

UI Solutions Group's

Loading & Allocations Module



Available typically
as part of our
Budgeting Solution

A forecast model must be able to calculate loaded costs and allocate shared services using the same methodology as the actuals system of record. It must also be able to run this process with monthly detail for all forecast years and sufficient performance to allow for multiple iterations per day and time for analysis and adjustments. Data transparency and flexibility are equally critical in order to provide analysts with the ability to review each step of the process and make any adjustments needed to prepare for management and regulatory scrutiny.

UI's Loading & Allocations (L&A) Module creates a **fully settled** view of the budget/forecast over the full forecast scenario horizon to enable an **accurate** and **transparent** starting point for financial and regulatory forecasting.

UI'S LOADING & ALLOCATIONS MODULE ENABLES UTILITIES TO:

- ▶ **Increase forecasting accuracy and consistency:** Improve forecasting accuracy by calculating allocations, loadings, and clearings using rules imported and integrated from actuals while retaining the flexibility to calculate forward-looking rates based on forecasted scenarios. Minimize variance and reduce administrative overhead by using UI to process loadings and allocations for actuals and forecast data.
- ▶ **Achieve transparency into complex L&A calculations:** Provide visibility into loadings and allocations process through multidimensional reporting and drill-back functionality. This allows users to step through how service company costs are allocated to capital and O&M or view how clearing rates are calculated from pool and basis costs.
- ▶ **Increase performance to allow for multiple L&A runs:** By leveraging an in-memory allocations engine, UI can process ten years of allocations with monthly detail in less than an hour for a large utility, allowing users to run the loadings and allocations process multiple times a day.

COMPONENT EXAMPLES

Our **Loading & Allocations Module** can be configured with robust components, including:

Loadings:

Calculates loadings on forecasted labor and non-labor costs with ability to set and modify rates. Tracks results with definable target and off-set accounting.

Clearings:

Accrues and apportions pooled costs with dynamically calculated forward-looking monthly or annual clearing rates derived with customizable pool and basis logic.

Corporate Services and Service Companies Allocations:

Ensures that costs associated with shared corporate services, such as IT or legal departments, are spread to Capital projects and O&M activities by mimicking rules and logic used in actuals processing. Complex and multi-step processes can be manually configured or created with data imported from source systems.

The Power of Integration: UI's Loading & Allocations Module integrates with other modules, ensuring data accuracy and saving time.

