

Regulatory Intelligence



Defend every capital decision with evidence that holds in court

Regulated utilities don't just plan capital investments – they defend them. Every major infrastructure decision must be justified to a regulator, challenged by opposing parties, and upheld through a formal legal proceeding that can span years. The teams responsible for this work operate under pressures most businesses never face: adversarial discovery, frozen filing records, shifting regulatory standards, and the constant obligation to prove that every dollar of public money was spent wisely.

IFS Copperleaf Regulatory Intelligence is built for this environment. It connects live regulatory activity directly to the structured capital plan, helping utilities build defensible evidence faster, respond to challenge with confidence, and stay ahead of the signals that can reprice an investment program overnight.

"That's how you end up losing in court – when you don't have a good evidence base. You have one narrative, but the minute you have another narrative, you have another chain of evidence. And these two things don't align."

Former state utility regulator On the consequences of disconnected evidence across regulatory proceedings

A capital plan is only as strong as the evidence behind it

Rate cases are not presentations. They are legal proceedings, with parties, discovery, cross-examination, and judges. The standard of proof is high, the timelines are unforgiving, and the consequences of a poorly defended project extend far beyond a single line item.

Today, most utilities build their regulatory evidence the hard way: manually assembling justifications from disconnected systems, reconstructing analysis under litigation pressure, and responding to discovery requests that arrive on Friday with a ten-day window. IFS Copperleaf Regulatory Intelligence changes this. By grounding every output in the structured investment data already held in Copperleaf – the value drivers, assumptions, benefit-cost logic, and trade-offs behind each project – teams can produce cited, auditable evidence in hours rather than days, without introducing new analysis that opens fresh lines of challenge.



Defensible & trusted decision chains



Evidence at pace

Auto-generated, cited project justifications and discovery responses grounded in the filed record – produced in hours, not days or months



Regulatory exposure visibility

Live monitoring of legislative bills, commission rulings, and docket activity across 50+ state PUCs and FERC, mapped directly to affected investments before the next filing window



Grounded in two decades of industry expertise

Built on Copperleaf's deep understanding of how investment value is constructed in regulated utilities – the assumptions, trade-offs, and regulatory constraints behind every project.



A defensible, frozen record

A permanent snapshot of the capital plan at the moment of filing, with a queryable log of every change since – so "what were your numbers on filing day" is answered in minutes



Human-controlled outputs

Every AI-generated response is reviewed and approved by an attorney before anything enters the proceeding record. The system enforces this as a hard gate, not a suggestion.

"You're asking for public money. So you want to show prudence and expertise, but also humility – that you are stretching these dollars as you would do your own."

Former Chief Operating Officer, major North American utility On the burden of proof utilities carry throughout a rate case proceeding

The IFS Copperleaf Regulatory Intelligence difference

Signal Translation, Not Just Monitoring

Regulatory monitoring tools surface signals. IFS Copperleaf Regulatory Intelligence translates them. When a legislative amendment, commissioner appointment, or adverse ruling arrives, the system identifies which investments are affected, in what direction, and what the team should do next – because it holds the structured capital plan data needed to make that connection. No other vendor can do this for these customers.

A Permanent Chain of Evidence

Capital plans evolve after filing, but the regulatory record is frozen. Regulatory Intelligence captures an immutable snapshot of the plan at filing and maintains a full audit log of every subsequent change. When discovery asks what the numbers were on filing day, the answer is immediate, traceable, and defense-ready.



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Contact us today to learn how IFS Copperleaf Regulatory Intelligence can help your team build capital plans that are affordable, transparent, and built to survive scrutiny.

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Auto-Generated Project Justifications

For each filing cycle, engineers typically spend a month or more assembling written justifications for 75 or more projects – from data that already exists in Copperleaf. Regulatory Intelligence auto-generates a first-draft justification for every project in scope, linking scope, value drivers, timing rationale, and statutory alignment. Engineers review and enrich rather than building from scratch.

Attorney-Governed Discovery Response

When intervenor requests arrive with ten-day windows, Regulatory Intelligence drafts responses cited against the filed record and routes them to attorney review. If a question cannot be answered from the existing record, the system flags it rather than inferring an answer. Nothing enters the proceeding record without explicit sign-off.

Jurisdiction-Specific by Design

Every output is filtered through a jurisdiction profile that captures statutory pillars, benefit-cost thresholds, filing calendars, exhibit formats, and commissioner composition. As regulatory environments shift – new appointments, legislative changes, evolving affordability posture – the system updates accordingly.