporate 19 Affairs in 2018, and assumed my current role of Senior Vice President of 20 21 Human Resources and Corporate Affairs in 2020. Prior to joining Oncor, I 22 served as the Vice President of Performance Optimization for TXU Energy 23 for five years. My experience in HR includes developing and implementing 24 the strategy, design, and administration of HR programs related to culture 25 and business objectives, compensation, benefits, workforce strategy, 26 staffing and recruiting, training, development, payroll, employee relations, and compliance. 27
- 28 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TESTIMONY BEFORE THE 29 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS ("COMMISSION")?

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1 A. Yes. I filed testimony with the Commission in Docket No. 38929 and Docket

No. 22350, the latter of which was filed under my maiden name, Angela Y.

3 Williams.

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### II. PURPOSE OF DIRECT TESTIMONY

- 5 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?
- 6 A. The purpose of my direct testimony is to: (1) provide a detailed discussion
- of Oncor's HR organization; (2) provide a discussion of Oncor's processes
- and programs to ensure the hiring, development, and retention of a skilled
- 9 workforce; (3) describe Oncor's overall labor expense philosophy and the
- reasonableness and necessity of the test-year expense incurred by Oncor
- 11 related to employee and executive compensation, including base and
- incentive pay; and (4) support the reasonableness and necessity of Oncor's
- related known and measureable labor expense adjustments.
- 14 Q. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE
- 15 ONCOR'S REQUESTED LABOR EXPENSES, INCLUDING LABOR
- 16 EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS?
- 17 A. Oncor's labor expenses, including employee base compensation, incentive
- 18 compensation programs, and benefits, and the regular adjustments made
- 19 to our overall labor expenses are necessary to providing the services that
- the Company offers to its customers. The adjustments the Company
- regularly makes to compensation and benefits are key components to the
- Company's ability to recruit, retain, and reward a skilled workforce. Without
- such approval, Oncor risks not being able to effectively and competitively
- benchmark compensation and benefits against our peers in the industry,
- 25 which threatens Oncor's ability to compete for talent necessary to provide
- 26 safe and reliable service and encourage employee/team innovation in the
- 27 achievement of results that support the fundamental objectives of the
- 28 Company.

1	Q.	DO YOU SPONSOR OR CO-SPONSOR ANY SCHEDULES IN THE RATE
2		FILING PACKAGE ("RFP")?
3	A.	Yes. I sponsor Schedules II-D-3.1 Payroll Information and II-D-3.5 Number
4		of Employees. I co-sponsor Schedules II-D-3.6 Payments Other Than
5		Compensation By Function, II-D-3.7 General Employee Benefit Information,
6		II-D-3.8 Pension Expense, II-D-3.9 Postretirement Benefits Other than
7		Pension and II-D-3.10 Administration Fees.
8	Q.	WAS YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY PREPARED BY YOU OR UNDER
9		YOUR DIRECT SUPERVISION?
10	A.	Yes. My direct testimony, exhibit, and the schedules that I sponsor or co-
11		sponsor were prepared by me or under my direction, supervision, or control
12		and are true and correct. I will address each topic in the same order
13		reflected in the above listing.
14		III. OVERVIEW OF HUMAN RESOURCES
15	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE ONCOR'S HR ORGANIZATION.
16	A.	I lead Oncor's HR organization, and Exhibit AG-1 to my direct testimony is
17		an organization chart that depicts the various groups included within the HR
18		organization. I describe below the leadership and activities performed by
19		each of these groups:
20		Workforce Strategy, Employee, and Labor Relations
21		Kyle R. Davis has been with the Company for 38 years and has experience
22		in nuclear operations and HR. He is the Senior Director of Workforce
23		Strategy, Employee, and Labor Relations. This group is responsible for
24		employment related compliance with applicable laws and regulations,
25		employee relations and bargaining unit (union) relations, labor and
26		workforce strategy, and staffing.
27		Total Rewards
28		Kerri D. Veitch has been with the Company for 13 years and is the Senior
29		Director of Total Rewards. She is responsible for the strategy, design, and
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delivery of compensation and benefit programs, including executive compensation as well as payroll and the HR Information System.

### Training and Development

Craig Cravey, Director of Training and Development, has 29 years with the Company, and over 39 years of experience in nuclear operations and in craft, technical, and corporate training. This team is responsible for training and development strategies and programs to support strategic business goals, including corporate-wide training programs for new employees, new managers and supervisors, and the Oncor Leader Model, in addition to administration of the Company's Learning Management System for on-line training and training records.

### Corporate Security

Jim Stockton, Director of Corporate Security, has over 40 years of investigative experience and has 37 years with the Company. Mr. Stockton actively communicates with the United States Department of Homeland Security and receives briefings regarding threats to infrastructure. Our Corporate Security team provides security of the Company facilities as well as at large Company events within our service area.

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Scott Trapp, Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, joined the Company in November 2020. Oncor recruited Mr. Trapp to lead the refinement and execution of Oncor's diversity, equity, and inclusion strategy, including new and ongoing initiatives to build a more inclusive, equitable culture at Oncor based upon the foundation of a diverse workforce that resembles the customers and communities we serve. Mr. Trapp has over 20 years of experience in talent acquisition and diversity and inclusion.

27 Q. HOW MANY EMPLOYEES DID THE HR ORGANIZATION HAVE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021?

29 A. HR had 52 employees as of December 31, 2021.

IV.	HIRING, DEVELOPMENT, AND RETENTION
	OF A SKILLED WORKFORCE

Q. WHAT PROCESSES AND PROGRAMS DOES ONCOR HAVE IN PLACE
 TO ENSURE THE HIRING, DEVELOPMENT, AND RETENTION OF A
 SKILLED WORKFORCE?

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- 6 Α. Oncor's Talent Management Framework defines our comprehensive 7 approach to creating and developing a high performing engaged workforce 8 that owns the Company's success and positions the Company to meet 9 future needs. This includes various strategies to attract, develop, and retain 10 a talented workforce to meet current and future needs. Oncor's talent 11 acquisition function cultivates and manages various pipelines for recruiting 12 talent for craft, technician, and professional level roles. This includes 13 partnerships with high schools, community colleges and universities, as well 14 as trade and industry organizations. Oncor's compensation and benefits programs are important tools to recruit and retain highly qualified people 15 16 from outside the organization and promote and retain employees from 17 within. Oncor's performance management philosophy guides the process and tools used to manage, reward, and recognize employee performance 18 19 and development against established goals. The Talent Development 20 Framework, in furtherance of Oncor's performance management 21 philosophy, provides programs and processes to train, develop, and retain 22 our skilled workforce.
- Q. WHAT ARE THE ELEMENTS OF ONCOR'S TALENT DEVELOPMENTFRAMEWORK?
- 25 A. The Talent Development Framework has three elements. The first element 26 is "Foundational Components." This includes components such as our Core 27 Values, our Code of Conduct, Workforce Diversity, Power On Deliver Strong 28 (our Lean Six Sigma program), and our Competency Model.

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The second element is "Training & Development Programs." The
programs included in this element are used to train and develop our
employees in technical and professional job skills, leadership, and our
company culture.
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The third element is "Recognition Elements." This element includes programs and tools to recognize, reward, incent, and nurture our deep talent pool. It also provides opportunities for increasingly larger and more responsible roles and special project assignments.

### V. ONCOR LABOR COST

### A. Total Rewards Philosophy

- 11 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY WITH 12 REGARD TO ONCOR'S LABOR COST?
- 13 A. Below, I discuss Oncor's approach to employee and executive 14 compensation, including both base and incentive pay, and I support the 15 reasonableness and necessity of Oncor's overall labor cost.
- 16 Q. DO OTHER ONCOR WITNESSES ALSO ADDRESS ONCOR'S LABOR17 COST AND OTHER LABOR-RELATED MATTERS?
  - Yes. While I address Oncor's labor expense at an overall transmission and distribution ("T&D") level, Company witness Mr. Wesley R. Speed discusses the employees and groups that make up Oncor's Transmission organization in his direct testimony, and Company witness Mr. Keith Hull discusses Oncor's distribution labor requirements in detail in his direct testimony. Additionally, Company witness Mr. Greer discusses Oncor's overall T&D goals and operations that determine the levels of staffing necessary for Oncor to meet its service obligations. Mr. Greer also supports the inclusion of Oncor's labor cost in the Company's cost of service. Finally, the direct testimony of Company witness Mr. Joel S. Austin discusses Oncor's existing outsourcing relationships and staffing of the Technology, Measurement & Billing Services, and Customer Engagement organization.

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- Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE ONCOR'S PHILOSOPHY ON WAGES AND 1 2 BENEFITS.
- 3 Oncor's approach to employee compensation, including executive Α. 4 compensation, is based on the following key principles that are intended to 5 serve as guidelines in the development and administration of the 6 Company's total compensation programs:

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- compensation programs, in combination with benefit and other programs, should attract, retain, and motivate the appropriate talent necessary to provide safe and reliable service pursuant to Oncor's tariffs:
  - compensation and benefits are designed to be market-competitive, performance-driven, and balance the diverse needs of our workforce;
    - base pay and incentive compensation programs are designed to reflect the appropriate mix of base and incentive pay in the relevant markets;
    - compensation programs are intended to encourage employee/team innovation and creativity in the achievement of results that support the fundamental objectives of the Company;
    - compensation programs are designed to support career development. facilitate the promotion of effective, talented people from within, and help recruit highly qualified people from outside the organization;
    - incentive compensation programs are based on operational performance measures that improve the services we provide;
    - compensation programs are reviewed annually to ensure programs are current, results-oriented, cost-effective, and internally equitable with pay differentiation for levels of performance;
    - benefit programs are designed to be, among other things, available to help protect employees and their families financially in the event of a serious illness, injury, disability, or death, and should also provide costand tax-effective capital accumulation options; and

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- compensation and benefit programs comply with all applicable laws and
   regulations.
- These fundamentals comprise Oncor's Total Rewards philosophy.
- 4 Q. WHAT IS ONCOR'S TARGETED COMPENSATION POSITION IN RELATION TO THE MARKET?
- A. Oncor's base salaries continue to be targeted around the median (50<sup>th</sup> percentile) of the appropriate market with incentive opportunities that could bring total cash compensation to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile or above, based on individual and Company performance.
- 10 Q. HOW DOES ONCOR DETERMINE WAGES AND BENEFITS?
- The Oncor compensation team conducts market assessments each year to 11 Α. 12 determine the competitiveness of Oncor's compensation programs against 13 utility/energy services companies and general industry companies. The 14 process begins with the completion of independent salary surveys covering 15 a broad array of functional areas within Oncor. Upon receipt of the completed survey information from multiple surveys from third-party 16 17 organizations and consulting firms such as World at Work, Aon Hewitt 18 Associates, Willis Towers Watson, Mercer, and Southwest Human 19 Resources Group, an analysis is conducted of competitive market information in relation to Oncor benchmark positions. The analysis includes 20 21 market data for planned and actual salary increases from salary benchmark 22 surveys for companies in the utility/energy services and general industry 23 segments. This data is used by the compensation team in establishing 24 merit budget and salary structure movement recommendations. 25 analysis of the market data results in the following information:
  - actual base salary and total cash compensation in comparison to market median (50<sup>th</sup> percentile) for Oncor benchmark positions. This index is an indicator of how Oncor's current pay compares to market levels;

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- actual midpoint base salary to market (50<sup>th</sup> percentile) base pay for
   Oncor benchmark positions. This index is an indicator of how the Oncor salary structures compare to market; and
- short-term incentive practices by pay grade.
- Based on this information, the compensation team establishes a recommendation for the following:
- base salary structure movement;
- merit increase budget; and
- short-term incentive program updates (if necessary).
- 10 Those recommendations are presented to the HR leadership team, who 11 reviews the recommendations in detail. If HR leadership agrees with the 12 recommendations proposed by the compensation team, 13 recommendations are presented to Company management for 14 consideration and approval.
- 15 Q. HOW OFTEN ARE WAGES AND BENEFITS REVIEWED AND 16 ADJUSTED?
- A. Company management reviews compensation programs on an annual basis as outlined above. Changes and adjustments to the benefit programs are less frequent than for the compensation programs. Cost and competitiveness of the benefit programs are reviewed periodically by the Total Rewards team. No significant adjustments to the current benefit plan designs are contemplated at this time, other than those that may be required by law.
- Q. HOW DOES ONCOR ENSURE THAT WAGES AND BENEFITS ARE SETAT APPROPRIATE LEVELS?
- 26 A. Oncor relies on the market assessments I discussed above. Those market assessments determine the competitiveness of Oncor's compensation and benefit programs against appropriate market segments and peer

- companies. Oncor targets the market-median levels of compensation for its workforce.
- Q. DOES ONCOR USE ANY THIRD-PARTY INFORMATION OR
   BENCHMARKING TO ENSURE THAT WAGES AND BENEFITS ARE SET
   AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS?
- A. Yes. As I mentioned earlier, Oncor uses an analysis of third-party benchmark salary and benefit data to determine salary and benefit program designs. Salary benchmark surveys focus on participants in the utility/energy services and general industry segments.
- 10 Q. DO ONCOR EMPLOYEES RECEIVE INCENTIVE COMPENSATION?
- 11 Α. Yes, most non-executive Oncor employees are eligible to participate in the 12 Company's Performance Enhancement Plan ("PEP"). PEP is an annual incentive program that rewards employees when performance goals are 13 14 achieved. Payout is based on actual performance results compared with 15 established operational performance metrics and is subject to an individual 16 performance modifier. The performance metrics include multiple levels of 17 achievement corresponding to different award opportunities, which are 18 established at the Company level. Each year, Company management 19 develops a scorecard with specific operational performance metrics, such 20 as safety, reliability, operational efficiency (determined as operation and 21 maintenance expense and sales, general and administrative expense on a 22 cost per customer basis to promote lower rates for customers by keeping 23 expenses low), and infrastructure readiness (measured by a metric based 24 on capital expenditures per three year average kW peak). The operational 25 metrics on the scorecard may be weighted at different levels. Actual results. 26 as compared to the metrics on the scorecard, are used by Company 27 management to determine the ultimate funding and payout levels in the 28 aggregate.

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1	Target annual incentive awards for non-executive employees can
2	range from 5% to 40% of base salary. For the 2021 Plan Year (payouts in
3	March 2022), Oncor paid out approximately \$46.4 million for the PEP
4	program.

- 5 Q. HOW DOES THE PAYOUT FOR THE 2021 PLAN YEAR COMPARE WITH 6 AVERAGE EXPECTED PAYOUTS?
- 7 A: The actual payout for the 2021 Plan Year was based on our scorecard 8 weighting of safety, reliability, operational efficiency and infrastructure 9 readiness. Oncor's performance is then measured against the threshold for funding, the target, superior, or aspirational performance measures. For 10 11 the 2021 plan year, Oncor performed well against each of the operational 12 performance goals, and the PEP payouts were made at the 127.4% level, 13 which equates to exceeding Oncor's threshold levels. Over time, it is 14 expected that the PEP payout will average about 120% of the base annual 15 incentive level.
- 16 Q: HAS ONCOR'S INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN CHANGED SINCE
  17 THE COMPANY'S LAST BASE-RATE CASE?
  - Yes. Oncor's PEP incentive compensation plan for non-executives has changed since the last base-rate case (Docket No. 46957) that was filed in 2017. Effective as of January 1, 2020, Oncor updated certain aspects of the PEP program to reflect changes in nomenclature and administration of the program. Before January 1, 2020, Oncor's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("EBITDA") was considered in determining overall funding for the incentive program. Since the modification of the PEP program, the considerations are safety, reliability, operational efficiency and infrastructure readiness, without taking into account EBITDA. The incentive compensation plan continues to clearly and closely align the incentive compensation that is paid to employees with the achievement of clearly defined operational performance goals. For example, the operations and

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1	maintenance ("O&M") and other support, general, and administrative
2	("SG&A") goal is measured on a per-customer basis so that any associated
3	incentive compensation that is paid out is more directly a function of
4	Company operational efficiencies that are achieved. This measure of
5	operational efficiencies does not take into account the financial
6	performance of the Company.

- 7 Q. IS ONCOR'S INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN REASONABLE AND NECESSARY?
- 9 A. Yes. The PEP incentive compensation plan continues to be based on operational criteria and is part of the overall compensation paid to Oncor employees. This type of compensation is necessary both to attract and retain the high-quality employees who are essential for Oncor to provide safe and reliable service to the public pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA"), the Commission's rules, and the Company's tariffs.
- Q. WHAT LEVEL OF COST WAS INCURRED BY ONCOR FOR LABOR AND
   BENEFITS DURING THE TEST-YEAR?
- 18 Α. During the test-year ended December 31, 2021, Oncor incurred more than 19 \$925.4 M in costs related to employee salaries, wages, and benefits. As 20 shown in the Company's RFP Schedules, the test-year level labor-related 21 cost is approximately \$603 M (as summarized on RFP Schedule \_II-D-3.4), 22 \$75.8 M of compensation other than standard compensation (as 23 summarized on RFP Schedule II-D-3.6), and \$246.5 M of general employee 24 benefit expense, which includes pension and other post-retirement 25 employee benefits (as summarized on RFP Schedules II-D-3.7 – 3.10).
- Q. WERE THE COSTS INCURRED BY ONCOR DURING THE TEST-YEAR
   FOR WAGES AND BENEFITS REASONABLE AND NECESSARY?
- 28 A. Yes. Oncor continues to have a highly experienced and skilled workforce.
  29 Whether those employees are directly involved in maintaining and operating

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Oncor's T&D system or work in the other business units that support the Company's functions, they are essential for Oncor to provide service to the public pursuant to the Commission's rules and the Company's tariffs. Oncor goes to great lengths, as I describe above, to ensure that the wages and benefits provided to Oncor employees are set at appropriate levels. Accordingly, the cost associated with the wages and benefits paid by Oncor are reasonable and necessary. Adjustments to the test-year level of labor and labor-related costs, which are also reasonable and necessary, are discussed separately below.

