UI Solutions Group's

Work Drivers Module

Available typically as part of our **Budgeting Solution**

Traditional budgeting methods and budget vs. actual reporting views are ill-suited to meet corporate objectives related to "bending the cost curve" and maximizing regulatory return.

UI's Work Drivers Module is a "best practice". It enables clients to develop budgets and forecasts by linking budgets to their cost drivers. This is done by using Work Volumes (Q: Quantities) and Unit Costs (P: Productivity) in PxQ models to render budgets/forecasts. This adds an operational layer to the basis and understanding behind budget/forecast amounts as well as facilitates "what-if" modeling of P or Q alternatives.

UI'S WORK DRIVERS MODULE ENABLES UTILITIES TO:

► **Improve budget cycle-time:** Reduce offline spreadsheets; improve the communication between operations and budget analysts; and reduce the time it takes to assemble a budget/forecast.

► **Help balance and synchronize bottom-up requirements with top-down limitations/targets:** Leverage unit-based budgeting (UBB) to help translate top-down targets into revised work-volume based plans that are in-sync with the approved budget.

► **Reveal underlying performance:** Leverage unit-based budgeting to provide the platform for performance-based earned-value reporting.

► **Help shift ownership of the budget to where it belongs:** Reduce data input to simply work-volumes so that operations can take ownership of their budget without the need for budget analyst involvement.

► **Help improve regulatory return:** Public Utility Commissions essentially act as a surrogate for competition and allowed Return On Equity (ROE) is influenced by a utility's adoption of private-sector "best practices". Leverage UBB, a recognized "best practice" that provides a more direct link between cost drivers (i.e., maintaining system operability and reliability) and the need for cost recovery in the form of rate relief.

COMPONENT EXAMPLES

Our **Work Drivers Module** can be configured with robust components, including:

Unit-Based Costing:

Captures actual costs and work-unit volumes at a level consistent with PxQ budgeting.

Unit-Based Budgeting:

Creates budget records by natural work-units using Price x Quantity methods.

Earned Value Reporting:

Compares budgeted costs/units to actual costs/units to reveal underlying productivity.

The Power of Integration: UI's Work Drivers Module integrates with other modules, which ensures data accuracy and saves time.

Work Drivers	Capital Spending	Plant Book	Plant Tax	Revenue	Load Forecasting	Meter Data
Labor	Core Budgeting	Targets & Assumptions	Financial Statements	Regulatory Accounting	Rates & Tariffs	Billing & CRM
Energy Supply	Loadings & Allocations	Expenses	Taxes	Financing	Regulatory Filings	Customer Service