

1 **Q. (2021 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Application, Volume**
2 **1, pages 13 and 17) Please provide the definition of the Total Resource Cost (TRC),**
3 **modified Total Resource Cost (mTRC) and Program Administrator Cost (PAC)**
4 **tests.**

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6 A. For definitions of the Total Resource Cost (“TRC”) test and the modified Total Resource
7 Cost (“mTRC”) test, see response to Request for Information PUB-NP-024.

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9 The Program Administrator Cost (“PAC”) test is referred to in the National Standard
10 Practice Manual as the Utility Cost test. The PAC test includes the avoided utility system
11 costs and utility costs for the program, including incentive costs.¹ The key question
12 answered by the PAC test is whether utility system costs will be reduced.²

¹ See National Efficiency Screening Project. *National Standard Practice Manual for Benefit-Cost Analysis of Distributed Energy Resources*, 2020, page F-3.

² *Ibid.*, page 3-14.