My methodology keeps all other past policy activity unchanged, and I recalculate Account Values and COI charges using COI rates where non-mortality loads in excess of pricing and repricing mortality have been removed . . . . There is nothing speculative about [my] proposed methodology for calculating lost Account Values attributable to the non-mortality loads because it addresses only past losses in Account Value resulting from State Farm's alleged wrongful conduct. My methodology relies on past policy experience calculated retrospectively from a fixed point in time -- the present date for current in-force policies, and the date of termination for previously terminated policies.

Dkt. 205-2 at ¶¶ 50, 58. Keeping all other past policy activity and transactions as they actually occurred and removing the non-mortality loads is the most reasonable way of isolating lost Account Values resulting from State Farm's addition of non-mortality loads and "provide[s] *the most reasonable basis* for measuring harm" in a case of this nature. *Vogt*, 963 F.3d at 770 (emphasis added).

The lost-profit scenarios State Farm points to are a far cry from the present case. In a breach of contract case alleging past overcharges through automatic deductions, there is no need to look beyond what was charged and what should have been charged. The charges were actually levied against class members. And the appropriate charges are readily calculable. It is thus appropriate to compare the Account Value using State Farm's loaded COI rates to what the Account Value would have been absent the overcharges—*i.e.*, what Mr. Witt did.

It is State Farm's proffered "but-for" considerations that err by deviating from a world "in which other things remained the same" but for the breach, and requiring speculation as to how State Farm would or could have changed its behavior if required to comply with the terms of the Policy. In essence, State Farm nonsensically critiques Mr. Witt's opinions as speculative for failing to speculate. State Farm's expert Dr. Stiroh even says Mr. Witt should have considered a "but-for" world where Form 94030 did not exist. Dkt. 197-3 (Stiroh Report) at ¶¶ 17, 22

Regarding State Farm's further contention that Mr. Witt's opinions are speculative because they fail to consider whether the unloaded COI rates would satisfy applicable regulatory or actuarial standards, including illustration testing (Dkt. 208 at 31), Mr. Witt previously testified his methodology is "not a pricing exercise." Witt Tr. at 27:1-11. He has not proposed any kind of prospective COI rate change. He