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Request from: New England Connectivity and Telecommunications Association

Question:

Refer to NECTA-054(h). The Company deducted $802,869 per year from nonbillable make-ready costs for 2023 through 2025 to account for recovery in base distribution rates, but made no deduction for 2022.

a. Please explain why no deduction was made for 2022.
b. Explain whether the Company recovered any nonbillable make-ready costs through base distribution rates during that year. If it did, quantify the amount applicable to the period for which 2022 costs were deferred and provide a revised calculation of the proposed regulatory asset reflecting that amount.

Response:

a. The Final Decision for Docket No. 19-01-52RE01 was approved by PURA on May 11, 2022 permitting the Company to commence deferring the make-ready O&M costs. The unbillable make-ready costs in base distribution rates of $802,869 for calendar year 2022 had already been exceeded for the first four months of the year. In other words, the O&M costs incurred on make-ready work up to the date of the Final Decision was in excess of the base rate recovery.

b. The Company had incurred more than $1 million of make-ready O&M from January 2022 through April 2022. That amount was more than the amount being recovered in base distribution rates. No revision in the calculation is required.