V.1 INTRODUCTION TO USER INFORMATION FOR FORECAST COMPONENT
     OPERATIONS, THE OPERATIONS TABLE, TIME SERIES AND RATING CURVES

Part V contains user information about the definition of Operations,
time series and Rating Curves used by the Forecast Component.

Operations are the primary building blocks for simulations whether
they are long period historical simulations as part of model
calibration, short period simulations for operational forecasting or
multiple simulations with likely future input to generate extended
predictions. The Operations are defined in the order they are to be
used.

The ordered list of Operations is called the Operations Table. The
Operations Table allows the user specifies which Operations are used
and the sequence in which they are used. Part VIII [Hyperlink]
contains system documentation for each Operation and instructions on
how to add a new Operation.

Time series are used to store the data needed by Operations. The time
series to be used in a simulation are identified prior to defining the
Operations so that the input routines for the Operations can check to
make sure that all needed time series exist and have the proper
attributes.

Rating Curves are used by some Operations to make stage-discharge
conversions. The Rating Curve definition also contains general
information about the flow-point that is used by display Operations.
Rating Curves must be defined before being used in an Operation.

Chapter V.2 [Hyperlink] contains the information needed to define time
series.

Chapter V.3 [Hyperlink] contains the information needed to define
Operations and includes:

   o a general input summary for defining Operations
   o a list of all available Operations
   o a description and input summary for each Operation

Chapter V.4 [Hyperlink] contains the information needed to define
Rating Curves.