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Question:

Referring to OCC-262 Interrogatory Response. Why does the Company consider Eversource's Foundation as independent?

Response:

The Eversource Energy Foundation, Inc., ("Foundation") is a separate nonprofit corporation that is closely affiliated with Eversource Energy ("Eversource"). While the Foundation is funded by Eversource shareholders, governed by directors selected by Eversource, and supported by Eversource resources, it is a separate legal entity. Its assets are not assets of Eversource, Eversource cannot reclaim contributions once made, and the Foundation's directors have fiduciary duties to act in the best interests of the Foundation and its charitable purposes.