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I. INTRODUCTION

2 Q1. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

3 A. My name is Dane A. Watson. My business address is 101 E. Park Blvd., Suite 220,
4 Plano, Texas 75074.

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6 Q2. ARE YOU THE SAME DANE A. WATSON THAT FILED DIRECT
7 TESTIMONY IN THIS DOCKET?

8 A. Yes. I submitted direct testimony with Entergy Texas, Inc.'s ("ETI" or the
9 "Company") application filed in this docket on July 1, 2022.

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II. PURPOSE

12 Q3. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

13 A. The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to respond to various arguments and
14 assertions made by witnesses for the Office of Public Utility Counsel ("OPUC"),
15 Texas Industrial Energy Consumers ("TIEC"), and Cities.¹

16

17 Q4. DO YOU SPONSOR ANY REBUTTAL EXHIBITS?

18 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following rebuttal exhibits:

19 1. Exhibit DAW-R-1, Lives of Texas Electric Regulated Companies

20 2. Exhibit DAW-R-2, Retirement Units Transmission and Distribution

¹ Cities include the Cities of Anahuac, Beaumont, Bridge City, Cleveland, Dayton, Groves, Houston, Huntsville, Liberty, Montgomery, Navasota, Nederland, Oak Ridge North, Orange, Pine Forest, Pinehurst, Port Arthur, Port Neches, Roman Forest, Rose City, Shenandoah, Silsbee, Sour Lake, Splendor, Vidor, West Orange, and Willis.

1 Q5. WERE YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS PREPARED BY
2 YOU OR UNDER YOUR DIRECT SUPERVISION?

3 A. Yes.
4

5 Q6. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE ISSUES RAISED WITH REGARD TO YOUR
6 DIRECT TESTIMONY AND DEPRECIATION STUDY.

7 A. Intervenors have raised four issues with my depreciation study and direct
8 testimony. The first issue relates to production plant assets that will retire earlier
9 than projected in the Company's last base-rate case (now to retire between 2023
10 through 2026). This issue is raised by OPUC witness Constance T. Cannady,
11 Cities' witnesses Mark E. Garrett and David J. Garrett, and TIEC witness Jeffry
12 Pollock. The second issue relates to the demolition study, which was raised by
13 Cities' witness David Garrett. The third issue, which relates to life parameters for
14 mass property accounts, is also raised by Mr. David Garrett. Finally, the fourth
15 issue, which relates to net salvage parameters for service mass property accounts,
16 is also raised by Mr. David Garrett.
17

18 Q7. DO YOU AGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY OPUC
19 WITNESS CANNADY, CITIES' WITNESSES MARK GARRETT AND DAVID
20 GARRETT AND TIEC WITNESS JEFFRY POLLOCK?

21 A. No. I disagree with all of their proposals and recommendations, to the extent that
22 they contradict my recommendations. I will discuss the life and net salvage issues

1 in detail. In addition to responding to those issues, I also will point out issues
2 regarding Mr. David Garrett's proposed depreciation rates, describing his failure to
3 reallocate the accumulated provision for depreciation and omission of certain plant
4 groupings from his rate summaries. Other witnesses will rebut the remaining
5 issues. Company witnesses, Mr. Jess Totten and Anastasia R. Meyer will address
6 the generating unit retirement date issue in their rebuttal testimonies. Company
7 witness, Mr. Sean McHone will rebut the issues of the use of and reasons for
8 contingencies in demolition studies in his rebuttal testimony.

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10 **III. RESPONSE TO INTERVENOR AND STAFF TESTIMONY**

11 **A. Mass Property Service Lives**

12 Q8. WHAT RECOMMENDATION DOES MR. GARRETT² MAKE WITH REGARD
13 TO MASS PROPERTY SERVICE LIVES?

14 A. Mr. Garrett argues that the proposed service lives for seven transmission and
15 distribution mass property accounts should be extended.³

16
17 Q9. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. GARRETT'S RECOMMENDATIONS?

18 A. No. Mr. Garrett's proposed service lives for these seven transmission and
19 distribution mass property accounts are unreasonably long (both from an
20 engineering perspective of the life expectation of individual assets within the

² All references throughout the remainder of my testimony to Mr. Garrett are to Mr. David Garrett.

³ Direct Testimony of David J. Garrett ("D. Garrett Dir.") at Exhibits DJG-7 through DJG-13.

1 accounts and from the range of lives seen generally by other Texas utilities) and are
2 not based on sound depreciation practices. Thus, Mr. Garrett's recommendations
3 should be rejected, and my proposed service lives should be adopted.

4

5 Q10. WHAT DOES STAFF RECOMMEND WITH REGARD TO YOUR LIFE
6 SELECTIONS?

7 A. Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Staff") does not make any
8 explicit statements in testimony. However, Staff's recommended depreciation
9 expense, as reflected in Attachment ES-3 (Staff Schedule IIIA) to the testimony of
10 Emily Sears, shows Staff's schedule for depreciation expense to be the same as the
11 Company's request. Staff considered the issue of the various service life and net
12 salvage proposals and adopted the Company's proposed service life
13 recommendations.

14

15 Q11. HOW DO MR. GARRETT'S PROPOSED LIVES AND SURVIVOR CURVES
16 FOR THE SEVEN ACCOUNTS AT ISSUE COMPARE WITH THOSE
17 CURRENTLY APPROVED FOR ETI AND YOUR PROPOSALS?

18 A. The table below compares the existing life and survivor curve parameters for the
19 six accounts at issue with my proposals as well as Mr. Garrett's proposals:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Existing</u>		<u>ETI Proposed</u>		<u>Cities Proposed</u>	
	<u>Life</u>	<u>Curve</u>	<u>Life</u>	<u>Curve</u>	<u>Life</u>	<u>Curve</u>
353 Station Equipment	64	R1	64	R1	70	R1
354 Towers and Fixtures	75	R4	75	R4	79	R4
355 Poles and Fixtures	65	R1.5	70	R1.5	77	R1
362 Station Equipment	65	R1	65	R1	70	R0.5
364 Poles, Towers & Fixtures	43	R1	45	R1	47	R1
366 Underground Conduit	60	L0.5	50	R3	60	R2
367 Underground Conductor and Devices	42	R1	40	R2.5	46	R2

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2 Q12. HOW DO MR. GARRETT’S PROPOSED SERVICE LIVES FOR THESE
 3 SEVEN ACCOUNTS COMPARE WITH THOSE APPROVED FOR OTHER
 4 UTILITIES IN TEXAS?

5 A. In most cases, Mr. Garrett’s life recommendations are longer than the lives
 6 approved for any other Texas utility for these accounts. While my life
 7 recommendations in this case are based on ETI’s specific circumstances,
 8 comparing depreciation parameters of other utilities in near proximity provides a
 9 range of reasonableness for comparison. With that in mind, I prepared Exhibit
 10 DAW-R-1, which provides the information included in the table above along with
 11 the approved lives and curves for other Texas utility companies for these accounts.

12

13 Q13. SPECIFICALLY, WHY DO YOU DISAGREE WITH MR. GARRETT’S LIFE
 14 SELECTIONS?

15 A. Although some of the graphs included in Mr. Garrett’s testimony may appear to
 16 demonstrate that his life selections track ETI’s historical experience more closely
 17 than my life selections, in fact, the difference in the curve matches are not material

1 or differentiated enough for the dramatic increases in lives that Mr. Garrett
2 recommends for many accounts. He also has no explanation of any operational
3 reasons for the dramatic increase in lives since the Commission last approved the
4 Company's lives. Further, as discussed in detail below, simply using actuarial
5 analysis to analyze only one placement and experience band is insufficient to make
6 a knowledgeable life selection. In sum, Mr. Garrett fails to consider several issues
7 that are widely regarded as significant in performing a life study, including the
8 following:

- 9 • Mr. Garrett fails to consider the normal life expectations for the mix of
10 assets in the seven accounts at issue. His recommendations are outside of
11 the generally expected range for the various types of units found in those
12 accounts. This could be understood by, at minimum, reviewing the lives
13 experienced by other Texas regulated electric companies. Mr. Garrett
14 ignores this common reasonableness test.
- 15 • Mr. Garrett disregards Company-specific information and opinions from
16 Company subject matter experts ("SMEs"). These SMEs are
17 knowledgeable about the assets being studied and deal with these assets as
18 part of their work assignments. Their input is invaluable to the depreciation
19 study process, as noted by the learned treatises discussed below. If Mr.
20 Garrett had incorporated any of that information in making his selections, I
21 believe that his life recommendations would have been shorter.
- 22 • Mr. Garrett relies on only one placement and experience band for each
23 account in making his life recommendations. There is no discussion on why
24 this band was selected or why it is representative of future expectations for
25 the six accounts. A selection of only one placement and experience band
26 without any such explanation is contrary to sound depreciation practices, as
27 discussed below.
- 28 • Mr. Garrett improperly ignores relevant Company history by omitting part
29 of the observed life table ("OLT") in order to present mathematical
30 matching results that he presents as support for his contentions. For many

1 accounts, Mr. Garrett's one percent criteria occurs when exposures are over
2 one million.⁴

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4 Q14. YOU STATED ABOVE THAT MR. GARRETT DID NOT CONSIDER THE
5 LIFE CHARACTERISTICS THAT EXIST FOR SIMILAR ASSETS AT OTHER
6 UTILITIES IN HIS ANALYSIS. WHY IS THIS PROBLEMATIC?

7 A. The lives Mr. Garrett selected for the seven accounts at issue are beyond what
8 would reasonably be expected for the types of assets within these accounts.
9 Mr. Garrett fails to take into account the shorter life expectations for individual
10 retirement units (assets) within each account as compared to his recommendations.
11 A summary of retirement units by account is presented in Exhibit DAW-R-2. If
12 the majority of the dollars in a particular account are associated with assets that
13 have projected lives between 20 and 40 years, an overall life for the account of
14 60 years for that account will not be reasonable. This is true even if mathematical
15 curve matching on historical data for that account over the last 80 years
16 mechanically produces a 60 year overall life. Simply recommending the output of
17 a statistical model without validating it against operational realities or reasonable
18 norms is not an accurate way to set asset lives.

19 Further, my proposals are much more consistent with the approved lives of
20 other Texas utilities than Mr. Garrett's proposals. Those results for each account

⁴ The exposures for the one percent cut-off are: 10.2 million for account 353, 6.6 million for 355, 3.8 million for account 362, 4.7 million for account 364, and 1.9 million for 367. See Mr. Garrett's workpapers.

1 are shown in Exhibit DAW-R-1. I discuss these reasonableness issues in regard to
2 each of the six accounts below.

3

4 Q15. YOU STATE ABOVE THAT MR. GARRETT DID NOT INCORPORATE
5 INFORMATION FROM COMPANY SMES IN HIS RECOMMENDATIONS.
6 WHY DO YOU TAKE ISSUE WITH THIS?

7 A. Mr. Garrett makes no indication in his testimony, exhibits, or workpapers that he
8 reviewed or incorporated any information from Company SMES in his life
9 recommendations. Information provided by SMEs on the specific plant and
10 equipment being studied is of critical importance in the depreciation study process.
11 In its 1996 edition of the publication *Public Utility Depreciation Practices*,
12 NARUC advises against strict reliance on historical data and fitting, stating:

13 Depreciation analysts should avoid becoming ensnared in
14 the historical life study and relying solely on mathematical
15 solutions. The reason for making an historic life analysis is
16 to develop a sufficient understanding of history in order to
17 evaluate whether it is a reasonable predictor of the future.
18 The importance of being aware of circumstances having
19 direct bearing on the reason for making an historical life
20 analysis cannot be understated. . . . The analyst should
21 become familiar with the physical plant under study and its
22 operating environment, including **talking with the field**
23 **people who use the equipment being studied.**⁵

⁵ NARUC, *Public Utility Depreciation Practices*, at 126 (1996) (emphasis added).

1 Q16. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU INCORPORATED INFORMATION FROM
2 THE SMES IN YOUR DEPRECIATION STUDY.

3 A. I met with Company personnel to discuss various operating and maintenance
4 practices; past, present, and future projects; and other account specific information
5 that was relevant to life and net salvage expectations in the future. It is my
6 understanding that Sargent & Lundy (“S&L”) personnel, who performed the
7 demolition study upon which I rely for purposes of my depreciation study,
8 conducted site visits and interviews as well.

9
10 Q17. WHAT PLACEMENT AND EXPERIENCE BANDS DID MR. GARRETT USE
11 IN HIS ANALYSIS?

12 A. Mr. Garrett only used one placement and experience band in his testimony and
13 workpapers for each account, as summarized in the below chart:

Account	Placement Band⁶	Experience Band
353	1931–2021	1954–2021
354	1945-2021	1962-2021
355	1923–2021	1954–2021
362	1928–2021	1954–2021
364	1927–2017	1954–2021
366	1927–2021	1954–2021
367	1933–2021	1954–2021

⁶ D. Garret Dir. at Exhibit DJG-12.

1 Q18. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. GARRETT'S DECISION TO USE ONLY ONE
2 PLACEMENT AND EXPERIENCE BAND?

3 A. No. Mr. Garrett's use of one placement and experience band is not sound
4 depreciation practice, and in my expert opinion it does not lead to accurate results
5 in this case. NARUC's *Public Utility Depreciation Practices* advocates the use of
6 multiple bands:

7 Banding is compositing a number of years of data in order to merge
8 them into a single data set for further analysis. Often, several bands
9 are analyzed. By making determinations of the life and retirement
10 dispersion in successive bands, the analyst can get a clear indication
11 of whether there is a trend in either the life of the plant or in the
12 dispersion of the retirements.⁷

13 Another learned treatise, *Depreciation Systems*, offers similar guidance:

14 The analyst must use good judgment when determining band widths.
15 Many empirical procedures governing this choice have been
16 developed. These include the selection bands of fixed width, often
17 3, 5, or 10 years; rolling bands, in which one band overlaps the next;
18 and shrinking bands, in which the width of the band systematically
19 decreases.

20 A preferred approach is to select the bands based on the history and
21 the activities that occurred during the period defined by the bands.
22 Because placement bands are often used to describe property of a
23 particular technology, a band could be chosen that will be wide
24 enough to include all property of a similar technology. Experience
25 bands may be chosen to include the calendar years during which a
26 single force of retirement was of particular interest.

27 Bands may be chosen to detect change in the survivor
28 characteristics.⁸

⁷ NARUC, *Public Utility Depreciation Practices*, at 113 (1996).

⁸ F.K. Wolf and W. C. Fitch, *Depreciation Systems*, at 186 (1994).

1 Mr. Garrett does not explain why he has decided not to follow this guidance and
2 instead choose only one placement and experience band.

3

4 Q19. WHAT PLACEMENT AND EXPERIENCE BANDS DID YOU USE FOR
5 PURPOSES OF YOUR DEPRECIATION STUDY?

6 A. I used five or six placement experience bands for each account. I ran an overall
7 placement band with three different experience bands: the overall experience band
8 which was 1954-2021, 1971-2021, and 1996-2021 to isolate experience in those
9 transaction years. I also ran the 1971-2021 placement band with the 1971-2021
10 and 1996-2021 experience bands. If sufficient data existed for life analysis, I also
11 ran an overall band of 1996-2021.

12

13 Q20. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. GARRETT'S PROPOSAL TO REMOVE
14 CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE OLTs FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING
15 MATHEMATICAL COMPARISONS?

16 A. No. By eliminating certain relevant data, Mr. Garrett seeks to match only the top
17 segment of the curve. In the case of Accounts 355, 366, and 367, Mr. Garrett
18 disregards the tail of the OLT curve completely. While I agree less weight should
19 be given to points at the bottom of the curve compared to other points along the
20 curve, this data should not be completely excluded from the analysis. *Depreciation*
21 *Systems* provides authoritative guidance as to what part of the curve to match:

22 After plotting the observed curve, the analyst should first visually
23 match the plotted data to make an initial judgment about the type

1 curve that may be good fits. The analyst also must decide which
2 points or section of the curve should be given the most weight.
3 Points at the end of the curve are often based on fewer exposures
4 and may be given less weight than the points based on larger
5 samples. The weight placed on those points will depend on the size
6 of the exposures. Often the middle section of the curve (that section
7 ranging from approximately 80% to 20% surviving) is given more
8 weight than the first and last sections. This middle section is
9 relatively straight and is the portion of the curve that often best
10 characterizes the survivor curve.⁹

11 Mr. Garrett has provided no authority in support of his position to disregard entire
12 segments of the observed life table curves.

13

14 **1. Account 353 – Station Equipment**

15 Q21. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR AND MR. GARRETT’S RECOMMENDATIONS
16 FOR ACCOUNT 353 – TRANSMISSION STATION EQUIPMENT.

17 A. I recommend retaining the existing service life for Account 353, which is currently
18 64 R1. Mr. Garrett proposes 70 R1, which is an increase of 6 years over the existing
19 life. At December 31, 2021, the average age of survivors in this account is
20 12.25 years and the average age of retirements in this account is 21.61 years. This
21 information demonstrates that this is a young account with little retirement
22 experience for the majority of the assets.

⁹ F.K. Wolf and W. C. Fitch, *Depreciation Systems*, at 46–47 (1994) (emphasis added).

1 Q22. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. GARRETT'S BASIS FOR PROPOSING AN 70
2 R1 CURVE?

3 A. No. There are many reasons I disagree with Mr. Garrett on the life for this account.
4 First, Mr. Garrett does not appear to factor in the life expectations for specific assets
5 in this account as communicated by Company SMEs. My interview notes on this
6 account indicate the following factors that influence the life of this account:

7 Existing life is 64 years and Life analysis is showing similar 64 year
8 life. (3 xmsn lines or no distribution load – will be transmission
9 station and will put “common” assets in the function that the
10 substation is classified as). All new breakers are SF6 but still have
11 some of oil breakers (25% oil). 50-70 years would be the MAX life
12 for oil breakers – although still fairly new, they believe there may
13 be a comparable life for SF6 breakers. Transformers and breakers
14 are two of the few devices where preventive maintenance is
15 performed. Moved more to a “condition-based” approach instead of
16 a time-based approach. Have on-going long-term targeted
17 replacement program for OCB replacement. Standard is arrestors
18 protect high and low side. Arrestors – high failure item (20 years a
19 good average). Capacitor banks (10-15 year average life
20 expectancy) – devices switching cap bank have shorter life. Some
21 control systems may be in 397 (possible). Batteries have an average
22 15 to 20 year life. Control systems – electromechanical has
23 reasonably long life (PTs and CTs that drive them have shorter life).
24 Have a PT/CT replacement program. A portion of the system is still
25 electromechanical with life expectancy is 40+ years. Electronic
26 relays is less due to vendor support and technology advancements
27 (around 10-20 years). SCADA becomes obsolete before failure –
28 average life of RTUs is 20 years. Going to Wide Area network for
29 SCADA. Also have fiber connections between many stations. They
30 are seeing a shorter life on some of the transformers and circuit
31 breakers in the transmission account that in the distribution account.
32 They have done some life extension on transformers. Based on the
33 uncertainty of the life of SF6 breakers, significant addition of short-
34 lived electronics in the substations and technology movement, the
35 average life of transmission station equipment should not increase.

1 Now using composite/concrete type building (moved about
2 20 years).¹⁰

3 The primary assets in this account are the small buildings and lighting/fencing that
4 are discussed by the SMEs. With the primary assets having an estimated life of 50–
5 60 years, it is difficult to see how the other components would create a 70-year
6 average. And Mr. Garrett fails to provide an explanation as to why the excessive
7 life would be operationally justified.

8 Second, Mr. Garrett’s 70-year life does not seem reasonable when
9 compared to the 49-year average life of this account for other Texas utility
10 companies.¹¹ This is especially true given ETI is a Gulf Coast utility, subject to
11 severe weather events and more corrosive conditions. Given ETI’s service
12 territory, one would expect the estimated lives to be less than or equal to the lives
13 used by other utilities across the state.

14 Third, Mr. Garrett only examines one band for his proposal. In contrast, I
15 used five different placement experience bands as shown in my workpapers. As
16 stated in NARUC’s *Public Utility Depreciation Practices*, it is important to look at
17 different placement bands and experience bands: “Placement bands may be used to
18 show the effects and technological and material changes, whereas experience bands

¹⁰ The public and highly sensitive workpapers with the data supporting my depreciation study, which was attached as Exhibit DAW-2 to my direct testimony, were filed with ETI’s application. My public workpapers are included in ETI’s “Voluminous Exhibits and Workpapers_Public.zip” file, which is available for download via the Commission’s Interchange at the following link: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/search/documents/?controlNumber=53719&itemNumber=3>. The notes of my interviews with ETI’s SMEs are set in a workpaper entitled “2022 Interview Notes,” which is located in my voluminous workpapers folder entitled “Watson Direct_WP_DAW-2,” in a sub-folder entitled “Interview Notes.”

¹¹ See Exhibit DAW-R-2.

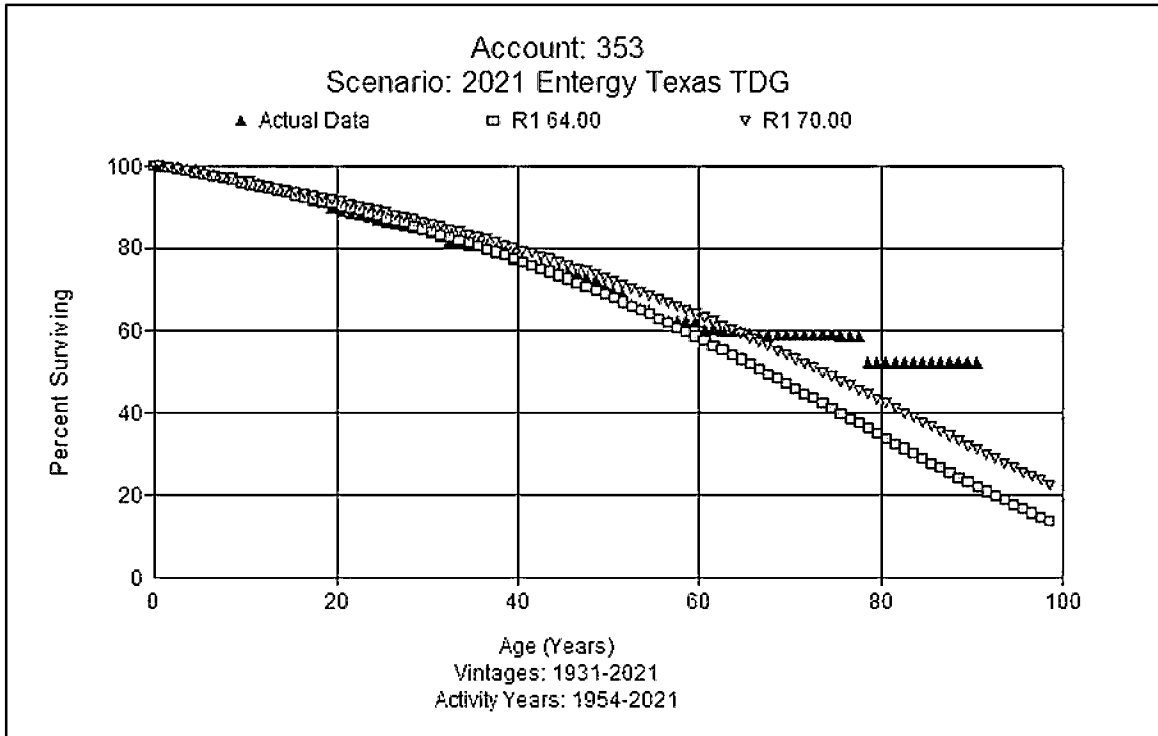
1 are used to show the effects of business and operational changes. Such banding is
2 necessary because the analyst does not have access to a database wherein each
3 factor (e.g., change in materials/technology or operational environment) is held
4 constant.”¹²

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6 Q23. WHAT DOES A VISUAL COMPARISON OVER MULTIPLE BANDS SHOW?

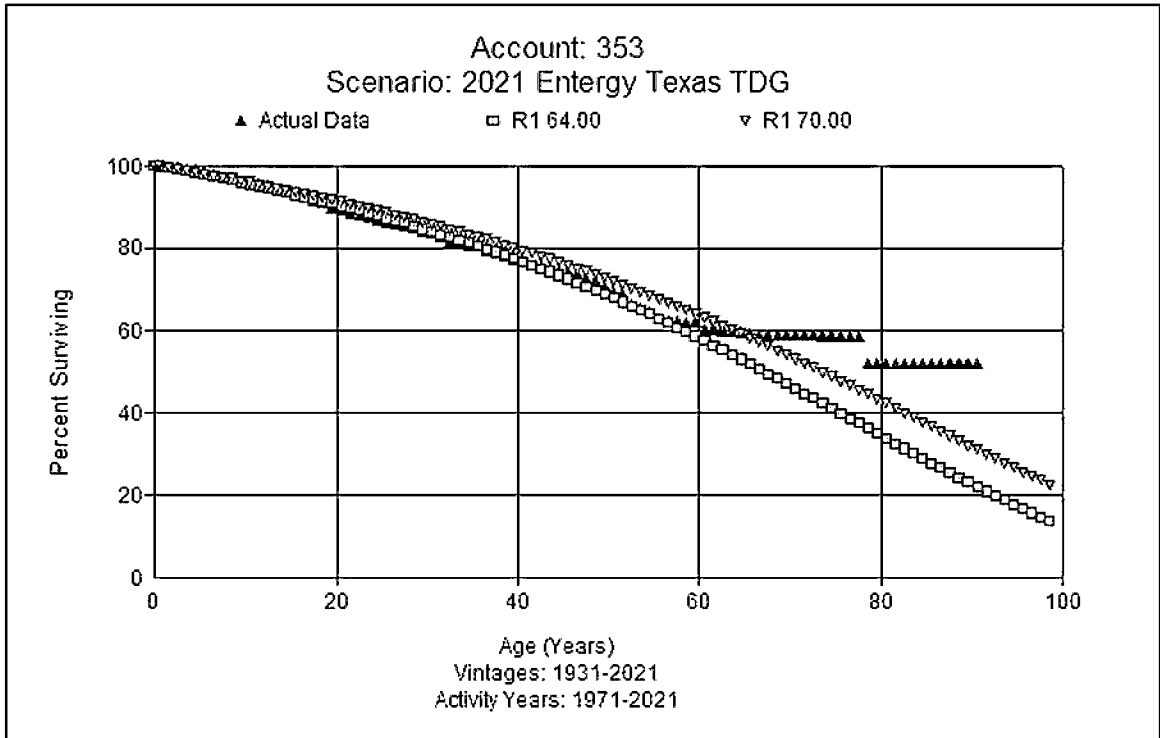
7 A. Below are graphs over various placement and experience bands. The dark blue
8 triangles represent the observed life table, the green rectangles represent the
9 Company’s proposal, and the slanted light blue triangles show Mr. Garrett’s
10 proposal. The first graph shows the placement band of 1931–2021 and experience
11 band, in comparison with the 1954–2021 experience.

