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Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

(VEGETATION MANAGEMENT COSTS) Please indicate the total amount of vegetation management costs which have been billed to communications attachers that is currently outstanding.

a. Please provide a chart differentiating, by billed communications entity, how long the vegetation management invoice(s) have been in arrears, the amount currently unpaid to Eversource, and what steps Eversource has taken to recover the unpaid amount from each provider, as appropriate.

Response:

The PURA-approved form of Pole Attachment Agreement does not authorize the Company to bill communications attachers for vegetation management costs. However, the Company does bill Frontier, the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier ("ILEC"), for vegetation management costs pursuant to the Frontier Settlement Agreement. Please refer to OCC-107, Attachment 1 CONFIDENTIAL, for a copy of the Frontier Settlement Agreement. The chart below provides relevant information on all unpaid Frontier vegetation management invoices.

Billing Item	Invoice Date	Invoice Amount
Q1 2026 Tree Trimming	2/12/2026	$1,162,056.00
Q2 2026 Tree Trimming	6/24/2026	$1,234,665.41
	Total	$2,396,721.41

The Company pursues collection of all outstanding amounts through regular follow-ups directly with the ILEC and will involve legal representatives as needed to ensure full collection pursuant to the Frontier Settlement Agreement.