## **UI Solutions Group's**

# Capital Spending Module



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

Capital investment in plant and equipment is the economic life-blood for a regulated utility. The efficient decision-making and forecasting of capital spending is critical to the long-term health of the enterprise. UI's Capital Spending Module supports smarter capital investment and operational decisions. The module creates a fully-vetted capital project view over the entire forecast scenario horizon enabling accurate and transparent budgeting. The module also supports the overall Financial and Regulatory forecasting processes.

## **UI'S CAPITAL SPENDING MODULE Capex ENABLES UTILITIES TO:**

- Optimize capital investment: Determine which mix of projects offer the best overall return on investment weighing many variables.
- Mitigate capital underutilization: Anticipate emerging projects, changing conditions and assumptions and plan accordingly.
- Better synchronize targets with operational decisions: Develop capital spending plans with top-down targets reflected in the underlying portfolio of projects that comprise the target spend.
- Enhance responses to emerging conditions: Create a rolling forecast to close the gap between emerging bottom-up requirements and already established top-down targets and to communicate additional requirements as far into the future as possible.

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## **COMPONENT EXAMPLES**

Our Capital Spending Module can be configured with robust components, including:

#### **Project Evaluation:**

Defines a weighted score for all projects with a project scoring matrix that factors in all functional areas within the utility.

#### Project Initiation/Approval Workflow:

Creates project structure with templates, supporting document attachments, automatic project workflow task notifications. Integrates with project management systems, active directories, and email systems.

#### **Project Portfolio Management:**

Provides a single data point for all projects that calculates financial metrics (IRR, NPV, ROE, ROI, ROR, etc.) based on the mix of projects that would be executed as part of the capital spending plan. As projects are moved in or out of the capital spending plan the metrics would automatically recalculate.

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