### **B. Executive Compensation**

- 11 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE ONCOR'S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION 12 PROGRAM.
- 13 To attract and retain the executive leadership of the Company, Oncor's Α. 14 Board of Directors utilizes a compensation program for executives and is 15 advised by the executive compensation consulting firm of 16 PricewaterhouseCoopers. The executive compensation program is reviewed annually and includes base pay, annual incentive pay, long-term 17 incentive pay, and other benefits. 18
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- The program targets base pay at the median or 50<sup>th</sup> percentile considering peer and general industry companies.
- 22 Annual Incentive Pay
- In addition to a base salary that is market competitive, the program includes an annual incentive compensation opportunity, based on operational performance, through the Executive Annual Incentive Plan ("EAIP"). The EAIP is similar to the Company's PEP for non-executives. Under the EAIP, the final funding percentage for a plan participant is equal to the achieved operational funding percentage, unless the operational funding percentage is less than 50% or more than 150%, in which case the percentage will be

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50% or 150%, respectively. An individual executive's award will then be calculated using the target award, final funding percentage and any other performance modifiers applied by the Organization & Compensation Committee ("O&C Committee") of the Oncor Board of Directors. The performance metrics for EAIP are identical to PEP, but the targeted bonus percentages are higher, putting more pay at risk, and the individual performance modifiers applied by the O&C Committee have a wider range, also putting more pay at risk. For the test-year ended December 31, 2021, Oncor paid out approximately \$6.16 million for the EAIP program in March, 2022.

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Long-term incentive pay is a necessary component of the Company's executive compensation program to continue to successfully attract, retain, and motivate executives and key employees who are committed to and capable of supporting Oncor's provision of safe and reliable service to the public consistent with the requirements of PURA, the Commission's rules, and Oncor's tariffs. Beginning in 2013, the long-term, performance-based, at-risk portion of executive compensation has been provided through the Oncor Long-Term Incentive Program ("LTIP"). Oncor executives and other key employees are eligible to participate, and target awards are set based on market data of Oncor's industry peers. The LTIP operational performance metrics are similar to EAIP and PEP, but are cumulative over a three-year period. For example, awards paid in March 2022 cover operational performance over 2019, 2020 and 2021. For performance periods starting in 2020 or later, awards under the LTIP are calculated based on an individual's target award opportunity and Oncor's level of achievement of certain weighted performance goals, as adjusted by any modifiers set by the O&C Committee. The LTIP calculates these awards based solely on the performance metrics established by the O&C

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Committee each year relating to operational performance, namely safety and reliability, and an adjustment for growth in net income. The final funding percentage under the LTIP will equal the weighted performance goal percentage, unless the weighted performance goal percentage is less than 50% or more than 150%, in which case the percentage will be 50% or 150%, respectively. Under the LTIP, an individual's final award is calculated as his or her target opportunity amount, as specified in the award agreement, multiplied by the final funding percentage.

### Other Benefits

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- Oncor executives are eligible for all other benefits of a regular employee and are also eligible to participate in the Oncor Salary Deferral Program, as are non-officers at or above a specified pay grade with a qualifying minimum annual salary established each year. Officers are also eligible for Executive Financial Counseling and an Executive Annual Physical Examination.
- 15 Q. WHAT ARE THE REASONS THAT THE LTIP TAKES NET INCOME
  16 GROWTH INTO ACCOUNT IN CALCULATING AWARDS?
- 17 Α. The LTIP uses net income growth over a three-year period as a component in calculating long term incentive compensation awards to align our financial 18 19 performance with our investors" expectations. Oncor is making significant 20 capital investments to serve the growing infrastructure needs of Texas, and 21 its investors expect growth in net income as they fund these investments. 22 Since this component is structured as an adder, the overall impact on the 23 total award is small relative to the other two operational performance metrics. Incorporated in this way, management's focus on growth is 24 25 balanced with our continued ability to perform on key operational metrics.
- 26 <u>Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans</u>
- 27 Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE ANY OTHER BENEFIT PLANS THAT HAVE 28 CHANGED SINCE LAST REVIEWED BY THE COMMISSION?

1	Α.	Yes. Effective January 1, 2018, Oncor established a second other
2		postemployment benefits plan ("OPEB"), the Shared Retiree Welfare Plan,
3		to cover eligible retirees of Oncor and Vistra Energy whose employment
4		services were assigned to both Oncor (or a predecessor regulated utility
5		business) and the non-regulated business of Vistra Energy. Participants in
6		the Shared Retiree Welfare Plan are known as "Shared Retirees." The
7		Shared Retiree Plan is further described in the direct testimony of Company
8		witnesses Mr. Alan S. Taper and Mr. Kevin R. Fease.

- 9 Q. WHY DID ONCOR ESTABLISH THE SHARED RETIREE WELFARE 10 PLAN?
- 11 A. Because the non-regulated businesses were spun off to a separate 12 company now known as Vistra Energy. Shared Retirees could no longer 13 participate in the current Oncor Retiree Welfare Plan. Therefore, Oncor 14 established the Shared Retiree Welfare Plan.
- Q. WHY COULDN'T SHARED RETIREES PARTICIPATE IN THE ONCOR
   RETIREE WELFARE PLAN AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2017?
- 17 Α. Vistra Energy was no longer affiliated with Oncor after its spin off on October 3, 2016. Therefore, participation of Vistra Energy employees in the Oncor 18 19 Retiree Welfare Plan after December 31, 2017 would have caused that plan 20 to be considered a multi-employer welfare arrangement ("MEWA") under 21 applicable Department of Labor ("DOL") requirements. The Oncor Retiree 22 Welfare Plan did not comply with the DOL MEWA requirements so a 23 separate DOL-compliant plan, the Shared Retiree Welfare Plan, was 24 created.
- 25 Q. WHAT DOL REQUIREMENTS DID THE ONCOR RETIREE WELFARE PLAN NOT SATISFY?
- 27 A. The Oncor Retiree Welfare Plan is self-funded for health care coverage, 28 which is a common practice for larger employers like Oncor. However, 29 MEWAs that are self-funded are subject to state insurance laws and must

- satisfy additional requirements which would be burdensome for Oncor.
- Therefore, the Shared Retiree Welfare Plan was established as a fully
- 3 insured plan in order to comply with state insurance laws and satisfy the
- 4 DOL requirements.
- 5 Q. ARE THE COVERAGE PROVISIONS OF THE SHARED RETIREEE
- 6 WELFARE PLAN THE SAME AS THE ONCOR RETIREE WELFARE
- 7 PLAN?

- 8 A. No. While the fully insured coverage of the Shared Retiree Welfare Plan is
- 9 very similar to the Oncor Retiree Welfare Plan coverage, Oncor was unable
- to exactly replicate the coverage under a fully insured arrangement.

### C. Labor and Labor-Related Adjustments

- 12 Q. IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TEST-
- 13 YEAR LEVEL OF LABOR AND LABOR-RELATED COSTS?
- 14 A. Yes. Based on the annual market assessment that I discussed above.
- Oncor management has determined that the test-year level of employment
- 16 compensation expense is no longer representative of the current costs of
- labor and that it should be adjusted to remain market-competitive. Thus,
- for the Company to be able to continue to successfully attract, retain, and
- motivate employees who are committed to and capable of supporting
- 20 Oncor's provision of safe and reliable service to the public consistent with
- 21 the requirements of PURA, the Commission's rules, and Oncor's tariffs,
- Oncor is requesting a post-test-year adjustment to account for a 3% general
- base salary increase for Craft employees, a 3.5% general base increase for
- 24 employees in the Technician and Non-Exempt Supervisor salary plans that
- became effective at the end of 2021, and a 3.5% general base salary
- increase that became effective in March 2022 for all other employees.
- 27 Company witness Mr. W. Alan Ledbetter addresses this adjustment in more
- detail in his direct testimony.

This known and measurable adjustment accounts for actual increases in labor expenses to ensure Oncor's compensation programs remain competitive against appropriate market segments and peer companies. Accordingly, I agree with and support Mr. Ledbetter's adjustment because these additional costs are reasonable and necessary to allow the Company to continue its high level of service and meet its regulatory obligations.

### VI. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- 9 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY.
  - A. In my leadership role for Oncor's HR organization, I ensure that Oncor's compensation and benefit philosophy is aligned with the Company's objective to recruit and retain highly qualified personnel. Oncor utilizes compensation and benefits to manage, reward, and recognize employee performance and development against established goals. Oncor regularly benchmarks its compensation and benefit offerings against the market and receives market assessments from outside consultants to ensure that the compensation metrics and benefit plans it offers are aligned with utility and energy services industry segments. In summary, Oncor's overall labor expense philosophy and its labor expenses, including the associated known and measurable adjustment, as included in the Company's cost of service are reasonable and necessary for the provision of service to the public.
- 22 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?
- 23 A. Yes.

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### **AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS

**BEFORE ME,** the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Angela Y. Guillory, who, having been placed under oath by me, did depose as follows:

My name is Angela Y. Guillory. I am of legal age and a resident of the State of Texas. The foregoing direct testimony and attached exhibit offered by me is true and correct, and the opinions stated therein are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate, true and correct.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME by the said Angela Y. Guillory

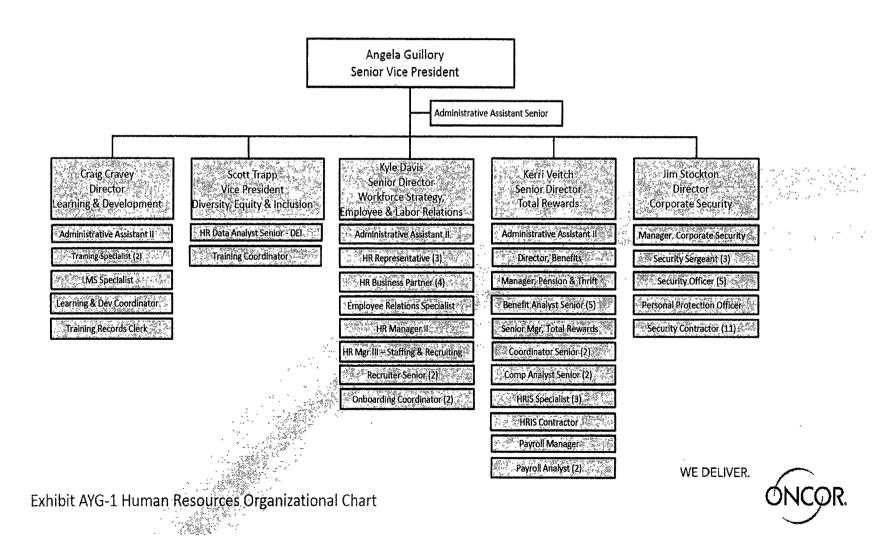
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Ms. Guillory has no supporting workpapers for her direct testimony.

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### **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF BONNIE L. CLUTTER** 1 2 I. POSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND CURRENT 3 Q. 4 EMPLOYMENT POSITION. 5 My name is Bonnie L. Clutter. My business address is 1616 Woodall Α. 6 Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75202. I am the Assistant Controller at 7 Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor" or "Company"). PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND 8 Q. 9 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE. 10 I graduated from Baylor University in August 1997 with a Bachelor of Α. 11 Business Administration degree in Accounting and a Masters degree in 12 Business Administration. In 1997, I began my career at Texas Utilities 13 Services, Inc. where I worked in various accounting departments, including 14 corporate accounting and tax accounting. In 2002, I became an Accounting 15 Specialist for Oncor, supporting transactional accounting functions, monthly financial analysis, internal reporting, and external reporting. In 2012, I 16 17 became the Tax Accounting Manager where I was responsible for managing the federal, state, and local tax accounting and compliance 18 19 functions for Oncor. I started in my current role as Assistant Controller in 20 September 2021.

- 21 Q. DO YOU HOLD ANY PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS?
- 22 A. Yes. I am licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Texas.
- 23 Q. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ANY PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS?
- 24 A. Yes. I am a member of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.
- 25 Q. WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN YOUR CURRENT POSITION?
- 26 A. As Assistant Controller, I manage Oncor's Corporate Accounting
- organization which includes general accounting, property accounting,
- 28 accounts receivables and payables, revenue accounting, and tax
- 29 accounting. These organizations are responsible for ensuring that financial
- information is recorded and reported in accordance with generally accepted

1		accounting principles ("GAAP"). Additionally, the Corporate Accounting
2		organization is responsible for seeing that the books and records of Oncor
3		are maintained in a manner consistent with sound regulatory policies and
4		procedures reflecting compliance with rules established, and regulatory
5		orders issued, by the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission")
6		and other regulatory bodies.
7	Q.	HAVE YOU EVER SUBMITTED TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
8		COMMISSION?
9	A.	Yes, I have pre-filed testimony in Docket Nos. 38929, 39552, 41814, 46957,
10		48231, 48325, 49427, 49721, 50734 and 51996.
11		II. PURPOSE OF DIRECT TESTIMONY
12	Q.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?
13	A.	The purpose of my direct testimony is to:
14		• Describe and support the amount and functional assignment of ad
15		valorem taxes, payroll taxes, state taxes, and municipal franchise fees
16		included in Oncor's cost of service;
17		Describe and support the amount and functional assignment of federal
18		income tax ("FIT") expense included in Oncor's cost of service;
<sub>(</sub> 19		• Support the amount of accumulated deferred federal income taxes
20		("ADFIT") for the test year by function; and
21		Support the amount and functional assignment of tax-related regulatory
22		assets and liabilities for Oncor.
23		I sponsor Rate Filing Package ("RFP") Schedules II-E-2, and II-E-2.1
24		related to taxes other than federal income taxes, and the associated
25		workpapers ("WPs"). I sponsor RFP Schedules II-E-3 through II-E-3.24
26		related to FIT, and the associated WPs. I also co-sponsor RFP Schedules
27		II-B-11 and II-B-12, related to other rate base items and regulatory assets,
28		respectively.
29		This testimony, my exhibits, and the schedules and WPs mentioned
30		above were prepared under my direction, supervision, or control and are

1 true and correct. My testimony is organized consistent with the topics set 2 forth above. WITH RESPECT TO FUNCTIONAL ASSIGNMENT, WHAT ARE THE 3 Q. 4 **FUNCTIONS TO WHICH YOU REFER?** 5 The following are the five regulated business functions defined by the Α. 6 applicable RFP instructions: 7 Transmission ("TRAN"); 8 Distribution ("DIST"); 9 Transmission and Distribution Utility Metering System Services 10 ("MET"); 11 Transmission and Distribution Utility Billing System Services 12 ("TBILL"); and Transmission and Distribution Utility Customer Services ("TDCS"). 13 14 Oncor combines the TBILL and TDCS functions into one category labeled 15 TDCS which represents the customer charge. Also, to provide 16 transparency, additional sub-functions within TRAN and DIST have been 17 included to separately present the amounts related to Oncor Electric Delivery Company NTU LLC ("Oncor NTU"). As discussed in Company 18 19 witness Mr. W. Alan Ledbetter's direct testimony, Oncor has assigned costs to these regulated business functions by either direct assignment or 20 21 allocation by a functionalization factor. 22 III. AD VALOREM TAX 23 PLEASE EXPLAIN THE AMOUNT OF AD VALOREM TAX EXPENSE Q. RECORDED DURING THE TEST YEAR. 24 25 Α. Ad valorem taxes are assessed by taxing authorities on a calendar year 26 basis using the prior year-end assessed value of the Company's tangible 27 property and the appropriate tax rates. These tax rates are established 28 locally by the various taxing jurisdictions. The ad valorem tax expense 29 recorded during the test year is based on the property in service at 30 December 31, 2020, at the rates established during the 2021 test year.

1	Q.	HAVE YOU MADE ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL OF
2		AD VALOREM TAX EXPENSE?
3	A.	Yes. Ad valorem tax expense has been adjusted to accurately reflect the
4		amount of ad valorem taxes Oncor will pay related to utility property on the
5		books at December 31, 2021. I have excluded any expense recorded or
6		the books during the test year that relates to prior periods. I have also
7		excluded the expense recorded on the books related to nonutility property.
8		In addition, I have adjusted for property additions and retirements that
9		occurred during the test year. The adjusted test-year ad valorem tax
10		expense is presented on Schedule II-E-2 of the RFP.
11	Q.	HAVE YOU ASSIGNED THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF AD VALOREM
12		TAX TO THE REGULATED BUSINESS FUNCTIONS OF ONCOR FOR
13		THE TEST YEAR?
14	A.	Yes.
15	Q.	PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU DETERMINED THE ASSIGNMENT OF AD
16		VALOREM TAX TO EACH FUNCTION FOR THE TEST YEAR.
17	A.	As shown on RFP Schedule II-E-2, I have assigned the level of ad valorem
18		taxes to each function based on the ratio of each function's net plant
19		investment using the functionalization factor Net Plant in Service, PLTSVC-
20		N. Functionalization factors are presented on RFP Schedule II-F.
21		IV. <u>PAYROLL TAX</u>
22	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE THE VARIOUS PAYROLL-RELATED TAXES THAT
23		ONCOR PAYS.
24	A.	Oncor, like most employers, is required by state and federal law to pay Old
25		Age Survivor Disability Insurance ("OASDI") or "Social Security", Medicare
26		taxes (together OASDI and Medicare are often referred to as "FICA" taxes),
27		federal unemployment taxes ("FUTA"), and state unemployment taxes
28		("SUTA"). Oncor's payroll tax expense, by type of payroll tax, is presented

on RFP Schedule II-E-2.

