

Utilities Planning & Rate Case Solution for OneStream Software

Overview

Utility companies face a number of unknown factors, assumptions and drivers that affect planning from its initiation stage to final reviews to submission of reports & rate cases. This is often managed using linked spreadsheets with multiple worksheets that are residing in untidy folder structures. The **Utilities Planning & Rate Case Solution** provides a driver-based solution using a separate Assumptions module that acts like a repository of all factors that can affect calculations across the entire planning solution. The excel links are eliminated and replaced by efficient system logic that ensures that any driver changes will trigger and update the relevant calculations. One central data storage platform provides easy management, better security and more control.

Challenges Faced By The Utilities Industry

<p>Access to Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Real Time access to accurate data ◆ Merging data from internal & external sources ◆ Actuals & Plan data not in the same platform 	<p>Reliance on Manual Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Time spent validating instead of analyzing data ◆ Lack of visibility, auditability, and traceability
<p>Increased Reporting Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ad Hoc & standard reporting ◆ Reporting to regulatory bodies (FERC) 	<p>What-If Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Difficult to remain agile to business change ◆ Scalability issues in performing ad-hoc analysis
<p>Rate Case Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Holistic approach to development of Rate Case ◆ Defendable Rate Case Filing ◆ Timely updates to Rate Case Budgeting ◆ Transparency to provide answers to inquiries 	

Solution Scope

- ◆ Unified system for Financial and Operational Planning
- ◆ Additional control from a Driver based solution
- ◆ Revenue planning based on export & load volumes considering target return on equity & capped rate increase

Major Components

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Financial Planning ◆ Revenue Planning ◆ Capital Planning ◆ People Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Debt Management ◆ Financial Consolidation ◆ Financial Reporting ◆ Rate Case Preparation & Analysis
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Key Features & Benefits of a Pre-Built Solution

- ◆ Built-in calculation models for the Utilities Industry that are customizable
- ◆ Accelerated implementation – **Fast ROI**
- ◆ Easily customizable to specific requirements – **Flexible to changes**
- ◆ Familiar utilities environment – **Relate to your solution**
- ◆ Pre-configured scenarios and models – **Rapid use of OneStream Software**