¹² NARUC, *Public Utility Depreciation Practices*, at 125 (1996).

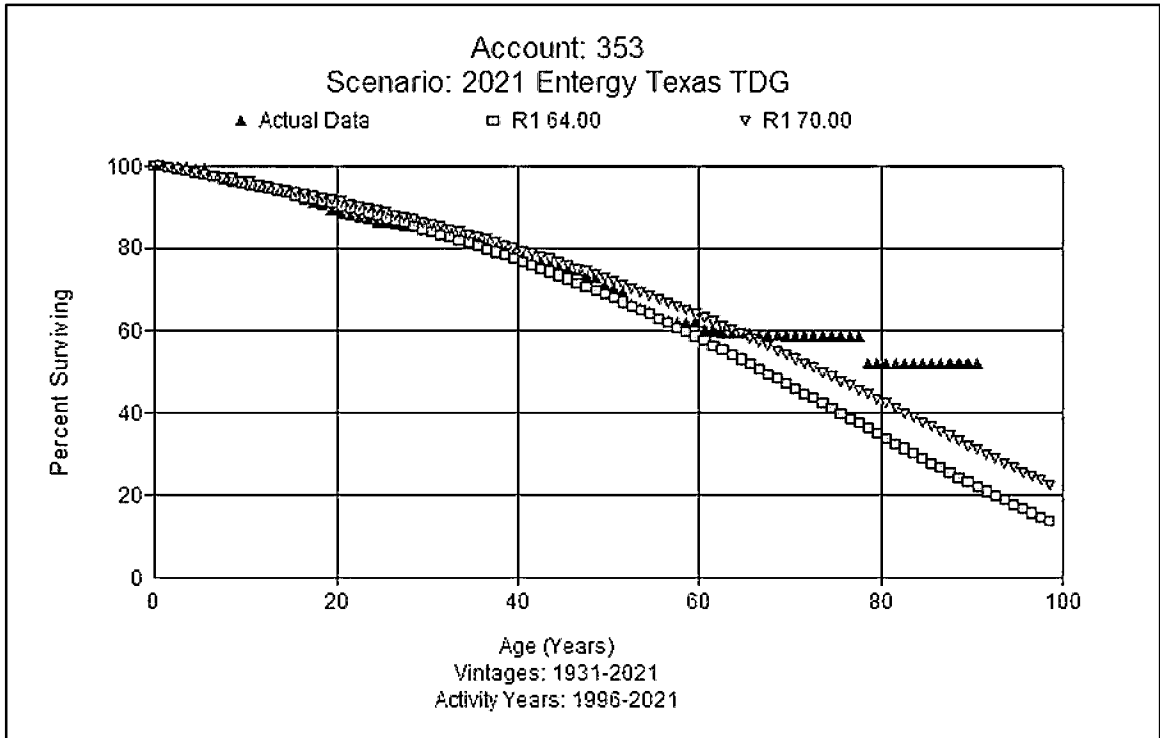


1 With regard to the 1931–2021 placement and experience band 1954-2021,
2 the two curves are close to each other, but my proposed curve is closer through age
3 60 and follows the slope of the actual data. Mr. Garrett’s proposed additional
4 six year life extension is not justifiable without operational reasons supporting the
5 extension.

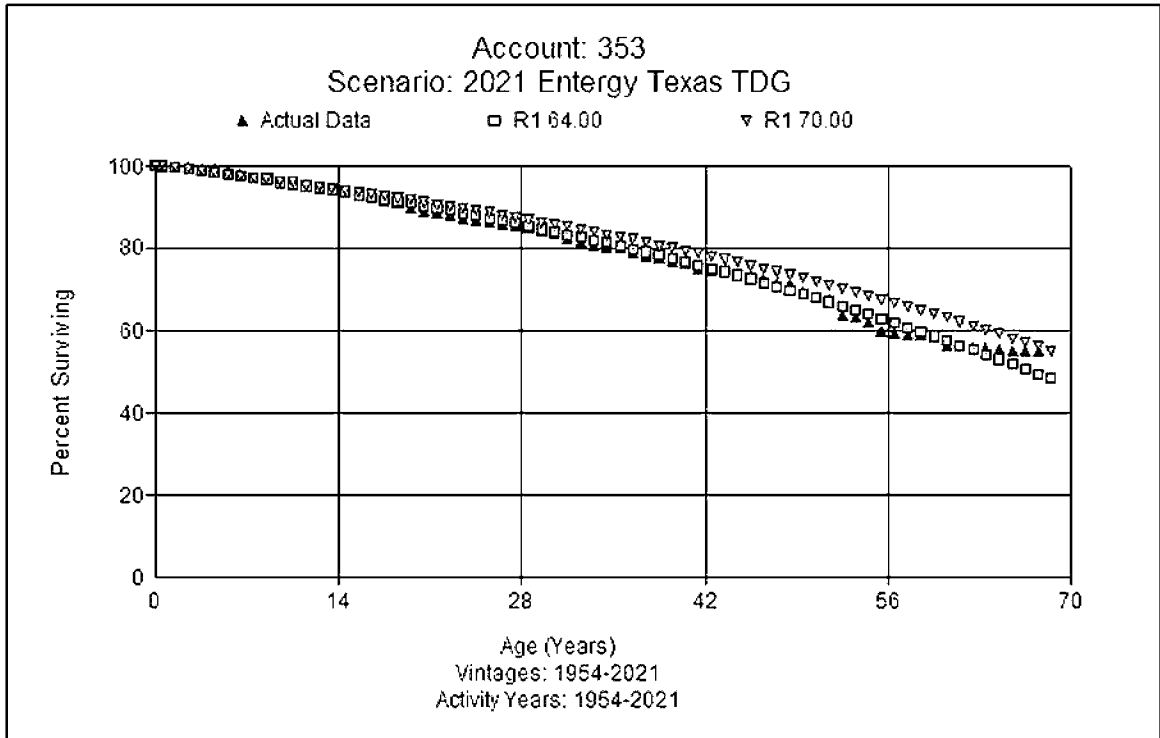
6 Further, the placement band of 1931-2021 and experience band of
7 1971-2021 below shows the same trend that my proposed curve is a better match
8 than Mr. Garrett’s proposal.



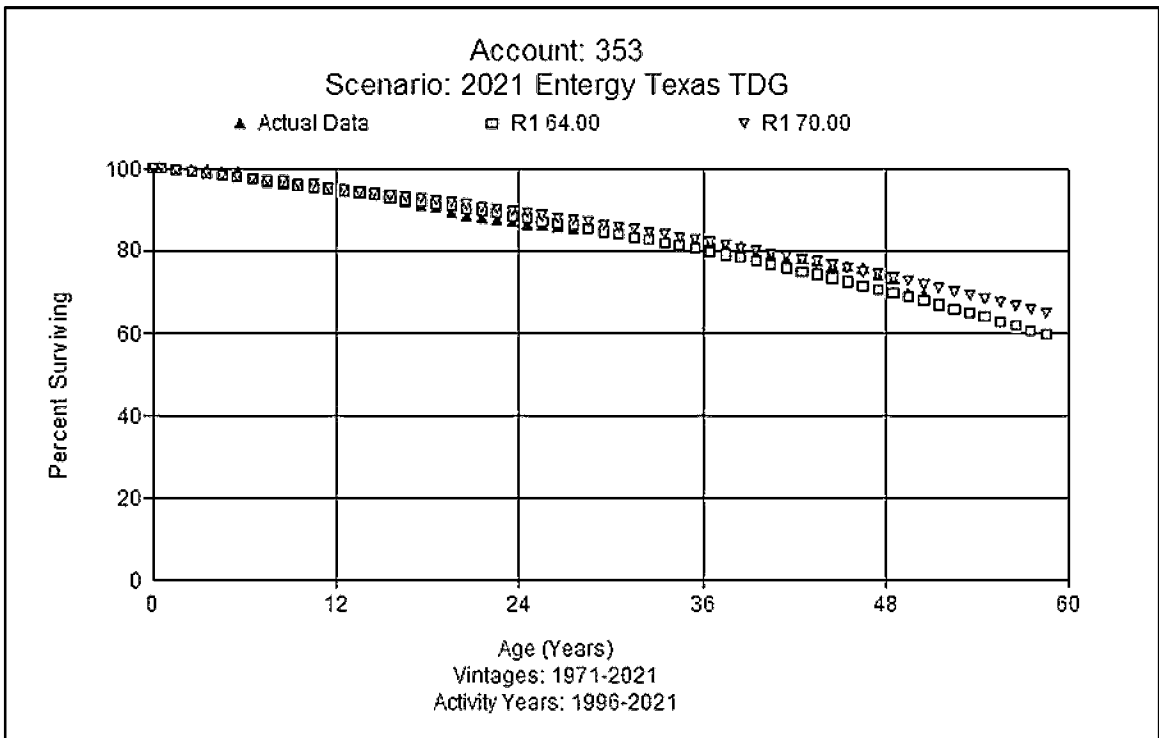
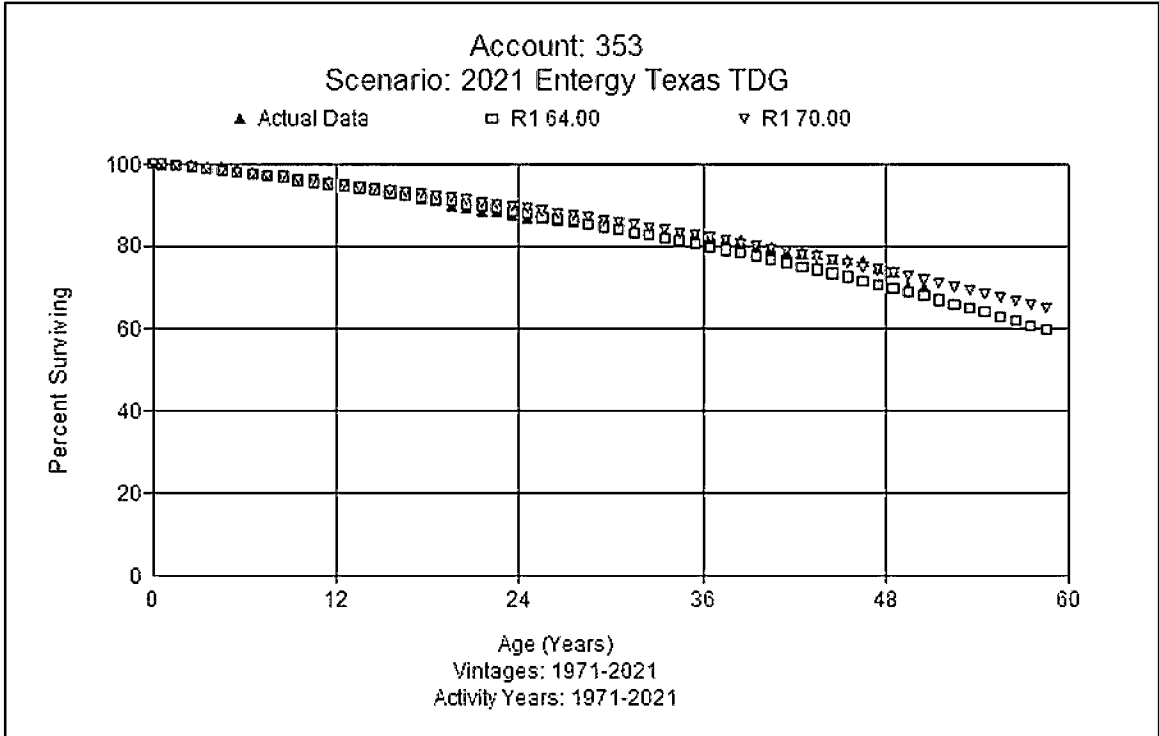
- 1 The next graph below shows the placement band 1931–2021 and experience band
- 2 1996–2021, which differs from the single band placement 1931–2017 and
- 3 experience 1954–2017 selected by Mr. Garrett.



- 1 The next graph below shows the placement band 1971–2021 and experience band
- 2 1971–2021 and placement band 1971–2021 and experience band 1996-2021.



1 The remaining graphs for this account show various placement experience bands
2 for various periods where each curve is compared to the Company's data.
3 The next graph below shows the placement band 1931–2021 and experience band
4 1996–2021, which differs from the single band placement 1931–2017 and
5 experience 1954–2017 selected by Mr. Garrett.



1 Again, the more recent bands demonstrate a shorter life closer to my proposed
2 64 year life than Mr. Garrett's proposed 70 year life. This is significant because so
3 much of the investment in this account is new plant with an average age of survivors
4 of 15.05 years. This is where the majority of the investment is as well, showing the
5 most recent trends that are likely to recur in future periods. By selecting only one
6 band, Mr. Garrett's analysis misses this important information. I believe that the
7 visual fits shown above contradict Mr. Garrett's contention that his selected curve
8 is a better fit to the observed data.¹³

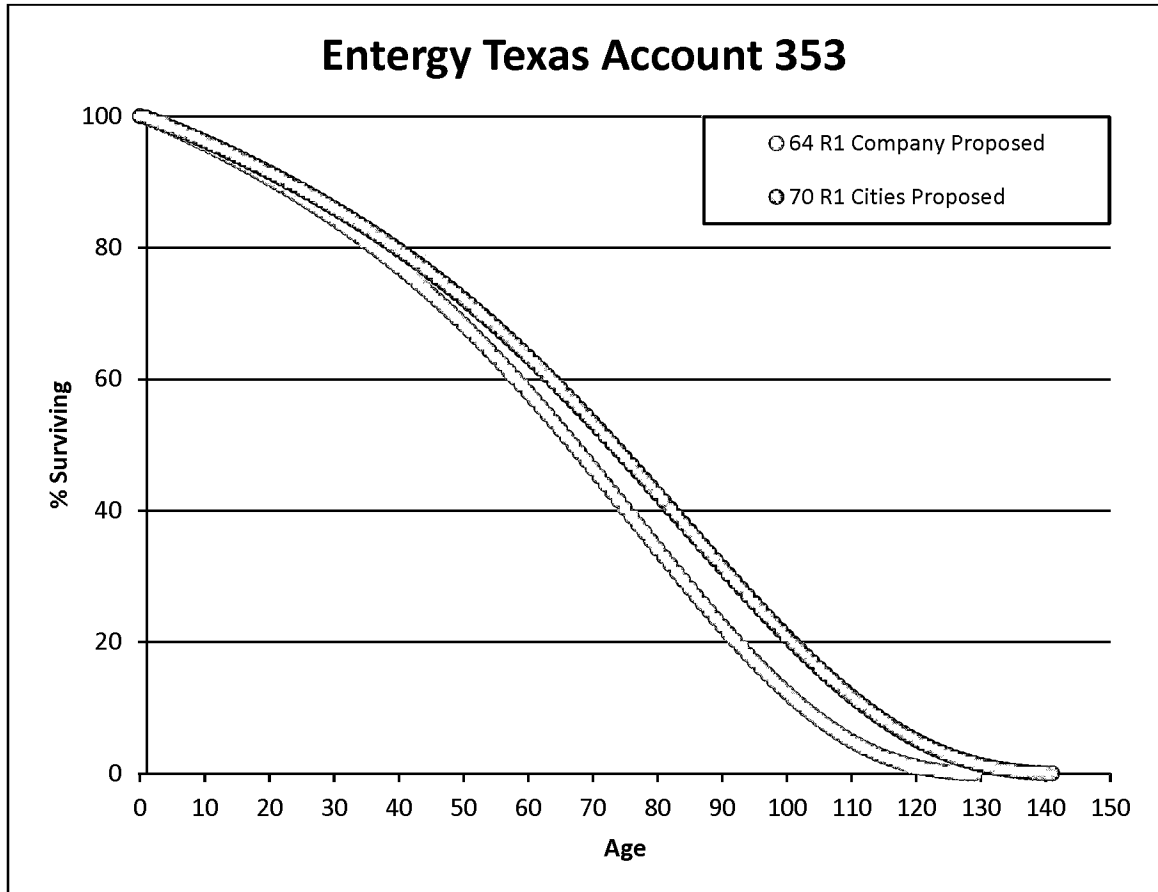
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10 Q24. ARE THERE OTHER ASPECTS THAT YOU CONSIDERED IN YOUR 64 R1
11 RECOMMENDATION?

12 A. Yes. The fit I selected was one of 22 different fits across multiple placement and
13 experience bands, which can be found in my workpapers. There are a variety of
14 assets with a mix of lives recorded in this account and my retention of the currently
15 approved 64-year life is reasonable. In contrast, the SMEs did not indicate that *any*
16 assets in this account could be expected to last as long as Mr. Garrett recommends
17 *for an average life.*

¹³ See D. Garrett Dir. at 24.

1 Q25. HOW DOES THE DISPERSION YOU RECOMMEND COMPARE WITH
2 MR. GARRETT'S RECOMMENDATION OVER THE TOTAL LIFE OF THE
3 GROUP?

4 A. The graph below compares each curve for the full life cycle. It is important to note
5 that the longest asset life for a 64 R1 is approximately 125 years, whereas the 70 R1
6 lasts beyond age 140. It is difficult to support any asset in this account lasting
7 nearly 140 years.



1 Q26. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE LIFE
2 RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS?

3 A. Yes. My life recommendation of 64 R1 recognizes both the indications in the life
4 analysis and the Company-specific information from the SMEs. To move the life
5 another six years from my recommendation is excessive. When compared to
6 existing parameters, Mr. Garrett's life represents an increase of 6 years or a 9.4%
7 change. This level of change without operational reasons at one time is
8 unreasonable, is not supported by the evidence, and should be rejected.

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10 **2. Account 354 – Transmission Towers and Fixtures**

11 Q27. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR AND MR. GARRETT'S RECOMMENDATIONS
12 FOR ACCOUNT 354 – TRANSMISSION TOWER AND FIXTURES.

13 A. For Account 354, I recommend a service life of 75 R4, which is the same as the
14 service life currently. Mr. Garrett proposes 79 R4, which is an increase four years
15 beyond my recommendation. At December 31, 2021, the average age of survivors
16 in this account is 33.56 years and the average age of retirements in this account is
17 25.56 years.

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19 Q28. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. GARRETT'S BASIS FOR PROPOSING A 79 R4
20 CURVE?

21 A. No. As with Account 353, Mr. Garrett does not seem to factor in important
22 information from Company SMEs regarding the operational life expectations for

1 various assets within the account. My interview notes on this account note the
2 following factors that influence the life of this account:

3 **354 – Transmission towers** – Existing life is 75 and life analysis is
4 showing similar life with R4. Operations is comfortable with the
5 towers. Majority of plant will last for life of plant like steel and
6 concrete foundations. Would expect a long life. On 345kV and
7 230kV, some foundations have failed. A catastrophic event can
8 cause failure. Upgrading voltage for line may also cause retirement
9 of towers or poles. Have periodic inspection program to maintain
10 reliability of towers. Towers are expensive to remove. Cranes are
11 necessary and older structures may have lead paint. Also,
12 environmental costs are now more than in the past. Only a couple
13 have been replaced – due to direct impact of Hurricane Rita.¹⁴

14 Mr. Garrett's four additional year life extension takes the account's life outside of
15 a reasonable life expectation for this account. This is demonstrated by the average
16 life of other Texas utility companies being 66 years.¹⁵ The longest lives among the
17 surveyed companies are El Paso Electric at 75 years, Southwestern Public Service
18 Company at 75 years, and Southwestern Electric Power Company at 74 years. All
19 these companies operate in different and, in some cases, less demanding operating
20 conditions than ETI.

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22 Q29. HOW MUCH DATA EXISTS TO PERFORM ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS FOR
23 THIS ACCOUNT?

24 A. The data to perform actuarial analysis is very sparse for this account. In performing
25 life analysis for Entergy's data, I excluded storm related retirements. Over the
26 available history, only \$428 thousand for normal retirements have retired out of

¹⁴ See Watson Direct Workpapers, 2022 Interview Notes.

¹⁵ See Exhibit DAW-R-2.

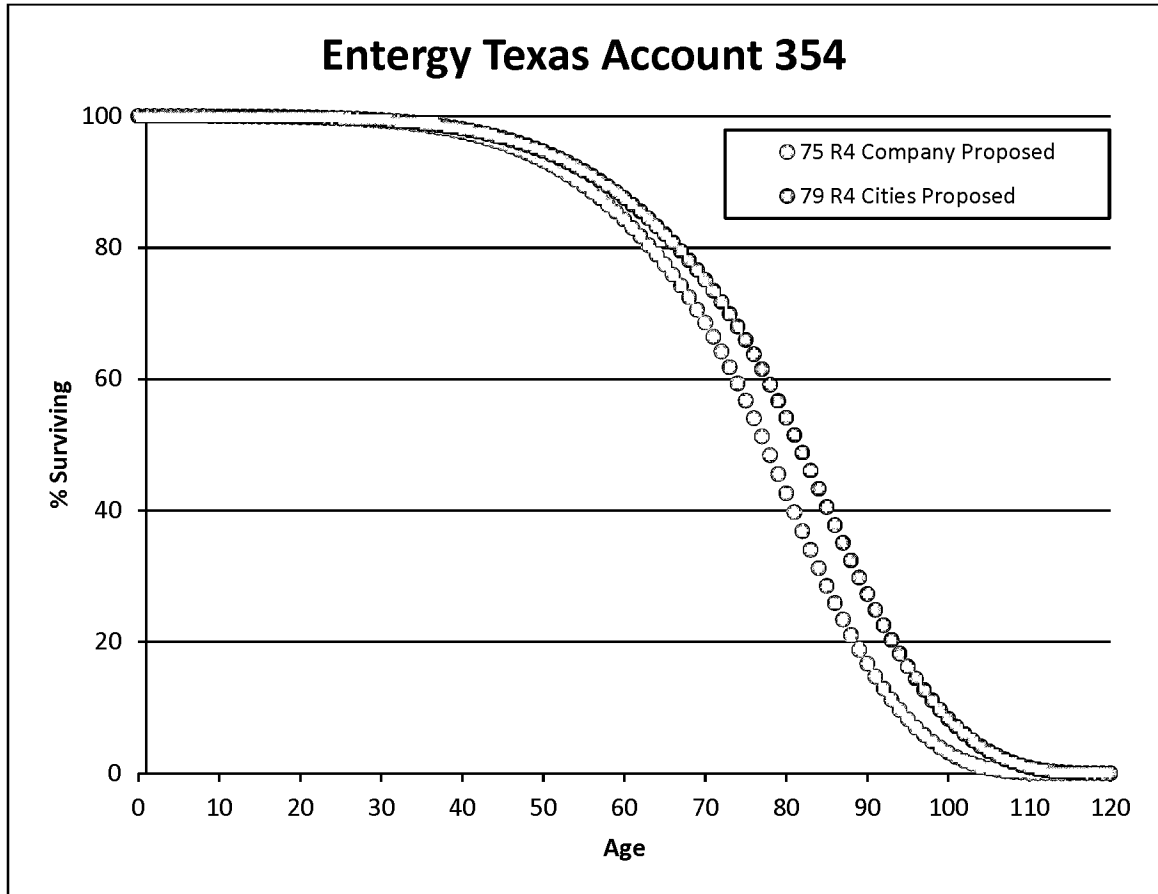
1 \$31.7 million in plant has been retired.¹⁶ Thus the retirements are only 1.4% of the
2 total plant. This is insufficient for statistically valid actuarial analysis. I did not
3 include \$3.6 million of storm related retirements which have produced a
4 statistically valid sample, and sufficient historical data. Historical analysis cannot
5 be relied upon for a meaningful conclusion. At this point, the judgment and input
6 from Company SMEs become a vital input to determine life estimates for this
7 account.

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10 Q30. HOW DO THE TWO DISPERSIONS COMPARE OVER THE TOTAL LIFE OF
11 THE GROUP?

12 A. Shown below is a graph for the full life cycle comparing each curve. It important
13 to note that the longest asset life for a 75 R4 is approximately 110 years, whereas
14 the 79 R4 lasts to age 120.

¹⁶ Watson Direct Workpapers, TDG Actuarial Data.



1 Q31. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE LIFE
2 RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS ACCOUNT?

3 A. Yes. My life recommendation of 75 R4 recognizes the environment that Energy
4 Texas operates in and the Company-specific information from the SMEs.
5 Mr. Garrett's recommendation for this account would give Entergy Texas the
6 longest life for any regulated utility in Texas. That recommendation does not make
7 sense given Entergy's service area.