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HOW IS ONCOR'S FICA TAX EXPENSE DETERMINED?

- 1 A. Oncor's FICA taxes consist of two components OASDI tax and Medicare
- 2 tax. For the test year, the employer's portion of the combined FICA tax rate
- 3 was 7.65%. The OASDI tax rate of 6.2% was levied against the first
- 4 \$142,800 of each employee's earnings in the test year. The Medicare tax
- 5 rate of 1.45% was levied against every dollar of each employee's earnings
- 6 in the test year.
- 7 Q. HOW IS ONCOR'S FUTA EXPENSE DETERMINED?
- 8 A. The net effective federal unemployment tax rate, as determined by the
- 9 Internal Revenue Service, was 0.6% for 2021. This rate was levied against
- the first \$7,000 of each employee's earnings in the test year.
- 11 Q. HOW IS ONCOR'S SUTA EXPENSE DETERMINED?
- 12 A. The state unemployment tax rate, or experience rate, as provided by the
- Texas Workforce Commission, was 0.61% for 2021 and will continue at
- 14 0.61% for 2022. This rate was levied against the first \$9,000 of each
- employee's earnings in the test year.
- 16 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE ADJUSTED PAYROLL TAX EXPENSE
- 17 AMOUNTS WERE DETERMINED.
- 18 A. The test-year amounts show the actual level of payroll tax expense
- recorded. The adjusted payroll tax expense was determined by applying
- 20 payroll tax effective rates to the adjusted labor expense. The payroll tax
- 21 adjustment is presented on WP/II-E-2/4. The payroll tax effective rates
- were calculated for each type of payroll tax by dividing the test-year level of
- payroll tax expense by the test-year level of O&M labor dollars. This
- 24 adjustment is necessary so that the payroll tax expense being requested is
- 25 reflective of the amount of tax the Company will pay on the amount of
- adjusted labor expense included in the test year. The payroll tax effective
- 27 rates are calculated on WP/II-E-2/4. Company witness Mr. Ledbetter
- provided the amount of test-year O&M labor dollars and the labor expense
- 29 adjustment.

1	Q.	HAVE YOU ASSIGNED THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF EACH
2		PAYROLL-RELATED TAX TO THE FUNCTIONS OF ONCOR FOR THE
3		TEST YEAR?
4	A.	Yes.
5	Q.	PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU DETERMINED THE ASSIGNMENT OF
6		PAYROLL-RELATED TAX TO EACH FUNCTION FOR THE TEST YEAR.
7	A.	As shown on RFP Schedule II-E-2, I have assigned the level of payroll taxes
8		to each function based on the Payroll, excluding Administrative and General
9		("A&G") Salaries functionalization factor, PAYXAG.
10		V. <u>TEXAS GROSS MARGIN TAX</u>
11	Q.	PLEASE EXPLAIN THE TEXAS GROSS MARGIN TAX.
12	A.	As part of the school finance revisions made in HB 1 in 2006, the Texas
13		Legislature enacted reforms to the Texas franchise tax system and replaced
14		it with a new tax system, referred to as the Texas Gross Margin Tax ("margin
15		tax"). In general, all business entities registered with the State of Texas
16		who are engaged in an active business pursuit are subject to the tax. The
17		margin tax applies to total taxable revenues minus the largest elected
18		deduction of:
19		a. cost of goods sold;
20		b. employee compensation; or
21		c. 30% of total taxable revenue.
22		Texas law, however, defines the transmission and delivery of electricity as
23		a service, making the cost of goods sold election unavailable for Oncor.
24		Therefore, because 30% of Oncor's total taxable revenue amounts to a
25		greater deduction than employee compensation, this is the method that
26		most beneficially applies to Oncor.
27	Q.	PLEASE EXPLAIN THE EFFECT OF THE TAX SHARING AGREEMENT
28		ON ONCOR'S REQUEST FOR MARGIN TAX.
29	A.	As I will discuss later in my direct testimony, a tax sharing agreement
30		("TSA") between Oncor and Energy Future Holdings Corp. ("EFH"), now
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1		known as Sempra Texas Holdings Corp. ("STH"), was executed on October
2		10, 2007, and amended and restated on November 5, 2008. Based on the
3		provisions of the TSA, Oncor's margin tax is calculated and recorded on the
4		books of the Company on a stand-alone basis.
5	Q.	HAS THE COMMISSION RULED ON ONCOR'S TREATMENT AS A
6		STAND-ALONE CORPORATION IN CALCULATING ITS MARGIN TAX
7		EXPENSE?
8	A.	Yes. In Finding of Fact Nos. 128D and 132A of its Order on Rehearing in
9		Docket No. 35717, the Commission ruled that Oncor's request for margin
10		tax recovery was reasonable and necessary and supported Oncor's
11		position that its margin tax expense should be calculated on a stand-alone
12		basis. The Texas Supreme Court upheld the Commission's use of the
13		stand-alone methodology in Docket No. 35717 with respect to Oncor's FIT
14		expense.
15	Q.	WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MARGIN TAX INCLUDED IN
16		ONCOR'S COST OF SERVICE?
17	A.	The Company's total margin tax expense for the test year is shown on RFP
18		Schedule II-E-2. This amount reflects Oncor's tax liability per the TSA with
19		STH as applied to the Company's test year cost of service. The calculation
20		supporting Oncor's margin tax expense included in cost of service is
21		presented on WP/II-E-2/3.
22	Q.	PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU DETERMINED THE ASSIGNMENT OF
23		MARGIN TAX TO THE FUNCTIONS FOR THE TEST YEAR.
24	A.	Because the margin tax is a revenue-based tax, each function's margin tax
25		expense is calculated based on its share of total cost of service as provided
26		to me by Company witness Mr. Ledbetter.
27		VI. MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FEES
28	Q.	PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW ONCOR'S MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FEES ARE

DETERMINED.

- 1 Α. Under Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") § 33.008, Oncor pays 2 municipalities a fee for the use of their streets, alleys, and public ways. 3 While this charge is now set out in PURA, previously the amounts paid were set out in the utility's franchise and thus are often referred to as "municipal 4 franchise fees," a short-hand term I use for convenience. Pursuant to PURA 5 6 § 33,008(b), municipal franchise fees are based on a cents per kilowatt-7 hour ("kWh") charge on all retail kWh delivered within municipalities. The per-kWh rate varies from city to city. The rate for each city is based upon 8 9 its franchise fee revenues for calendar year 1998 divided by the kilowatt-10 hours delivered to retail customers in that city during 1998, as adjusted in 11 accordance with each city's franchise agreement, including amendments, 12 pursuant to PURA § 33.008(f). Additionally, in accordance with each city's 13 franchise agreement with the Company, Oncor pays a 4% franchise fee on 14 revenues from certain discretionary services performed for customers within the municipality. 15
- 16 Q. HAVE YOU MADE ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TEST-YEAR AMOUNT17 OF MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FEES?
- 18 A. Yes. There are two adjustments to the municipal franchise fees. First, the
  19 municipal franchise fees have been adjusted based on adjusted test-year
  20 kWh deliveries. And second, there is an adjustment to the franchise fees
  21 paid on discretionary services.
- Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO THE TEST-YEAR AMOUNT
   OF MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FEES BASED ON TEST-YEAR KWH
   DELIVERIES.
- A. The amount of municipal franchise fees has been adjusted based on the weather and customer-adjusted billed kWh included in the test year as addressed by Company witness Mr. Darryl E. Nelson. This adjustment is necessary to accurately reflect the amount of kWh-based municipal franchise fees the Company will be obligated to pay based on the expected level of kWh deliveries. To make this adjustment, I first calculated an

- average franchise fee factor based on each city's franchise fees and kWh delivered during the test year. I then applied the average factor to the adjusted kWh franchise fee basis, which is reflective of adjusted kWh deliveries during the test year. This calculation is presented on WP/II-E-2/6.
- Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO THE TEST YEAR MUNICIPAL
   FRANCHISE FEES BASED ON DISCRETIONARY SERVICES.
- 8 Α. The amount of municipal franchise fees has been adjusted based on the 9 adjustment to discretionary service revenue. This adjustment is necessary 10 because a higher or lower level of discretionary revenue will result in a 11 correspondingly higher or lower level of municipal franchise fees. To make 12 this adjustment, I calculated a municipal franchise fee effective tax rate by 13 dividing the adjusted test-year municipal franchise fees for discretionary 14 services by the test-year billed discretionary charges. I then applied this 15 effective tax rate to the adjusted test year discretionary revenue. This 16 calculation is presented on WP/II-E-2/6.
- Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU DETERMINED THE APPROPRIATE
   ASSIGNMENT OF MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FEES TO EACH FUNCTION
   FOR THE TEST YEAR.
- 20 Under PURA § 33.008(a) and (b), municipalities are authorized to assess Α. 21 the municipal franchise fee on a transmission and distribution utility that 22 "provides distribution service within the municipality," as a charge based on 23 "each kilowatt hour of electricity delivered by the utility to each retail 24 customer whose consuming facility's point of delivery is located within the 25 municipality's boundaries." Therefore, the distribution function is 26 responsible for the payment of the entire municipal franchise fee and has 27 been assigned this expense for the test year.
- 28 Q. WHAT IS THE TOTAL ADJUSTED MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FEE 29 EXPENSE FOR THE TEST YEAR?

- 1 A. The total adjusted municipal franchise fee expense is presented on
- 2 Schedule II-E-2 in the RFP. I have also included as Exhibit BLC-1 to my
- 3 direct testimony a list of municipal franchise fee factors by city.

## VII. INCOME TAX NORMALIZATION PRINCIPLES

- 5 Q. WHAT IS THE BASIS OF THE FIT CALCULATION IN THIS RFP?
- 6 A. The FIT expense presented in the RFP has been computed on a normalized
- basis in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code ("TAC") § 25.231(b)(1)(D),
- 8 which states that allowable expenses include federal income taxes on a
- 9 normalized basis according to the provisions of PURA § 36.060.
- 10 Q. WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERM "NORMALIZATION"?
- 11 A. Normalization is a method of calculating FIT expense using comprehensive
- 12 interperiod income tax allocation in a manner consistent with GAAP.
- 13 equitable ratemaking principles, and regulatory requirements. Under
- normalization, FIT expense included in the cost of service equals the
- statutory federal income tax rate (currently 21%) times the regulated book
- 16 income before taxes and then adjusted for certain items such as
- amortization of investment tax credits ("ITCs") and excess ADFIT (a term I
- will discuss later). In this manner, the fully normalized income tax expense
- is matched to the pre-tax revenue, income and expense recorded on the
- 20 books. The difference between fully normalized FIT expense and the
- amount of the current income tax liability related to those items actually
- reflected on the federal income tax return for the current year (in accordance
- with the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC")) is known as deferred federal
- income tax expense. The accumulated balance of deferred federal income
- 25 tax is known as ADFIT.

- 26 Q. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "NORMALIZED" FIT EXPENSE?
- 27 A. From a ratemaking perspective, normalization of income tax expense is the
- 28 method of calculating income tax expense or benefit for inclusion in the cost
- 29 of service that results in a "normal" level of income tax expense or benefit
- that matches (*i.e.*, is commensurate with) the level of revenues, income,

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and expenses included in cost of service (the determination of revenue requirements). The term normalization also has a specific meaning from an IRC perspective. From an IRC perspective, normalization refers to the process of recording deferred taxes on differences between book depreciation and tax depreciation using an accelerated depreciation method and life permitted under the IRC. Normalization for public utility property also applies to excess ADFIT. Finally, the concept relates to the manner in which ITCs are amortized for ratemaking purposes. Normalization for public utility property is important under the IRC because compliance is a condition for being able to claim accelerated depreciation and ITCs when determining current income taxes payable to the U.S. Treasury. From a GAAP perspective, specific accounting principles relating to recording current and deferred income taxes are set forth in the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 740, Income Taxes.

- Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE THEORY AND CONCEPT OF
   NORMALIZATION DISCUSSED ABOVE AND THE RESULT OF
   NORMALIZATION.
- 19 The general theory of income tax normalization is that any revenue, income Α. 20 or expense transaction recorded on the books, has a related tax cost or 21 benefit and that tax cost or benefit should be recognized and classified 22 consistently with the revenue, income or expense transactions that caused 23 that tax effect. Simply put, income taxes do not have an independent 24 existence of their own. Instead, recording revenues or income gives rise to 25 income tax obligations and recording expenses gives rise to income tax 26 As such, income tax expense applicable to regulated deductions. 27 operations should be based on the tax impacts of revenues, income, 28 expenses, and investments included in the determination of revenue 29 requirements. The corollary is that cost of service should not include the 30 income tax effects of transactions engaged in by other companies, or the

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nonregulated operations or below the line activities within a single utility, unless the applicable revenues and expenses are included in the determination of revenue requirements as well. The components of income tax expense should include both a current expense (based on the estimated amount of income taxes that will be payable in the current period) and a deferred income tax expense (based on temporary differences between tax treatment and book treatment of specific items that will become payable or provide a tax benefit in the future when the temporary difference reverses). To do otherwise would be inconsistent with the matching and normalization concepts.

#### 11 Q. HOW ARE INCOME TAX LIABILITIES DEFERRED?

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Income tax liabilities may be deferred due to differences in methods of computing revenue, income, and expenses for ratemaking and accounting purposes on the one hand, and for income tax purposes as allowed by the IRC on the other. For example, for ratemaking and accounting purposes, the cost of a long-lived asset is capitalized and generally depreciated over its estimated useful life by using a systematic and rational (e.g., straight-For income tax purposes, however, the IRC provides line) method. accelerated depreciation methods and shorter recovery periods for the same long-lived asset, resulting in a higher tax deduction in the early years of the asset's life. Importantly, under either accounting and ratemaking or income tax purposes, total depreciation of the asset is limited to the cost of the asset. Thus, while in the early years, the depreciation tax deduction may exceed accounting and ratemaking depreciation expense (reducing the currently payable income tax liability/expense), in later years the level of annual depreciation expense used for ratemaking and accounting purposes will continue on a straight-line basis that exceeds the amount of depreciation used for income tax purposes. When this occurs, higher current taxes become due. This future tax payment is the settlement of the deferred tax liability that arose in an asset's early years when depreciation

for tax purposes was greater than depreciation for ratemaking and
accounting purposes. Because total depreciation is limited to the cost of
the asset, accelerated tax depreciation represents a temporary difference
between book income and tax income and the resultant temporary deferral
of a tax liability. A utility may have numerous different temporary differences
between book income and tax income in addition to temporary differences
resulting from different book and tax depreciation methods. At each
balance sheet date, the amount of the income tax liability or tax benefit
related to temporary differences is shown as ADFIT. Generally, for
ratemaking purposes, the net balance of ADFIT is included as a rate base
component because the cash flow timing differences between book income
and tax income represent cost-free capital supplied by the federal
government.

- 14 Q. ARE ALL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BOOK AND TAX TEMPORARY
  15 DIFFERENCES?
- 16 Α. No. There are some differences that do not reverse over time. These are 17 called permanent differences. A permanent difference is a revenue or 18 expense item that is reported on the tax return or on the books in one period 19 but will not reverse. An example of a permanent difference is meals and 20 entertainment expense. For book purposes, such expenses are reported 21 as expense, but under the IRC, only 50% of some meals and none of 22 entertainment expenses are deductible. The amount that is not deductible 23 is a permanent difference.
- Q. HOW ARE PERMANENT DIFFERENCES TREATED IN THE INCOMETAX CALCULATION?
- A. Permanent differences are either expenses that are never deductible or income that is exempt from taxation. Thus, deferred taxes are not required for such items. In the income tax calculation, permanent differences increase or decrease total FIT expense.

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- 1 Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT NORMALIZATION ACCOUNTING 2 REPRESENTS EQUITABLE RATEMAKING?
- 3 Α. Normalization accounting matches the tax consequences of transactions to the recognition of the transactions for ratemaking purposes. 4 This matching ensures the tax benefit associated with a given expense is 5 equitably spread over the entire period that the expense is included in the 6 7 utility's cost of service. On the other hand, non-normalized accounting, also 8 known as flow-through accounting, results in a mismatch of expenses and 9 tax benefits. In "flow-through" accounting and ratemaking, only current 10 income tax expense is permitted in the determination of revenue 11 requirements. Deferred taxes are not recorded. Under this method, the tax 12 benefit of the accelerated tax deduction "flows through" to customers as a reduction in the current income tax expense/liability included in the revenue 13 14 requirement of current customers. However, when the temporary difference reverses, higher current income tax occurs, but because there is no ADFIT 15 16 to offset the increase in current taxes, there is an increase in customer rates at that time. Flow-through accounting therefore treats current customers 17 18 and future customers differently, which is contrary to fair and equitable 19 ratemaking.
- 20 Q. WHAT SUPPORTS YOUR CONCLUSION THAT NORMALIZATION IS 21 REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION?
- A. 16 TAC § 25.231(b)(1)(D) requires that taxes be computed on a normalized basis.
- Q. DOES THE IRC ADDRESS THE SUBJECT OF NORMALIZATION ACCOUNTING AS APPLIED TO UTILITY RATEMAKING?
- 26 A. Yes. The IRC and the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("TCJA") contain guidance 27 that must be followed by regulatory commissions with respect to the use of 28 a normalization method for ratemaking purposes for certain accelerated tax 29 depreciation deductions, ITCs, and excess ADFIT caused by changes in

federal tax rates. As I will address later, the penalties for not complying with the normalization rules are quite severe.

