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Undertaking

TO PROVIDE RESPONSE TO HOW THE DECLINE IN STUDIES IS CONSISTENT WITH THE VIEW THAT INTEREST IN RENEWABLE GENERATION IS FORECAST TO INCREASE IN 2010 AND 2011.

Response

Connection Impact Assessment (CIA) studies are carried out in advance of the actual construction of the generation connection. As such, there is a natural disconnect between the number of assessments and number of planned connections over the same period of time.

The number of CIA studies shown in Exhibit E1, Tab 1, Schedule 2, Table 11 for 2007-2009 reflects the high level of interest in CIA studies driven by the RESOP program, as well as the large backlog of CIAs and delays that existed in getting those studies completed. Going forward the expectation is that the demand for studies will decrease to the more steady levels shown. The increase in generation connections shown in Exhibit D1, Tab 3, Schedule 3, reflects those CIA's approved in previous periods that are moving forward to the connection phase of the work in the test years, as well as additional connections driven by the FIT program.