1 **3. Account 355 – Poles & Fixtures**

2 Q32. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR AND MR. GARRETT’S RECOMMENDATIONS
3 FOR ACCOUNT 355 – TRANSMISSION POLES AND FIXTURES.

4 A. The existing service life is 65 R1.5. My recommendation is 70 R1.5, which is an
5 increase of 5 years. Mr. Garrett proposes 77 R1, which is an increase of 12 years
6 over existing and seven years beyond my recommendation. At December 31, 2021,
7 the average age of survivors in this account is 8.84 years and the average age of
8 retirements in this account is 19.94 years.

9
10 Q33. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. GARRETT’S BASIS FOR PROPOSING AN
11 70 R1.5 CURVE?

12 A. No. There are a number of reasons I disagree with Mr. Garrett on the life for this
13 account. Similar to his analysis regarding the other accounts, Mr. Garrett discounts
14 (or discards) important operational life expectations and information from
15 Company SMEs. My interview notes on this account note the following factors
16 that influence the life of this account:

17 **355 – Transmission pole account** – Existing life is 65 years, life
18 analysis is showing increase to 70 years old. This feels reasonable
19 with the majority of infrastructure moving to steel and concrete.
20 Wood in TX averages about 50 years old. Newest wood is around
21 20 years old. Treated wood poles in TX are surviving 55 years
22 before needing to be replaced - bare pole RU, down to pole-top pin.
23 In most areas, direct bury most transmission poles. Was dressed
24 pole RU until around 1998 – moved to more granular RUs then. Use
25 polymer insulators now – moved close to 20 years ago from
26 porcelain. Polymers self-clean better than porcelain and are easier
27 to handle. Earlier generations of polymer had a short life – would
28 not expect as short a life for newer generations. Don’t have the

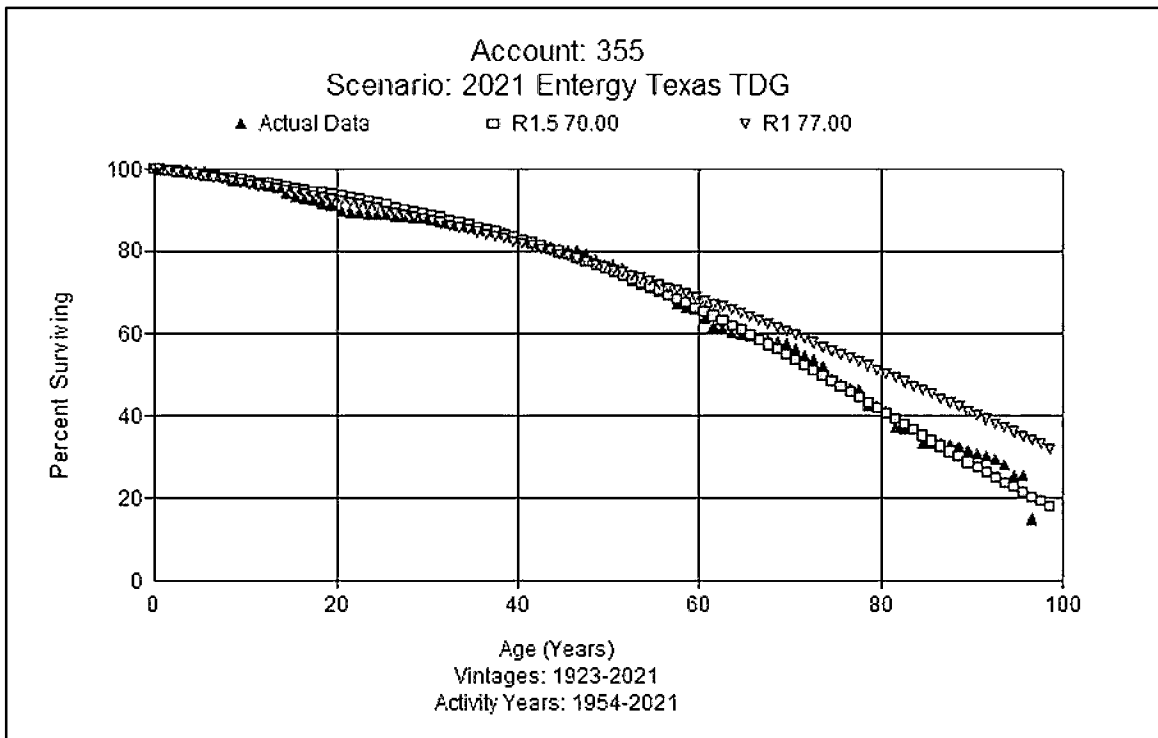
1 experience to project that polymer will last as long as porcelain yet.
2 Polymer insulators would fail before the conductor. Cross arms –
3 have H-frame structures with wood arms. When replaced, will go
4 back with steel tubular (engineered arm). In some cases, will replace
5 cross arms prior to end of life of pole (e.g. tree falling on line will
6 break cross arms). Anodes are also capital items and only have a
7 life of 15-20 years. Recently accelerated the replacement of poles –
8 more recent activity would be more representative of the future for
9 looking at NS. With the increasing levels of engineered structures
10 (steel and concrete poles), they would expect the life to increase.
11 Life is currently at 65 years – seeing some statistics for a slightly
12 longer life – maybe 70 years. As more poles moving to steel and
13 concrete (and with treatment, the wood would be expected to last
14 55 years or more), seeing an increase in life is reasonable.¹⁷

15 In addition, Mr. Garrett’s recommendation is well outside the normal life
16 expectations for this account as evidenced by the **53**-year average life of Texas
17 other utility companies.¹⁸ It is hard to understand setting a 77-year life for a Gulf
18 Coast utility compared to other utilities across the state without operational input
19 that the life should be dramatically different than normal expectations. As
20 discussed above, Mr. Garrett also only examines one band for his proposal. In
21 contrast, I used eight different placement experience bands as provided in the
22 workpapers to my direct testimony. Finally, I disagree with his proposal to ignore
23 the observed life table from age 55.5 on for his recommendation.

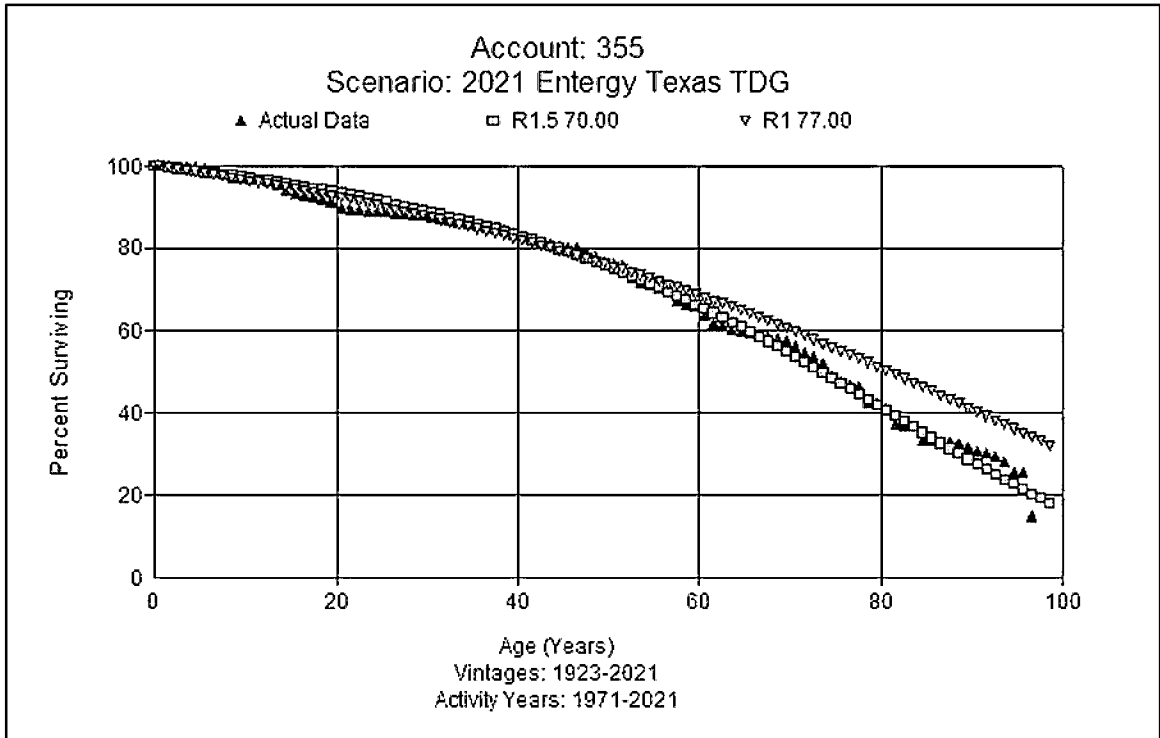
¹⁷ Watson Direct Workpapers, 2022 Interview Notes.

¹⁸ Exhibit DAW-R-2.

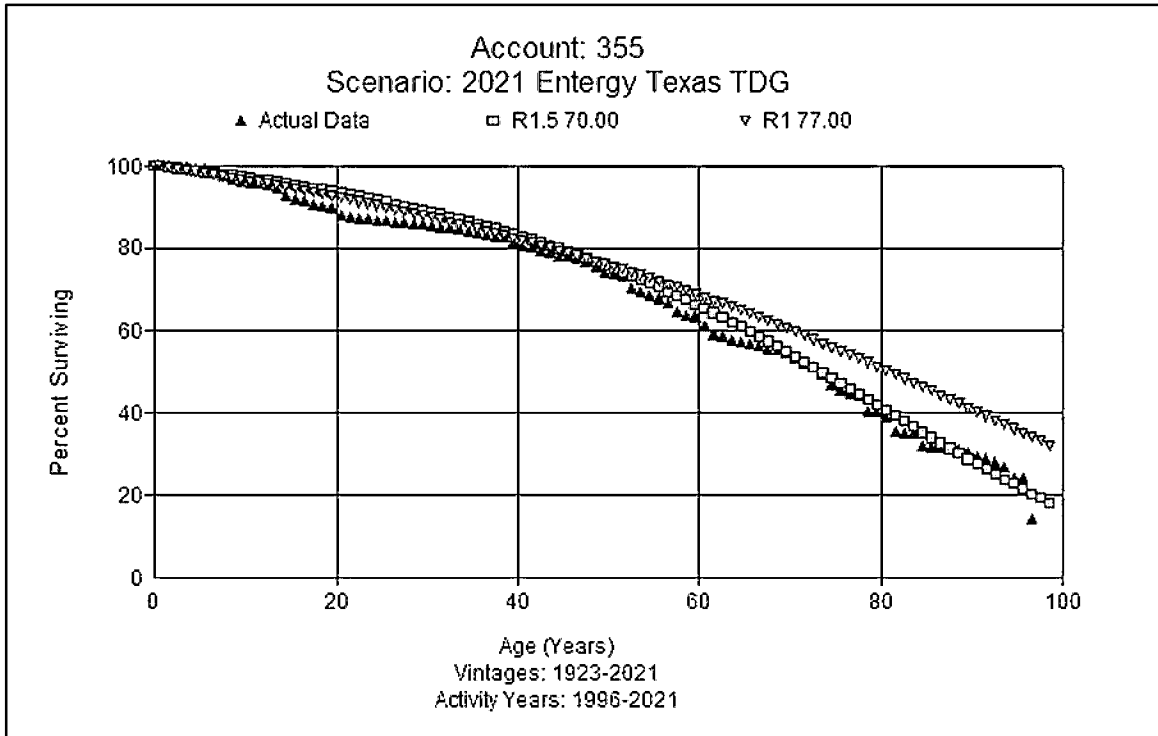
- 1 Q34. WHAT DOES A VISUAL COMPARISON OVER MULTIPLE BANDS SHOW?
2 A. Below are graphs over various placement and experience bands. The dark blue
3 triangles represent the observed life table, the green rectangles represent the
4 Company's proposal, and the slanted light blue triangles show Mr. Garrett's
5 proposal.



- 6 As the experience band narrows, my proposed curve is again a better visual
7 match. This curve shows the placement band 1923-2021 and 1971-2021 experience
8 band.



1 In the 1923-2021 placement band and 1996-2021 experience band, the same
2 pattern occurs.



1 Again, the life experienced by the Company’s assets is below both curve
2 proposal, which means the life is shortening in more current experience. This is
3 significant because so much of the investment in this account is new plant, with an
4 average age of survivors of 8.84 years.

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6 Q35. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE
7 LOWER LIFE BASED ON THE ASSET TYPES AND MIX IN THE ACCOUNT?

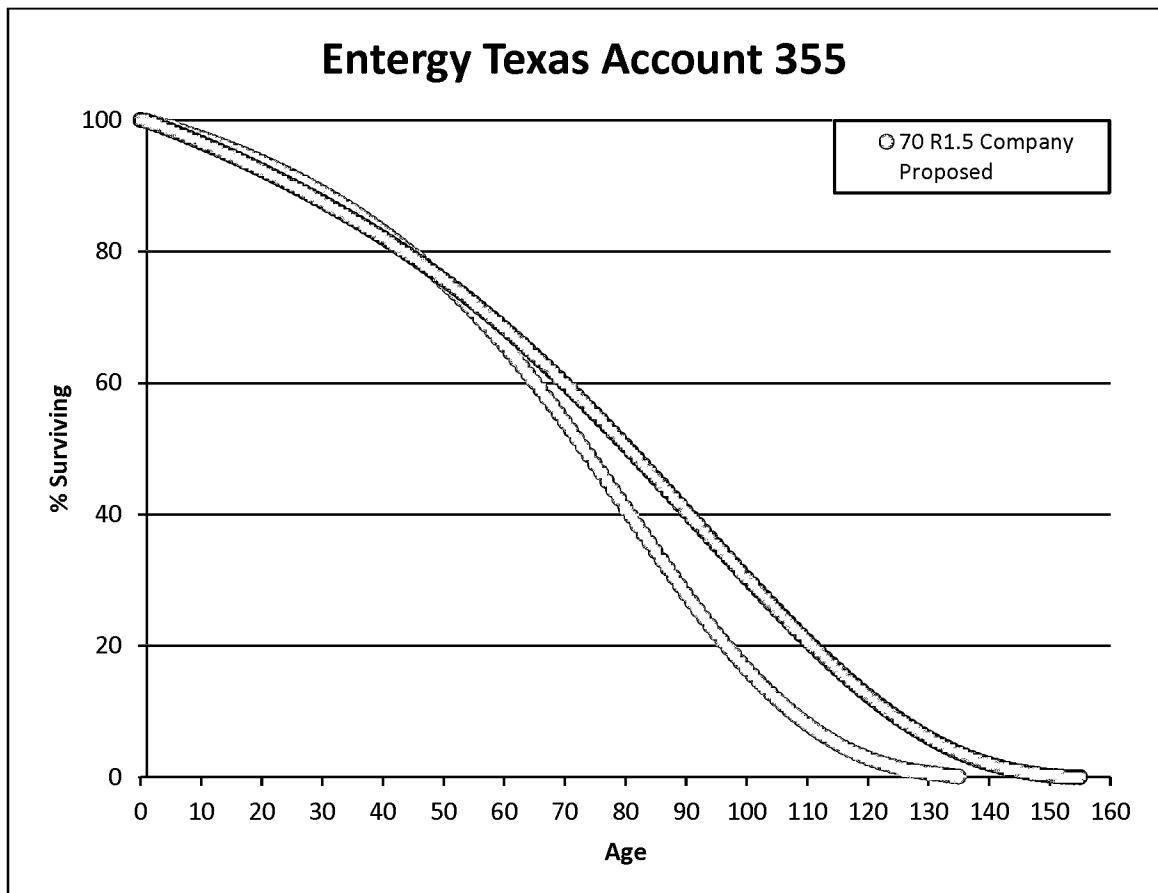
8 A. Yes. The fit I selected was one of 19 different fits across multiple placement and
9 experience bands, which can be found in my direct testimony workpapers. There
10 are a variety of assets with a mix of lives recorded in this account, and my
11 recommendation to move to a 70-year life is reasonable. In contrast, the SMEs did

1 not indicate that *any* assets (other than perhaps concrete or steel poles) could last as
2 long as Mr. Garrett recommends *for an average life*.

3

4 Q36. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE LIFE
5 RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS ACCOUNT?

6 A. Yes. My life recommendation of 70 R1.5 recognizes both the indications in the life
7 analysis and the Company-specific information from the SMEs. To further
8 illustrate the difference in proposed lives, it is important to see what the maximum
9 age is for the two different type curves. Below is a graph comparing a full life cycle
10 for each competing proposal.



1 It important to note that the longest asset life for a 70 R1.5 is approximately
2 130 years, whereas the 77 R1 lasts beyond age 150. Based on the input from the
3 SMEs as well as my analysis, I find it difficult to believe that any asset in this
4 account would last 150 years. Further, the fact that my analysis is in the same range
5 (longer in many cases) as that of other Texas utility companies shows my
6 recommendation's reasonableness. Mr. Garrett's recommendation for this account,
7 on the other hand, is not reasonable, is not supported by the evidence, and should
8 be rejected.

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10 **4. Account 362 – Distribution Station Equipment**

11 Q37. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR AND MR. GARRETT'S RECOMMENDATIONS
12 FOR ACCOUNT 362 – DISTRIBUTION STATION EQUIPMENT.

13 A. The existing service life is 65 R1, which I am recommending for this account.
14 Mr. Garrett proposes 70 R0.5, which is an increase of 5 years over existing and my
15 recommendation. At December 31, 2021, the average age of survivors in this
16 account is 15.05 years and the average age of retirements in this account is
17 21.09 years.

18
19 Q38. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. GARRETT'S BASIS FOR PROPOSING AN
20 70 R0.5 CURVE?

21 A. No. There are a number of reasons I disagree with Mr. Garrett on the life for this
22 account. Similar to his analysis regarding the other accounts, Mr. Garrett discounts

1 (or discards) important operational life expectations and information from
2 Company SMEs. My interview notes on this account note the following factors
3 that influence the life of this account:

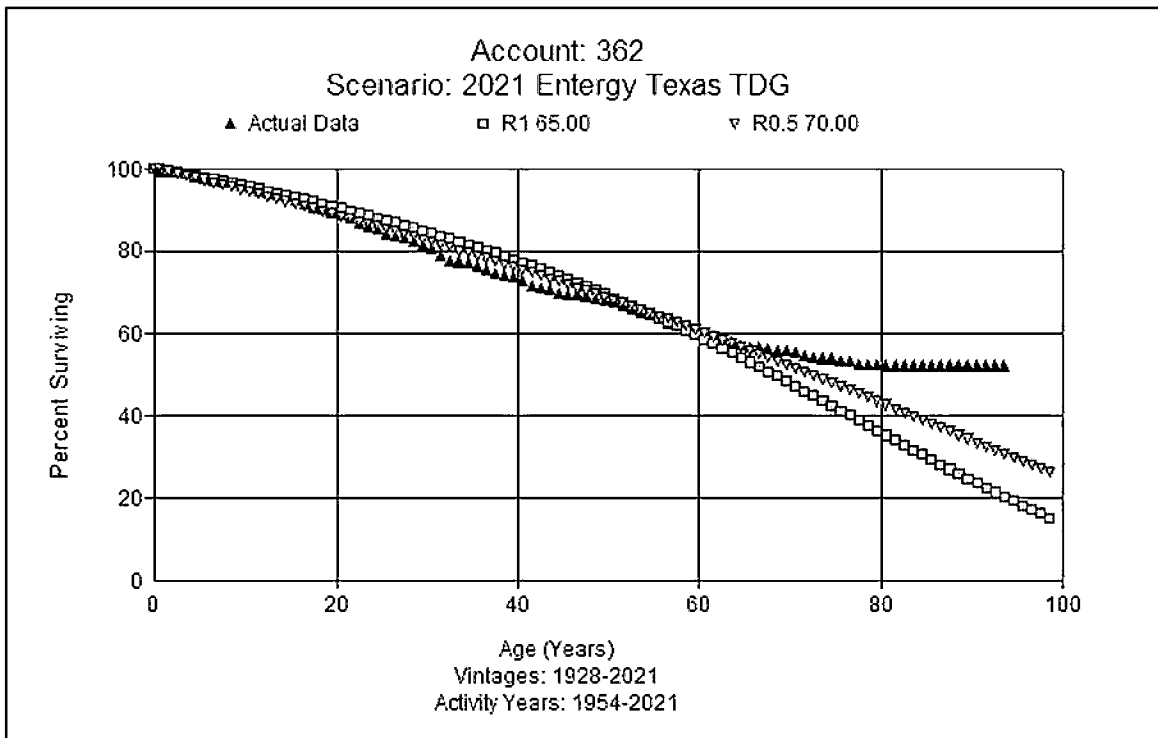
4 **362 – Distribution Station Equipment** - There are a lot more
5 power transformers in the distribution account (with the ability to do
6 life extension), removing oil breakers and replacing with longer-
7 lived vacuum breakers (primarily). Percentage of oil breakers at
8 distribution voltages will be less than in transmission (replaced with
9 gas or vacuum). In last 20-25 years, added emphasis on upgrading
10 facilities and are continuing. Would expect to see around the same
11 life for this account as for 353. The lower cost of the distribution
12 level assets with little difference in removal cost level would cause
13 a higher negative net salvage amount for distribution. There were 6
14 stations that were flooded with Harvey. Since, they have changed
15 their design standards related to flood criteria and elevation of
16 control houses. Life is currently 65 years – holding that life as seen
17 in the statistics is reasonable.¹⁹

18 In addition, Mr. Garrett's recommendation is well outside the normal life
19 expectations for this account as evidenced by the **52**-year average life of Texas
20 other utility companies.²⁰ It is hard to understand setting a 70-year life for a Gulf
21 Coast utility compared to other utilities across the state without operational input
22 that the life should be dramatically different than normal expectations. As
23 discussed above, Mr. Garrett also only examines one band for his proposal. In
24 contrast, I used five different placement experience bands as provided in my
25 workpapers. Finally, I disagree with his proposal to ignore the observed life table
26 from age 69.5 on for his recommendation.

¹⁹ Watson Direct Workpapers, 2022 Interview Notes.

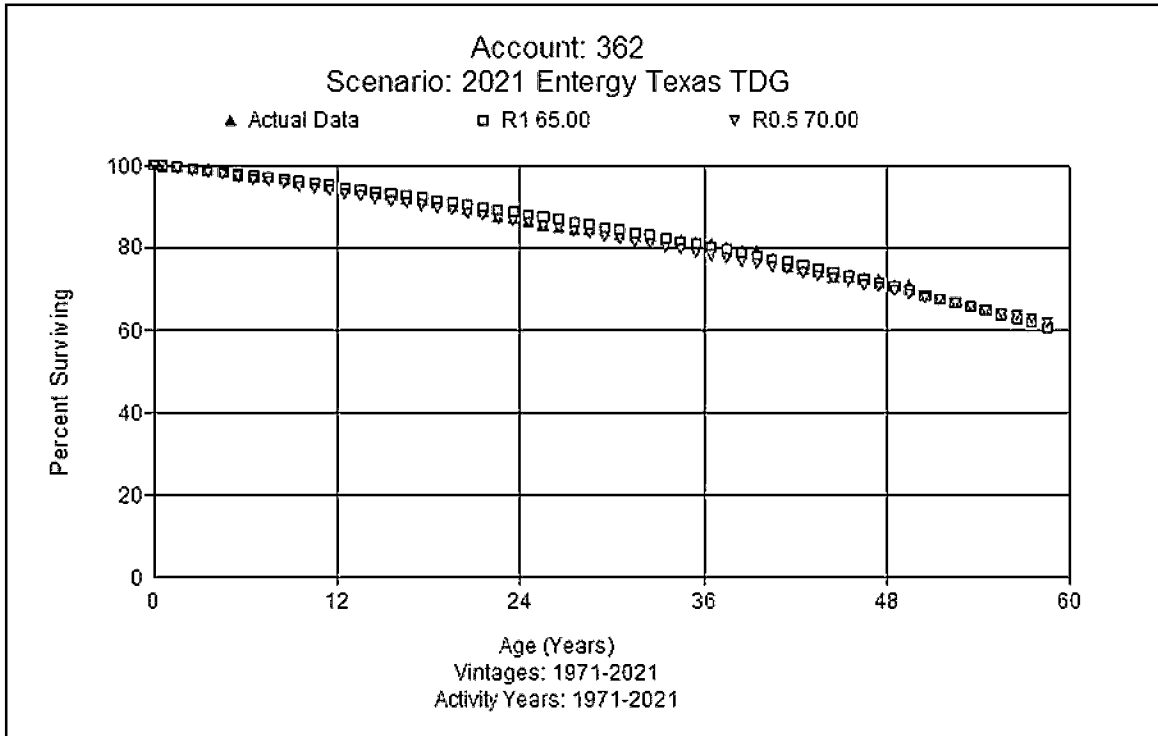
²⁰ Exhibit DAW-R-2.

- 1 Q39. WHAT DOES A VISUAL COMPARISON OVER MULTIPLE BANDS SHOW?
2 A. Below are graphs over various placement and experience bands. The dark blue
3 triangles represent the observed life table, the green rectangles represent the
4 Company's proposal, and the slanted light blue triangles show Mr. Garrett's
5 proposal.



- 6 As with the accounts discussed above, the curves selected by Mr. Garrett
7 and me for this band are so close to each other that an additional five-year life
8 extension is not justifiable without operational reasons that the life should increase
9 further.

1 The same close match for the 1971–2021 placement experience band,
2 shown below, demonstrates the same close fit between my curve proposal and
3 Mr. Garrett’s curve proposal.