To utilize accelerated depreciation for federal income tax purposes, Oncor must comply with the provisions found in prior IRC Section 167(I) and current IRC Sections 168(f)(2) and 168(i)(9). Fluctuations in the current income tax liability resulting from depreciation temporary differences must not reduce total regulated income tax expense (must not be flowed-through to current customers). Instead, the tax effects of the temporary differences must be retained on the balance sheet in the form of an ADFIT reserve that is used later to satisfy the higher income tax liabilities that will occur once the temporary differences reverse consistent with the treatment under ASC 740 (assuming no change in the statutory federal income tax rate).

For ITCs, the IRC provides guidance on the appropriate sharing of ITCs between customers and investors. Under the IRC election made by Oncor pursuant to IRC Section 46(f)(2), ITCs are deferred in the year realized and amortized as a reduction to FIT expense over the book lives of the related property, benefiting customers. The unamortized balance does not reduce rate base.

Excess ADFIT is the amount of net deferred taxes incurred on temporary differences when the corporate federal tax rate was other than the current rate of 21%. When the federal tax rate was changed from 35% to 21% with the passage of the TCJA, the balance of ADFIT that was provided at higher statutory tax rates became "excess" ADFIT. The TCJA contains guidance on the timing at which certain components of excess ADFIT can be reversed to reduce customer rates.

- Q. WHAT DOES THE IRC STATE WITH RESPECT TO RATEMAKING
   TREATMENT FOR THE ADFIT RESERVE?
- A. The IRC provides regulatory authorities permission to reduce rate base by the amount of ADFIT associated with certain book and tax temporary differences, primarily related to depreciation. This is because such ADFIT

- represents cost-free capital supplied by the federal government, upon which no return need be provided. The benefit of the cost-free capital associated with ADFIT is provided to customers through a reduction in rate base.
- 4 Q. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO COMPLY WITH THESE NORMALIZATION 5 RULES?
- 6 Α. A failure to satisfy the IRC's depreciation normalization requirements is 7 referred to as a normalization violation and would result in the regulated utility's loss of its ability to claim accelerated tax depreciation on its federal 8 9 income tax return. Were this to occur, the utility could only use straight-line 10 depreciation rates based on book lives on its income tax return. The loss 11 of the cost-free capital available as a result of the IRC's liberalized 12 depreciation allowances would increase financing costs (as any 13 replacement capital would have an associated cost), increase rate base due 14 to a reduction in ADFIT, and increase rates charged to customers.

The IRC also requires consistency in the assumptions used to determine tax expense, rate base, depreciation expense, and the reserve for deferred federal income taxes. A normalization violation would occur if a procedure or adjustment that is inconsistent with the normalization requirements is used for ratemaking purposes. An adjustment that uses an estimate or projection of tax expense, depreciation expense, or the reserve for deferred taxes required by the normalization rules, will be considered "inconsistent" unless the estimate is also used in determining the other items and in computing rate base.

- Q. HOW DO THE RING-FENCING REQUIREMENTS FROM DOCKET NOS.
   34077 AND 47675 AFFECT ONCOR'S NORMALIZED FIT EXPENSE?
- A. Oncor was required to conduct itself as a separate business to satisfy the commitments made in the final orders issued by the Commission in Docket Nos. 34077 and 47675. These commitments supported the ring-fencing requirements as ordered by the Commission.

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The TSA was executed to facilitate the ring-fencing. This TSA,
entered into on October 10, 2007, and amended and restated on November
5, 2008, stipulates that the tax liability of Oncor will be calculated on a stand-
alone basis as if Oncor were a corporation unrelated to STH, formally known
as EFH, or any of STH's affiliates for tax years beginning January 1, 2007.
Oncor normalizes its FIT expense, and the TSA is properly taken into
account in determining Oncor's normalized FIT expense. I will discuss the
TSA in more detail later in my direct testimony.

9 Q. DOES ONCOR'S REQUESTED FIT EXPENSE, AS SHOWN ON RFP
 10 SCHEDULE II-E-3, COMPLY WITH EQUITABLE RATEMAKING,
 11 ACCOUNTING, AND NORMALIZATION REQUIREMENTS?

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12 A. Yes. Normalization matches income tax expense with pretax book income. 13 The income tax expense and tax-related rate base items are only included in the revenue requirement determination to the extent the related 14 15 revenues, income, and expenses that caused the income tax effect are 16 included in the requested rates. In this manner, a fair and equitable result 17 is obtained. In summary, Oncor's requested FIT expense is matched to the 18 requested ratemaking net income, adjusted for permanent book/tax 19 differences for each regulated function. Ratemaking net income equals the 20 equity return on invested capital.

# VIII. DESCRIPTION OF FIT CALCULATION AND COMPONENTS

- 22 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE COMPONENTS OF THE CALCULATION OF FIT 23 EXPENSE AS SHOWN ON RFP SCHEDULES II-E-3.
- A. First, I will explain the nature of the components of the calculation of FIT as presented on RFP Schedule II-E-3. In addition, I will explain any adjustment to or elimination from any component for unusual and nonrecurring amounts included in the test year. In the next section of my testimony, I will explain the assignment of each normal and recurring component of the FIT calculation to the regulated business functions as prescribed by the RFP instructions.

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## Return

The amount of return on RFP Schedule II-E-3, line 3 in the Total Company column represents the after-tax operating income of Oncor. FIT for each of the functions for the test year has been determined as part of their individual revenue requirement determinations. The return is discussed in Company witness Mr. Ledbetter's direct testimony.

## Less: Synchronized Interest

Interest costs are deductible for income tax purposes. Synchronized interest on line 6 of RFP Schedule II-E-3 represents the amount of interest expense included in line 3, return on invested capital. For each dollar of interest the customer is charged in the return calculation, the customer receives the income tax benefit from the interest deduction associated with that dollar of return.

#### Less: ITC Amortization

Consistent with its election under former IRC Section 46(f)(2), Oncor is amortizing ITCs related to property included in rate base ratably over the book lives of such property as a reduction to tax expense (without reducing rate base). As shown on prior FIT returns, all ITCs that were generated in prior periods have been utilized. To comply with the normalization rules for ITCs, a known and measurable adjustment has been made so that the unamortized ITCs are amortized over the revised book lives of property requested in this case.

#### Less: Excess ADFIT Amortization

Excess ADFIT is the amount of deferred taxes incurred on temporary differences when the federal tax rate was higher than the current rate of 21%. When the federal tax rate was reduced from 35% to 21% by the TCJA, which was signed into law on December 22, 2017, the balance of deferred taxes that was in excess of the new, lower rate became "excess" ADFIT. Excess ADFIT is characterized as either "protected" or "non-protected", as described below. In Docket No. 48325, *Application of Oncor Electric* 

Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Decrease Rates Based on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, Oncor addressed its excess ADFIT balance and classification between protected and non-protected. Excess ADFIT is amortized as a benefit to income tax expense as the underlying temporary differences reverse (in the case of protected excess ADFIT) or a prescribed reversal period (in the case of non-protected excess ADFIT).

#### Amortization of Protected Excess ADFIT

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Protected excess ADFIT represents excess ADFIT attributable to certain property-related timing differences recorded in prior years when the corporate income tax rate was other than the current 21% rate. These certain timing differences result from accelerated depreciation methods and shorter recovery lives for income tax purposes as compared to the straightline method over a longer life for accounting and ratemaking purposes. The ratemaking treatment of deferred taxes related to these differences are statutorily determined to comply with the IRS normalization rules, hence the characterization of these excess deferred taxes as "statutory" or The adjusted amount on RFP Schedule II-E-3, line 8 "protected." represents the reversal of protected excess ADFIT for the test year using the Average Rate Assumption Method ("ARAM"). Section 13001(d) of the TCJA essentially "protects" the reversal of the statutorily required ADFIT originally established at rates higher than the statutory federal income tax rate of 21% by stating that the ADFIT reserves are not to be reduced more rapidly or to a greater extent than such reserve would be reduced under the ARAM. The ARAM reverses the ADFIT as the related temporary difference reverses (i.e., when book depreciation exceeds tax depreciation). A reversal of protected excess ADFIT faster than the ARAM would result in a normalization violation, which would preclude Oncor from claiming accelerated tax depreciation on its tax return in addition to requiring Oncor to remit to the IRS amounts that were returned to customers more rapidly than under the ARAM requirement.

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## Amortization of Non-protected Excess ADFIT

Non-Protected excess ADFIT represents un-reversed "excess" deferred taxes attributable to certain timing differences that originated when the corporate tax rate was higher than the current tax rate of 21% that are not protected under normalization provisions of the TCJA. These temporary timing differences primarily arise from the treatment of regulatory assets, employee retirement costs, and certain other financial events whereby the costs are deducted for income tax purposes but are capitalized and amortized or included in the cost of depreciable assets for book and ratemaking purposes. In accordance with the final order in Docket No. 48325, Oncor is presently amortizing its non-protected excess ADFIT over a 10-year period.

# Amortization of Excess ADFIT Reserve

Reserve accounting for any protected excess ADFIT amortization under the ARAM method that differs from the level of protected excess ADFIT amortization established in setting rates was ordered by the Commission in Docket No. 48325. The intent of the reserve mechanism is to track and return to or collect from ratepayers any amount accumulated in the reserve since the last rate proceeding over a reasonable period of time in the subsequent rate proceeding. I have tracked and reconciled the excess ADFIT amortization based on the ARAM and have reserved any amounts that differed from the level of protected excess amortization established in Docket No. 48325. I have included the excess ADFIT reserve amortization in the FIT calculation on RFP Schedule II-E-3, line 10.

#### Less: Research and Development ("R&D") Tax Credit

The R&D tax credit presented on RFP Schedule II-E-3, line 11 is a tax credit taken in accordance with IRC Section 41 for qualified research expenses and payments made to energy research consortiums. The known and measurable adjustment reflects the exclusion of the FIN 48 reserve adjustment recorded on Oncor's books during the test year due to the

uncertainty that Oncor's claim for the tax credit will be accepted in its entirety by the IRS.

#### Less: Amortization of Organizational Expenditures

In November 2008, a third-party investor acquired a minority interest in Oncor, and Oncor became a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Expenditures made by the Company related to the formation of the partnership are capitalized and amortized, straight-line, over 15 years for federal income tax purposes. These expenditures are recorded into equity for book purposes and are therefore never reflected in net income. This creates a permanent difference for tax purposes, and the impact is reflected in the requested income tax expense on RFP Schedule II-E-3, line 12.

## Add: Depreciation Differences

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The depreciation differences amount presented on RFP Schedule II-E-3. line 17, accounts for the increase in the current tax liability for the portion of book depreciation that is not tax deductible and on which ADFIT is not available to be reversed through earnings. The adjustment accounts for certain timing differences that were flowed through in the years before Oncor's predecessors adopted full normalization. The reversal of previously flowed-through temporary differences increases current tax expense and, accordingly, increases revenue requirements in the year the differences reverse (i.e., when book depreciation exceeds tax depreciation). The depreciation difference adjustment also accounts for property costs that are never deductible for income tax purposes, such as book depreciation on the equity component of the Allowance for Funds Used During Construction ("AFUDC"), which is capitalized in construction work in process during the construction period but not included as taxable income. Add: Meals & Entertainment, Social Club Dues and Commuter Expenses The meals, entertainment, social club dues and commuter expense amounts shown on lines 18, 19 and 20 of RFP Schedule II-E-3 represent three permanent differences. The meals and entertainment amount arises

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1	from the IRC's permanent exclusion of 50% of some business meals and
2	100% of entertainment expenses as a tax-deductible expense. The social
3	club dues amount arises from the IRC's permanent exclusion of amounts
4	paid for employee memberships to social clubs. The commuter expense
5	amount arises from the IRC's permanent exclusion of certain transportation
6	fringe benefits and commuting expenses. An adjustment has been made
7	to remove the tax costs associated with the amount of social club dues.
8	Add: Employee Compensation Plans
9	The amount shown on line 21 of RFP Schedule II-E-3 represents the total
10	tax effect of the employee compensation plans. The majority of the
11	adjustment relates to adjustments to the cash surrender value of insurance
12	policies, which is not taxable income under tax law.
13	Add: FIN 48 Interest
14	The amount shown on line 22 of Schedule II-E-3 is for the interest accrued
15	on uncertain tax positions ("UTPs") which is recorded as tax expense on
16	Oncor's books. An adjustment has been made to remove the interest from
17	the calculation to represent the appropriate test-year level of tax expense.
18	Add: Prior Period Adjustments
19	The amount shown for the test year on line 23 of RFP Schedule II-E-3
20	represents tax adjustments for prior tax years. Prior year adjustments on
21	which deferred income taxes are not recorded are permanent increases or
22	decreases in FIT expense that are not eligible for inclusion in cost of service.
23	As such, these items have been removed from the calculation to represent
24	the appropriate test-year level of tax expense.
25	Multiplied by: Tax Factor
26	Because the return method, which is used on this schedule, starts with
27	return after federal income taxes, the tax factor is necessary to calculate the
28	tax component of the ratemaking equity return (after adjusting for the
29	previously listed differences). The tax factor of 26.58228% on line 26 of
30	RFP Schedule II-E-3 is calculated as the FIT rate divided by 1 minus the

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30		amortized using the ARAM, under which amounts are amortized over the
29	A.	As I previously described, the protected excess ADFIT is required to be
28		OF PROTECTED EXCESS ADFIT AMORTIZATION.
27	Q.	PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU DETERMINED THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL
26		expense as a known and measurable adjustment.
25		cost of service and has been adjusted out of the test-year level of FIT
24		expense. This amount has not been included in the tax calculation of the
23		Prior year adjustments are a permanent increase or decrease in FIT
22		Add: Prior Period Adjustments
21		level of FIT expense as a known and measurable adjustment.
20		calculation of the cost of service and has been adjusted out of the test-year
19		As discussed above, this amount has not been included in the tax
18		Add: FIN 48 Interest
17		revenue requirements in the year the differences reverse.
16		two differences increases current tax expense and, accordingly, increases
15		depreciation recorded on capitalized AFUDC equity. The reversal of these
14		that are never deductible for income tax purposes, such as book
13		Oncor's predecessors adopted full normalization, and (2) property costs
12		(1) certain timing differences that were flowed through in the years before
11		As I discuss above, the depreciation differences adjustment accounts for
10		Add: Depreciation Differences
9		all of which reduce tax expense.
7 8		<ul><li>(b) Excess ADFIT amortization, and</li><li>(c) R&amp;D Tax Credit,</li></ul>
6		(a) ITC amortization,
5		Amounts on lines 31 through 35 of RFP Schedule II-E-3 represent:
4		Less: Tax Credits  Arrayate on lines 34 through 35 of RED Schodule II E 3 represents
3		needed to generate \$1.00 of after-tax equity return.
2		an after-tax return. Simply stated, about \$1.27 of pre-tax equity return is
1		tax rate, or .21/.79. This ratio calculates the FIT expense associated with

remaining life of the plant to which the deferred taxes relate. Oncor uses the tax fixed asset solution, PowerTax, to track its tax depreciation and plant-related ADFIT. PowerTax is specifically designed for the utility industries and other asset-intensive companies. PowerTax tracks the reversals of timing differences normalized at rates different than the current corporate income tax rate and calculates the excess ADFIT reversal using the ARAM. The amount of protected excess ADFIT amortization shown on RFP Schedule II-E-3, line 8 is the test-year level of amortization as calculated using PowerTax. The known and measurable adjustment shown in column (g) represents (1) an adjustment to the amount of protected excess ADFIT amortization recorded on the books during the test year, which was based on an estimate and (2) the test-year level of protected excess ADFIT amortization related to plant recorded on the books of Oncor NTU.

