# Regulatory Actuaries: 

 An Insiders’Perspective ...

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## CHALLENGES?

- Many,
$\square$ Too many to mention them all,

ㅁ But, here we go!!


## CHALLENGES?

$\square$ Thousands of rate filings to review,
$\square$ Hundreds of companies to 'examine'.

- How?

- What is the standard?


## CHALLENGES?



# $\square$ Why do I have to pay $\$ 5.00$ for a CAT Fund? 

- I don't even own a cat!


## CHALLENGES?



ㅁ How much will this legislation save?

- How much will that bill cost?
$\square$ Are you sure?


## CHALLENGES?

$\square$ Yes, I get it: $2+2$ does equal 4!

Please write me a report explaining that.


## CHALLENGES?



## $\square$ When is surplus surplus?

## CHALLENGES?

- If we let Company ' A ' lower rates now, consumers will be mad in the future if they have to raise rates!



## CHALLENGES?

- Why don't any two of the several actuaries opining on Company B's reserves seem to agree?



## USEFUL SKILLS



## ㅁ Interpersonal skills:

- Sense of humor
- Patience
- Objectivity
- Willingness to listen
- Wisdom and insight can come from unlikely sources


## USEFUL SKILLS



## $\square$ Business skills:

- Understand your role
- An eye for the big picture
- Communication skills
- Objectivity
- Willingness to listen
- Wisdom and insight can come from unlikely sources
- Time and task management skills


## USEFUL SKILLS



## $\square$ Technical skill:

- Actuarial competence
- Ability to explain succinctly
- Objectivity
- Willingness to listen
- Wisdom and insight can come from unlikely sources
- Ethics and Integrity


## REWARDS!


$\square$ A place at the table.

- Part of the team.
- Involved in 'BIG' picture issues.
$\square$ Sense of accomplishment when reforms happen and succeed.
$\square$ Helping people.
$\square$ Make a difference, changing things for the better.


## REWARDS!

- Most importantly, whether you win or loose, the knowledge that you worked hard in the public's interest is frankly quite a reward itself.