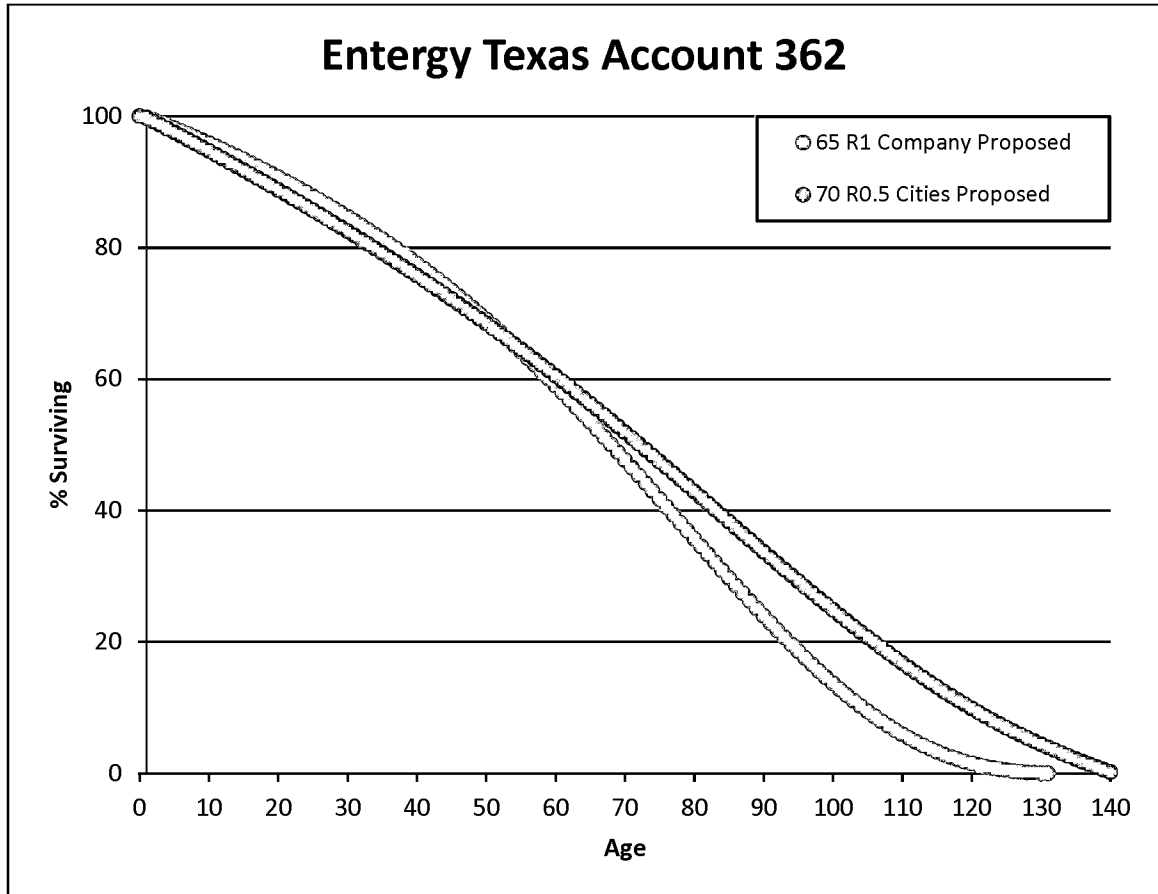


4 Q40. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE
5 LOWER LIFE BASED ON THE ASSET TYPES AND MIX IN THE ACCOUNT?

6 A. Yes. The fit I selected was one of 13 different fits across multiple placement and
7 experience bands, which can be found in my direct testimony workpapers. There
8 are a variety of assets with a mix of lives recorded in this account, and my
9 recommendation to move to a 70-year life is reasonable. In contrast, the SMEs did
10 not indicate that *any* assets could last as long as Mr. Garrett recommends *for an*
11 *average life*.

1 Q41. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE LIFE
2 RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS ACCOUNT?

3 A. Yes. My life recommendation of 65 R1 recognizes both the indications in the life
4 analysis and the Company-specific information from the SMEs. While Mr. Garrett
5 moved the life of distribution substation equipment 7 years longer than the life he
6 recommends for transmission substation equipment, he does not explain an
7 operational reason to have the life seven years longer. In fact, operationally, it is
8 expected that the lives for the two accounts to be close (as my recommendations
9 for both accounts have done). To further illustrate the difference in proposed lives,
10 it is important to see what the maximum age is for the two different type curves.
11 Below is a graph comparing a full life cycle for each competing proposal.



1 It important to note that the longest asset life for a 65 R1 is approximately
2 125 years, whereas the 70 R0.5 lasts until age 140. Based on the input from the
3 SMEs as well as my analysis, I find it difficult to believe that any asset in this
4 account would last 140 years. Further, the fact that my analysis is in the same range
5 as that of other Texas utility companies shows its reasonableness. Mr. Garrett's
6 recommendation for this account, on the other hand, is not reasonable, is not
7 supported by the evidence, and should be rejected.

1 creosote – farm raised starting impacting system 15 years ago).
2 South of I-10, they were putting in a more “hardened” pole for past
3 6-7 years or more. Two years ago, started hardening all poles when
4 replaced. Steel on evacuation routes and hardened designs for
5 higher wind loading. This will make the pole more likely to survive
6 a medium and smaller type of storm. Relocations will also affect
7 the life of poles. Would expect 40-45 for older (old growth) poles
8 and closer to 35 years for the newer poles being installed. Texas is
9 also one of the shortest pole life regions (environment) in the
10 country. The company would not be surprised if the life of poles
11 starts to increase as more hardened poles are placed on the system.
12 They started a more in-depth inspection program 2 years ago (will
13 look at a smaller population per year as compared to the past – 10%
14 of the annual inspections compared to the past – but much more in-
15 depth). Will dig down around the poles to check and treat. They
16 will probably see a little higher replacement amount during the first
17 cycle but then will probably see a little extension in life after that.
18 CCA poles have to go to a separate (very expensive) landfill. Penta
19 and Creosote can’t go to a normal landfill but not as costly as CCA
20 (if it can be separated). Generally, the Company will end up sending
21 all poles to the more restrictive landfill. They will start deploying
22 steel and reinforced poles in some areas as old poles are replaced or
23 with new construction.²¹

24 With the use of “farm raised” (i.e., shorter life poles) and the more in-depth
25 inspection program, the life would be expected to decrease. The hardening of the
26 system in some places would possibly moderate that decrease. Given the
27 operational facts, holding the life at the existing or a very small movement upwards
28 might be warranted (as I did) based on the observed data. As discussed above,
29 Mr. Garrett also only examines one band for his proposal. In contrast, I used six
30 different placement experience bands as provided in my workpapers. Finally, I
31 disagree with his proposal to ignore the observed life table from age 56.5 on for his
32 recommendation.

²¹ Watson Direct Workpapers, 2022 Interview Notes.

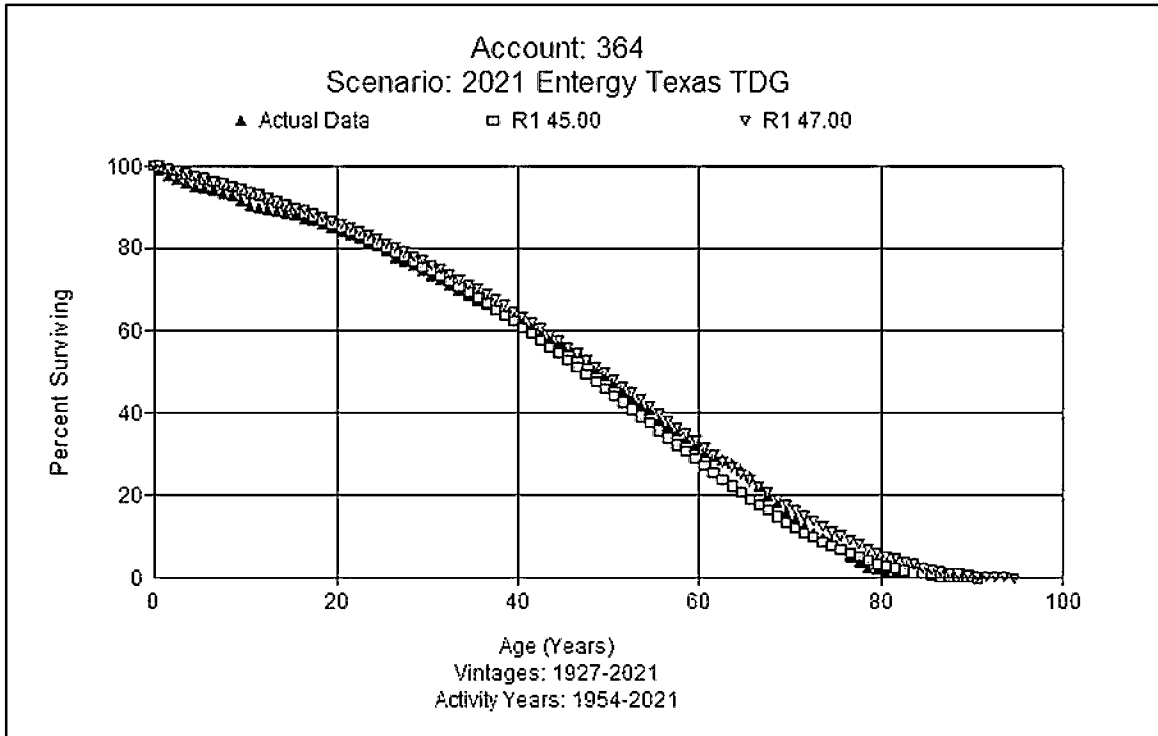
1 Q44. WERE SOME RETIREMENTS EXCLUDED FROM THE LIFE ANALYSIS
2 FOR THIS ACCOUNT?

3 A. Yes. There was \$85.5 million in normal retirements included in the life analysis.
4 Storm retirement of \$17.7 million were excluded from the life analysis. If those
5 retirements had been included, the life would be shorter than the data shown in my
6 depreciation study.²²

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8 Q45. WHAT DOES A VISUAL COMPARISON OVER MULTIPLE BANDS SHOW?

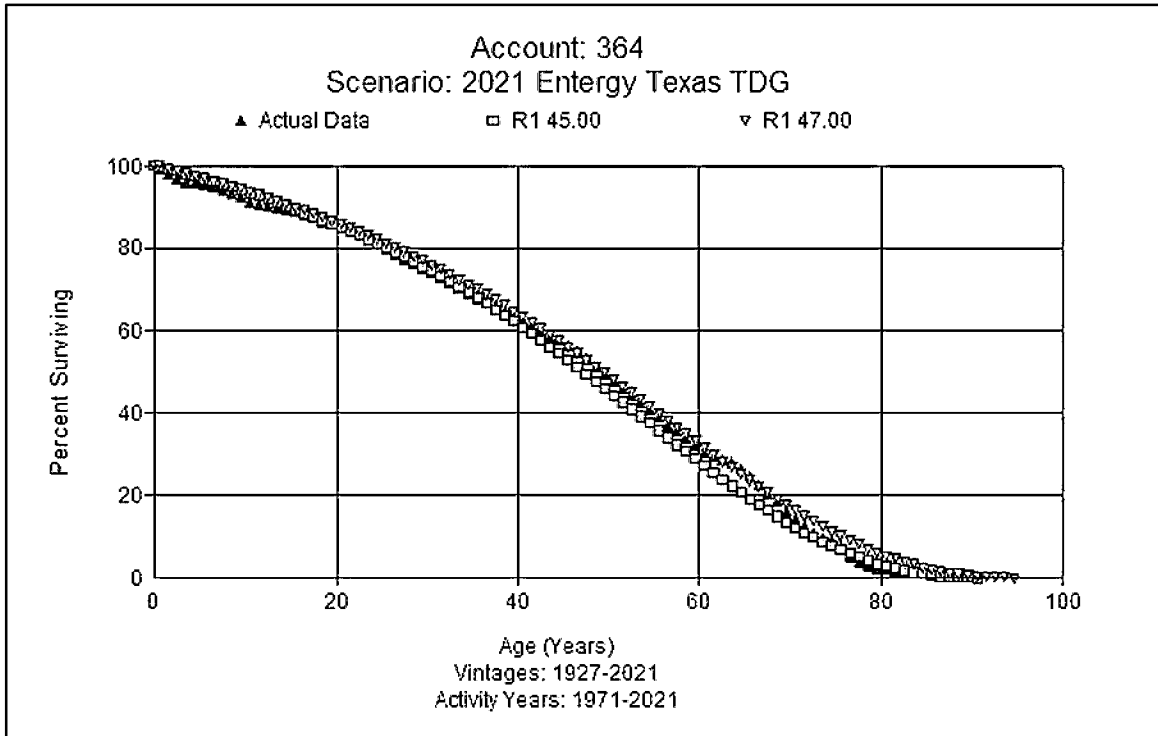
9 A. Below are graphs over various placement and experience bands. The dark blue
10 triangles represent the observed life table, the green rectangles represent the
11 Company's proposal, and the slanted light blue triangles show Mr. Garrett's
12 proposal.

²² See workpaper entitled "TDG Actuarial Data," which was provided with my voluminous workpapers supporting the depreciation study in a sub-folder to "Watson Direct_WP_DAW-2" entitled "Actuarial Data Sets."

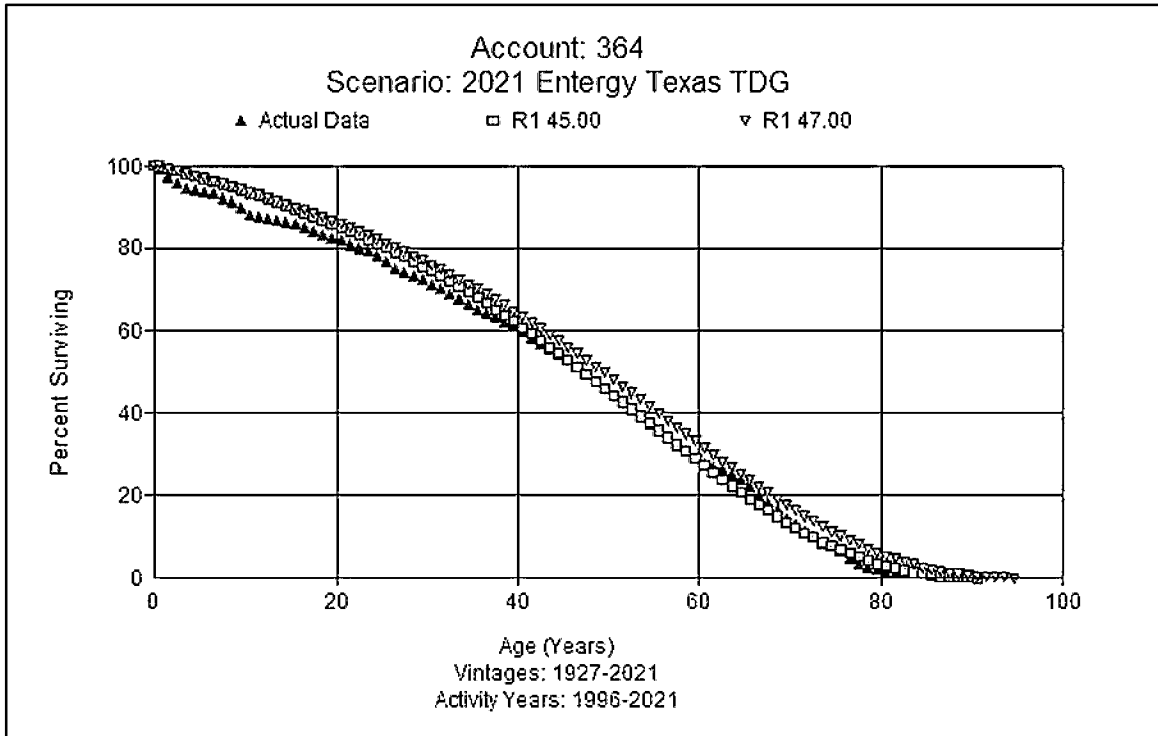


1 As with the accounts discussed above, the curves selected by Mr. Garrett
2 and me for the one band Mr. Garrett considered are so close to each other that an
3 additional life extension is not justifiable without operational reasons (which as
4 shown above, there are not) that the life should increase further.

5 The 1927–2021 placement experience band with a 1971-2021 experience
6 band, shown below, demonstrates that more recent actual experience is below both
7 my curve proposal and Mr. Garrett’s curve proposal. This shows that the lives in
8 this account are shortening in more current experience.



1 The same trend is present in the 1927–2021 placement and 1996-2021
2 experience band, shown below. Again, the life experienced by the Company’s
3 assets is below both curve proposals (consistent with the interview notes), which
4 means the life is shortening in more current experience. This is significant because
5 so much of the investment in this account is new plant, with an average age of
6 survivors of 15.43 years.



1 The 1996-2021 placement experience band, shown below, demonstrates
2 that more recent actual experience is below both my curve proposal and
3 Mr. Garrett's curve proposal. This shows that the lives in this account are
4 shortening in more current experience.

5

6 Q46. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE
7 LOWER LIFE BASED ON THE ASSET TYPES AND MIX IN THE ACCOUNT?

8 A. Yes. The fit I selected was one of 17 different fits across multiple placement and
9 experience bands, which can be found in my workpapers. There are a variety of
10 assets with a mix of lives recorded in this account, and my recommendation to move
11 to a 45-year life is reasonable.

1 **6. Account 366- Underground Conduit**

2 Q47. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR AND MR. GARRETT’S RECOMMENDATIONS
3 FOR ACCOUNT 366 – UNDERGROUND CONDUIT.

4 A. The existing service life is 60 L0.5. My recommendation is 50 R3, which is a
5 decrease of 10 years. Mr. Garrett proposes 60 R25. I believe that the L0.5 curve
6 is a poor choice for this account for the reasons provided below. At December 31,
7 2021, the average age of survivors in this account is 13.86 years and the average
8 age of retirements in this account is 24.16 years.

9
10 Q48. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. GARRETT’S BASIS FOR PROPOSING A 60 R2
11 CURVE?

12 A. No. There are a number of reasons I disagree with Mr. Garrett on the life for this
13 account. As with the other accounts, Mr. Garrett does not appear to consider
14 important operational opinions and information from Company SMEs. My
15 interview notes on this account indicate the following factors that influence the life
16 of this account:

17 **366 – UG Conduit/367 UG Conductor** – most underground is west
18 (e.g. The Woodlands is predominantly underground, Conroe and
19 Port Arthur second and third largest). Used to use XLP (“Cross-
20 Linked Polyethylene”)– now use EPR (“cable (still XLP on 15kV).
21 XLP would have a shorter life since it has known treeing issues
22 while EPR does not. However, some larger segments of XLP had
23 cablecure injections in the past. They have seen many
24 improvements over the years. Have seen a lot of retirements since
25 the mid to late 1970s. Especially in Woodlands, most direct buried
26 and rear lots with no rear alley. Other than Woodlands, scattered –
27 planned subdivisions across systems. Conduit standard has gone
28 backwards and forwards – all new subdivisions will be in conduit.

1 Generally, the preference is to install in conduit when possible.
2 Developer will install conduit in the future. UG cable life (Cable
3 manf will say it lasts 35-40 years) is in the range of 30-40 years for
4 15kV (XLP) (25%-30% of feet – maybe 10% of cost), EPR (20 kV)
5 perhaps 40-50 years. Forces of retirement primarily treeing, dig-ins,
6 relocations and previous faults. If 3 faults in a section, will replace
7 section (between two termination points). No program of
8 replacement of OH with UG. Would agree that the conductor life
9 of 40 is reasonable. Lower levels of dig-ins than in the past. Any
10 UG work will have storm-water, road permits, mitigation issues that
11 are increasing costs. Filling manholes will create a negative NS for
12 conduit. In mid-2017, they began a proactive cable replacement
13 program – targeting direct buried conductor (from \$700K to \$3M
14 per year in cable replacement). They would expect the life to start
15 increasing over time as more EPR is on the system and the old XLP
16 direct buried is replaced.²³

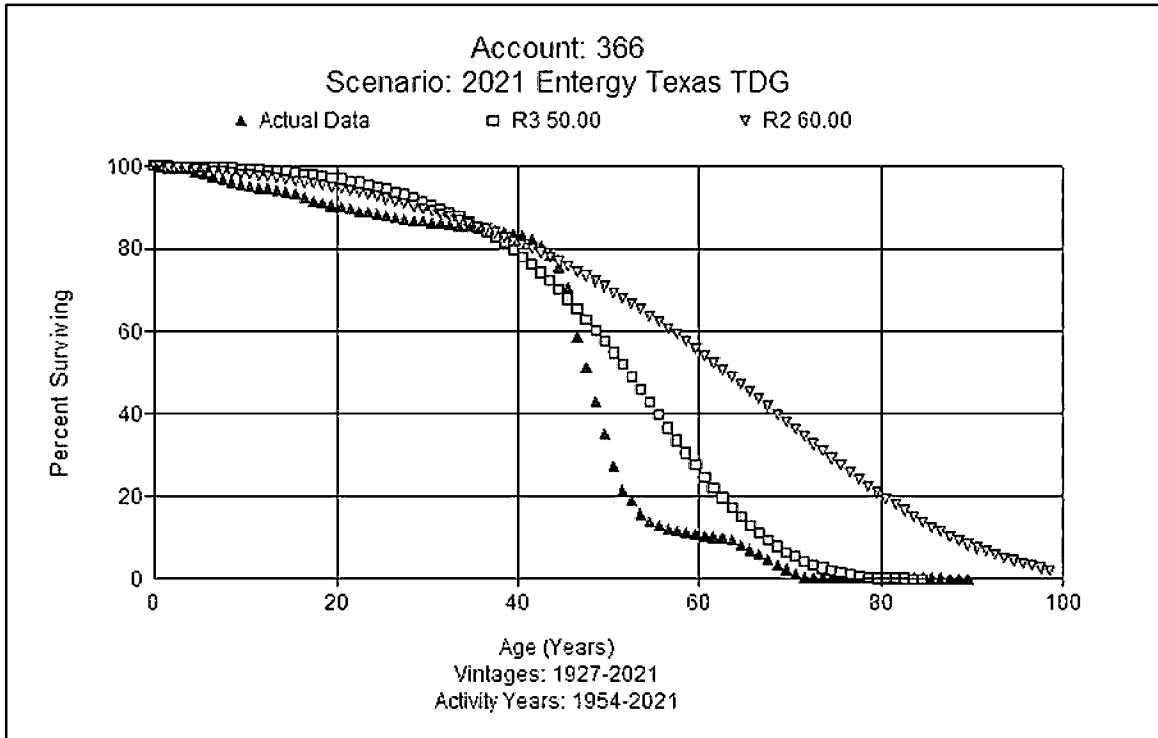
17 Again, Mr. Garrett also only examines one band for his proposal, while I
18 used six different placement experience bands, as provided in my direct testimony
19 workpapers. Finally, I disagree with his proposal to ignore the observed life table
20 from age 48.5 on for his recommendation.

21

22 Q49. WHAT DOES A VISUAL COMPARISON OVER MULTIPLE BANDS SHOW?

23 A. Below are graphs over the placement 1927-2021 and experience band from
24 1954-2021. The dark blue triangles represent the observed life table, the green
25 rectangles represent the Company's proposal, and the slanted light blue triangles
26 show Mr. Garrett's proposal.

²³ Watson Direct Workpapers, 2022 Interview Notes.



1 As with the other accounts discussed above, Mr. Garrett improperly uses
2 only one placement/experience in his analysis. In addition, Mr. Garrett states that
3 points “are becoming erratic near the 45-year age interval.” In Figure 8 of his
4 testimony, Mr. Garrett recommends a truncation of the curve at the 1% cutoff point,
5 thus implying that points after age 46.5 should be excluded in the analysis²⁴ with
6 58.47% of the assets of the account surviving. By cutting the curve off at age 46.45,
7 Mr. Garrett ignores the portion of the graph that represents approximately 58.47%
8 to 0% of the assets in the account still surviving in the single placement/experience
9 band he presents. I disagree with this decision to exclude a vital portion of the

²⁴ D. Garrett Dir. at 33.