- 15 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU DETERMINED THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL
  16 OF NON-PROTECTED EXCESS ADFIT AMORTIZATION.
  - Oncor requested in Docket No. 48325 that the non-protected excess ADFIT Α. be appropriately amortized over the same life as the reversal of the underlying temporary differences. However, Oncor agreed in a Commission-approved settlement of the docket to amortize the nonprotected excess ADFIT over 10 years. The amount of non-protected excess ADFIT included in Docket No. 48325 was an estimate. That amount has been adjusted to reflect the final reconciliation of tax year-end 2017 timing difference balances. I have included a level of non-protected excess ADFIT amortization based on the unamortized balance at the end of the test year over a five-year amortization period. The known and measurable adjustment shown in column (q) represents (1) an adjustment to the annual amortization due to the revised beginning balance and a shorter five-year amortization period, and (2) the amortization of Oncor NTU's non-protected excess ADFIT based on a five-year amortization period. The total amount

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- of non-protected excess ADFIT amortization for the test year is shown on RFP Schedule II-E-3, line 9.
- Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU DETERMINED THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL
   OF PROTECTED EXCESS ADFIT RESERVE AMORTIZATION.
- 5 Α. As I previously described, I have tracked and reconciled the excess ADFIT 6 amortization using the ARAM and have reserved any amounts that differed 7 from the level of protected excess amortization included in current rates. 8 The actual cumulative amount of Oncor's protected excess ADFIT 9 amortization as a result of TCJA is lower than the amount estimated in 10 Docket No. 48325 primarily due to the impact of retirements and cost of 11 removal on ADFIT reversals. I have also included the amount of protected 12 excess ADFIT reversal related to Oncor NTU in the reserve. As of the end 13 of the test year, the excess ADFIT reserve balance is \$8,044,643. I am 14 recommending a five-year amortization period for the excess ADFIT 15 reserve. This amortization period aligns with the amortization period of 16 other regulatory assets and liabilities. Additionally, due to unresolved 17 issues regarding the proper treatment of retirements as it relates to excess 18 ADFIT reversals, which I discuss later in my testimony, a shorter 19 amortization period is necessary to mitigate any potential normalization 20 I have included the excess ADFIT reserve amortization of issues. 21 \$1,608,929 as a known and measurable adjustment on RFP Schedule II-E-22 3, line 10.
- Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY IT IS APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE A KNOWN
  AND MEASURABLE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE EXCESS ADFIT
  AMORTIZATION RELATED TO ONCOR NTU.
- 26 A. Under the commitment reflected in the Docket No. 48929 final order, none of the excess ADFIT recorded for Oncor NTU as a result of TCJA has been amortized or otherwise reduced because current rates do not reflect any such amortization. As agreed by the parties and ordered by the Commission in Docket No. 48929, the amortization of Oncor NTU's excess

- ADFIT is included in this rate proceeding. Oncor NTU's protected excess
  ADFIT amortization is calculated using the ARAM and the non-protected
  ADFIT amortization is based on a five-year amortization period.
- 4 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TSA IN PLACE RELATED TO ONCOR.
  - As I previously mentioned, a TSA between EFH and Oncor was executed on October 10, 2007, and amended and restated on November 5, 2008. On March 9, 2018, Sempra Energy ("Sempra") acquired EFH and its approximately 80% ownership interest in Oncor. As part of the acquisition, EFH was renamed STH, and STH assumed the TSA without any modifications. STH is wholly owned by Sempra and is included in Sempra's consolidated tax return. Prior to 2007, the entities filing in the then-EFH consolidated return were allocated a portion of the consolidated liability based on their stand-alone taxable income in relation to the consolidated taxable income. To the extent that an affiliate generated a tax benefit that reduced the overall consolidated payment, the affiliate was compensated for the amount of benefit utilized by the consolidated group members. Beginning on November 5, 2008, when a 19.75% interest in Oncor was sold to an unrelated third-party investor, Oncor became a partnership for federal income tax purposes, ceased to be a member of EFH's consolidated group, became ineligible to file a tax return as part of the EFH consolidated group, and became treated as a separate tax entity. This tax treatment remained appropriate after Sempra's acquisition of EFH.

The TSA entered into on October 10, 2007 (and amended and restated on November 5, 2008), stipulates that the tax liability (not just taxable income) of Oncor will be calculated on a stand-alone basis as if Oncor were a corporation unrelated to STH, Sempra, or any of its affiliates for tax years beginning January 1, 2007. In effect, Oncor's tax liability under the TSA approximates the tax liability Oncor would owe to the applicable taxing authorities if income taxes were based on the revenues and deductions reflected on the consolidated income tax return attributable to

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- Oncor. The required Oncor tax payments since 2007 have been determined on this basis.
- Q. DID SEMPRA'S ACQUISITION OF EFH AND EFH'S MAJORITY
   OWNERSHIP OF ONCOR IN MARCH 2018 HAVE ANY IMPACT ON THE
   TSA OR ONCOR'S TAX TREATMENT?
- A. No. As I mentioned earlier, Sempra's acquisition of EFH did not change the TSA or Oncor's tax treatment. As part of the acquisition of EFH, STH assumed the TSA as written, and the TSA remained in place without any modification. Oncor is still treated as a stand-alone entity and remains a partnership for tax purposes.
- 11 Q. HAS THE COMMISSION RENDERED ANY DECISION AS TO THE 12 TREATMENT OF ONCOR'S TSA?
- 13 Yes. Although the Commission acknowledged that the TSA was not binding Α. 14 on its determination, it nonetheless held that "[i]t is appropriate to treat 15 Oncor as a stand-alone, conventional corporation for the purpose of 16 determining its tax expense," and "to determine Oncor's federal income tax 17 expense included in its revenue requirement as if it were a stand-alone, 18 conventional corporation." See Finding of Fact Nos. 128B-128F, Order on 19 Rehearing, Docket No. 35717. Based on this finding, the Commission 20 concluded that, as a matter of law, "[e]stablishing Oncor's federal tax expense as if it were a stand-alone conventional corporation will result in 21 22 rates that are just and reasonable." See Conclusion of Law ("COL") No. 23 19D, Order on Rehearing, Docket No. 35717. Further, the Commission 24 concluded that, as a matter of law, "[e]ven though Oncor is a pass-through 25 entity and not liable for federal income taxes, the Commission is required to 26 include an amount for such taxes in its cost of service." See COL No. 19C. 27 Order on Rehearing, Docket No. 35717, citing Suburban Utility Corp. v. 28 Public Utility Commission, 652 S.W.2d 358, 364 (Tex. 1983). 29 findings were upheld by the Texas Supreme Court in Oncor Electric Delivery 30 v. Public Utility Commission of Texas, 507 S.W.3d 706, 714-17 (Tex. 2017).

1	Q.	WHAT	IS	THE	APPROPRIATE	INCOME	TAX	RATE	UPON	WHICH
2		ONCOR	R'S	FIT E	XPENSE SHOUL	D BE BAS	ED?			

Oncor is currently, and was during the entire test year, a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Following the decision made by the Commission in Docket No. 35717, Oncor's FIT rate should be 21%, since that is the current rate at which a stand-alone, conventional corporation is required to pay. In addition, this is the rate Oncor is obligated to pay under the TSA. This is the appropriate amount that should be included in the computation of rates.

Even ignoring the TSA requirements and the Commission's previous findings that Oncor's FIT expense should be determined as if Oncor is a stand-alone, conventional corporation, the appropriate rate for determining Oncor's FIT expense would be 21%. For a "pass-through" entity like a partnership, utilities are allowed to recover the actual or potential tax liabilities of its owners. There are two partners who own Oncor, as follows:

- 80.25% ownership interest, STH, a Texas C corporation through its wholly-owned subsidiaries Sempra Texas Intermediate Holding Company LLC and Oncor Electric Delivery Holdings Company LLC, which are both Delaware limited liability companies; and
- 19.75% ownership interest, Texas Transmission Investment LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

Texas Transmission Investment LLC ("TTLLC") filed an election to be taxed as a C corporation on October 14, 2008. I have attached the Form 8832, Entity Classification Election that was filed with the IRS as Exhibit BLC-2. In addition, I have attached a tax organizational chart as my Exhibit BLC-3. Therefore, the 80.25% and the 19.75% ownership interests in Oncor, totaling 100%, are all taxable to corporations at the 21% statutory rate. Oncor has not only established that under the TSA its income is taxed at the 21% C corporation rate, it has also established that: (1) the STH and TTLLC ownership interests have an actual income tax obligation at rate of

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21%; and (2) Oncor has provided a reasonable measurement of that obligation.

## IX. ASSIGNMENT OF TEST-YEAR FIT BY FUNCTION

- Q. HOW DID YOU DETERMINE THE TEST-YEAR FIT EXPENSE FOR EACH
   OF THE REGULATED BUSINESS FUNCTIONS?
- 6 I determined FIT expense for each function as part of each function's test A. 7 year revenue requirement. I started with return on rate base for each 8 function, which was determined and provided to me by Company witness 9 Mr. Ledbetter. From this amount I deducted synchronized interest based on each function's rate base, amortization of ITCs, excess ADFIT 10 11 amortization, and other items for each function. I also added back meals 12 and entertainment, the depreciation differences adjustment, and other permanent items for each function. The assignment methodology of these 13 items to each function is shown in column I of RFP Schedule II-E-3. The 14 15 result of these deducts and addbacks to return on rate base is the taxable 16 component of the return for each function. Because the FIT expense 17 calculation starts with the calculated after-tax return, it is necessary to apply 18 the tax factor discussed above to the taxable component of the return to 19 determine federal income taxes before adjustments. ITCs and excess 20 deferred taxes (items that do not have a related taxable receipt or 21 deduction) are then deducted from the federal income taxes before 22 adjustments to determine total federal income taxes for each function.
- Q. HOW DID YOU ASSIGN THE TEST-YEAR COMPONENTS OF THE FIT
  CALCULATION YOU JUST DESCRIBED TO THE REGULATED
  BUSINESS FUNCTIONS?
- A. I have assigned the components of the test-year FIT calculation in accordance with the RFP instructions. The components of the test-year FIT calculation have either been:
  - directly assigned;

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1		<ul> <li>assigned based on other directly assigned costs or appropriate cost-</li> </ul>
2		causation principles; or
3		<ul> <li>assigned using a functionalization factor prescribed in RFP Schedule</li> </ul>
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5	Q.	HOW DID YOU ASSIGN ONCOR'S TEST-YEAR RETURN ON RATE
6		BASE TO THE FUNCTIONS?
7	A.	The return on rate base by function on line 3 of RFP Schedule II-E-3 was
8		provided by Company witness Mr. Ledbetter as described above and is
9		presented on RFP Schedule II-B.
10	Q.	HOW DID YOU ASSIGN THE SYNCHRONIZED INTEREST
11		COMPONENT OF ONCOR'S TEST-YEAR FIT CALCULATION TO THE
12		REGULATED BUSINESS FUNCTIONS?
13	A.	As presented on WP/II-E-3.3, synchronized interest has been directly
14		assigned to each function based on each function's total rate base
15		multiplied by the long-term debt component of the Company's requested
16		weighted average cost of capital.
17	Q.	HOW DID YOU ASSIGN THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL OF ONCOR'S
18		AMORTIZATION OF ITCS?
19	A.	The adjusted test-year level of ITC amortization has been directly assigned
20		to the TRAN and DIST functions based on each functions gross amount of
21		ITC multiplied by its respective life-only book depreciation rate.
22	Q.	HOW DID YOU ASSIGN THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL OF PROTECTED
23		EXCESS ADFIT AMORTIZATION?
24	A.	Because the protected excess ADFIT balance is entirely attributable to
25		using accelerated depreciation methods and shorter lives for income tax
26		purposes as compared to book purposes for fixed assets, the test-year level
27		of Oncor's and Oncor NTU's excess ADFIT amortization was assigned to
28		the functions based on the ratio of each function's net plant investment -

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functionalization factors PLTSVC-ONC and PLTSVC-NTU, respectively.

1	Q.	HOW DID YOU ASSIGN THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL OF NON-PROTECTED
2		EXCESS ADFIT AMORTIZATION?

- 3 The non-protected excess ADFIT balance is almost entirely attributable to Α. 4 book and tax temporary differences related to plant; therefore, the plant-5 related portion of the amortization was assigned to the functions based on 6 the ratio of each function's net plant investment for Oncor and Oncor NTU -7 functionalization factors PLTSVC-ONC and PLTSVC-NTU, respectively. 8 The remaining non-protected excess amortization that is not related to net 9 plant investment was directly assigned to the functions based on the 10 assignment of the underlying temporary difference giving rise to the excess 11 ADFIT.
- 12 HOW DID YOU ASSIGN THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL OF THE EXCESS Q. 13 ADFIT RESERVE AMORTIZATION?
- 14 Α. Because Oncor's excess ADFIT reserve balance is entirely attributable to 15 book and tax temporary differences related to fixed assets, the test-year 16 level of excess ADFIT reserve amortization was assigned to the functions 17 based on the ratio of each function's net plant investment – functionalization 18 factors PLTSVC-ONC for legacy Oncor and PLTSVC-NTU for Oncor NTU.
- HOW DID YOU ASSIGN THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL OF R&D TAX CREDIT? 19 Q. 20 Α. The test-year level of R&D tax credit was assigned to the functions based 21 on the ratio of each function's net plant investment for Oncor -22
- 23 Q. HOW DID YOU ASSIGN THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL OF AMORTIZATION

functionalization factor PLTSVC-ONC.

- 24 OF ORGANIZATIONAL EXPENDITURES TO THE FUNCTIONS?
- 25 Α. The adjusted test-year level of amortization associated with organizational 26 expenditures was assigned to the functions based on the ratio of each 27 function's total cost of service for legacy Oncor - functionalization factor 28 TCS ONC.

1	Q.	HOW DID YOU ASSIGN THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL OF DEPRECIATION
2		DIFFERENCES TO THE FUNCTIONS?
3	A.	Oncor's depreciation differences amount shown on line 17 of RFP Schedule
4		II-E-3 consists of the reversal of prior flow-through amounts and non-

- deductible AFUDC equity. All of Oncor's depreciation adjustment is assigned to the functions based on the ratio of each function's net plant investment – functionalization factor PLTSVC-ONC.
- Q. HOW DID YOU ASSIGN THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL OF MEALS AND
   ENTERTAINMENT TO THE FUNCTIONS?
- 10 A. Oncor's employees incur meals and entertainment expenses. Therefore, I
  11 have assigned the test-year level of the non-deductible portion of meals and
  12 entertainment costs to the functions based on payroll excluding A&G
  13 salaries functionalization factor PAYXAG.
- 14 Q. HOW DID YOU ASSIGN THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL OF COMMUTER 15 EXPENSES TO THE FUNCTIONS?
- A. Because the commuter expenses are related to the cost of transportation expenses for Oncor's employees, I have assigned the test-year level of commuter expenses to the functions based on payroll excluding A&G salaries functionalization factor PAYXAG.
- 20 Q. HOW DID YOU ASSIGN THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL OF EMPLOYEE 21 COMPENSATION PLANS TO THE FUNCTIONS?
- 22 A. The adjustment related to employee compensation plans has been 23 assigned to the functions based on other directly assigned costs in FERC 24 Account 926, employee pensions and benefits expense.

# 25 X. ACCUMULATED DEFERRED FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

- Q. HAVE YOU DETERMINED THE ADFIT COMPONENT OF RATE BASE BY
   FUNCTION FOR THE TEST YEAR?
- A. Yes, I have. RFP Schedule II-E-3.5 presents the ADFIT component of rate base for the test year, functionalized in accordance with the RFP instructions.

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- 1 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REDUCTION IN RATE BASE FOR ADFIT.
- 2 A. As I described previously, ADFIT represents the cumulative tax cash flow
- difference for items treated differently for book and tax purposes. To the
- 4 extent the net ADFIT balance is a liability, the ADFIT is in effect a cost-free
- 5 loan provided by the federal government and represents a source of non-
- 6 investor-supplied capital available for investment in utility property. This
- 7 cost-free capital has therefore been deducted from rate base to provide
- 8 ratepayers the benefit of such cost-free capital.
- 9 Q. HAVE YOU ASSIGNED THE ADFIT BALANCES INCLUDED IN RATE
- 10 BASE TO THE REGULATED BUSINESS FUNCTIONS?
- 11 A. Yes, I have. RFP Schedule II-E-3.5, page 2, presents the functional
- allocations of ADFIT included in the Company's test-year rate base.
- 13 Q. HOW DID YOU DETERMINE THE FUNCTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR
- 14 ONCOR'S TEST-YEAR BALANCE OF ADFIT THAT IS INCLUDED IN
- 15 RATE BASE?
- 16 A. Oncor's rate base ADFIT balances have largely been assigned to the
- 17 regulated business functions on a functionalization factor method. For
- 18 example, the property-related deferred tax balance in FERC account 282
- 19 comprises the largest amount of Oncor's net rate base ADFIT amount. The
- 20 property-related ADFIT essentially results from the temporary difference
- between the accelerated depreciation (including "bonus" depreciation when
- 22 applicable) allowed for income tax purposes and the straight-line
- depreciation recorded for book (and ratemaking) purposes. The assets
- 24 making up this balance have been directly assigned to the transmission and
- distribution functions in the same manner as Oncor's property records. The
- property-related ADFIT amount has been assigned to the regulated
- business functions based on the ratio of each function's net plant
- 28 investment for Oncor and Oncor NTU functionalization factors
- 29 PLTSVC-ONC and PLTSVC-NTU, respectively.

Generally, ADFIT balances that are not related to depreciable
property for Oncor are either directly identifiable with a particular function or
have been directly assigned to the functions based on the assignment of
the temporary difference giving rise to the ADFIT. For example, another
major component of Oncor's ADFIT balances is attributable to the self-
insurance reserve regulatory asset. Such ADFIT results from the
differences between the timing of when the property damage or liability
claim costs are deductible for income tax purposes and when those costs
are recorded as expense for book purposes. For instance, the property
damage losses are deductible on Oncor's tax return in the year that the loss
occurs. However, for book purposes, an expected amount of property
damage losses are accrued to expense each year. To the extent the actual
amount of losses are greater or less than the book expense, a temporary
difference is created for which ADFIT is recorded. Because the self-
insurance reserve ADFIT balance is directly related to the self-insurance
reserve regulatory asset balance, the ADFIT balance is directly assigned to
the same regulated business functions as the self-insurance reserve
balance. RFP Schedule II-E-3.5, column I, lists the assignment
methodology used for each ADFIT balance.

- 20 Q. WHAT ARE THE MATERIAL KNOWN AND MEASURABLE 21 ADJUSTMENTS TO ADFIT INCLUDED IN THE RFP?
- 22 A. The material adjustments included in the RFP are for regulatory assets and liabilities not included in the rate base calculation.
- Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE KNOWN AND MEASURABLE ADJUSTMENTS
  TO ADFIT RELATED TO REGULATORY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.
- A. Oncor made numerous commitments related to the merger that were adopted by the Commission in Docket No. 34077. The tax-related implications of these commitments were excluded from cost of service.

