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EX 6

Response to ComEd's
Fourteenth Set of Data Requests to Staff
Docket No. 11-0721 On Rehearing
Response of Staff Witness Ebrey

ICC Person Responsible: Theresa Ebrey
Title: Accountant
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ComEd → Staff 14.14 Does Ms. Ebrey agree that pension contributions that ComEd is required to make under ERISA laws cause ComEd to incur a cost? If Ms. Ebrey's answer is anything other than an unqualified "yes," please explain how ComEd can make such a contribution without incurring a cost.

Response

The "cost" of the pension plan is reflected as pension expense and any portion of the pension accrual that is capitalized. To the extent that minimum pension contributions are considered in the actuarially-determined pension expense, the cost of those contributions are recovered in rates through pension expense and a return on rate base. A review of ComEd Cross Ex. 11 (EBREY) reveals that beginning in 2005, the pension accruals have far outweighed the minimum pension contributions each year. Pension contributions would be a use of cash but would not necessarily be classified as a "cost" in Ms. Ebrey's opinion.

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