1 curve. The authoritative treatise *Depreciation Systems* provides support for my
2 position and directly contradicts Mr. Garrett's decision to truncate the graph:

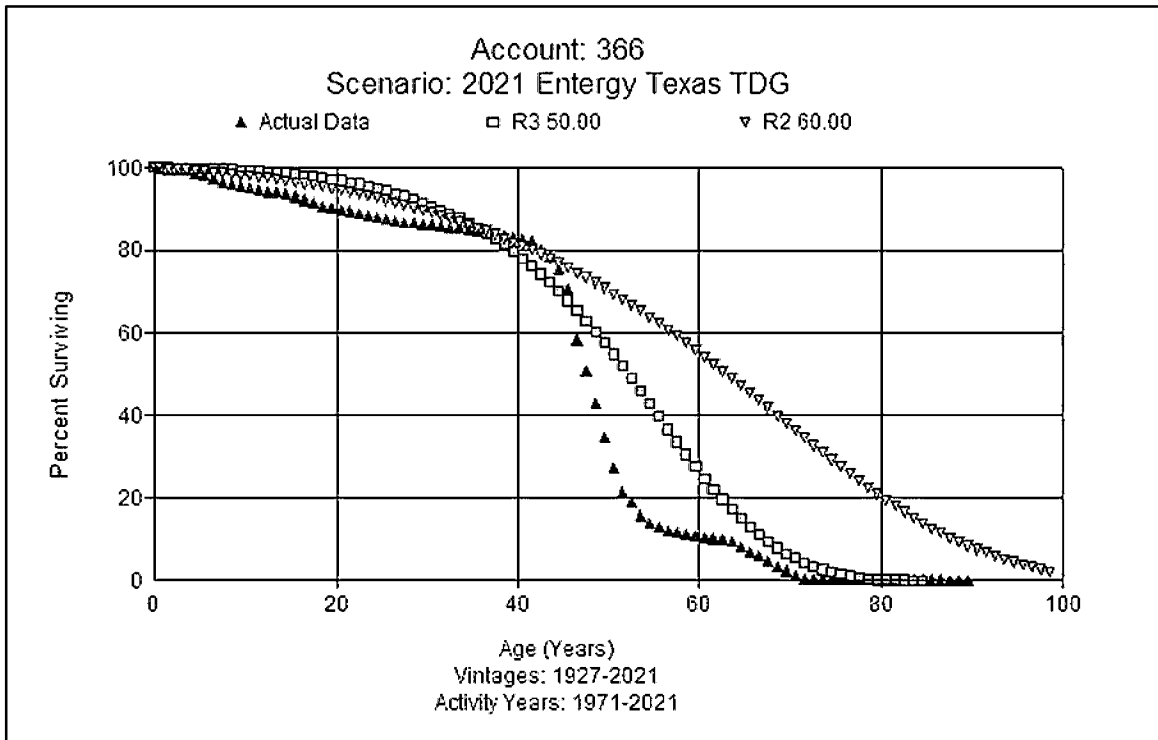
3 After plotting the observed curve, the analyst should first visually
4 match the plotted data to make an initial judgment about the type
5 curve that may be good fits. The analyst also must decide which
6 points or section of the curve should be given the most weight.
7 Points at the end of the curve are often based on fewer exposures
8 and may be given less weight than the points based on larger
9 samples. The weight placed on those points will depend on the size
10 of the exposures. Often the middle section of the curve (that section
11 ranging from approximately 80% to 20% surviving) is given more
12 weight than the first and last sections. This middle section is
13 relatively straight and is the portion of the curve that often best
14 characterizes the survivor curve.²⁵

15 Mr. Garrett has provided no authority in support of his position to disregard entire
16 segments of the observed life table curves. By removing the points from age 46.5
17 till the end of the curve, Mr. Garrett ignores the guidance from authoritative sources
18 to consider the 80% to 20% portion of the curve for matching. Removing those
19 points from the analysis eliminates important data that a depreciation analyst should
20 consider and gives an incorrect view of the curve shape that is radically different
21 from what is actually being experienced by the Company. In addition, Mr. Garrett's
22 selection only matches the 100%-80% section of the graph well, not the 80%-20%
23 section that is standard.

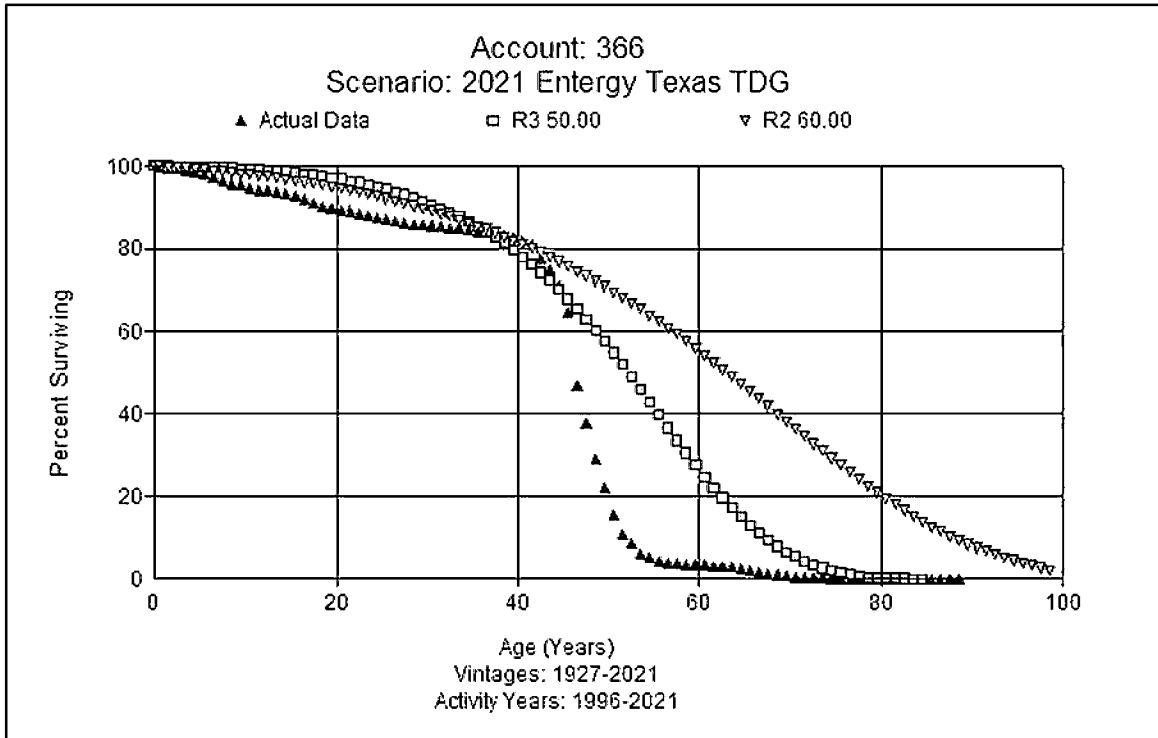
²⁵ F.K. Wolf and W. C. Fitch, *Depreciation Systems*, at 46–47 (1994) (emphasis added).

1 Q50. DID YOU REVIEW OTHER PLACEMENT AND EXPERIENCE BANDS FOR
2 COMPARISON BETWEEN THE TWO PROPOSALS?

3 A. Yes. The fit shown in the 1927-2021 placement band and 1971-2021 placement
4 experience band, shown below, demonstrates that more recent actual experience is
5 below both my curve proposal and Mr. Garrett's curve proposal. This shows that
6 the lives in this account are shortening in more current experience.



9 The same trend is present in the 1927-2021 placement band and 1996-2021
10 experience band, shown below. Again, the life experienced by the Company's
11 assets is below both curve proposals, which means the life is shortening in more
12 current experience. This is significant because so much of the investment in this
13 account is new plant, with an average age of survivors of 15.51 years.



1 Q51. ARE THERE OTHER ASPECTS THAT YOU CONSIDERED IN YOUR 50 R3
2 RECOMMENDATION?

3 A. Yes. The fit presented was one of 15 different fits across multiple placement and
4 experience bands, which can be found in my direct testimony workpapers. There
5 are a variety of assets with a mix of lives recorded in this account and my
6 recommendation to move to a 50-year life is reasonable.

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8 Q52. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE
9 LOWER LIFE BASED ON THE ASSET TYPES AND MIX IN THE ACCOUNT?

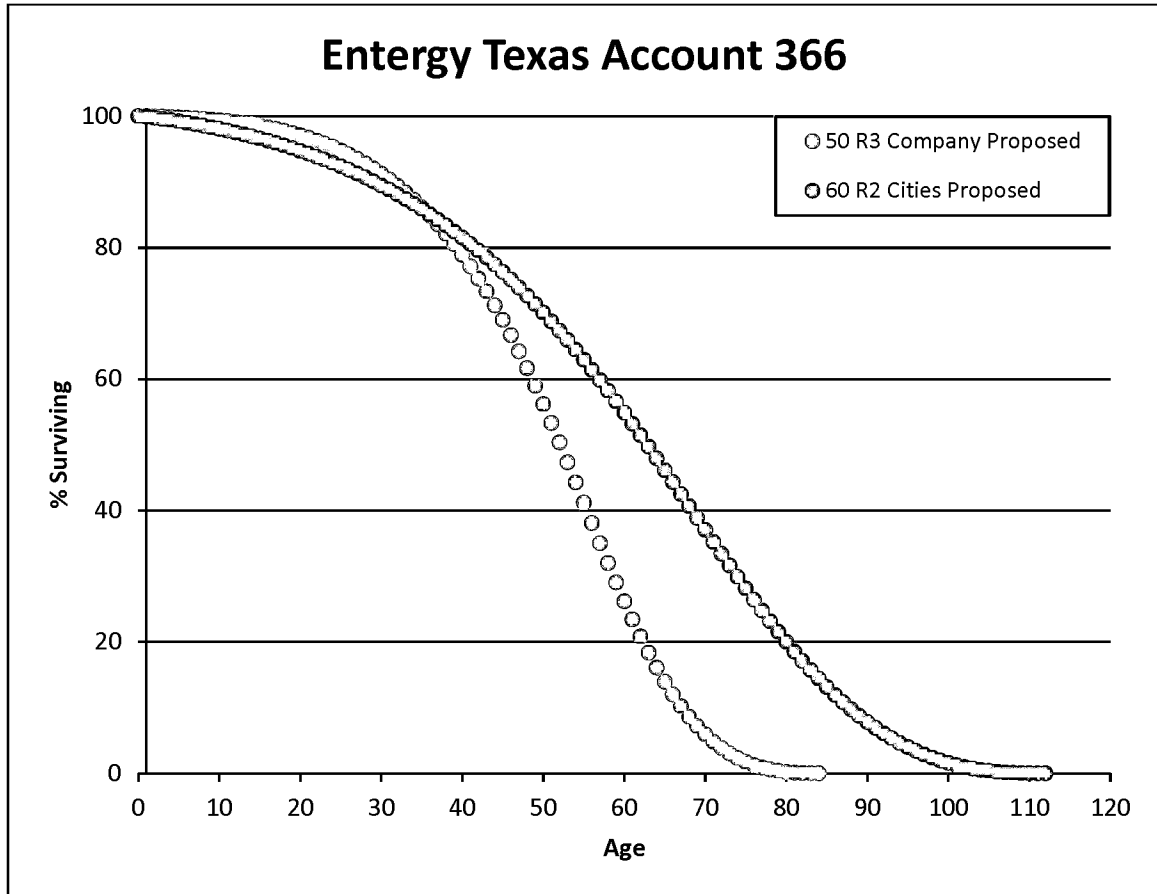
10 A. Yes. When viewing all the points on the observed life table, my proposal is a better
11 visual fit than Mr. Garrett's. In addition, Mr. Garrett's contention to disregard the

1 portion of the curve between 80% and 20% surviving as directed by authoritative
2 literature is inaccurate.

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4 Q53. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE LIFE
5 RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS ACCOUNT?

6 A. Yes. My life recommendation of 50 R3 recognizes both the indications in the life
7 analysis and the Company-specific information from the SMEs. To further
8 illustrate the difference in proposed lives, it is important to see what the maximum
9 age is for the two different type curves. Below is a graph comparing a full life cycle
10 for the competing proposals.



- 1 7. **Account 367 – Underground Conductors and Devices**
- 2 Q54. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR AND MR. GARRETT’S RECOMMENDATIONS
- 3 FOR ACCOUNT 367 – UNDERGROUND CONDUCTORS AND DEVICES.
- 4 A. The existing service life is 42 R1. My recommendation is 40 R2.5, which is a
- 5 decrease of one year. Mr. Garrett proposes 46 R2, which is an increase of four
- 6 years over existing and six years beyond my recommendation. At December 31,
- 7 2017, the average age of survivors in this account is 15.51 years and the average
- 8 age of retirements in this account is 19.45 years.

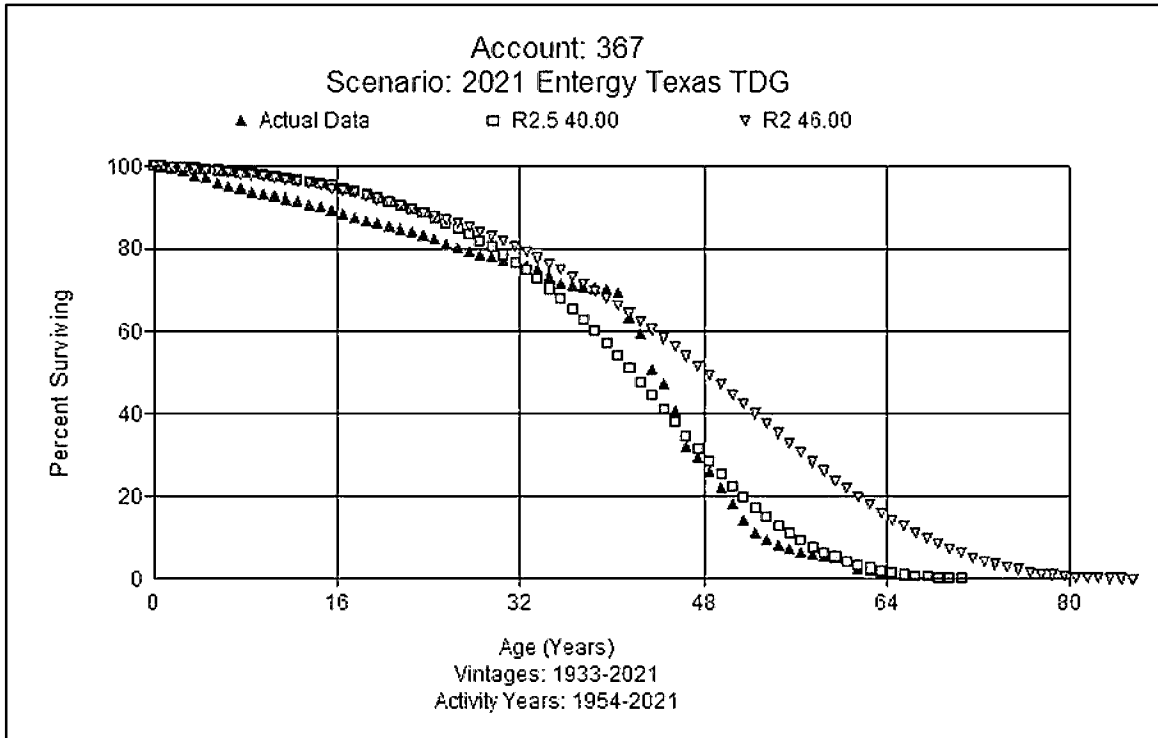
1 Q55. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. GARRETT'S BASIS FOR PROPOSING A 42 R1
2 CURVE?

3 A. No. There are a number of reasons I disagree with Mr. Garrett on the life for this
4 account. Again, he seemingly fails to factor in important operational opinions and
5 information from Company SMEs, including the changes in cable technology.
6 Further, Mr. Garrett also only examines one band for his proposal. In contrast, I
7 used five different placement experience bands provided in my direct testimony
8 workpapers. Finally, I disagree with his proposal to ignore the observed life table
9 from age 46.5 on for his recommendation.

10

11 Q56. WHAT DOES A VISUAL COMPARISON OVER THE OVERALL BAND
12 SHOW?

13 A. Below are graphs for the overall placement and experience band. The dark blue
14 triangles represent the observed life table, the green rectangles represent the
15 Company's proposal, and the slanted light blue triangles show Mr. Garrett's
16 proposal. The overall placement band (1933-2021) and experience band
17 (1954-2021) that Mr. Garrett uses for his comparison is shown below.



1 As with the other accounts discussed above, Mr. Garrett improperly uses
2 only one placement/experience in his analysis. In addition, Mr. Garrett states
3 “Mr. Watson’s curve does not provide an ideal fit through the most relevant
4 portions of the OLT curve, and instead gives undue statistical weight to the most
5 irrelevant, tail-end portion of the OLT curve.”²⁶ Figure 9 of his direct testimony
6 indicates that he only considered points up to age 46.5, with 58.47% of the assets
7 in the account still surviving.²⁷ In cutting off the curve at age 40.5, Mr. Garrett
8 ignores a portion of the graph that represents approximately 58.47 to 0% of the
9 assets in the account surviving in the single placement/experience band he presents.

²⁶ D. Garrett Dir. at 35.

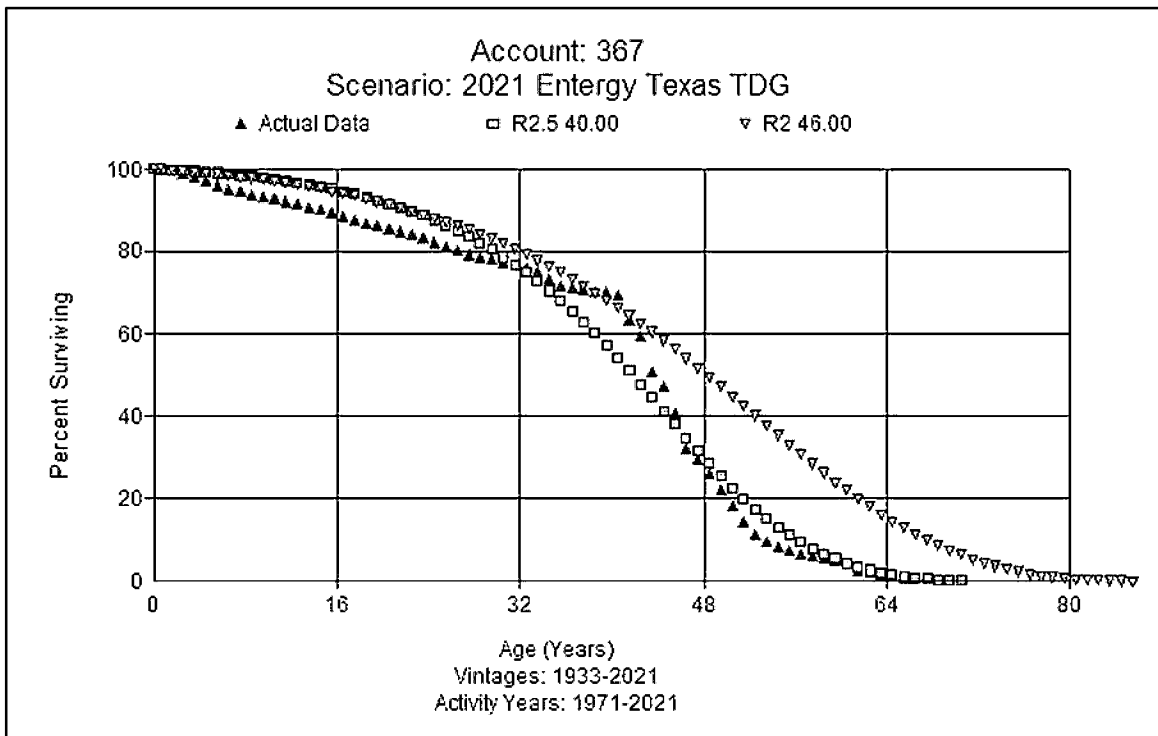
²⁷ *Id.*

1 For the reasons explained in the discussion of Account 366 above, I disagree with
2 his decision to ignore a vital portion of the curve. Because Mr. Garrett considers a
3 limited set of data points, the shape of the curve he recommends does not conform
4 to the actual pattern observed in ETI's actual experience and should be rejected.

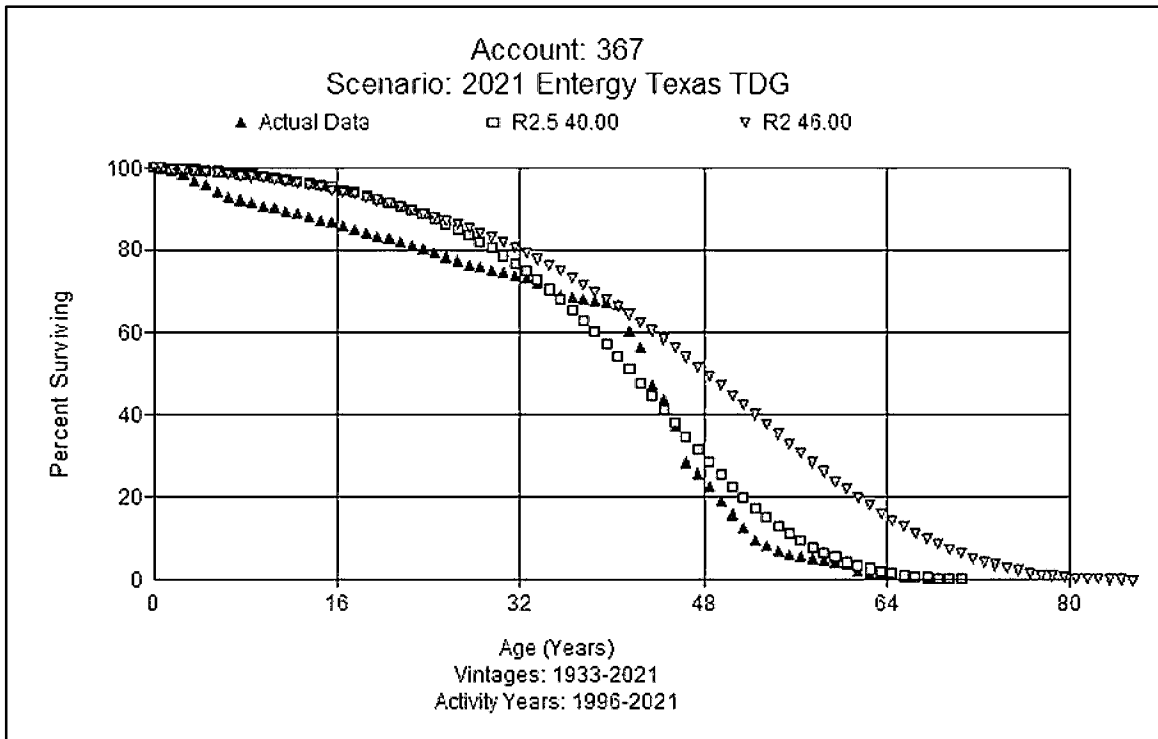
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6 Q57. WHAT DOES A VISUAL COMPARISON OVER THE MULTIPLE BANDS
7 SHOW?

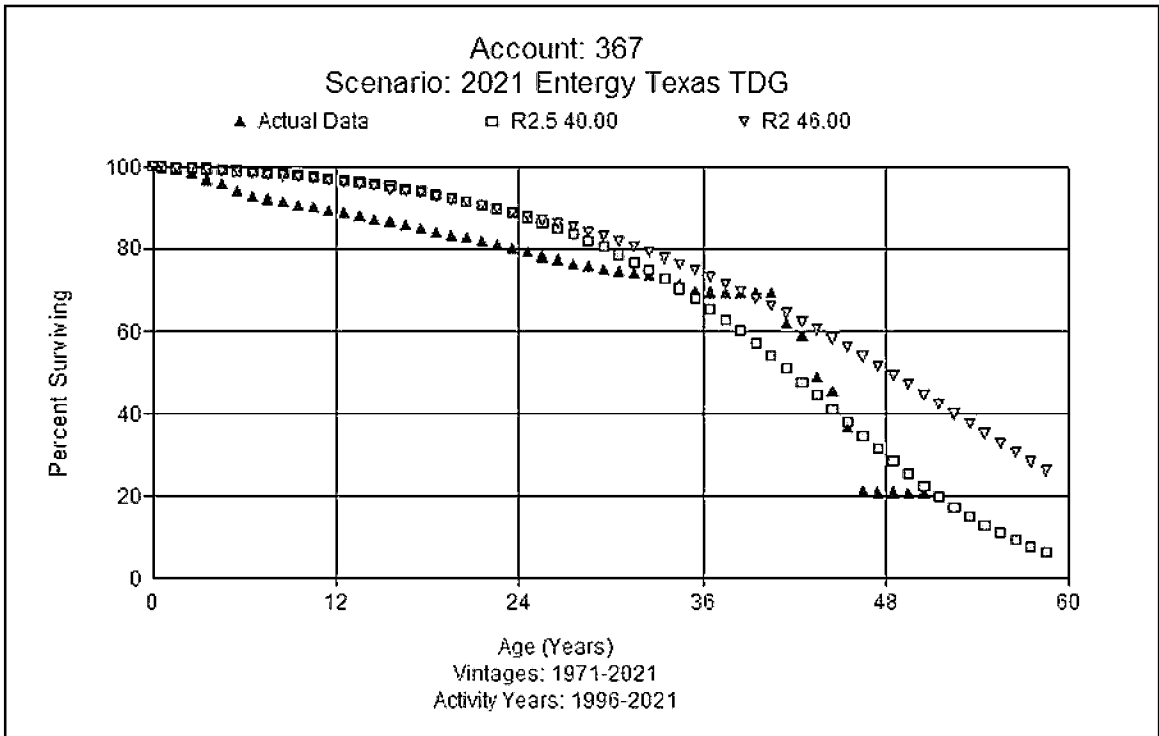
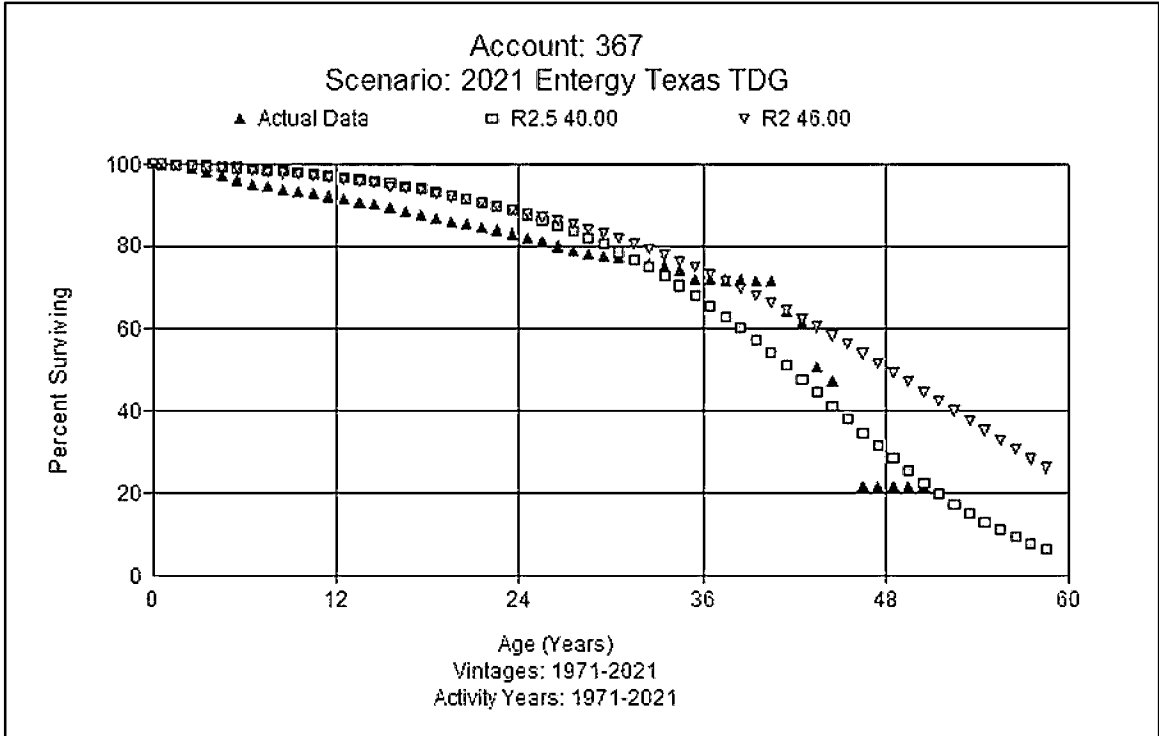
8 A. Below are graphs for the overall placement and experience band. The dark blue
9 triangles represent the observed life table, the green rectangles represent the
10 Company's proposal, and the slanted light blue triangles show Mr. Garrett's
11 proposal. The overall placement band (1933-2021) and with a shorter experience
12 band (1971-2021) is shown below.