  Specifically, all effects of the energy efficiency obligation have been removed. The tax implications of several other tax-related regulatory assets

- and liabilities that are not included in the rate base calculation have also
- 2 been removed.
- 3 Q. HAS THE COMPANY IMPLEMENTED THE ACCOUNTING
  4 REQUIREMENTS OF ASC 740 FOR INCOME TAXES?
- 5 A. Yes. In 1993, the Company implemented the accounting requirements of ASC 740 (formerly SFAS No. 109), as required by GAAP.
- 7 Q. ARE THERE ANY RATEMAKING IMPACTS FROM IMPLEMENTING ASC8 740?
- 9 No. ASC 740 continues the concept of tax normalization followed by Α. 10 Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 11, Accounting for Income Taxes 11 ("APB 11"). While there are a number of procedural changes and a basic 12 philosophical change from an emphasis on tax expense in income under 13 APB 11 to the tax liability on the balance sheet under ASC 740, the net 14 effect on setting rates is zero. RFP Schedule II-E-3.5 lists the ASC 740 15 related ADFIT liabilities and assets, and RFP Schedule II-B-12 lists the 16 corresponding regulatory tax assets and liabilities recorded on the 17 Company's books at the end of the test year. Such balances offset each 18 other, so they are removed from the amount of ADFIT included in rate base.
- 19 AS REQUIRED IN DOCKET NO. 46957, ONCOR'S LAST BASE-RATE Q. 20 CASE. DID ONCOR SEEK A PRIVATE LETTER RULING ("PLR") FROM 21 THE IRS CONCERNING ONCOR'S PROPOSED TREATMENT OF ADFIT 22 TO THE ASSET EXCHANGE WITH SHARYLAND RELATED 23 DISTRIBUTION & TRANSMISSION SERVICES, LLC ("SDTS")?
- A. Yes. On September 27, 2017, Oncor and SDTS filed a joint PLR requesting a ruling on the normalization rules related to the proposed treatment of ADFIT on the exchange of like kind properties between Oncor and SDTS. On March 23, 2018, Oncor received a favorable ruling from the IRS whereby the IRS concluded that Oncor's proposed treatment of ADFIT was not in violation of the normalization rules. This allowed Oncor to retain its rate

base after the asset exchange at a level approximately equal to the rate
base before the asset exchange.

3 <u>FIN 48</u>

- 4 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT IS MEANT BY FIN 48 AND DESCRIBE THE 1 IMPACT OF ITS ADOPTION.
- A. FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes

  ("FIN 48"), now codified by the FASB as ASC 740-10 was issued in June

  2006 and it is intended to provide greater consistency in criteria used to

  recognize financial statement impacts related to UTPs taken in a company's

  annual income tax filings. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after

  December 15, 2006. In accordance with the interpretation, Oncor adopted

  FIN 48 on January 1, 2007.

Prior to the issuance of FIN 48, the standard that controlled UTPs was Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 5 - Accounting for Contingencies ("SFAS 5"). FIN 48 deviates from SFAS 5 in that it establishes criteria for the initial financial statement recognition of tax positions, the de-recognition of tax positions, and the measurement of tax benefits, whereas SFAS 5 only provided criteria for de-recognizing ("reserving") previously booked benefits. Although there was diversity in companies' prior practice, most companies did not record the SFAS 5 income tax reserve against ADFIT. FIN 48 requires a two-step process for recognizing the effects of UTPs. In step one, the Company needs to assess whether the tax position has a "more-likely-than-not" probability of success (i.e., sustained upon IRS audit). If this step cannot be passed, no benefit of any portion of a tax position (including the entire tax position, if applicable) is recognized for financial statement purposes. If the UTP meets the morelikely-than-not probability of success criteria, a tax benefit can be recorded at the largest amount where the cumulative probability of settlement exceeds 50%. At the time of adoption, FIN 48 provided that all previously recognized tax positions that did not meet the FIN 48 requirement for

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recognition be adjusted to reflect the provisions under FIN 48 for benefit
recognition. As such, on January 1, 2007, Oncor adjusted its financial
statements to reflect the adoption of FIN 48. For previously recorded
permanent tax benefits that did not meet the standard of benefit recognition
under FIN 48, Oncor established a non-current reserve to reflect the
existence of a potential tax payment related to the tax position and accrued
interest on the exposure item as prescribed by the IRS. For previously
recorded tax benefits that represented temporary differences (and for which
ADFIT had been recorded) that did not meet the standard of benefit
recognition under FIN 48, Oncor reclassified the tax benefit from ADFIT to
a non-current reserve to reflect the existence of a potential tax payment
related to the deferred tax position and accrued interest on the exposure
item at the rate prescribed by the IRS (the reserves recorded for such
permanent and temporary items are known as the "FIN 48 Reserves").
Oncor continues to accrue interest on any recorded net liability.

- 16 Q. IS ONCOR PROPOSING ANY TYPE OF SPECIFIC TREATMENT FOR
  17 FIN 48, SUCH AS REMOVAL FROM ADFIT OR SOME TYPE OF
  18 TRACKING MECHANISM SIMILAR TO ONE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
  19 FOR CENTERPOINT ENERGY?
- A. No. Oncor's FIN 48 balance is currently quite low, and thus Oncor does not believe it is necessary to implement a tracking mechanism as part of this rate case. However, Oncor reserves the right to request such a tracking mechanism in a future proceeding, should it believe that one is appropriate at the time.
- Q. HAVE YOU INCLUDED AMOUNTS RELATED TO FIN 48 IN ANY OFONCOR'S TAX BALANCES?
- 27 A. No, I have not.

# XI. TAX-RELATED REGULATORY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Q. HAVE YOU INCLUDED ANY TAX-RELATED REGULATORY ASSETS OR
 LIABILITIES ON THE COMPANY'S RFP SCHEDULE II-B-12?

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- 1 A. Yes. I have included both tax-related regulatory assets and tax-related regulatory liabilities on RFP Schedule II-B-12.
- Q. ARE SUCH REGULATORY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES INCLUDED AS A
   COMPONENT OF RATE BASE?
- 5 A. The only tax-related regulatory assets or liabilities that are included in rate base for the test year are those associated with excess ADFIT. These are shown in FERC Accounts 182 and 254 on RFP Schedule II-B-12. See RFP Schedule II-B-12 for a listing of the tax related regulatory assets and liabilities. Earlier in my testimony I have previously explained the concept of excess ADFIT and the various components comprising the balances.
- 11 Q. HAS ONCOR AMORTIZED ANY EXCESS ADFIT RECORDED ON THE
   12 BOOKS OF ONCOR NTU AS A RESULT OF TCJA?
- A. No. Under the commitment reflected in the Docket No. 48929 final order,
   none of the excess ADFIT recorded for Oncor NTU has been amortized.
- 15 Q. HAVE YOU ASSIGNED THE TEST-YEAR LEVEL OF THE EXCESS
  16 DEFERRED TAX-RELATED REGULATORY LIABILITIES TO THE
  17 REGULATED BUSINESS FUNCTIONS?
- 18 Yes, I have. I have assigned the tax-related regulatory liability balances for Α. 19 protected excess ADFIT, plant-related non-protected excess ADFIT, and the excess ADFIT reserve based on the ratio of each functions' net plant 20 21 investment for Oncor and Oncor NTU - functionalization factors 22 PLTSVC-ONC and PLTSVC-NTU, respectively, consistent with the 23 functionalization of the excess ADFIT amortization. The remaining 24 non-protected excess ADFIT balance that is not related to Oncor's net plant 25 investment was directly assigned to the functions based on the assignment 26 of the temporary differences giving rise to the excess ADFIT.
- Q. ARE THERE ANY PENDING MATTERS OUTSTANDING THAT COULD
   HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE EXCESS ADFIT BALANCES OR LEVEL OF
   AMORTIZATION THAT HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THIS CASE?

Yes. Oncor is aware of several utilities that have requested PLRs from the IRS regarding the treatment of excess ADFIT related to removal costs. In response to several requests for PLR, the IRS indicated that the excess ADFIT related to removal costs is not protected by the normalization rules. As discussed in the direct testimony of Oncor witness Mr. Dane A. Watson. estimated net removal costs are included as book depreciation expense over the operating lives of the assets for accounting and ratemaking purposes. For income tax purposes, the removal costs are deductible when the asset is removed from service and the removal costs are incurred. This timing difference of when the removal costs are expensed creates a deferred tax asset because the cumulative amount of removal costs included in book depreciation is greater than the cumulative amount included on the income tax return. Currently, Oncor is treating its excess ADFIT asset related to removal costs as protected. Should the IRS issue additional guidance regarding the normalization requirements for excess ADFIT, the Company may be required to reclassify its excess ADFIT asset related to removal costs from protected to non-protected. If this reclassification is necessary, the net amount of protected excess ADFIT would increase while the net amount of non-protected excess ADFIT would decrease.

# XII. CORPORATE TAX LEGISLATION

- Q. IS THERE ANY PENDING TAX LEGISLATION THAT WOULD HAVE AN
   IMPACT ON THE AMOUNT OF TAXES INCLUDED IN THIS CASE?
- A. Possibly. President Biden's Build Back Better agenda ("BBB") included, among other things, a corporate alternative minimum tax ("CAMT") that would potentially impact Oncor's ADFIT balance over time. While a corporate income tax rate change is not included in the most recent version of the BBB, it is within the realm of possibility that a federal income tax rate increase could be enacted in addition to or in place of the CAMT.

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In order to ensure that both Oncor and Oncor's ratepayers are unaffected by any FIT rate changes that might be enacted, and consistent with the final order in Docket No. 46957, Oncor requests that, if the corporate FIT rate is increased before Oncor's next base-rate case, when the change becomes effective, Oncor is authorized to record as a regulatory asset any amount that Oncor does not collect for FIT through the approved revenue requirement. If the corporate FIT rate is decreased before Oncor's next base-rate case, when the change becomes effective, Oncor requests authorization to record as a regulatory liability any amount that Oncor collects for FIT through the approved revenue requirement that is above the new corporate FIT rate. Any excess or deficient deferred taxes created by a tax rate change will be returned to or collected from ratepayers as prescribed by the Commission and in accordance with the normalization rules prescribed under federal income tax law. In addition to a corporate tax rate change, should there be any other changes to corporate tax regulations that would affect Oncor's rates, such as the reenactment of a CAMT, Oncor requests the authority to include the tax impact of such changes in Oncor's next base-rate case.

#### XIII. AFFILIATE TAX SERVICES

- 20 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SERVICES THAT THE TAX DEPARTMENT OF 21 SEMPRA PROVIDES TO ONCOR.
- 22 Α. Sempra is contractually obligated under the terms of the TSA and other 23 service-level agreements to provide tax services to Oncor. The overall 24 objective of Sempra's tax department with respect to Oncor is to comply 25 with the tax, reporting, and regulatory requirements applicable to Oncor. 26 Oncor relies on Sempra's in-depth tax knowledge, business expertise, and 27 established methodologies to provide reliable and accurate tax compliance, 28 planning, and controversy services. It is Sempra's primary responsibility to 29 monitor and research the latest tax developments and their application to 30 Oncor to proactively pursue tax compliance and savings opportunities.

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- Oncor with filing complete and accurate tax returns, as well as managing
- 3 tax audits and controversies as they arise. By actively and responsibly
- 4 managing Oncor's tax obligations, Oncor, with the assistance of Sempra's
- 5 tax department, has been successful in avoiding significant penalties for
- 6 failure to correctly report each of its tax positions.
- 7 Q. HOW DOES SEMPRA DETERMINE THE COST OF THE TAX SERVICES PROVIDED TO ONCOR?
- 9 A. For these tax services, Sempra assigns costs to Oncor based on an evaluation of the time and effort spent by Sempra Tax personnel on behalf of Oncor.
- 12 Q. IS IT APPROPRIATE FOR SEMPRA TO PROVIDE THESE TAX
  13 SERVICES TO ONCOR?
- 14 A. Yes. Sempra is able to leverage its resources, tax experience, business
- knowledge, networking contacts, and tax filing systems to provide tax
- services more efficiently and effectively than a third-party provider. It is also
- 17 less costly than if Oncor staffed an equivalent stand-alone tax department.
- 18 Q. HOW MUCH DOES ONCOR PAY SEMPRA FOR TAX SERVICES?
- 19 A. The total cost of tax services provided by Sempra during the test year was
- 20 \$115,750. Please see the direct testimony of Company witness Mr. Michael
- G. Grable for further explanation of Sempra's tax service costs.
- 22 Q. DID ONCOR MAKE ANY KNOWN AND MEASURABLE ADJUSTMENTS
- 23 IN THE TEST YEAR FOR THE AMOUNT CHARGED BY SEMPRA FOR
- 24 TAX SERVICES?
- 25 A. Yes. The amount recorded in Oncor's expense during the test year for the
- 26 estimated cost of the tax services provided by Sempra was slightly higher
- than the final amount Sempra charged. Therefore, a known and
- 28 measurable adjustment was included to reduce the amount of affiliate costs
- included in cost of service by \$4,250.

## XIV. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS3 PROCEEDING.
- A. My direct testimony supports the level of state, local, and federal income taxes requested in the cost of service, as adjusted and functionalized, to reasonably and appropriately reflect the results of Oncor for the test year ended December 31, 2021. It also supports the level of ADFIT and excess ADFIT reflected by Oncor in the RFP. These costs are reasonable, necessary, and properly reflect the Company's regulated activities.
- 10 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?
- 11 A. Yes.

## **AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Bonnie L. Clutter, who, having been placed under oath by me, did depose as follows:

My name is Bonnie L. Clutter. I am of legal age and a resident of the State of Texas. The foregoing direct testimony and attached exhibits offered by me is true and correct, and the opinions stated therein are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate, true and correct.

Ownie L. Outtel
Bonnie L. Clutter

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME by the said Bonnie L. Clutter this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2022.



Notary Public, State of Texas

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	Rate on			
		Franchise Fee	Discretionary	
Line No.	City	Factor	Services	
1	ABBOTT	0.003593	0.040000	
2	ACKERLY	0.003702	0.040000	
3	ADDISON	0.002671	0.040000	
4	ALEDO	0.003375	0.040000	
5	ALLEN	0.002934	0.040000	
6	ALMA	0.003247	0.040000	
7	ALTO	0.002103	0.040000	
8	ALVARADO	0.003251	0.040000	
9	ALVORD	0.003419	0.040000	
10	ANDREWS	0.003302	0.040000	
11	ANGUS	0.003274	0.040000	
12	ANNA	0.003453	0.040000	
13	ANNETTA	0.003072	0.040000	
14	ANNETTA NORTH	0.003132	0.040000	
15	ANNETTA SOUTH	0.003108	0.040000	
16	ANNONA	0.003508	0.040000	
17	APPLEBY	0.003362	0.040000	
18	ARCHER CITY	0.003438	0.040000	
19	ARGYLE	0.003372	0.040000	
20	ARLINGTON	0.002904	0.040000	
21	ARP	0.002148	0.040000	
22	ATHENS	0.003114	0.040000	
23	AURORA	0.003395	0.040000	
24	AUSTIN	0.001980	0.000000	
25	AZLE	0.003147	0.040000	
26	BALCH SPRINGS	0.003229	0.040000	
27	BANGS	0.003449	0.040000	
28	BARDWELL	0.003491	0.040000	
29	BARRY	0.003447	0.040000	
30	BARTLETT	0.003502	0.040000	
31	BEDFORD	0.003044	0.040000	
32	BELLEVUE	0.003372	0.040000	
33	BELLMEAD	0.002965	0.040000	
34	BELLS	0.003521	0.040000	
35	BELTON	0.003271	0.040000	
36	BENBROOK	0.003152	0.040000	
37	BEVERLY HILLS	0.003125	0.040000	
38	BIG SPRING	0.002804	0.040000	
39	BLANKET	0.003651	0.040000	
40	BLOOMING GROVE	0.003495	0.040000	
41	BLUE MOUND	0.003353	0.040000	

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		Franchise Fee	Discretionary	
Line No.	City	Factor	Services	
42	BONHAM	0.002643	0.040000	
43	BOYD	0.003401	0.040000	
44	BRADY	0.004565	0.000000	
45	BRECKENRIDGE	0.002364	0.040000	
46	BRIDGEPORT	0.002674	0.040000	
47	BROWNSBORO	0.003410	0.040000	
48	BROWNWOOD	0.003222	0.040000	
49	BRUCEVILLE-EDDY	0.003296	0.040000	
50	BUCKHOLTS	0.003835	0.040000	
51	BUFFALO	0.003290	0.040000	
52	BULLARD	0.002757	0.040000	
53	BURKBURNETT	0.003153	0.040000	
54	BURKE	0.003504	0.040000	
55	BURLESON	0.003125	0.040000	
56	BYNUM	0.003543	0.040000	
57	CADDO MILLS	0.003589	0.000000	
58	CAMERON	0.003017	0.040000	
59	CAMPBELL	0.003423	0.040000	
60	CANEY CITY	0.003453	0.040000	
61	CANTON	0.003377	0.040000	
62	CARBON	0.003669	0.040000	
63	CARROLLTON	0.002830	0.040000	
64	CASHION COMMUNITY	0.003372	0.040000	
65	CEDAR HILL	0.003057	0.040000	
66	CELINA	0.003360	0.040000	
67	CENTERVILLE	0.003308	0.040000	
68	CHANDLER	0.003224	0.040000	
69	CHICO	0.003399	0.040000	
70	CHIRENO	0.003515	0.040000	
71	CLARKSVILLE	0.003239	0.040000	
72	CLEBURNE	0.002472	0.040000	
73	СОАНОМА	0.003421	0.040000	
74	COCKRELL HILL	0.003477	0.040000	
75	COLLEYVILLE	0.003133	0.040000	
76	COLLINSVILLE	0.003373	0.040000	
77	COLORADO CITY	0.003134	0.040000	
78	COMANCHE	0.003363	0.040000	
79	COMMERCE	0.002608	0.040000	
80	COMO	0.003581	0.040000	
81	COOL	0.003597	0.040000	
82	COOLIDGE	0.002553	0.040000	

