

1 Rather than applying the Baseload Demand Charge to total kW demand as recommended, the
2 Peaking Demand Charge could be set to equal the Baseload Demand Charge if this better fits
3 ML&P's billing system. There is no cost justification for the differential between the baseload
4 and peaking charges as proposed by ML&P's extremely punitive design.

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7 **MLP-FEA-5-2:** At page 21 of his testimony, Dr. Blank cites excess
8 capacity as a basis for setting the Peaking Demand charge equal to zero and allow the Baseload
9 demand charge to recover all the demand related costs. In response to FEA-4-1 Mr. Blank refers
10 to Mr. Ori's testimony as the basis for his claim that ML&P has excess capacity. Please explain
11 how in Mr. Blank's opinion any excess capacity justifies setting the Peaking Demand Charge at
12 zero.
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14 **Response:** See response to MLP-FEA-5-1.

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