1 The more narrow experience band shows that the Company’s proposal is a better
2 visual match. Another graph using the overall placement band (1933-2021) and a
3 more narrow experience band (1996-2021) is shown below.



4 Once again, the Company’s proposal is a better visual match. Two additional
5 graphs using a placement band of 1971-2021 with two different experience bands
6 shown below reinforce the same observation—that the Company’s proposal is a
7 better visual match over multiple bands.



1 The Company's proposal, and the slanted light blue triangles show Mr. Garrett's
2 proposal. The overall placement band (1993-2021) and experience band
3 (1954-2021) that Mr. Garrett uses for his comparison

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7 Q58. ARE THERE OTHER ASPECTS THAT YOU CONSIDERED IN YOUR 40 R2.5
8 RECOMMENDATION?

9 A. Yes. The fit presented was one of 20 different fits across multiple placement and
10 experience bands, which can be found in my direct testimony workpapers. This
11 account includes a variety of assets with a mix of lives recorded. It is important to
12 note that the Company's actual experience based on the curves above reflect a
13 shorter life than recommended by either myself or Mr. Garrett. My
14 recommendation to move to a 40-year life for this account is reasonable.

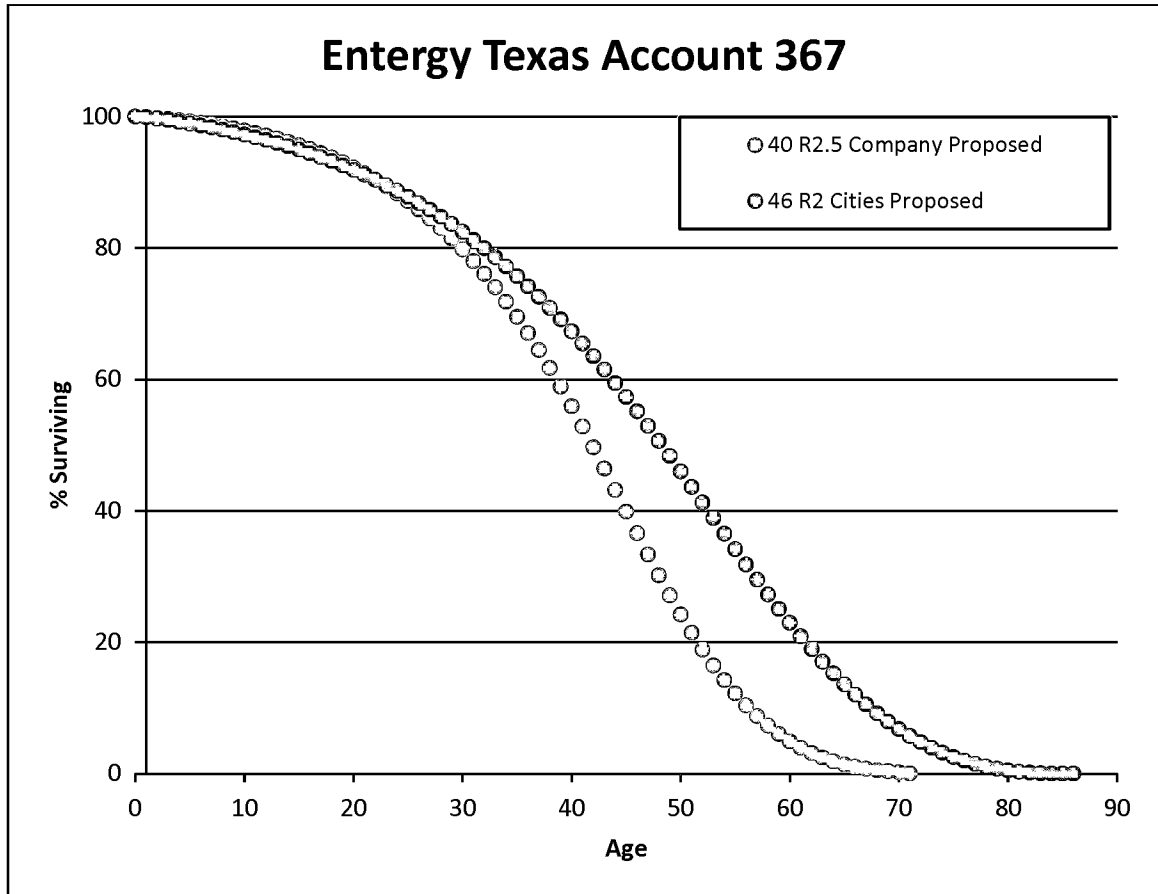
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16 Q59. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE
17 LOWER LIFE BASED ON THE ASSET TYPES AND MIX IN THE ACCOUNT?

18 A. Yes. When examining the bands, authoritative literature recommends matching the
19 80% to 20% portion of the curve as mentioned previously. My proposed 40 R2.5
20 curve is a better match than the 46 R2 Mr. Garrett proposes.

1 Q60. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE LIFE
2 RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS ACCOUNT?

3 A. Yes. My 40 R2.5 life recommendation recognizes both the indications in the life
4 analysis and the Company-specific information from the SMEs.



5 **B. Net Salvage**

6 Q61. WHAT ACCOUNTS ARE BEING CHALLENGED BY MR. GARRETT?

7 A. Mr. Garrett has recommended changes in life for fifteen accounts in the
8 transmission and distribution function.²⁸ Table 4 shown below is a summary of the

²⁸ D. Garrett Dir. at 39, Figure 10.

1 plant accounts: the Company’s existing and proposed net salvage percentages and
 2 Cities proposed net salvage percentages.

3 **Table 4 – Summary by Proposed-Life Parameters by Account**

Acct	Description	Approved	Company Proposed	Cities Proposed
352	Structures & Improv.	-20%	-30%	-23%
354	Towers & Fixtures	-5%	-10%	-6%
355	Poles & Fixtures	-30%	-45%	-34%
356	OH Conductors & Devices	-30%	-45%	-34%
361	Structures & Improv.	-10%	-15%	-11%
362	Station Equipment	-20%	-25%	-21%
364	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	-30%	-45%	-34%
365	OH Conductors & Devices	-20%	-30%	-23%
366	UG Conduit	-10%	-15%	-11%
367	UG Conductors & Devices	-1%	-5%	-2%
368	Line Transformers	-20%	-30%	-23%
369.1	Services - Overhead	-15%	-25%	-18%
369.2	Services - Underground	-10%	-15%	-11%
371	I.O.C.P	-10%	-15%	-11%
373	Street Lighting & Signal Sys	-20%	-30%	-23%

4 Q62. WHAT IS THE BASIC PREMISE OF MR. GARRETT’S OPPOSITION TO
 5 YOUR NET SALVAGE RECOMMENDATIONS?

6 A. Mr. Garrett and I agree on the analysis methods and I believe that Mr. Garrett has
 7 acknowledged the increased cost of removal being incurred by ETI,²⁹ which has
 8 resulted in much more negative net salvage when comparing to the existing net
 9 salvage percentages. Mr. Garrett states, “The Company did provide objective

²⁹ D. Garrett Dir. at 36.

1 evidence generally supporting its proposed increase in net salvage for its mass
2 property account.” However, Mr. Garrett feels that the magnitude of the net salvage
3 changes too substantial.³⁰

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5 Q63. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON MR. GARRETT’S OVERALL
6 NET SALVAGE APPROACH BEFORE DISCUSSING THE INDIVIDUAL
7 ACCOUNTS AT ISSUE?

8 A. The changes in net salvage rates are needed to align capital recovery for ETI assets.
9 Mr. Garrett fails to consider is that the goal of setting depreciation rates is to recover
10 remaining investment and future removal cost over the remaining life of the assets.
11 The trends toward higher negative net salvage need to be reflected in the
12 Company’s proposed rates so as not to create intergenerational inequities. Also,
13 my net salvage proposals for numerous ETI accounts are still moderated when
14 compared to actual experience.

15 Mr. Garrett’s proposal for net salvage for all fifteen of the accounts is to
16 arbitrarily reduce the increase I recommend. He does not provide any other metrics
17 or analysis to show how his proposals compare to ETI’s actual experience. In the
18 following sections, I will provide a brief summary of the account net salvage and
19 present some tables and graphs that will provide explanation and detail to support
20 ETI’s proposals for the accounts in which Mr. Garrett and I disagree.

³⁰ *Id.*

1 Q64. WHAT FACTORS ARE CAUSING REMOVAL COSTS TO INCREASE?

2 A. Many factors are causing an increase in removal cost for transmission and
3 distribution plant including: the increase in labor cost due to the longer lives of
4 assets, changes in safety and environmental requirements, requirements of working
5 in urban areas, and overall contract labor cost increases. All these factors are
6 inextricably bound causing an increase in removal cost for each of the accounts
7 discussed above. From this perspective, it is not remarkable that the cost to remove
8 from service (and properly dispose of, when appropriate) the Company's assets is
9 increasing.

10

11 Q65. MR. GARRETT CLAIMS TO USE THE APPROACH OF THE CALIFORNIA
12 COMMISSION RELATED TO GRADUALISM IN MAKING HIS
13 RECOMMENDATIONS. ARE YOU AWARE OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC
14 UTILITIES COMMISSION'S CONCERN OVER INCREASING NEGATIVE
15 NET SALVAGE RATES?

16 A. Yes. Currently I am supporting four depreciation studies before the California
17 Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC" or "California Commission"): San Diego
18 Gas and Electric, Southern California Gas, Bear Valley Electric, and California
19 American Water. In addition, I have presented eight additional cases that have been
20 litigated.³¹ I have approached Entergy Texas's study with the same philosophy of
21 gradualism with regard to net salvage changes.

³¹ See Exhibit DAW-1 to Watson Direct.

1 Q66. DOES MR. GARRETT'S APPROACH MATCH THAT PRESCRIBED BY THE
2 CALIFORNIA COMMISSION?

3 A. No. Mr. Garrett misinterprets the intent and actual usage of the gradualism concept
4 as prescribed by the California Commission. The California Commission's
5 application (and the application of other subsequent utilities filing under that
6 gradualism concept) was to only move net salvage factors by 25 basis points, not
7 25% of the recommended change by the company. In other words, if the negative
8 net salvage rate was negative 75 percent, the California Commission would, under
9 its gradualism concept, only allow a movement to a negative 100 percent net
10 salvage.

11 To my knowledge, this concept and application have been consistent across
12 the studies I (and others) have filed at the CPUC since the gradualism concept was
13 stated. I have applied that same maximum movement under that gradualism
14 concept to the recommendation in this study. In fact, my net salvage adjustments
15 never move the maximum 25 basis points under that California gradualism concept.
16 Mr. Garrett's recommendations are fatally flawed in that they do not follow the
17 standard he uses as his basis.

18

19 Q67. PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE FROM A CALIFORNIA CASE.

20 A. Specifically, in recent proceedings, the California Commission has applied a
21 principle of gradualism to depreciation rates in response to concerns about growing

1 cost burdens associated with increasing cost trends for negative net salvage.³² The
2 California Commission explained that:

3 [t]he principle of gradualism applies where there is a recognized
4 need to revise estimated parameters, but where the change is
5 allowed to occur incrementally over time rather than all at once.
6 Applying gradualism thus limits the approved increase that would
7 otherwise be warranted, all else being equal, and mitigates the short-
8 term impact of large changes in depreciation parameters. Also, it is
9 advisable to be cautious in making large changes in estimates of
10 service lives and net salvage for property that will be in service for
11 many decades, as future experience may show the current estimates
12 to be incorrect.³³

13 The California Commission gave specificity to this directive in Decision
14 14-08-032, instructing to “adopt no more than 25% of the estimated net increase
15 from current [net salvage] rates,”³⁴ Appendix C, Table 12 of Decision 14-08-032
16 makes it clear that the California Commission’s directive means a change of
17 25 basis points in net salvage. For example Account 364, Poles Towers and
18 Fixtures was discussed in the order with an approved -80% net salvage, the
19 Company -150% net salvage and Commission approved net salvage of -105%, The
20 25% change is the difference between the Commission Adopted and Approved net
21 salvage for this account, $(25\%) = (105\%) - (-80\%)$.

³² *Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Authority, among other things, to Increase Rates and Charges for Electric and Gas Service Effective January 1, 2014*, Investigation 13-03-007, Decision 14-08-032 at 598 (Aug. 14, 2014).

³³ *Id.*

³⁴ *Id.* at 600.

1 Q68. CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE CHANGES YOU RECOMMEND
2 FOR NET SALVAGE THAT EXCEED THE 25 PERCENT ARE WITHIN THE
3 CONCEPT THAT THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION IS USING AS A
4 BENCHMARK?

5 A. Yes. All changes that I am recommending are lower than the 25 percent Mr. Garrett
6 mentions (and misinterprets).³⁵ The largest change I recommend is 15 percent for
7 the following accounts: Account 355- Poles and Fixtures, Account 356- OH
8 Conductors & Devices, and Account 364- Poles, Towers and Fixtures. I
9 recommend a 10 percent change for the following Accounts: Account 352-
10 Structures and Improvements, Account 365- OH Conductors & Devices, and
11 Account 368- Line Transformers, 369.1 Services-Overhead, and Account 373-
12 Street Lighting and Signal Systems. All seven of the other accounts have a
13 proposed change of 5 percent or less.

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15 Q69. WHAT QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS DOES MR GARRETT OFFER TO
16 SUPPORT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS?

17 A. Mr. Garrett offers no quantitative analysis in his testimony or workpapers. The
18 only reference he provides is Exhibit DJG-3.³⁶ He offers no tangible proof, except
19 the allegation that my proposals do not follow the principle of gradualism (as he
20 misinterprets it). Clearly, the level of negative net salvage and increasing removal

³⁵ D. Garrett Dir. at 37-38.

³⁶ D. Garrett Direct at 38, n. 38.

1 cost differs from the currently approved levels and while numerous of ETI's
2 proposed net salvage percentages are exhibiting increases in negative net salvage,
3 they are warranted and should be approved. In the next section of my testimony, I
4 will discuss each account in detail.

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6 Q70. WHAT DOES STAFF RECOMMEND WITH REGARD TO NET SALVAGE
7 RATES?

8 A. Staff does not make any explicit statements in testimony. However, Staff's
9 recommended depreciation expense shown in Attachment ES-3 (Staff Schedule
10 IIIA) to the testimony of Emily Sears, shows Staff's schedule for depreciation
11 expense to be the same as the Company's request. Thus, it appears that Staff
12 considered the issue of the net salvage rates and adopts the depreciation rates that
13 the Company proposes.

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15 **1. Account 352 – Structures and Improvements**

16 Q71. WILL YOU SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS REGARDING NET SALVAGE
17 FOR ACCOUNT 352-TRANSMISSION STRUCTURES AND
18 IMPROVEMENTS?

19 A. Yes. The approved net salvage is a -20 percent. The Company is
20 proposing -30 percent. Mr. Garrett is proposing to arbitrarily reduce my
21 recommended change and recommends a -23 percent net salvage instead of my
22 proposed -30 percent. This is based on his erroneous use of the California

1 Commission concept where he only changes the net salvage factor by 25 percent of
 2 my recommended change of 10 percent (i.e., the 10 percent change times 25%
 3 creates a rounded 3 percent difference in net salvage compared to the currently
 4 approved net salvage percentage – which is his recommendation). His arbitrary
 5 and erroneous application of gradualism should be rejected completely for each
 6 account. My proposed net salvage percentage is a gradual movement compared to
 7 recent experience.

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9 Q72. CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NET SALVAGE FOR ACCOUNT
 10 352-STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS IS MOVING MORE NEGATIVE?

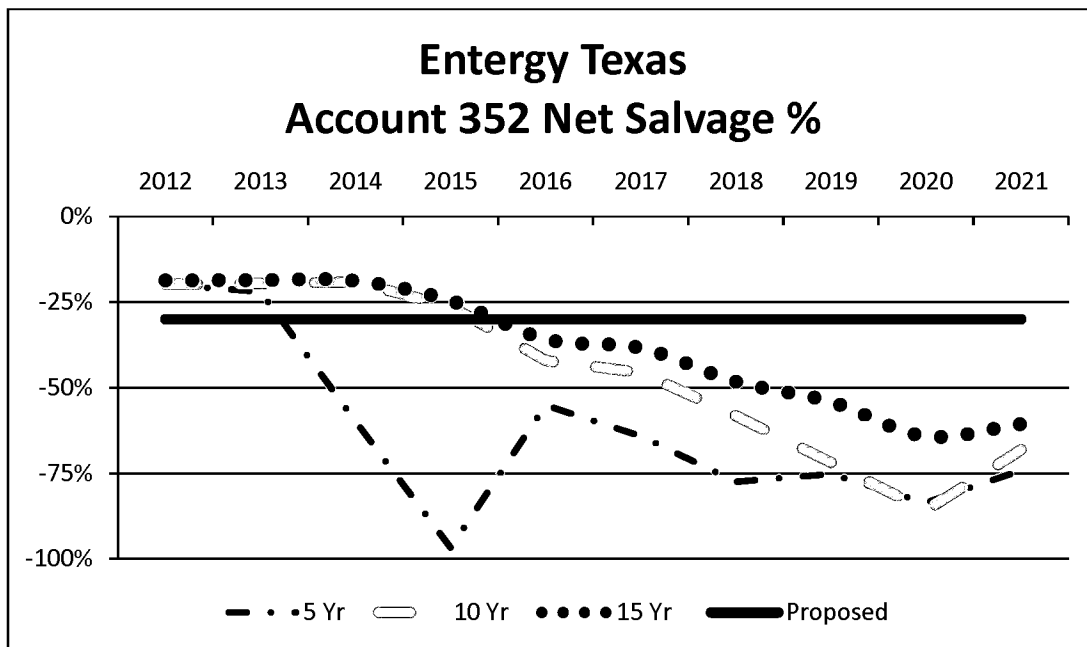
11 A. Yes. The information below was extracted from the net salvage analysis provided
 12 in Exhibit DAW-2, Appendix D of my direct testimony. These are ETI’s moving
 13 average net salvage percentages for the past 10 years.

14 **Table 5: Account 352-Structures and Improvements**

	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Yr	7 Yr	8 Yr	9 Yr	10 Yr
Year	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2012	-19%	-198%	-86%	-23%	-20%	-19%	-19%	-19%	-20%	-20%
2013	-17%	-18%	123%	-69%	-22%	-19%	-19%	-19%	-19%	-19%
2014	-21%	-19%	-19%	-93%	-60%	-22%	-20%	-19%	-19%	-19%
2015	-114%	-61%	-45%	-38%	-97%	-67%	-31%	-28%	-27%	-26%
2016	-70%	-76%	-67%	-60%	-55%	-83%	-68%	-46%	-43%	-42%
2017	-121%	-75%	-80%	-71%	-64%	-59%	-85%	-70%	-49%	-46%
2018	-89%	-92%	-81%	-83%	-78%	-72%	-68%	-86%	-75%	-58%
2019	-66%	-73%	-75%	-74%	-75%	-72%	-70%	-67%	-78%	-72%
2020	-170%	-86%	-87%	-88%	-84%	-85%	-82%	-79%	-76%	-86%
2021	-13%	-72%	-68%	-73%	-74%	-73%	-75%	-72%	-70%	-68%

1 Q73. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN
2 EVALUATING THE NET SALVAGE PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNT 352-
3 STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS?

4 A. Yes. The graph below illustrates ETI's net salvage experience over the past
5 10 years. The solid black line is my proposed -30 percent, which is above (less
6 negative) than the more recent 5, 10, and 15 year averages.



7 This further supports the idea that my recommendation includes the gradualism that
8 Mr. Garrett espouses. While it is a significant change, my proposed -30 percent
9 has been consistently experienced by ETI over the most recent 10 years and should
10 be approved. Although the application of a gradualism approach used in California
11 should not be relevant at the Texas Commission, my movement is still well within
12 the guidance of the California Commission.

1 2. **Account 354- Transmission Towers and Fixtures**

2 Q74. WILL YOU SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS REGARDING NET SALVAGE
3 FOR ACCOUNT 354-TRANSMISSION TOWERS?

4 A. Yes. The approved net salvage is a -5 percent. The Company is
5 proposing -10 percent. Mr. Garrett is proposing to arbitrarily reduce my
6 recommended change and recommends a -6 percent net salvage instead of my
7 proposed -10 percent. This is based on his erroneous use of the California
8 Commission concept where he only changes the net salvage factor by 25 percent of
9 my recommended change of 5 percent (i.e., the 5 percent change times 25% creates
10 a rounded 1 percent difference in net salvage compared to the currently approved
11 net salvage percentage – which is his recommendation). His arbitrary and
12 erroneous application of gradualism should be rejected completely for each
13 account. My proposed net salvage percentage is a gradual movement compared to
14 recent experience.

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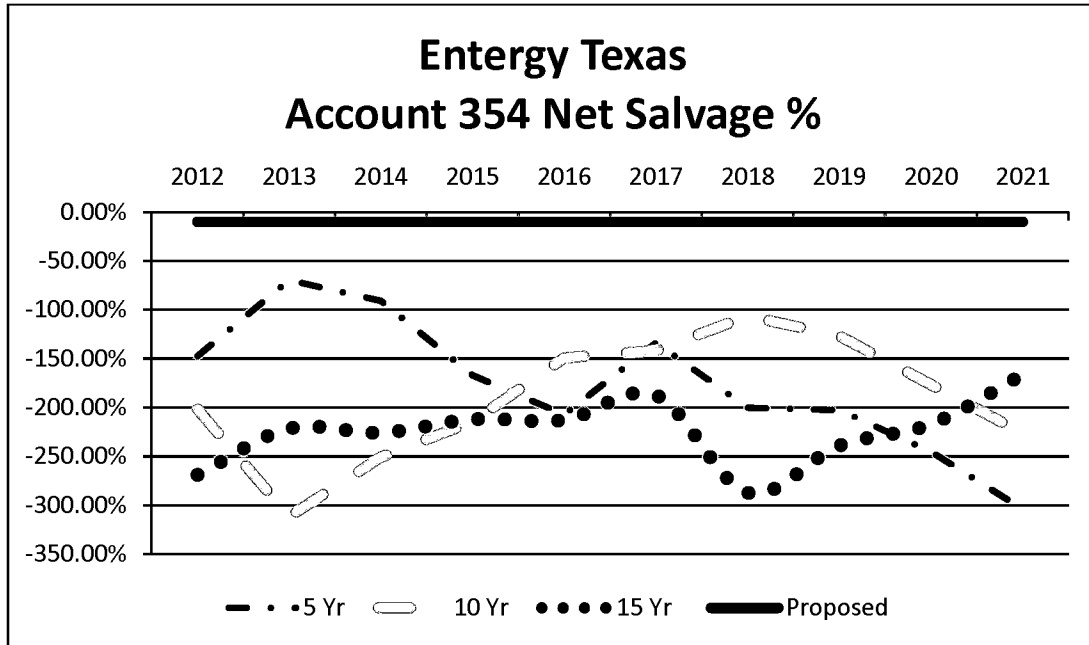
16 Q75. CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NET SALVAGE FOR ACCOUNT
17 352-STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS IS MOVING MORE NEGATIVE?

18 A. Yes. The information below was extracted from the net salvage analysis provided
19 in Exhibit DAW-2, Appendix D, to my direct testimony. These are ETI's moving
20 average net salvage percentages for the past 10 years.

