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Please describe the company's weather forecast process.

Response to WSD Verbal Data Request 1

Please see Attachment WSD 1 for two files that demonstrate the weather forecasting process the company employs to determine whether it is approaching fire risk periods and how, if a fire risk period is underway, finer scale time and location forecasts are prepared to limit the impact to customers.

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Provide information regarding the quantity of outages with ignition probability cause “Other.”

Response to WSD Verbal Data Request 2

Largely, the company's outages that are categorized as “Other” ignition probability drivers are related to non-fire season weather-related outages. During fire season the Other outages that are in the high fire threat districts (HFTD) are generally associated with outages that have no discernable outage cause after patrolling. The categorization process is shown on the worksheet titled “Ignition to Cause & Component” provided in Attachment WSD 2. A pivot table was prepared on the worksheet titled “WSD DR re others” to further categorize these Other ignition probability drivers (IPDs) into Weather and Other (Unknown), differentiated by Fire Season and Non-Fire Season, as well as by Fire Threat District. The outage records are contained below the pivot table.

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