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1 Q. Reference: Evidence of Laurence D. Booth, p. 3.

Please provide Dr. Booth's calculation of NEB's ROE formula currently indicating a fair ROE for 2025 of 8.15%, with a forecasted LTC yield of 3.8% and 8.44%. Please provide all input calculations, and provide Dr. Booth's assessment of these results based on his outlook for a normalized LTC yield.

A. Please see Dr. Booth's Appendix E, which has a full explanation of the NEB formula and the annual data used for the formula back to 1995. For 2024, the NEB published formula result is 7.88% based on a 3.45% forecast LTC yield. Using 3.8% and the 75% adjustment gives an additional 0.2625%, which rounded to 8.15%. The addition of a 50% adjustment from the base credit spread of 0.94% adds 0.28%, which rounded to 8.44%.