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Request from: New England Connectivity and Telecommunications Association

Question:

(Pole Data) Refer to Exhibit CLP-TSP-1, p. 27. Provide all supporting studies and documentation for the statement that "approximately 76% of the wood-pole fleet are legacy poles that do not meet current strength standards."

Response:

The following statement "approximately 76% of the wood-pole fleet are legacy poles that do not meet current strength standards." is in reference to The Company's current minimum pole class requirements when setting new poles. The statement does not refer to any pole testing performed under the pole integrity program.

Please refer to NECTA-010, Attachment 1, for the Company's current standards related to minimum pole class requirements from the Distribution System Engineering Manual.