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		Franchise Fee	Discretionary
Line No.	City	Factor	Services
83	COOPER	0.003440	0.040000
84	COPPELL	0.003056	0.040000
85	COPPERAS COVE	0.003249	0.040000
86	CORINTH	0.003046	0.040000
87	CORSICANA	0.002766	0.040000
88	COUPLAND	0.003587	0.040000
89	CRANDALL	0.003326	0.040000
90	CRANE	0.003376	0.040000
91	CRESSON	0.003597	0.040000
92	CROCKETT	0.003227	0.040000
93	CROSS ROADS	0.003430	0.040000
94	CROWLEY	0.003250	0.040000
95	CUMBY	0.003494	0.040000
96	CUSHING	0.003378	0.040000
97	DALLAS	0.002753	0.040000
98	DALWORTHINGTON GARDE	0.003174	0.040000
99	DAWSON	0.003506	0.040000
100	DE LEON	0.003444	0.040000
101	DEAN	0.003270	0.040000
102	DECATUR	0.002855	0.040000
103	DENISON	0.002904	0 040000
104	DENTON	0.003002	0.040000
105	DESOTO	0.003173	0.040000
106	DIBOLL	0.001835	0.040000
107	DISH	0.004502	0.040000
108	DODD CITY	0.003607	0.040000
109	DORCHESTER	0.002612	0.040000
110	DUBLIN	0.003417	0.040000
111	DUNCANVILLE	0.003179	0.040000
112	EARLY	0.003382	0.040000
113	EASTLAND	0.003305	0.040000
114	ECTOR	0.003516	0.040000
115	EDGECLIFF VILLAGE	0.002936	0.040000
116	EDGEWOOD	0.003472	0.040000
117	EDOM	0.003408	0.040000
118	ELECTRA	0.003334	0.040000
119	ELGIN	0.003292	0.040000
120	ELKHART	0.003592	0.040000
121	EMHOUSE	0.003680	0.040000
122	ENCHANTED OAKS	0.003195	0.040000
123	ENNIS	0.002753	0.040000

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Line No.	City	Factor	Services
124	EULESS	0.003120	0.040000
125	EUREKA	0.003473	0.040000
126	EUSTACE	0.003530	0.040000
127	EVERMAN	0.003357	0.040000
128	FAIRFIELD	0.002707	0.040000
129	FAIRVIEW	0.003120	0.040000
130	FARMERS BRANCH	0.002575	0.040000
131	FARMERSVILLE	0.003112	0.000000
132	FATE	0.003804	0.040000
133	FERRIS	0.003296	0.040000
134	FLORENCE	0.003384	0.040000
135	FLOWER MOUND	0.003183	0.040000
136	FOREST HILL	0.003061	0.040000
137	FORNEY	0.003342	0.040000
138	FORSAN	0.003431	0.040000
139	FORT WORTH	0.002784	0.040000
140	FRANKSTON	0.002852	0.040000
141	FRISCO	0.003112	0.040000
142	FROST	0.003503	0.040000
143	GAINESVILLE	0.002914	0.040000
144	GALLATIN	0.002167	0.040000
145	GARLAND	0.002924	0.040000
146	GARRETT	0.003462	0.040000
147	GEORGETOWN	0.002629	0.040000
148	GHOLSON	0.003431	0.040000
149	GLENN HEIGHTS	0.003266	0.040000
150	GODLEY	0.003402	0.040000
151	GOLINDA	0.003413	0.040000
152	GOODLOW	0.003470	0.040000
153	GORMAN	0.003195	0.040000
154	GRAFORD	0.003451	0.040000
155	GRAHAM	0.003130	0.040000
156	GRAND PRAIRIE	0.002784	0.040000
157	GRANDFALLS	0.003595	0.040000
158	GRANDVIEW	0.003371	0.040000
159	GRANGER	0.003562	0.040000
160	GRAPELAND	0.003484	0.040000
161	GRAPEVINE	0.002672	0.040000
162	GREENVILLE	0.003589	0.000000
163	GROESBECK	0.001954	0.040000
164	GUN BARREL CITY	0.003143	0.040000

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Line No.	City	Factor	Services
165	GUNTER	0.003258	0.040000
166	HALTOM CITY	0.003293	0.040000
167	HARKER HEIGHTS	0.003254	0.040000
168	HASLET	0.002416	0.040000
169	HEATH	0.003226	0.040000
170	HEBRON	0.003360	0.040000
171	HENRIETTA	0.003387	0.040000
172	HEWITT	0.003213	0.040000
173	HICKORY CREEK	0.003288	0.040000
174	HIDEAWAY	0.002730	0.040000
175	HIGHLAND PARK	0.003029	0.040000
176	HILLSBORO	0.003075	0.040000
177	HOLLAND	0.003514	0.040000
178	HOLLIDAY	0.003384	0.040000
179	HONEY GROVE	0.003557	0.040000
180	HOWE	0.003407	0.040000
181	HUBBARD	0.003417	0.040000
182	HUDSON	0.003317	0.040000
183	HUDSON OAKS	0.003023	0.040000
184	HUNTINGTON	0.003259	0.040000
185	HURST	0.003128	0.040000
186	HUTCHINS	0.002743	0.040000
187	HUTTO	0.003565	0.040000
188	IOWA PARK	0.003322	0.040000
189	IRVING	0.002783	0.040000
190	ITALY	0.003431	0.040000
191	ITASCA	0.003498	0.040000
192	JACKSBORO	0.003301	0.040000
193	JACKSONVILLE	0.002473	0.040000
194	JARRELL	0.003587	0.040000
195	JEWETT	0.003331	0.040000
196	JOLLY	0.003115	0.040000
197	JOSEPHINE	0.003382	0.040000
198	JOSHUA	0.003346	0.040000
199	JUSTIN	0.003405	0.040000
200	KAUFMAN	0.003180	0.040000
201	KEENE	0.003174	0.040000
202	KELLER	0.003214	0.040000
203	KEMP	0.003502	0.040000
204	KENNEDALE	0.003074	0.040000
205	KERENS	0.003478	0.040000

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Line No.	City	Factor	Services
206	KILLEEN	0.003193	0.040000
207	KNOLLWOOD	0.003293	0.040000
208	KRUM	0.003376	0.040000
209	LACY-LAKEVIEW	0.003150	0.040000
210	LADONIA	0.002947	0.040000
211	LAKE BRIDGEPORT	0.003405	0.040000
212	LAKE DALLAS	0.003276	0.040000
213	LAKE WORTH	0.003017	0.040000
214	LAKESIDE	0.003326	0.040000
215	LAKESIDE CITY	0.003149	0.040000
216	LAMESA	0.003197	0.040000
217	LANCASTER	0.003059	0.040000
218	LATEXO	0.003373	0.040000
219	LAVON	0.003544	0.040000
220	LEONA	0.003456	0.040000
221	LEROY	0.003530	0.040000
222	LEWISVILLE	0.004590	0.040000
223	LINDALE	0.003149	0.040000
224	LINDSAY	0.003363	0.040000
225	LIPAN	0.003568	0.040000
226	LITTLE ELM	0.004458	0.040000
227	LITTLE RIVER ACADEMY	0.003314	0.040000
228	LORAINE	0.003721	0.040000
229	LORENA	0.003305	0.040000
230	LOTT	0.002222	0.040000
231	LOVELADY	0.003498	0.040000
232	LOWRY CROSSING	0.003190	0.040000
233	LUCAS	0.003062	0.040000
234	LUFKIN	0.002511	0.040000
235	MABANK	0.003321	0.040000
236	MALAKOFF	0.002989	0.040000
237	MALONE	0.003623	0.040000
238	MANOR	0.003293	0.040000
239	MANSFIELD	0.002976	0 040000
240	MARLIN	0.002640	0.040000
241	MARQUEZ	0.003437	0.040000
242	MART	0.002128	0.040000
243	MAYPEARL	0.003456	0.040000
244	MCGREGOR	0.003305	0.040000
245	MCKINNEY	0.002864	0.040000
246	MCLENDON-CHISHOLM	0.003192	0.00000

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Line No.	City	Factor	Services
247	MELISSA	0.003280	0.040000
248	MERTENS	0.003650	0.040000
249	MESQUITE	0.003023	0.040000
250	MEXIA	0.002023	0.040000
251	MIDLAND	0.003091	0.040000
252	MIDLOTHIAN	0.001386	0.040000
253	MILANO	0.003537	0.040000
254	MILDRED	0.003443	0.040000
255	MILFORD	0.003552	0.040000
256	MILLSAP	0.003543	0.040000
257	MINERAL WELLS	0.003033	0.040000
258	MOBILE CITY	0.002892	0.040000
259	MONAHANS	0.003311	0.040000
260	MOODY	0.003468	0.040000
261	MORGANS POINT RESORT	0.003241	0.040000
262	MOUNT CALM	0.003465	0.040000
263	MUENSTER	0.003582	0.040000
264	MURCHISON	0.003519	0.040000
265	MURPHY	0.003232	0.040000
266	MUSTANG	0.003910	0.040000
267	NACOGDOCHES	0.002697	0.040000
268	NAVARRO	0.003368	0.040000
269	NEVADA	0.003388	0.040000
270	NEW CHAPEL HILL	0.003314	0.040000
271	NEW FAIRVIEW	0.003631	0.040000
272	NEW SUMMERFIELD	0.002149	0.040000
273	NEWARK	0.003248	0.040000
274	NEYLANDVILLE	0.003302	0.040000
275	NOLANVILLE	0.002531	0.040000
276	NOONDAY	0.003256	0.040000
277	NORTH RICHLAND HILLS	0.002979	0.040000
278	NORTHLAKE	0.004590	0.040000
279	O DONNELL	0.003499	0.040000
280	OAK GROVE	0.003140	0.040000
281	OAK LEAF	0.003113	0.040000
282	OAK POINT	0.003232	0.040000
283	OAK VALLEY	0.003337	0.040000
284	OAKWOOD	0.003512	0.040000
285	ODESSA	0.003198	0.040000
286	OGLESBY	0.003581	0.040000
287	OVERTON	0.002004	0.040000

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		Franchise Fee	Discretionary
Line No.	City	Factor	Services
288	OVILLA	0.003190	0.040000
289	PALESTINE	0.003168	0.040000
290	PALMER	0.003398	0.040000
291	PANTEGO	0.003371	0.040000
292	PARADISE	0.003645	0.040000
293	PARIS	0.002527	0.040000
294	PARKER	0.003183	0.040000
295	PAYNE SPRINGS	0.003321	0.040000
296	PECAN GAP	0.003721	0.040000
297	PECAN HILL	0.003085	0.040000
298	PENELOPE	0.003837	0.040000
299	PFLUGERVILLE	0.003357	0.040000
300	PLANO	0.002867	0.040000
301	PLEASANT VALLEY	0.003372	0.040000
302	POETRY	0.003589	0.040000
303	PONDER	0.003367	0.040000
304	POST OAK BEND	0.003325	0.040000
305	POTTSBORO	0.003324	0.040000
306	POWELL	0.003652	0.040000
307	POYNOR	0.002157	0.040000
308	PRINCETON	0.003544	0.040000
309	PROSPER	0.003476	0.040000
310	PYOTE	0.003735	0.040000
311	QUINLAN	0.003296	0.040000
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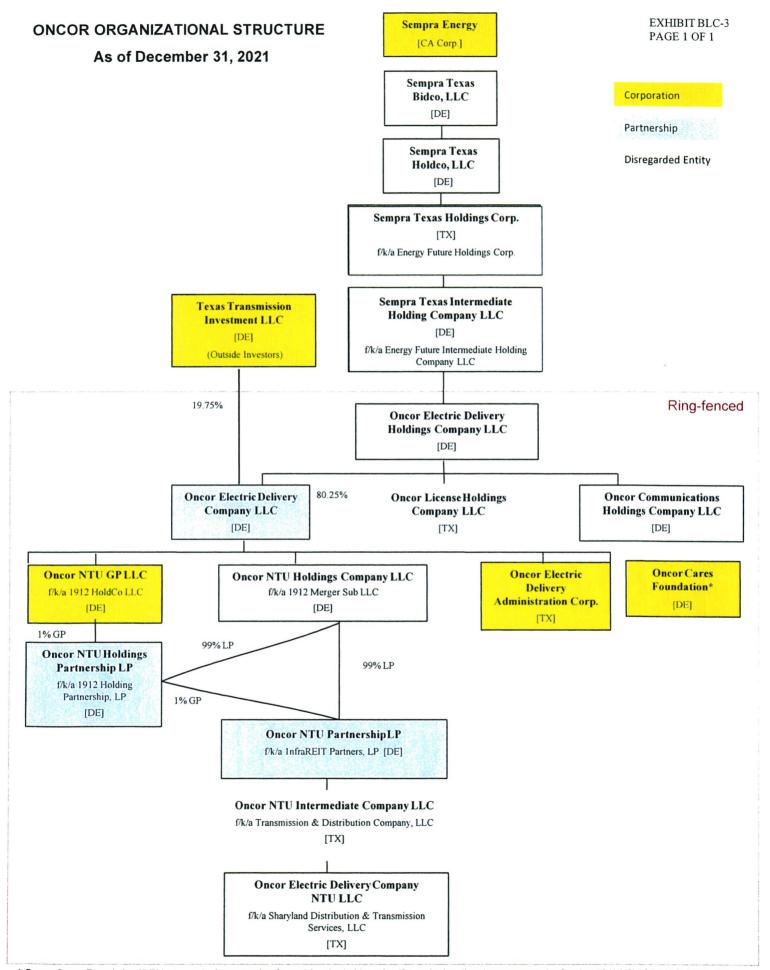
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Note: Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC owns 32% of 926 Pulliam Street, LLC [TX]; the entity is not included in the chart above. -57-

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Ms. Clutter has no supporting workpapers for her direct testimony.

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	DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ASHLEY THENMADATHIL
	I. <u>POSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS</u>
Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND CURRENT
	EMPLOYMENT POSITION.
A.	My name is Ashley Thenmadathil. My business address is 1616 Woodall
	Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75202. I am the Manager of Financial
	Planning and Management Reporting for Oncor Electric Delivery Company
	LLC ("Oncor" or "Company").
Q.	WHAT ARE THE KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUR CURRENT
	EMPLOYMENT POSITION?
A.	Oncor's Financial Planning and Management Reporting group is primarily
	responsible for the Company's internal financial reporting and developing
	key components of the Company's annual business plans, particularly
	operating expenses. My duties, some of which may be delegated to other
	members of my team of financial analysts, generally include:
	<ul> <li>detailed analysis of income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow;</li> </ul>
	facilitating internal reporting and variance analysis versus plan and
	prior year;
	preparing Oncor's monthly financial performance reports for its
	investors;
	<ul> <li>reviewing and preparing quarterly board presentations;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>reviewing Oncor's external financial reports;</li> </ul>
	monitoring the progress of Oncor's financial performance versus the
	plan and latest forecast and, in collaboration with other financial
	planning departments, providing recommended impacts for use in
	future forecasts; and
	supporting accounting with the reviewing of journal entries and
	analysis of the general ledger.
Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND
	PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.
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- A. I received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, with a focus in Accounting, from the University of Oklahoma in 2002. I have worked for Oncor since 2018 in financial planning and financial management positions. Previously, I worked at Sharyland Utilities, LP ("Sharyland") from 2011 through 2018 in a variety of accounting positions. Before that, I worked in other corporate accounting positions between my college graduation and my positions with Sharyland.
- Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE ANY REGULATORYAUTHORITIES?
- 10 A. No.

#### 11 II. PURPOSE OF DIRECT TESTIMONY

- 12 Q. PLEASE PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY.
- 13 Α. My direct testimony supports the Company's rate base inclusion and 14 functionalization of a reasonable working capital allowance, consisting of an 15 allowance for cash working capital ("CWC"), inventories of materials and 16 supplies, and prepaid operating expenses. I also discuss customer 17 deposits. In addition, I describe and support Oncor's self-insurance reserve 18 accounting, including the treatment and functional assignment of the 19 unrecovered reserve balance and the appropriate level and period of 20 recovery for amortization of that balance.
- Q. WHICH RATE FILING PACKAGE ("RFP") SCHEDULES ARE YOU SPONSORING IN THIS PROCEEDING?
- A. I sponsor RFP Schedules II-B-8 through II-B-10 and co-sponsor Schedule II-B-11.
- Q. WERE YOUR TESTIMONY, EXHIBITS, RFP SCHEDULES YOU SPONSOR, AND ASSOCIATED WORKPAPERS PREPARED BY YOU OR UNDER YOUR DIRECT SUPERVISION?
- A. Yes. My testimony, exhibits, RFP schedules that I sponsor or co-sponsor, and associated workpapers were prepared by me or under my direction, supervision, or control and are true and correct.

