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Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

(STORM CARRYING COSTS) Provide the amount of time (in months and years) until the carrying costs associated with Docket No. 25-12-13, and owed by the ratepayers exceed the dollar value of the amount at issue in the motion for reconsideration filed in Docket No. 25-12-13, on August 13, 2026.

Response:

This question poses a hypothesis that is inapplicable to the circumstances. There is no instance where the carrying charges associated with the total storm balance subject to securitization will be increased to an extent that those costs would outweigh the benefit to customers of securitizing the amount associated with the motion for reconsideration.

PURA has issued its final decision and the Company is moving forward with securitization, with or without the amounts that are subject to reconsideration. In Docket No. 26-04-04 – *Financing order for 2018-2023 Storm Costs of the Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P") d/b/a Eversource Energy*, the Company received correspondence from Commissioner Smith on August 10, 2026 requesting the Company and Office of the Treasurer ("OTT") to notify PURA when the Company intends to file the Application with PURA for the financing order that is necessary to obtain authorization from PURA to proceed with the securitization.

On August 21, 2026, the Company filed a joint response to Commissioner Smith's inquiry with the OTT, specifically noting that "[t]he Parties believe that CL&P will be in a position to file an Application as early as September, pending the outcome of that petition."

To address the possibility that PURA may be in a position to reconsider the amount of $63.3 million associated with certain vendor invoices for inclusion in securitization, the Company has asked PURA to indicate whether this is a possibility so that the schedules may be coordinated. However, the Company has not suggested that it is going to delay its securitization filing to wait for the final decision on reconsideration if that decision is going to extend beyond September, or materially beyond the date that the Company would otherwise be ready to file. It is the Company's objective to obtain the maximum benefit for customers from securitization, which means that it should proceed forward with deliberate speed – and with inclusion of all amounts that are feasible for inclusion.