# Replacement Cost Studies & Forecasts issues raised by Assessors and Department of Revenue staff

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#### **Cost Approach**

- Cost New
  - Plant Utilization
  - Replacement Cost
- Depreciation
  - Service Life
- External Obsolescence
  - Revenue Forecast

#### **Income Approach**

- Revenues
  - Forecasts
- Operating Expenses

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## Plant Utilization & Replacement Cost Studies

- Utilization Adjustment
  - Cost of Capacity for cost adjustment addresses only functional obsolescence associated with super-adequacy
  - Not external obsolescence
- Replacement Cost Studies
  - Replacement Cost Studies address both utilization and changing costs
  - Replacement Cost studies do not address external obsolescence

### **Technology Forecast and Life Studies**

- Technology Forecast provide a study method to establish:
  - Existing Plant Remaining Lives
  - Potential Revenue pattern
- Depreciation
  - Plant remaining establish normal depreciation but not:
    - Functional obsolescence
    - External obsolescence