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#### III. WORKING CAPITAL ELEMENTS

- Q. PLEASE PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE WORKING CAPITAL COMPONENTS THAT ONCOR IS INCLUDING IN ITS RATE BASE CALCULATION.
- 5 Α. Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code ("TAC") § 25.231(c)(2)(B), 6 utilities are permitted to include, within their invested capital (rate base) 7 balances, an allowance for CWC, reasonable inventories of materials and supplies ("M&S"), and prepaid operating expenses. A copy of 16 TAC 8 9 § 25.231 is attached as Exhibit AT-1 to my direct testimony. 10 Company's request for a reasonable working capital allowance of approximately \$193.7 million, as shown on line 30 of page 3 of Oncor's RFP 11 12 Schedule II-B-10, is comprised of approximately \$115.2 million of prepaid 13 operating costs, approximately \$152.0 million in M&S inventories, and approximately a negative \$73.5 million allowance of CWC. I have provided 14 15 these amounts to Company witness Mr. W. Alan Ledbetter, who has included them in the overall summary of rate base at December 31, 2021, 16 17 as presented in Schedule II-B (Summary of Rate Base) of Oncor's RFP.
- 18 Q. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR ONCOR TO RECOVER WORKING
  19 CAPITAL COMPONENTS IN ITS RATES?
  - A. A reasonable working capital allowance allows Oncor rate recovery of items that are essential to utility activities. For example, adequate levels of materials and supplies must be on-hand in order to allow utility personnel to perform their jobs. Similarly, cash working capital allowance ensures the utility has the liquidity necessary to fund day-to-day operating activities in a reasonable manner. These and related items are expressly allowed in rate base under Commission Rule § 25.231(c)(2)(B), and the Commission should provide for rate recovery of these reasonable items as requested in the Company's RFP.

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#### A. Cash Working Capital

- Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE RATE BASE ITEM IDENTIFIED AS CWC.
  - Typically, the term "net working capital" reflects a measure of business liquidity, measured as the difference between the recorded amounts of a company's current assets and current liabilities. As such, the measurement of a company's working capital normally reflects a point-in-time computation (e.g., balance sheet date). In general, sources of working capital include investors, customers, vendors, governmental agencies, and employees. Investor-provided working capital increases a utility's rate base, while customer-, vendor-, governmental-, and employee-supplied working capital components typically serve to reduce the utility's rate base.

For a regulated utility, CWC represents the component of working capital that is not specifically addressed in other rate base items (e.g., prepayments and M&S inventories). As provided for in 16 TAC § 25.231(c)(2)(B)(i)-(ii), various working capital elements, such as inventories and prepayments, are included separately in a utility's rate base. Conversely, as described in 16 TAC § 25.231(c)(2)(C), customer-supplied capital (e.g., customer deposits) and governmental-supplied capital (e.g., deferred federal income taxes) are deducted from rate base. The remainder of the net working capital necessary to provide funds to span the time between the incurrence of costs to provide service delivery and the receipt of compensation for the service delivery constitutes CWC.

The CWC study (also known as a lead-lag study) quantifies the days associated with the period between the midpoint of the service period associated with goods and services and the payment date for those same goods and services. The CWC study also quantifies the lag days associated with the delay in the receipt of funds for electric delivery service already provided. The measurement of these leads and lags is expressed in days for various categories of expenses and revenues. The lag for revenue collection is netted against the various expense leads or lags, and

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- the resulting "net" lead or lag is multiplied by *pro forma* daily revenue requirements, after removing the amortization of prepaid expenses included separately in rate base.
  - Q. WHAT METHOD DID THE COMPANY EMPLOY IN DETERMINING ITS NET CWC REQUIREMENTS?
    - A. As prescribed by the Commission, the Company conducted a cash-method lead-lag study to determine its net CWC requirements. Specifically, 16 TAC § 25.231(c)(2)(B)(iii)(IV) (please see Exhibit AT-1) requires Oncor to conduct such a lead-lag study to calculate a reasonable allowance of CWC to be included in its rate base. In determining its net CWC requirements, Oncor takes guidance from this rule, pertinent Commission precedent, and other relevant sources for conducting the lead-lag study. The prescribed cash method focuses the study only on actual cash receipts and disbursements, thereby eliminating costs related to current non-cash items, such as depreciation, amortization, or prepayments.

For the calculation of billing process lag days and certain expense leadlag days, the study utilizes a sampling methodology to provide an analysis of costs affecting the Company's CWC requirements during the 12-month period ended September 30, 2021. In this way, an unbiased and reasonable estimation can be made of the related lead days, without incurring an analysis that is so time-consuming that the cost to prepare it would exceed its attendant benefits.

- Q. WHY DOES ONCOR'S LEAD-LAG STUDY USE THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021?
- A. The Commission's instructions for Transmission & Distribution (TDU) Investor-Owned Utilities Rate Filing Package for Cost-of-Service Determination ("RFP Instructions") relating to Schedule II-B-9 states that "[i]f a new lead-lag study is provided, it may end the quarter prior to the Test Year end or the most recent calendar year." To facilitate timely completion of the lead-lag study, the Company conducted a lead-lag study based on

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the 12-month period ended September 30, 2021, the quarter-end date immediately preceding the test year-end date of December 31, 2021. Although this 12-month period was used for purposes of determining the average number of revenue lag or expense lead days, the resultant lead-lag factors have been applied to the operating costs, as adjusted, arising from the test year period ended December 31, 2021, in order to determine the Company's appropriate CWC requirement.

#### Q. WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERM "SAMPLING METHODOLOGY"?

- A. Under 16 TAC § 25.231(c)(2)(B)(iii)(IV)(-b-), any "reasonable sampling method that is shown to be unbiased may be used in performing the lead-lag study." While specific lead or lag time spans can be calculated for most elements of CWC, the Company employs statistical sampling techniques to develop an unbiased analysis of the lead days for outside vendor expenses. For these costs, the Company's Internal Audit group selects a stratified, random sample of 242 transactions (including 10 corporate-related transactions), which provides a statistically valid representation (based on a 95% confidence level) of the approximately 136,000 third-party vendor transactions recorded during the lead-lag study period. For other areas of the study (e.g., ad valorem taxes and local gross receipts taxes), the Company examines the top 25 payments (by dollar amount) during the test year, which results in a representative analysis comprising the majority of the payment dollars for each of these categories.
- Q. HAVE YOU DETAILED THE METHODOLOGIES AND CALCULATIONS FOR THE OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE LEAD-LAG STUDY?
  - A. Yes. Exhibit AT-2 to my direct testimony discusses the methodologies and calculations used to quantify the expense lead-lag days and the revenue lag days and describes the study's compliance with the Commission's Substantive Rules and relevant precedents. In addition, various adjusting items, such as average daily bank balances and miscellaneous deferred debits, are addressed in the exhibit. Exhibit AT-3 to my direct testimony

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- provides the results of the lead-lag study. The complete lead-lag study and the supporting documentation can be found in the workpapers supporting Schedule II-B-9.
- 4 Q. WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF THIS LEAD-LAG STUDY?
- A. Applying the results of the lead-lag study to the components of Oncor's revenue requirement produces a CWC requirement for Oncor of negative \$73,484,424, as shown on page 1 of my Exhibit AT-3. I have provided this CWC amount to Company witness Mr. Ledbetter for inclusion in his determination of the total invested capital for Oncor.
- 10 Q. ARE THE RESULTS OF THE LEAD-LAG STUDY REASONABLE?
  - A. Yes. The CWC requirement for Oncor is calculated using a lead-lag study that is consistent with 16 TAC § 25.231 and relevant precedent, including Oncor's prior rate cases. The results reflect an accurate, unbiased, and rational calculation for determining the reasonable level of CWC to include in the rate base of Oncor.

#### B. Materials and Supplies

- 17 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE RATE BASE ITEM IDENTIFIED AS M&S.
  - A. As taken directly from the Company's consolidated books and records and as disclosed in the consolidated balance sheets of Oncor's U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Form 10-K Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021 ("2021 Form 10-K"), the Company had a reported balance of approximately \$171 million in M&S inventories at average cost at the end of the test year. This balance reflects the cost of materials purchased for use in utility construction activities and for operation and maintenance purposes, as well as undistributed stores expense, which reflect the costs of supervision, labor, and expenses (including purchasing, storage, handling, distribution, and applicable sales and use taxes) incurred in the operation of general M&S storerooms.

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1	Schedule II-B-8 (Rate Base Accounts – Materials and Supplies)
2	reflects the month-end book balances of M&S for each month of the test
3	year and the month immediately preceding the test year (i.e., December
4	2020). Also shown on Schedule II-B-8 is the 13-month adjusted average
5	balance of M&S totaling \$152,038,741 that reflects the reasonable balance
6	of inventories existing during the test year. The adjusted 13-month balance
7	includes a known and measurable change related to certain December
8	2021 inventory items that were erroneously miscoded and therefore
9	mistakenly booked into two separate inventory accounts simultaneously.
10	The known and measurable change therefore removes those duplicate
11	entries. I have provided this amount to Company witness Mr. Ledbetter for
12	inclusion in the calculation of the Company's overall balance of invested
13	capital (rate base) at the end of the 2021 test year period.

- Q. HOW HAS ONCOR FUNCTIONALIZED THE BALANCE IN M&S THAT IS INCLUDED IN ITS RATE BASE?
- 16 A. Oncor maintains service centers and storerooms that each contain M&S focused solely on one function—transmission, distribution, or metering. Therefore, Oncor directly assigns the M&S in each facility to the relevant function.

#### C. **Prepayments**

- PLEASE DESCRIBE THE RATE BASE ITEM IDENTIFIED AS Q. PREPAYMENTS.
  - At the end of the test year, Oncor's accounting records reflected Α. approximately \$109.7 million in prepaid costs. As detailed on Schedule II-B-10, prepayments reflect amounts that have been paid for and recorded as assets before they are used or consumed. In essence, prepayments are amounts required to be paid to municipalities, vendors, industry associations, or other suppliers of goods and services during one accounting period, but for which the underlying asset is not fully consumed until a future accounting period. Thus, the prepayment is expensed to an

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appropriate operation, maintenance, tax, or other expense account on a systematic basis (e.g., straight-line) over the term covered by the initial payment. In general, prepayments are recorded in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") Account 165 and represent short-term transaction lives (12 months or less). Regardless, at the end of the 2021 test year, approximately 10% of Oncor's prepayment balance reflected longer term prepayment arrangements, primarily related to information technology services.

Given materiality thresholds, there are numerous prepaid costs that the Company expenses immediately upon payment if the materiality threshold is met for the relevant payment type. (For example, it is Oncor's standard practice to record a prepayment asset for insurance premiums greater than \$24,000.) Prepaid costs less than applicable threshold amounts (e.g., annual periodical subscriptions, individual accountant and engineer professional licensing fees, minor software licenses, etc.) are expensed when the payment is processed. The cost of invested capital necessary to finance these transactions is considered in the calculation of CWC discussed earlier in my testimony.

- Q. PLEASE IDENTIFY THE COSTS THAT ARE TREATED AS PREPAYMENTS IN THE COMPANY'S RFP.
- A. Subject to the threshold levels previously described, Oncor prepays its costs of external insurance premiums, certain municipal franchise fees (also called local gross receipts taxes), industry membership dues, vendor fees, software licensing costs, and various maintenance agreements.
- Q. HOW HAS ONCOR FUNCTIONALIZED THE PREPAYMENT COSTS
  THAT ARE INCLUDED IN ITS RATE BASE?
  - A. Similar to M&S inventories, the Company first captured the month-end balance of prepayments for each month of the test year and, together with the month immediately preceding the test year, then calculated the 13-month average balance of prepayments. As detailed on Schedule II-B-10,

the cost of each asset group was directly assigned to a function when possible. For prepayment amounts that could not be directly assigned, the most appropriate functionalization factor (see Schedule II-F) as prescribed for use by the Commission's RFP Instructions was used to spread the costs between Oncor's functional groups.

#### 1. Prepaid Insurance

The 13-month average balance of prepaid premiums for external insurance has been directly assigned to Oncor's functional groups on the same basis as the underlying insurance coverage. In general, prepaid property, liability, and cyber insurance premiums are functionalized on the basis of the underlying policy, while workers' compensation insurance coverage is functionalized on the basis of payroll costs. The 13-month-end balances of the functionalized cost of prepaid insurance may be found in my workpaper WP/II-B-10.

#### 2. Prepaid Membership Dues

The 13-month average balance of membership dues paid to certain electric industry associations has been functionalized using the payroll factors identified in Schedule II-F pursuant to General Instruction 11.c of the Commission's RFP Instructions. The 13-month-end balances of the functionalized cost of prepaid membership dues may be found in my workpaper WP/II-B-10.

#### 3. Prepaid Municipal Franchise Fees

Municipal franchise fees are paid to various cities and towns for use of public rights-of-way. The fees are calculated on a cents per kilowatt-hours ("kWh") basis for all retail kWh deliveries within each municipality served by Oncor. These fees reflect retail service and have been directly assigned 100% to the distribution function. The 13-month-end balances of the functionalized cost of prepaid municipal franchise fees may be found in my workpaper WP/II-B-10.

#### 4. Prepaid Software License and Maintenance Agreements

Oncor also prepays various costs related to software license and maintenance agreements related to certain operating systems employed by the Company to provide electric service. In general, the balances of these prepaid software license and maintenance agreements can be directly assigned to the transmission, distribution, metering, or transmission and distribution utility customer service ("TDCS") functions based on the functional use of each system corresponding to the prepayment. The 13-month-end balances of the functionalized cost of prepaid software license and maintenance agreements may be found in my workpaper WP/II-B-10.

- Q. HAVE YOU MADE ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO ACTUAL TEST YEAR COSTS WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPANY'S REQUESTED BALANCE OF PREPAYMENTS?
- A. Yes. The 13-month average balance of prepayments during the 2021 test year, after removing non-recoverable costs, is shown in my workpaper WP/II-B-10. Oncor's 13-month average balance of prepayments, as adjusted, totals \$115,153,396. I have provided this balance to Oncor witness Mr. Ledbetter for inclusion in the Company's overall determination of invested capital (rate base).

#### IV. CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

- Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE RATE BASE ITEM IDENTIFIED AS CUSTOMER DEPOSITS.
- A. Certain third-party entities have provided funds to protect the Company's ratepayers from the failure of such third-parties to remit payment for contractual obligations primarily relating to joint use pole contact arrangements and requested plant construction activities. At the end of the test year, Oncor's balance sheet reflects approximately \$43.0 million of customer deposits. However, approximately \$42.9 million of this \$43.0 million total relates to fully-refundable customer advances for construction activities that are primarily short-lived, and these deposited amounts are not

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contributions in aid of construction. All of these remaining customer cash 1 2 deposits related to construction activities, moreover, have been placed in a 3 restricted cash account and, therefore, excluded from Oncor's operating 4 cash. Once the terms of the agreement have been met for the construction 5 activity, the deposit with interest is returned to the customer. Interest for 6 customer deposits are accrued at rates set by the Commission. 7 Accordingly, these customer cash deposits relating to construction activities are effectively set aside in escrow rather than being available as a source 8 of satisfying Oncor's working capital needs. For these reasons, Oncor 9 10 applied a known and measurable change to its test year-end customer 11 deposit amount to remove these construction-related, refundable customer 12 deposits. The remaining \$162,100 balance of customer deposits has been 13 reflected as a reduction to Oncor's required working capital total. These 14 remaining customer deposits have been directly assigned to the distribution 15 function. I have summarized the total balance of these customer deposit 16 amounts in line 7 of Schedule II-B-11 and have provided that amount to 17 Oncor witness Mr. Ledbetter for inclusion (as a reduction) in the overall

#### V. SELF-INSURANCE RESERVE ACCOUNTING

#### A. <u>Inclusion of Self-Insurance Reserve in Rate Base</u>

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE ONCOR'S SELF-INSURANCE PLAN AND THE SELF-INSURANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT.

determination of the Company's total of invested capital (rate base).

A. Consistent with Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") § 36.064 and 16 TAC § 25.231(b)(1)(G), Oncor has established a plan to self-insure part of the utility's potential liability and catastrophic property losses, including but not limited to wind, storm, fire, and explosion losses, that could not have been reasonably anticipated and included under operating and maintenance expenses. Oncor's self-insurance plan is designed to provide a reserve account for coverage for property and liability losses of \$500,000 or more

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to be in the public interest because ratepayers receive the benefits from this lower cost alternative. Accordingly, the Commission has previously allowed for inclusion in rates the annual accruals to the self-insurance reserve and has granted recovery of existing self-insurance reserve deficit balances in the determination of Oncor's revenue requirement.

In Oncor's last base rate case, Docket No. 46957, the Commission approved a settlement that authorized recovery of \$75 million annually to

The Commission has consistently found Oncor's self-insurance plan

approved a settlement that authorized recovery of \$75 million annually to provide self-insurance coverage for current losses, as well as approximately \$42.64 million annually to recover the then-existing self-insurance reserve deficit balance of \$426,420,946 over a 10-year amortization period that began on November 27, 2017. Despite these rate allowances, the Company's self-insurance reserve balance remains in a significant deficit position; at the end of the 2021 test year, this deficit totaled approximately \$588.55 million (including approximately \$223.29 million of the remaining unamortized reserve deficit balance existing at the end of the test year in Docket No. 46957).

Please refer to the direct testimony of Company witness Mr. Gregory S. Wilson for further details on Oncor's self-insurance plan and reserve.

- Q. IS ONCOR REQUESTING THAT THE DEFICIT BALANCE IN THE SELF-INSURANCE RESERVE BE INCLUDED AS A COMPONENT OF RATE BASE?
- A. Yes. As provided for in PURA § 36.064(d)(2) and 16 TAC § 25.231(c)(2)(E), if a self-insurance plan is approved by the Commission, any shortages to the reserve account will be an increase to rate base, and any surpluses will be a decrease to rate base. Oncor's self-insurance reserve account has been in a shortage (i.e., net deficit) position since before the deregulation of the Texas electric utility industry became effective in January 2002. The

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