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Request from: New England Connectivity and Telecommunications Association

Question:

(Model Inputs & Assumptions) Refer to Exhibit CLP-Rates-2.14, Pole Attachment Rate Calculations. Explain the basis for the following inputs, including whether the input is a rebuttable presumption or based on Company data, and provide all supporting documents and work papers:

a. Space Occupied = 1 (p. 1 of 7)
b. Usable Space = 16 (p. 1 of 7)
c. Unusable Space = 24 (p. 2 of 7)
d. Number of attaching entities (Non-Urban) = 3 (p. 2 of 7)
e. Number of attaching entities (Urban) = 5 (p. 2 of 7)
f. Pole Height = 40 (p. 2 of 7)
g. Urban Conversion Factor = 66% (p. 2 of 7)
h. Non-Urban Conversion Factor = 44% (p. 2 of 7)
i. Appurtenance Factor = 15% (p. 3 of 7)
j. Long Term Debt Capitalization Ratios and Embedded Cost (p. 6 of 7, Cells C10:D10)
k. Preferred Stock Capitalization Ratios and Embedded Cost (p. 6 of 7, Cells C11:D11)
l. Common Equity Capitalization Ratios and Embedded Cost (p. 6 of 7, Cells C12:D12)
m. Total Units (Poles) (p. 7 of 7, Cells C11:C14)
n. Total Cost (Poles) (p. 7 of 7, Cells D11:D14)

Response:

The figures shown in the Company's pole attachment rate calculations are governed by the Settlement Agreement between the "Settling Parties": Eversource, NECTA and the NECTA Operators (Atlantic Broadband CT, Cablevision of Litchfield, LLC, Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Comcast of Connecticut, Inc. and CoxCom LLC). The Settlement Agreement was filed on February 15, 2018 in Docket No. 17-10-46 and approved by PURA on April 18, 2018.

a. In the CATV and Telecom pole attachment rate calculations, the Space Occupied by the third party attacher is presumed to be one foot. This is an FCC rebuttable presumption.

b. In the CATV pole attachment rate calculation, the Usable Space of 16 feet is a figure agreed upon by the Settling Parties (Eversource, NECTA and NECTA Operators) in Docket No. 17-10-46. This figure was calculated by subtracting 24 feet of unusable space (an FCC presumption) from a pole height of 40 feet, which was also a figure agreed upon by the Settling Parties.

c. In the Telecom pole attachment rate calculations, the Unusable Space is presumed to be 24 feet. This is an FCC rebuttable presumption.

d. In the Non-Urban Telecom pole attachment rate calculation, the average number of attaching entities is presumed to be 3. This is an FCC rebuttable presumption.

e. In the Urban Telecom pole attachment rate calculation, the average number of attaching entities is presumed to be 5. This is an FCC rebuttable presumption.

f. In the Telecom pole attachment rate calculations, the Pole Height of 40 feet is a figure that Settling Parties in Docket No. 17-10-46.

g. In the Urban Telecom pole attachment rate calculation, the Urban Conversion Factor is 66% and is taken directly from the FCC's urban telecom pole attachment rate calculation.

h. In the Non-Urban Telecom pole attachment rate calculation, the Non-Urban Conversion Factor is 44% and is taken directly from the FCC's non-urban telecom pole attachment rate calculation.

i. In the CATV and Telecom pole attachment rate calculations, the Appurtenance Factor is presumed to be 15%. This is an FCC rebuttable presumption.

j. The Long Term Debt capitalization ratio and embedded cost reflect the figures allowed by PURA in Rate Year 3 of Eversource's prior rate case Docket No. 17-10-46.

k. The Preferred Stock capitalization ratio and embedded cost reflect the figures allowed by PURA in Rate Year 3 of Eversource's prior rate case Docket No. 17-10-46.

l. The Common Equity capitalization ratio and embedded cost reflect the figures allowed by PURA in Rate Year 3 of Eversource's prior rate case Docket No. 17-10-46.

m. Total Units (Poles) reflects the total number of poles recorded to the Company's plant accounting system (for the categories shown) as of December 31, 2025.

n. Total Cost (Poles) reflects the total cost of poles recorded to the Company's plant accounting system (for the categories shown) as of December 31, 2025.