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Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

(VEGETATION MANAGEMENT COSTS) Please provide a chart showing the total amount of vegetation management costs billed annually to each communications entity, for the years: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Response:

Please refer to the Company's response to OCC-107[i].

Year	Communications Entity	Vegetation Management Maintenance Costs Billed
2021	Frontier	$4,500,000
2022	Frontier	$5,100,000
2023	Frontier	$5,037,750
2024	Frontier	$5,100,000
2025	Frontier	$4,365,000
	Total	$24,102,750

Frontier has paid, in full, annual vegetation management costs for the years 2021-2025.

Please note that the maintenance costs in the table above do not include any storm costs reimbursed by Frontier.

Prior Referenced Response:

[i] OCC-107 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.

OCC-107 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.