

**The Empire District Electric Company**  
**Response to Office of Public Counsel's Data Requests 8515-8535**  
**Case No. EO-2018-0092**

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Question:

Did Empire analyze retiring higher cost, older CT units instead of Asbury? If not, explain in detail why not.

Response:

The modeling allowed for the optimization of retirement of all existing Empire units.

Responsible person(s): Blake A. Mertens

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