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Request from: New England Connectivity and Telecommunications Association

Question:

(Pole Data) Reference Exhibit CLP-TSP-2, pp. 2, 18. Provide the following:

a. Identify the average height of the 561,179 poles in the Connecticut System that are Class 3 or lower.

b. Identify the average height of the 179,419 poles in the Connecticut System, that are Class 2 or higher.

c. Identify the date on which the Company updated its standard to require a minimum of Class 2 pole for new installations.

Response:

a. The average height of the 561,163 poles identified in Exhibit CLP-TSP-2, pages 2, and 18, for Class 3 or lower poles in the Connecticut System is 36.4 ft. Any minor variance from prior filings reflects refinements made during a subsequent review of the Connecticut System pole population, which led to adjustments in the population analysis and corresponding average height calculations.

b. The average height of the 179,054 poles identified in Exhibit CLP-TSP-2, pages 2, and 18, for Class 2 or higher poles in the Connecticut System is 42.01 ft. Any minor variance from prior filings reflects refinements made during a subsequent review of the Connecticut System pole population, which led to adjustments in the population analysis and corresponding average height calculations.

c. The Company first updated its Storm Resiliency Standard in June 2016 to require a minimum 45-foot Class 2 pole for three-phase applications and a minimum 40-foot Class 2 pole for single-phase applications. However, implementation of this standard did not occur until the Company received approval from the Authority pursuant to PURA Docket 17-10-46 “Settlement Agreement”, which was signed on January 11, 2018. Please note that other pole owners in Connecticut are not required to abide by Company’ standard and continue installing class 3 and lower poles.