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Jenny, here are my comments on the Draft Options.

Option 1. Reinitiating work on the RWSP is a high priority for a number of reasons. The bulk of the Plan focuses on longer term capital programs and financial requirements. It can and has been used as an opportunity to review wastewater policies. However, isn't there a separate formal process to update wastewater policies that is independent of the RWSP? I seem to recall that there are periodic reviews of policy.

So, will the RWSP propose specific wording for new/revised rate policy, or is the importance of the RWSP to understand the scope of future needs and potential consequences as an input to a subsequent policy review process?

The wording in Option 1 could be clearer to understand how this would work.

Option 2. Many jurisdictions have practices that are similar to the proposal. The key here is to be clear about what the 2nd and 3rd year numbers represent. We have come from a two year rate process where the second year was as good as etched in stone and any changes were difficult to implement. The most important message is that the outer years are for planning purposes and the focus on the next year's rate would be what are the factors that have influenced any proposed deviation from the projection.

The proposed 2nd and 3rd year numbers would be very helpful to contract agencies as they do their own rate planning.

Option 3. The concept of having MWPAAC and the RWQC collaborating on defining a working relationship is long overdue. I would suggest that this Option be tweaked to say that MWPAAC and the RWQC shall work together to develop a document which would define the collective roles and relationships for rate policies and the rate setting process. This could be through an MOU which would be confirmed by both groups and could be recognized by the Executive and the Council.

The rest of the Options are OK.

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