1 **Table 6 Account 354-Towers**

	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Yr	7 Yr	8 Yr	9 Yr	10 Yr
Year	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2012	-591%	-236%	-106%	-86%	-147%	-167%	-274%	-290%	-364%	-202%
2013	-5%	-228%	-152%	-84%	-70%	-119%	-135%	-223%	-248%	-311%
2014	-442%	-41%	-239%	-161%	-91%	-76%	-125%	-140%	-227%	-251%
2015	-176%	-189%	-125%	-207%	-167%	-114%	-103%	-138%	-149%	-214%
2016	NA	-176%	-189%	-125%	-207%	-167%	-114%	-103%	-138%	-149%
2017	-636%	-623%	-189%	-201%	-134%	-214%	-172%	-118%	-107%	-142%
2018	NA	-606%	-593%	-188%	-200%	-133%	-213%	-172%	-118%	-106%
2019	-266%	-262%	-304%	-303%	-203%	-212%	-150%	-219%	-179%	-127%
2020	-91%	-214%	-211%	-246%	-245%	-195%	-203%	-147%	-213%	-177%
2021	-473%	-304%	-284%	-282%	-304%	-303%	-218%	-225%	-166%	-226%

- 2 Q76. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN
 3 EVALUATING THE NET SALVAGE PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNT 354-
 4 TOWERS?
- 5 A. Yes. The graph below illustrates Entergy Texas’s net salvage experience over the
 6 past 10 years. The solid black line is my proposed -10 percent, which is above (less
 7 negative) than the more recent 5, 10, and 15 year averages.



1 This further supports the idea that my recommendation includes the gradualism that
2 Mr. Garrett espouses. While it is a significant change, my proposed -10 percent
3 has been consistently experienced by Entergy's over the most recent 10 years and
4 should be approved.

6 **3. Account 355 – Poles Tower and Fixtures**

7 Q77. WILL YOU SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS REGARDING NET SALVAGE
8 FOR ACCOUNT 355-TRANSMISSION POLES TOWERS AND FIXTURES?

9 A. Yes. The approved net salvage is a -30 percent. The Company is
10 proposing -45 percent. Mr. Garrett is proposing to arbitrarily reduce my
11 recommended change and recommends a -34 percent net salvage instead of my
12 proposed -45 percent. This is based on his erroneous use of the California
13 Commission concept where he only changes the net salvage factor by 25 percent of

1 my recommended change of 15 percent (i.e., the 15 percent change times 25%
 2 creates a rounded 4 percent difference in net salvage compared to the currently
 3 approved net salvage percentage – which is his recommendation). His arbitrary
 4 and erroneous application of gradualism should be rejected completely for each
 5 account. My proposed net salvage percentage is a gradual movement that compared
 6 to recent experience.

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8 Q78. CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NET SALVAGE FOR ACCOUNT
 9 355-TRANSMISSION POLES TOWERS AND FIXTURES?

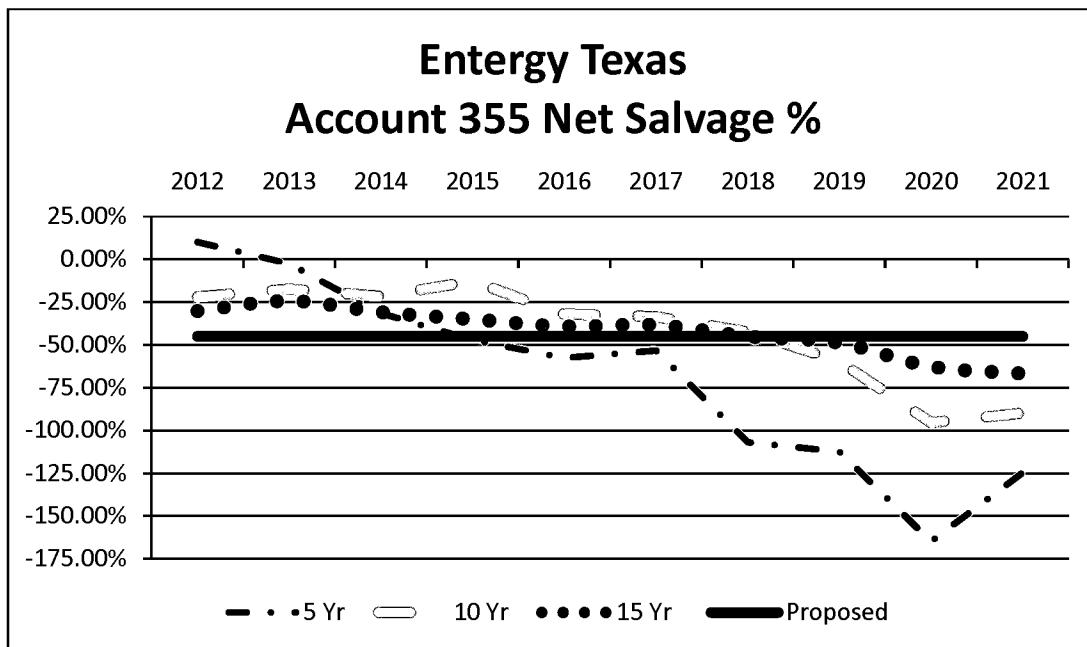
10 A. Yes. The information below was extracted from the net salvage analysis provided
 11 in Exhibit DAW-2, Appendix D, to my direct testimony. These are Entergy Texas’s
 12 moving average net salvage percentages for the past 10 years.

13 **Table 5: Account 355-Poles Towers and Fixtures**

	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Yr	7 Yr	8 Yr	9 Yr	10 Yr
Year	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2012	-153%	-40%	-17%	12%	10%	8%	29%	-3%	-18%	-22%
2013	-16%	-21%	-23%	-16%	-2%	-3%	-4%	10%	-8%	-17%
2014	-146%	-42%	-45%	-41%	-32%	-19%	-20%	-20%	-5%	-22%
2015	-89%	-117%	-49%	-52%	-47%	-38%	-26%	-27%	-27%	-13%
2016	-110%	-97%	-116%	-55%	-58%	-52%	-42%	-32%	-32%	-32%
2017	-44%	-65%	-73%	-90%	-53%	-55%	-51%	-42%	-33%	-33%
2018	-209%	-96%	-99%	-96%	-107%	-65%	-66%	-60%	-51%	-42%
2019	-190%	-199%	-121%	-119%	-112%	-118%	-75%	-76%	-69%	-60%
2020	-243%	-229%	-225%	-172%	-165%	-153%	-152%	-105%	-105%	-95%
2021	38%	-127%	-139%	-148%	-125%	-123%	-119%	-122%	-89%	-90%

1 Q79. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN
2 EVALUATING THE NET SALVAGE PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNT 355-
3 POLES TOWERS AND FIXTURES?

4 A. Yes. The graph below illustrates ETI's net salvage experience over the past
5 10 years. The solid black line is my proposed -45 percent, which is above (less
6 negative) than the more recent 5, 10, and 15 year averages.



7 This further supports the idea that my recommendation includes the gradualism that
8 Mr. Garrett espouses. While it is a significant change, my proposed -45 percent
9 has been consistently experienced by Entergy Texas's over the most recent 10 years
10 and should be approved.

1 4. **Account 356 – Transmission OH Conductors and Devices**

2 Q80. WILL YOU SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS REGARDING NET SALVAGE
3 FOR ACCOUNT 356-TRANSMISSION OH CONDUCTOR AND DEVICES?

4 A. Yes. The approved net salvage is a -30 percent. The Company is
5 proposing -45 percent. Mr. Garrett is proposing to arbitrarily reduce my
6 recommended change and recommends a -34 percent net salvage instead of my
7 proposed -45 percent. This is based on his erroneous use of the California
8 Commission concept where he only changes the net salvage factor by 25 percent of
9 my recommended change of 15 percent (i.e., the 15 percent change times 25%
10 creates a rounded 4 percent difference in net salvage compared to the currently
11 approved net salvage percentage – which is his recommendation). His arbitrary
12 and erroneous application of gradualism should be rejected. My proposed net
13 salvage percentage is a gradual movement compared to recent experience.

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15 Q81. CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NET SALVAGE FOR ACCOUNT
16 356-TRANSMISSION OH CONDUCTOR AND DEVICES IS MOVING MORE
17 NEGATIVE?

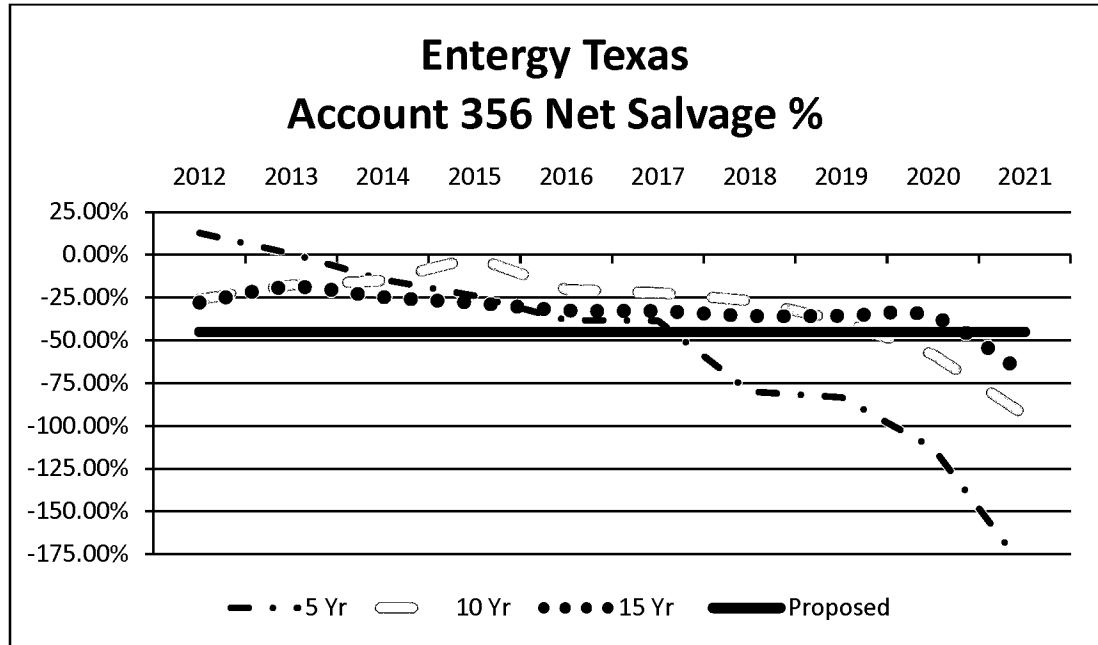
18 A. Yes. The information below was extracted from the net salvage analysis provided
19 in Exhibit DAW-2, Appendix D, to my direct testimony. These are ETI's moving
20 average net salvage percentages for the past 10 years.

1 **Table 5: Account 356-Transmission OH Conductor and Devices**

	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Yr	7 Yr	8 Yr	9 Yr	10 Yr
Year	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2012	-45%	0%	5%	12%	13%	10%	33%	-3%	-25%	-26%
2013	-9%	-13%	-6%	-3%	1%	1%	0%	13%	-6%	-18%
2014	-374%	-28%	-30%	-20%	-14%	-10%	-10%	-11%	3%	-15%
2015	-53%	123%	-32%	-33%	-24%	-18%	-15%	-14%	-15%	-2%
2016	-61%	-58%	-90%	-38%	-38%	-29%	-24%	-20%	-20%	-20%
2017	-45%	-54%	-54%	-77%	-39%	-39%	-31%	-26%	-23%	-22%
2018	-96%	-66%	-64%	-61%	-80%	-43%	-43%	-36%	-30%	-27%
2019	-345%	174%	-110%	-91%	-83%	-99%	-54%	-54%	-45%	-39%
2020	-170%	206%	-172%	-133%	-113%	-103%	-115%	-69%	-68%	-58%
2021	-322%	245%	-256%	-224%	-184%	-157%	-143%	-151%	-96%	-94%

2 Q82. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN
 3 EVALUATING THE NET SALVAGE PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNT 356-
 4 TRANSMISSION OH CONDUCTOR AND DEVICES?

5 A. Yes. The graph below illustrates ETI's net salvage experience over the past
 6 10 years. The solid black line is my proposed -45 percent, which is above (less
 7 negative) than the more recent 5, 10, and 15 year averages.



1 This further supports the idea that my recommendation includes the gradualism that
2 Mr. Garrett espouses. While it is a significant change, my proposed -45 percent
3 has been consistently experienced by ETI over the most recent 10 years and should
4 be approved.

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6 **5. Account 361 – Structures and Improvements**

7 Q83. WILL YOU SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS REGARDING NET SALVAGE
8 FOR ACCOUNT 361-DISTRIBUTION STRUCTURES AND
9 IMPROVEMENTS?

10 A. Yes. The approved net salvage is a -10 percent. The Company is
11 proposing -15 percent. Mr. Garrett is proposing to arbitrarily reduce my
12 recommended change and recommends a -11 percent net salvage instead of my
13 proposed -25 percent. This is based on his erroneous use of the California

1 Commission concept where he only changes the net salvage factor by 25 percent of
2 my recommended change of 5 percent (i.e., the 5 percent change times 25% creates
3 a rounded 1 percent difference in net salvage compared to the currently approved
4 net salvage percentage – which is his recommendation). His arbitrary and
5 erroneous application of gradualism should be rejected. My proposed net salvage
6 percentage is a gradual movement compared to recent experience.

7

8 Q84. CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NET SALVAGE FOR ACCOUNT
9 361-STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS IS MOVING MORE NEGATIVE?

10 A. Yes. The information below was extracted from the net salvage analysis provided
11 in Exhibit DAW-2, Appendix D, to my direct testimony. These are ETI's moving
12 average net salvage percentages for the past 10 years.

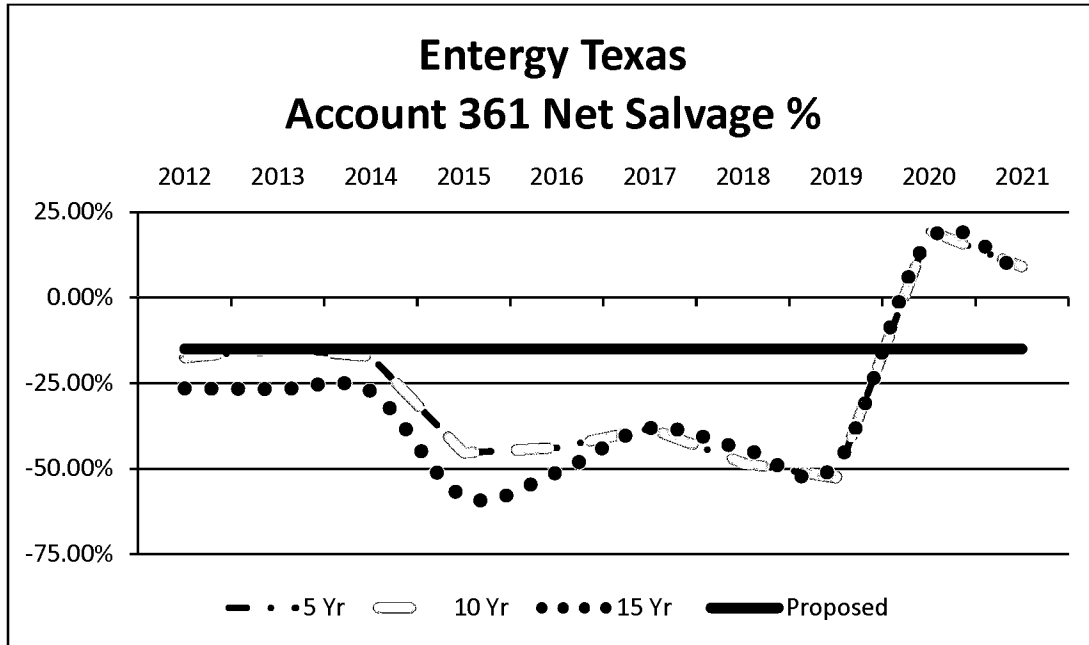
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Table 5: Account 361-Structures and Improvements

	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Yr	7 Yr	8 Yr	9 Yr	10 Yr
Year	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2012	-2%	-4%	-10%	-10%	-8%	-8%	-8%	-15%	-15%	-18%
2013	-43%	-3%	-5%	-11%	-11%	-9%	-8%	-8%	-15%	-15%
2014	-33%	-34%	-11%	-13%	-15%	-15%	-12%	-11%	-11%	-17%
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2015	617%	239%	225%	-90%	-88%	-72%	-69%	-56%	-45%	-45%
2016	-41%	-90%	-82%	-82%	-62%	-61%	-57%	-56%	-50%	-44%
2017	-17%	-28%	-51%	-50%	-50%	-43%	-43%	-41%	-41%	-38%
2018	-85%	-41%	-41%	-59%	-57%	-57%	-51%	-51%	-49%	-48%
2019	-67%	-74%	-50%	-48%	-61%	-60%	-60%	-54%	-54%	-53%
2020	99%	67%	50%	39%	29%	22%	21%	21%	20%	20%
2021	-19%	47%	34%	25%	20%	15%	10%	10%	9%	9%

2 Q85. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN
 3 EVALUATING THE NET SALVAGE PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNT 361-
 4 STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS?

5 A. Yes. The graph below illustrates ETI's net salvage experience over the past
 6 10 years. The solid black line is my proposed -15 percent, which is above (less
 7 negative) than the more recent 5, 10, and 15 year averages.



1 This further supports the idea that my recommendation includes the gradualism that
2 Mr. Garrett espouses. While it is a significant change, my proposed -15 percent
3 has been consistently experienced by ETI over the most recent 10 years and should
4 be approved.

6 **6. Account 362 – Station Equipment**

7 Q86. WILL YOU SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS REGARDING NET SALVAGE
8 FOR ACCOUNT 362-STATION EQUIPMENT?

9 A. Yes. The approved net salvage is a -20 percent. The Company is
10 proposing -25 percent. Mr. Garrett is proposing to arbitrarily reduce my
11 recommended change and recommends a -21 percent net salvage instead of my
12 proposed -25 percent. This is based on his erroneous use of the California
13 Commission concept where he only changes the net salvage factor by 25 percent of

1 my recommended change of 5 percent (i.e., the 5 percent change times 25% creates
2 a rounded 1 percent difference in net salvage compared to the currently approved
3 net salvage percentage – which is his recommendation). My proposed net salvage
4 percentage is a gradual movement compared to recent experience. His arbitrary
5 and erroneous application of gradualism should be rejected completely.

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7 Q87. CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NET SALVAGE FOR ACCOUNT
8 362-STATION EQUIPMENT IS MOVING MORE NEGATIVE?

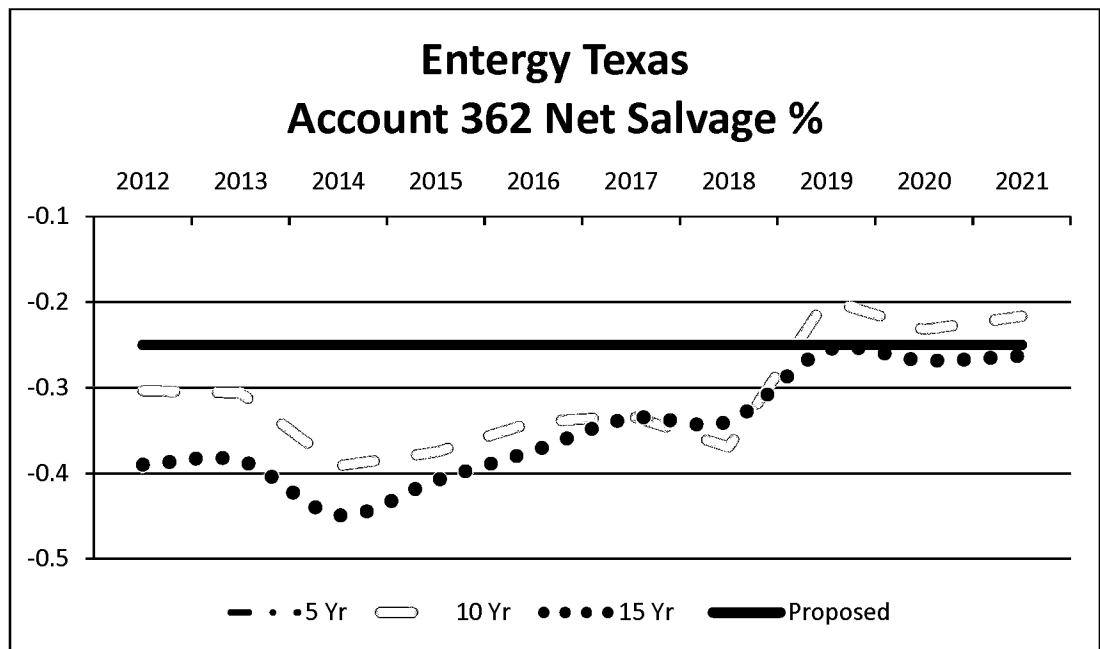
9 A. Yes. The information below was extracted from the net salvage analysis provided
10 in Exhibit DAW-2, Appendix D, to my direct testimony. These are Entergy Texas's
11 moving average net salvage percentages for the past 10 years.

12 **Table 5: Account 362-Station Equipment**

	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Yr	7 Yr	8 Yr	9 Yr	10 Yr
Year	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2012	-22%	-35%	-28%	-31%	-30%	-28%	-26%	-27%	-30%	-34%
2013	-30%	-26%	-33%	-29%	-31%	-30%	-28%	-26%	-27%	-30%
2014	-65%	-52%	-44%	-45%	-39%	-39%	-38%	-36%	-34%	-34%
2015	-22%	-41%	-38%	-36%	-38%	-34%	-35%	-35%	-33%	-31%
2016	-30%	-26%	-37%	-36%	-34%	-36%	-33%	-34%	-34%	-32%
2017	-26%	-28%	-26%	-34%	-33%	-32%	-34%	-32%	-33%	-32%
2018	-49%	-37%	-35%	-32%	-37%	-36%	-35%	-36%	-35%	-35%
2019	5%	-13%	-17%	-19%	-20%	-25%	-25%	-25%	-26%	-26%
2020	-39%	-12%	-21%	-22%	-23%	-23%	-27%	-27%	-27%	-28%
2021	-21%	-28%	-15%	-21%	-22%	-23%	-23%	-26%	-26%	-26%

1 Q88. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN
2 EVALUATING THE NET SALVAGE PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNT 362-
3 STATION EQUIPMENT?

4 A. Yes. The graph below illustrates ETI's net salvage experience over the past
5 10 years. The solid black line is my proposed -25 percent, which is above (less
6 negative) than the more recent 5, 10, and 15 year averages.



7 This further supports the idea that my recommendation includes the gradualism that
8 Mr. Garrett espouses. While it is a change, my proposed -25 percent has been
9 consistently experienced by ETI over the most recent 10 years and should be
10 approved.

1 7. **Account 364 – Poles Tower and Fixtures**

2 Q89. WILL YOU SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS REGARDING NET SALVAGE
3 FOR ACCOUNT 364-POLES, TOWER, AND FIXTURES?

4 A. Yes. The approved net salvage is a -30 percent. The Company is
5 proposing -45 percent. Mr. Garrett is proposing to arbitrarily reduce my
6 recommended change and recommends a -34 percent net salvage instead of my
7 proposed -45 percent. This is based on his erroneous use of the California
8 Commission concept where he only changes the net salvage factor by 25 percent of
9 my recommended change of 15 percent (i.e., the 15 percent change times 25%
10 creates a rounded 4 percent difference in net salvage – which is his
11 recommendation). His arbitrary and erroneous application of gradualism should be
12 rejected completely. My proposed net salvage percentage is a gradual movement
13 compared to recent experience.

14

15 Q90. CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NET SALVAGE FOR ACCOUNT
16 364-POLES, TOWER, AND FIXTURES IS MOVING MORE NEGATIVE?

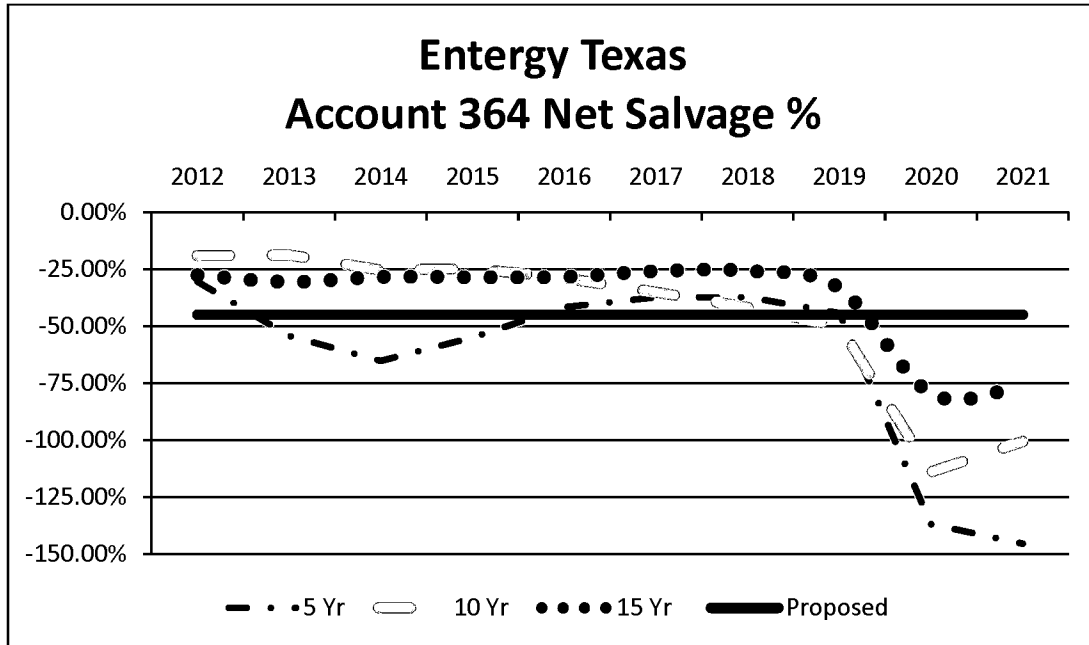
17 A. Yes. The information below was extracted from the net salvage analysis provided
18 in Exhibit DAW-2, Appendix D, to my direct testimony. These are ETI's moving
19 average net salvage percentages for the past 10 years.

