

Detroit Edison appreciates the efforts of the other collaborative participants in reviewing the model and believes that the end product will benefit from the synergy of the group. There are some trade-offs that must be weighed in deciding whether to pursue suggested changes. Adding complexity to the model increases the effort required to maintain the model and increases the chances of exceeding the capabilities of Excel.

Detroit Edison suggests prioritizing the changes based on the level of effort required vs. the value added and implementing them in a stepwise manner to see whether they cause the model to exceed the limitations of Excel.

Detroit Edison believes the information requested to be calculated on the input sheets in suggestions 1-“aggregation of input cost data on the input1 tab”; and 2-“display aggregated functional cost data on the input1 tab” are duplicative and nonessential because that information is displayed on other sheets within the model. Alternatively, the suggestions could be implemented without adding complexity to the model by displaying the information in a separate worksheet that links to the model.

Detroit Edison believes the following changes can be implemented with minimum impact: 3-“identify allocators on input tab”; 4-“link allocators from input tab to report tabs Total, Prod, Dist” and; 6-“make the Total tab the arithmetic sum of the Prod and Dist tabs.”

Detroit Edison believes that suggested change 5 to display formulas is a case where the additional effort required to implement and maintain the change exceeds the value added.

Detroit Edison believes that suggestions 7-“show numbers with the percentages for externally generated allocation factors”; and 8-“show numbers with the percentages for internally generated allocation factors” potentially add complexity that could challenge the limitations of Excel. Further evaluation is needed.

Detroit Edison believes that suggestion 9-“use masks to calculate allocation factors that use some, but not all, classes” may be implemented with little effort but wishes to reserve judgment until further evaluation is performed.

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