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Request from: New England Connectivity and Telecommunications Association

Question:

For all poles replaced for which Eversource is seeking amortization of non-billable O&M costs in Exhibit CLP REVREQ-4, please

a. confirm that third-party attachers transferred their attachments to the replacement pole at their cost;
b. discuss whether a municipal attachment can be the cause of a pole being non-compliant; and
c. provide the number of poles replaced associated with the non-billable O&M costs in Exhibit CLP REVREQ-4 that had municipal attachments.

Response:

a. Please refer to the Company's response to NECTA-106[i].

b. Please refer to the Company's response to NECTA-107[ii] subpart (a).

c. Please refer to the Company's response to NECTA-107 subpart (b).

Prior Referenced Response:

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[i] NECTA-106 Question:

For all poles replaced for which Eversource is seeking amortization of non-billable O&M costs in Exhibit CLP REVREQ-4, please confirm that third-party attachers transferred their attachments to the replacement pole at their cost. If not. Identify the exceptions and state who bore the transfer costs, the amounts involved, and whether any such amounts are included in the proposed amortization.

NECTA-106 Response:

Eversource does not perform, direct, schedule, or fund the transfer of third-party attachments to replacement poles and does not maintain records regarding costs incurred by third party attachers for such transfers. The costs reflected in Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-r are costs incurred by Eversource and do not include costs incurred by third party attachers to transfer their facilities.

[ii] NECTA-107 Question:

Please provide the following: (a) discuss whether a municipal attachment can cause a pole to be in violation or non-compliant with relevant pole standards, (b) provide the number of poles replaced associated with the non-billable O&M costs in Exhibit CLP REVREQ-4 that had one or more municipal attachments before replacement.

NECTA-107 Response:

a. Yes. A municipal attachment, like any other attachment occupying space on a utility pole, may contribute to a pole being out of compliance with applicable clearance, loading, safety, or other pole-related standards depending on the nature, location, and condition of the attachment. Whether a particular attachment contributed to a violation or non-compliant condition is determined based on the specific facts and conditions present at the pole.

b. Eversource did not track or compile information regarding the presence of municipal attachments as part of the process used to develop Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-4. Accordingly, the Company has not determined the number of poles associated with the non-billable O&M costs in Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-4 that had one or more municipal attachments prior to the replacement.