1 **Table 5: Account 364-Poles, Tower and Fixtures**

	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Yr	7 Yr	8 Yr	9 Yr	10 Yr
Year	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2012	-62%	-68%	-53%	-42%	-31%	-18%	-14%	-17%	-14%	-19%
2013	-84%	-76%	-75%	-65%	-54%	-40%	-26%	-21%	-22%	-19%
2014	-65%	-75%	-72%	-72%	-65%	-57%	-43%	-30%	-24%	-25%
2015	-27%	-39%	-51%	-53%	-55%	-52%	-48%	-40%	-30%	-25%
2016	-27%	-27%	-32%	-40%	-42%	-44%	-42%	-40%	-36%	-29%
2017	-31%	-28%	-28%	-32%	-37%	-39%	-41%	-40%	-38%	-35%
2018	-86%	-46%	-37%	-34%	-37%	-42%	-43%	-44%	-43%	-42%
2019	-207%	-129%	-67%	-49%	-44%	-46%	-50%	-50%	-51%	-50%
2020	-259%	-254%	-230%	-176%	-137%	-123%	-119%	-117%	-115%	-114%
2021	196%	-197%	-198%	-184%	-145%	-116%	-105%	-103%	-102%	-101%

2 Q91. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN
 3 EVALUATING THE NET SALVAGE PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNT 364-
 4 POLES, TOWER, AND FIXTURES?

5 A. Yes. The graph below illustrates ETI’s net salvage experience over the past
 6 10 years. The solid black line is my proposed -45 percent, which is above (less
 7 negative) than the more recent 5, 10, and 15 year averages.



1 This further supports the idea that my recommendation includes the gradualism that
2 Mr. Garrett espouses. While it is a significant change, my proposed -45 percent
3 has been consistently experienced by ETI over the most recent 10 years and should
4 be approved.

6 **8. Account 365 – OH Conductor and Devices**

7 Q92. WILL YOU SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS REGARDING NET SALVAGE
8 FOR ACCOUNT 365-OVERHEAD CONDUCTOR AND DEVICES?

9 A. Yes. The approved net salvage is a -20 percent. The Company is
10 proposing -30 percent. Mr. Garrett is proposing to arbitrarily reduce my
11 recommended change and recommends a -23 percent net salvage instead of my
12 proposed -30 percent. This is based on his erroneous use of the California
13 Commission concept where he only changes the net salvage factor by 25 percent of

1 my recommended change of 10 percent (i.e., the 10 percent change times 25%
2 creates a rounded 3 percent difference in net salvage compared to the currently
3 approved net salvage percentage – which is his recommendation). His arbitrary
4 and erroneous application of gradualism should be rejected completely. My
5 proposed net salvage percentage is a gradual movement compared to recent
6 experience.

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8 Q93. CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NET SALVAGE FOR ACCOUNT
9 365-OVERHEAD CONDUCTOR AND DEVICES IS MOVING MORE
10 NEGATIVE?

11 A. Yes. The information below was extracted from the net salvage analysis provided
12 in Exhibit DAW-2, Appendix D, to my direct testimony. These are ETI's moving
13 average net salvage percentages for the past 10 years.

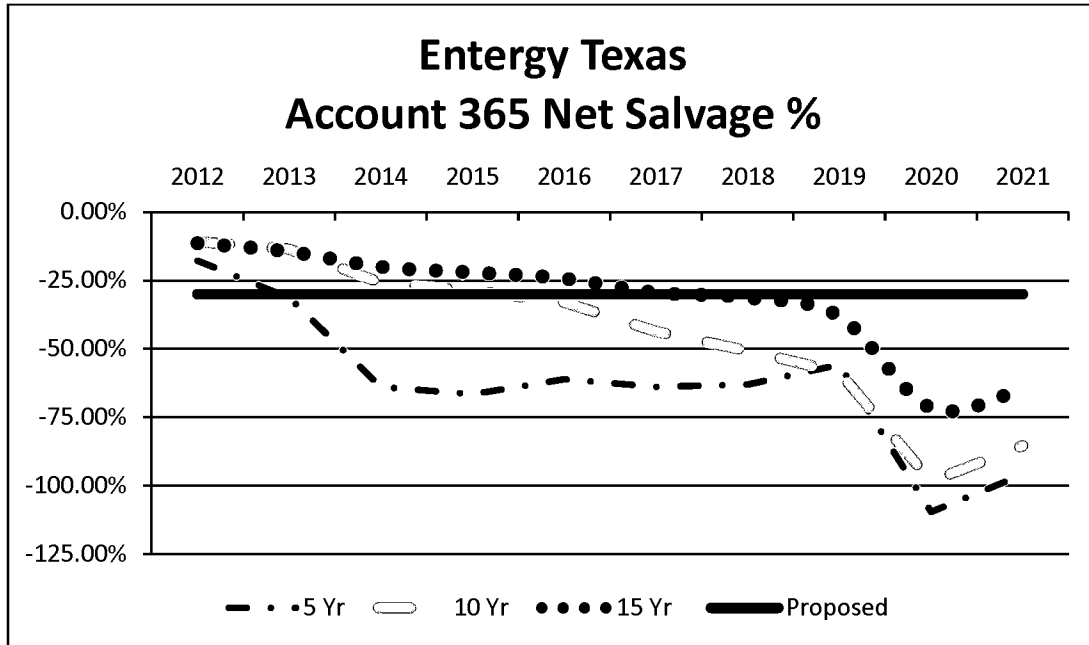
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Table 5: Account 365-Overhead Conductor and Devices

	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Yr	7 Yr	8 Yr	9 Yr	10 Yr
Year	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2012	-80%	-46%	-35%	-26%	-18%	-15%	-12%	-12%	-10%	-11%
2013	-48%	-59%	-47%	-40%	-31%	-23%	-19%	-16%	-16%	-14%
2014	-186%	-99%	-94%	-75%	-64%	-50%	-37%	-31%	-27%	-26%
2015	-42%	-94%	-77%	-77%	-67%	-59%	-49%	-38%	-32%	-29%
2016	-36%	-38%	-62%	-59%	-61%	-56%	-52%	-45%	-38%	-33%
2017	-77%	-55%	-52%	-67%	-64%	-65%	-61%	-57%	-51%	-44%
2018	-48%	-64%	-53%	-51%	-63%	-61%	-62%	-59%	-56%	-51%
2019	-91%	-64%	-70%	-58%	-56%	-66%	-64%	-65%	-62%	-59%
2020	-165%	-	-137%	125%	110%	-104%	108%	-103%	-102%	-98%
2021	17%	109%	-107%	-99%	-96%	-87%	-84%	-88%	-86%	-85%

2 Q94. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN
 3 EVALUATING THE NET SALVAGE PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNT 365-
 4 OVERHEAD CONDUCTOR AND DEVICES?

5 A. Yes. The graph below illustrates ETI's net salvage experience over the past
 6 10 years. The solid black line is my proposed -30 percent, which is above (less
 7 negative) than the more recent 5, 10, and 15 year averages.



1 This further supports the idea that my recommendation includes the gradualism that
2 Mr. Garrett espouses. While it is a significant change, my proposed -30 percent
3 has been consistently experienced by ETI over the most recent 10 years and should
4 be approved.

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9. Account 366 – UG Conduit

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Q95. WILL YOU SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS REGARDING NET SALVAGE
8 FOR ACCOUNT 366-UG CONDUIT?

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A. Yes. The approved net salvage is a -10 percent. The Company is
10 proposing -15 percent. Mr. Garrett is proposing to arbitrarily reduce my
11 recommended change and recommends a -11 percent net salvage instead of my
12 proposed -15 percent. This is based on his erroneous use of the California
13 Commission concept where he only changes the net salvage factor by 25 percent of

1 my recommended change of 5 percent (i.e., the 5 percent change times 25% creates
 2 a rounded 1 percent difference in net salvage compared to the currently approved
 3 net salvage percentage – which is his recommendation). His arbitrary and
 4 erroneous application of gradualism should be rejected completely. My proposed
 5 net salvage percentage is a gradual movement compared to recent experience.
 6

7 Q96. CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NET SALVAGE FOR ACCOUNT
 8 366-UG CONDUIT?

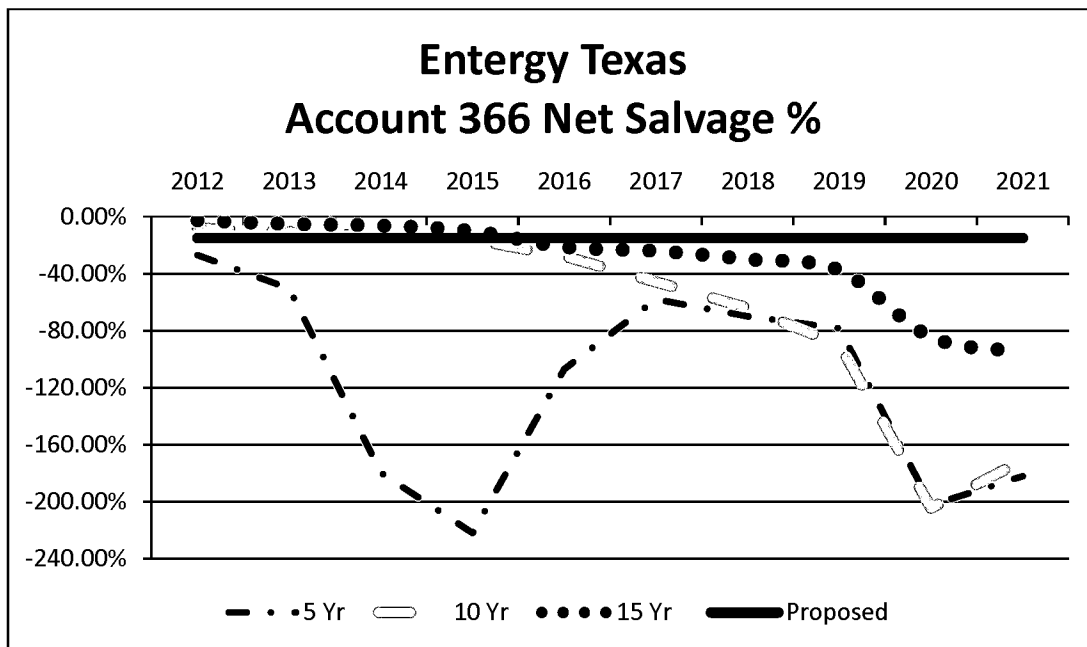
9 A. Yes. The information below was extracted from the net salvage analysis provided
 10 in Exhibit DAW-2, Appendix D, to my direct testimony. These are ETI’s moving
 11 average net salvage percentages for the past 10 years.

12 **Table 5: Account 366-UG Conduit**

	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Yr	7 Yr	8 Yr	9 Yr	10 Yr
Year	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2012	84%	-340%	-171%	-42%	-27%	-13%	-9%	-10%	-8%	-8%
2013	-187%	-58%	-283%	-174%	-50%	-33%	-17%	-12%	-13%	-11%
2014	-237%	-202%	-91%	-277%	-180%	-55%	-37%	-19%	-13%	-14%
2015	-136%	-153%	-163%	-112%	-222%	-167%	-64%	-44%	-23%	-16%
2016	-100%	-114%	-124%	-133%	-107%	-177%	-147%	-69%	-50%	-28%
2017	-42%	-47%	-52%	-55%	-58%	-55%	-71%	-68%	-53%	-46%
2018	-415%	-61%	-64%	-68%	-70%	-73%	-69%	-84%	-81%	-64%
2019	-356%	-388%	-73%	-75%	-78%	-80%	-83%	-79%	-93%	-90%
2020	-904%	-810%	-744%	-210%	-202%	-199%	-200%	-199%	-194%	-204%
2021	359%	-602%	-569%	-547%	-182%	-177%	-175%	-175%	-176%	-171%

1 Q97. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN
2 EVALUATING THE NET SALVAGE PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNT 366- UG
3 CONDUIT?

4 A. Yes. The graph below illustrates ETI's net salvage experience over the past
5 10 years. The solid black line is my proposed -15 percent, which is above (less
6 negative) than the more recent 5, 10, and 15 year averages.



7 This further supports the idea that my recommendation includes the gradualism that
8 Mr. Garrett espouses. While it is a significant change, my proposed -15 percent
9 has been consistently experienced by ETI over the most recent 10 years and should
10 be approved.

1 **10. Account 367 – UG Conductors and Devices**

2 Q98. WILL YOU SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS REGARDING NET SALVAGE
3 FOR ACCOUNT 367-UG CONDUCTORS AND DEVICES?

4 A. Yes. The approved net salvage is a -1 percent. The Company is
5 proposing -5 percent. Mr. Garrett is proposing to arbitrarily reduce my
6 recommended change and recommends a -2 percent net salvage instead of my
7 proposed -5 percent. This is based on his erroneous use of the California
8 Commission concept where he only changes the net salvage factor by 25 percent of
9 my recommended change of 4 percent (i.e., the 4 percent change times 25% creates
10 a rounded 1 percent difference in net salvage compared to the currently approved
11 net salvage percentage – which is his recommendation). His arbitrary and
12 erroneous application of gradualism should be rejected completely for each
13 account. My proposed net salvage percentage is a gradual movement compared to
14 recent experience.

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16 Q99. CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NET SALVAGE FOR ACCOUNT
17 367-CONDUCTORS AND DEVICES IS MOVING MORE NEGATIVE?

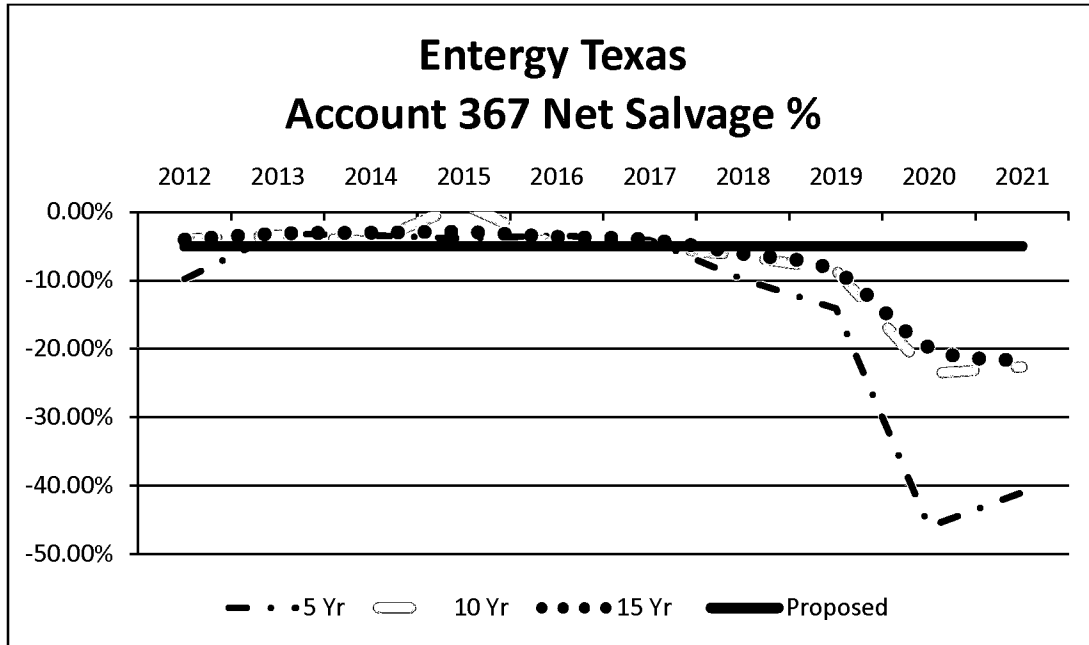
18 A. Yes. The information below was extracted from the net salvage analysis provided
19 in Exhibit DAW-2, Appendix D, to my direct testimony. These are ETI's moving
20 average net salvage percentages for the past 10 years.

1 **Table 5: Account 367-UG Conductors and Devices**

	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Yr	7 Yr	8 Yr	9 Yr	10 Yr
Year	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2012	-3%	-10%	-7%	-8%	-10%	-10%	9%	-8%	-6%	-4%
2013	-1%	-2%	-3%	-3%	-3%	-4%	-4%	2%	-4%	-3%
2014	-31%	-2%	-2%	-4%	-3%	-4%	-4%	-4%	1%	-4%
2015	-2%	-7%	-2%	-2%	-4%	-3%	-4%	-4%	-4%	1%
2016	-29%	-9%	-12%	-3%	-3%	-5%	-4%	-4%	-5%	-5%
2017	-5%	-6%	-6%	-6%	-4%	-4%	-5%	-4%	-5%	-5%
2018	-94%	-9%	-10%	-9%	-10%	-6%	-6%	-7%	-6%	-6%
2019	-590%	-178%	-15%	-16%	-14%	-14%	-9%	-8%	-9%	-9%
2020	-207%	-225%	-200%	-47%	-46%	-41%	-41%	-25%	-24%	-24%
2021	-4%	-108%	-120%	-117%	-41%	-41%	-37%	-37%	-24%	-23%

2 Q100. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN
 3 EVALUATING THE NET SALVAGE PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNT 367- UG
 4 CONDUCTORS AND DEVICES?

5 A. Yes. The graph below illustrates ETI's net salvage experience over the past
 6 10 years. The solid black line is my proposed -5 percent, which is above (less
 7 negative) than the more recent 5, 10, and 15 year averages.



1 This further supports the idea that my recommendation includes the gradualism that
2 Mr. Garrett espouses. While it is a significant change, my proposed -5 percent has
3 been consistently experienced by ETI over the most recent 10 years and should be
4 approved.

6 **11. Account 368 – Line Transformers**

7 Q101. WILL YOU SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS REGARDING NET SALVAGE
8 FOR ACCOUNT 368-LINE TRANSFORMERS?

9 A. Yes. The approved net salvage is a -20 percent. The Company is
10 proposing -30 percent. Mr. Garrett is proposing to arbitrarily reduce my
11 recommended change and recommends a -23 percent net salvage instead of my
12 proposed -30 percent. This is based on his erroneous use of the California
13 Commission concept where he only changes the net salvage factor by 25 percent of

1 my recommended change of 10 percent (i.e., the 10 percent change times 25%
 2 creates a rounded 3 percent difference in net salvage compared to the currently
 3 approved net salvage percentage – which is his recommendation). His arbitrary
 4 and erroneous application of gradualism should be rejected completely for each
 5 account. My proposed net salvage percentage is a gradual movement compared to
 6 recent experience.

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8 Q102. CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NET SALVAGE FOR ACCOUNT
 9 368-LINE TRANSFORMERS IS MOVING MORE NEGATIVE?

10 A. Yes. The information below was extracted from the net salvage analysis provided
 11 in Exhibit DAW-2, Appendix D of my direct testimony. These are ETI’s moving
 12 average net salvage percentages for the past 10 years.

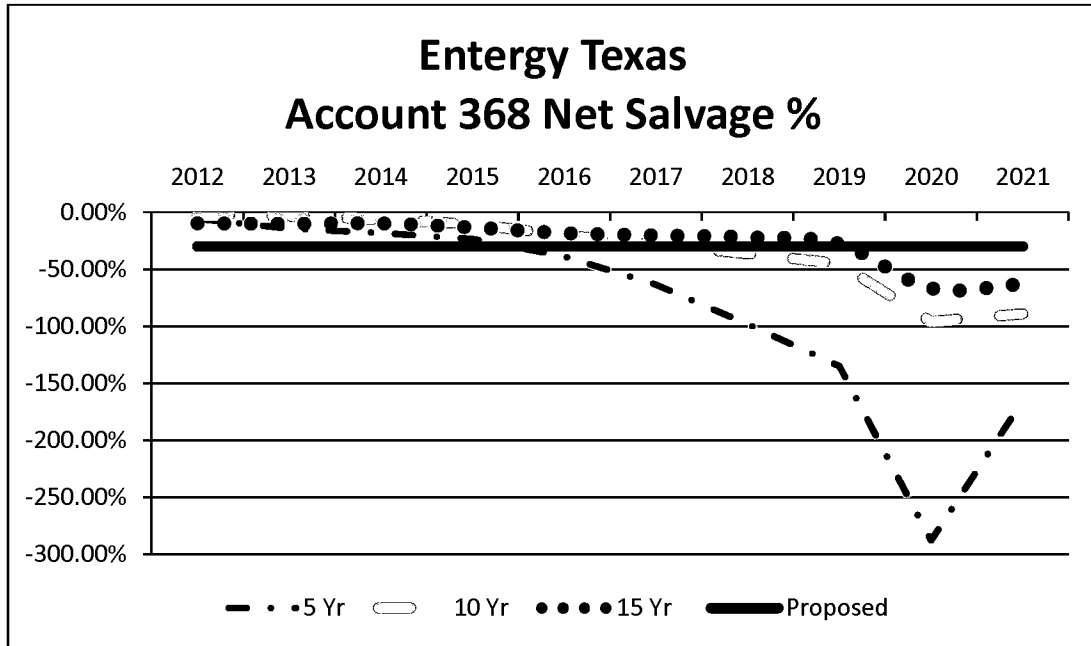
13 **Table 5: Account 368-Line Transformers**

	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Yr	7 Yr	8 Yr	9 Yr	10 Yr
Year	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2012	-12%	-11%	-12%	-11%	-6%	0%	1%	1%	1%	-3%
2013	-25%	-17%	-15%	-15%	-14%	-10%	-4%	-3%	-4%	-3%
2014	-58%	-33%	-20%	-18%	-18%	-17%	-12%	-7%	-6%	-6%
2015	-66%	-63%	-42%	-26%	-23%	-23%	-22%	-17%	-12%	-11%
2016	402%	-211%	-143%	-73%	-39%	-35%	-34%	-31%	-26%	-20%
2017	-46%	-114%	-95%	-88%	-64%	-40%	-37%	-36%	-34%	-29%
2018	NA	-64%	-134%	-108%	-98%	-70%	-44%	-40%	-39%	-36%
2019	NA	NA	-103%	-179%	-135%	-120%	-83%	-51%	-47%	-45%
2020	-382%	-421%	-439%	-243%	-288%	-237%	-216%	-161%	-104%	-96%
2021	23%	-200%	-221%	-231%	-165%	-193%	-171%	-161%	-129%	-89%

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2 Q103. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN
3 EVALUATING THE NET SALVAGE PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNT 368-
4 LINE TRANSFORMERS?

5 A. Yes. The graph below illustrates ETI's net salvage experience over the past
6 10 years. The solid black line is my proposed -30 percent, which is above (less
7 negative) than the more recent 5, 10, and 15 year averages.



8 This further supports the idea that my recommendation includes the gradualism that
9 Mr. Garrett espouses. While it is a significant change, my proposed -30 percent
10 has been consistently experienced by ETI over the most recent 10 years and should
11 be approved.

1 **12. Account 369.1 – Services - Overhead**

2 Q104. WILL YOU SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS REGARDING NET SALVAGE
3 FOR ACCOUNT 352-TRANSMISSION STRUCTURES AND
4 IMPROVEMENTS?

5 A. Yes. The approved net salvage is a -15 percent. The Company is
6 proposing -25 percent. Mr. Garrett is proposing to arbitrarily reduce my
7 recommended change and recommends a -18 percent net salvage instead of my
8 proposed -25 percent. This is based on his erroneous use of the California
9 Commission concept where he only changes the net salvage factor by 25 percent of
10 my recommended change of 10 percent (i.e., the 10 percent change times 25%
11 creates a rounded 3 percent difference in net salvage compared to the currently
12 approved net salvage percentage – which is his recommendation). My proposed
13 net salvage percentage is a gradual movement compared to recent experience. His
14 arbitrary and erroneous application of gradualism should be rejected completely for
15 each account.

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17 Q105. CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NET SALVAGE FOR ACCOUNT
18 369.1-SERVICES OVERHEAD IS MOVING MORE NEGATIVE?

19 A. Yes. The information below was extracted from the net salvage analysis provided
20 in Exhibit DAW-2, Appendix D, to my direct testimony. These are ETI's moving
21 average net salvage percentages for the past 10 years.

1 **Table 5: Account 369.1-Services Overhead**

	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	4 Yr	5 Yr	6 Yr	7 Yr	8 Yr	9 Yr	10 Yr
Year	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2012	-14%	-9%	-12%	-20%	-20%	-23%	-20%	-19%	-14%	-10%
2013	-7%	-8%	-7%	-8%	-9%	-9%	-10%	-10%	-10%	-9%
2014	-87%	-8%	-9%	-8%	-8%	-10%	-10%	-11%	-10%	-10%
2015	-85%	-86%	-10%	-11%	-10%	-11%	-12%	-12%	-13%	-12%
2016	-24%	-39%	-43%	-11%	-12%	-11%	-12%	-13%	-13%	-13%
2017	-4%	-6%	-8%	-9%	-8%	-8%	-8%	-8%	-9%	-9%
2018	-353%	-9%	-10%	-13%	-13%	-10%	-11%	-10%	-11%	-11%
2019	-467%	-421%	-18%	-19%	-21%	-21%	-15%	-15%	-14%	-15%
2020	-288%	-303%	-305%	-66%	-63%	-64%	-64%	-40%	-39%	-39%
2021	-77%	-240%	-255%	-259%	-67%	-64%	-64%	-65%	-41%	-40%

2 Q106. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WOULD ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN
3 EVALUATING THE NET SALVAGE PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNT 369.1-
4 SERVICES OVERHEAD?
5 A. Yes. The graph below illustrates ETI's net salvage experience over the past
6 10 years. The solid black line is my proposed -25 percent, which is above (less
7 negative) than the more recent 5, 10, and 15 year averages.