Date Filed: October 15, 2026

Witness: Brendan J. O'Brien, Garrett J. Murray, Leanne M. Landry and Jeffrey D. Turano
Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

Customer Advances.

a. Are customer advances reflected in the capital structure? If so, identify the schedule and workpaper where customer advances are reflected in the Rate Year capital structure.

b. b. Does the Company pay interest on customer advances? If so, provide the interest expense amount included in the Rate Year for recovery. If interest is paid but not included in the Rate Year, provide the interest rate applicable to the Rate Year balances.

Response:

a. Customer advances are not captured in the capital structure.

b. Interest expense is not accrued on customer advances.

Date Filed: October 14, 2026

Witness: Brendan J. O'Brien, Garrett J. Murray and Denise Cosentino
Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

OCC-896. Legal reimbursements. Refer to the response to ALLCO-029.

a. Who paid for defense costs associated with the reimbursements shown?

b. Describe the nature of the cases shown, and specify whether each were related to the Company's Connecticut utility business operations.

Response:

a.

i. The defense costs reimbursed for years 2021-2024 were paid by insurance companies that the Company purchases insurance from.

ii. The defense costs reimbursed for the year 2025 were paid by an Eversource contractor's insurance company.

b.

i. The case from 2023 was a wrongful death claim related to the Company's Connecticut utility business operations.

ii. The case from 2021-2024 is related to an ERISA Class Action lawsuit against the Company's retirement plans for employees.

iii. The case from 2025 was a personal injury claim related to the Company's Connecticut utility business operations.

Date Filed: October 14, 2026

Witness: Brendan J. O'Brien, Garrett J. Murray and Denise Cosentino
Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

Payroll. Refer to Schedule C-3.5, page 3. State which positions the Company is no longer requesting recovery of in this case.

Response:

Please refer to the Company's response to OCC-333[i], for the discussion updating the number of incremental FTEs including the Rate Year for recovery in this case.

Prior Referenced Response:

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[i] OCC-333 Question:

Payroll. For each of the new positions that the Company is requesting recovery of in the rate year, state whether the hiring of the positions are conditioned on their approval in this case.

OCC-333 Response:

The Company is providing an update for the Full Time Equivalent ("FTE") counts included in the request for recovery in the rate year in this response as OCC-333, Attachment 1 (note that this is an update of Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-2, Work Paper C-3.5, page 3). The Company will update the payroll expense and other affected costs as part of its next cost of service update.

The number of FTEs included in the original filing was fifty-eight (58). This number was a preliminary number and included FTEs contemplated in the Advancing the Grid plan that is above and beyond the Targeted System Plan ("TSP") requested for review and approval in this application. The updated number of incremental FTEs to be included in the rate year of the Company's cost of service is forty-one (41).

Included in the forty-one (41) full-time positions are twenty-one (21) in Vegetation Management, five (5) Power Quality positions, two (2) in Distribution Planning & Forecasting and one (1) Asset Health, these are contingent on PURA's approval in this case. In addition, for Grid Modernization there are seven (7) for Control Room Operations, three (3) for Data Innovation, and two (2) for Field Communications that the Company will consider hiring based on business needs and changing requirements as necessary, but most likely not all requested.

The Vegetation Management positions allow the Company the opportunity to improve the system's reliability and improve cost-efficiency by transitioning more work in-house to restructure vegetation management performance for the benefit of our customers. While the twenty-one (21) Vegetation Management positions appear to be incremental, in reality there is only 1 incremental resource. Of the twenty-one (21), eight (8) of the FTEs are the result of 16 employees who currently split their time 50%/50% between O&M and capital work shifting to solely working on the

proposed combined O&M program, if approved, results in the equivalent of 8 incremental employees working on the O&M program; twelve (12) resources would be converted from contracted resources to internal resources of which the Company's proposed vegetation management expenses in Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-2, Work Paper C-3.31, reflect the reduction in outside contractor services; and one (1) resource would be truly incremental.

The Grid Modernization positions are needed to support large-scale distributed energy resource ("DER") integration and clean-energy advancement; develop and deploy advanced tools and analytics for integrated distribution system planning and grid modernization; and drive increased innovation and application of GenAI, LLM and machine learning capabilities.

The Company is also providing as OCC-333, Attachment 2, which is a corrected Exhibit CLP-TSP-3, page 43 of 149, that has been updated with the corrected number of FTEs in the parenthesis in the text boxes on the right.

Date Filed: October 19, 2026

Witness: Brendan J. O'Brien and Garrett J. Murray
Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

Payroll. Provide the total cost included in the rate year associated with the 58 new positions previously requested (broken out by base salary, incentive pay, benefits, and payroll and any other associated costs.)

Response:

As noted in the Company's response to OCC-333[i], and OCC-833[ii], the original filing inadvertently proposed 58 FTEs based on the Advancing the Grid plan, however, the updated number of incremental FTEs is 41. Please refer to OCC-899[iii], for additional information regarding the 41 FTEs being proposed.

Prior Referenced Responses:

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[i] OCC-333 Question:

Payroll. a. Provide for each employee group (direct and allocated), by month, for each year 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and year-to-date 2026, and the Rate Year, the number of full-time employees budgeted, the number of part-time employees budgeted and the actual number of full-time employees and part-time employees (not Full Time Equivalents ("FTEs")). b. Provide the same information in subpart a for FTEs.

OCC-333 Response:

a. Budgeted and Actuals Full Time Equivalents ("FTEs") are only reported at the FTE count. The Company doesn't report on how many part time vs full time employees are in the company.

b. Please refer to OCC-323, Attachment 1, for Budgeted FTEs for direct and allocated, by month and by year. Service Company employees listed may or may not allocate to CL&P. The Company does not prepare budgeted expenses for the Rate Year period. Please refer to OCC-042, Attachment 1, for Actuals FTEs for direct and allocated, by month and by year.

[ii] OCC-833 Question:

Payroll. Refer to the response to OCC-333.

a. Provide the total cost included in the Rate Year associated with the 58 new FTEs broken down by payroll, benefits, payroll taxes.

b. Provide the Rate Year amount associated with the 41 new FTEs broken down by payroll, benefits, payroll taxes.

OCC-833 Response:

a. As noted in the Company's response to OCC-333, the original filing had inadvertently proposed a preliminary 58 FTEs based on the Advancing the Grid plan that is above and beyond the Targeted System Plan requested for review and approval in this Application. The updated number of incremental FTEs to be included in the Rate Year cost of service is 41 FTEs.

b. Please refer to OCC-833, Attachment 1, for the payroll, benefit and payroll taxes associated with the proposed 41 incremental FTEs.

[iii] OCC-899 Question:

Payroll. Provide the total cost included in the Rate Year associated with the 41 new positions the Company is now requesting recovery of (broken out by base salary, incentive pay, benefits, and payroll and any other associated costs.)

OCC-899 Response:

Please refer to the OCC-899, Attachment 1, for the Rate Year cost associated with the incremental 41 positions proposed in this rate proceeding. The Company notes the incentive compensation is not reflected because the employee levels for the incremental FTEs that relate to the target incentive percentage is known at the time the position is posted. The Company is providing the attachment in this response to revise the attachment included in the Company's response to OCC833.

Date Filed: October 16, 2026

Witness: Brendan J. O'Brien and Garrett J. Murray
Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

Payroll. Provide the total cost included in the Rate Year associated with the 41 new positions the Company is now requesting recovery of (broken out by base salary, incentive pay, benefits, and payroll and any other associated costs.)

Response:

Please refer to the OCC-899, Attachment 1, for the Rate Year cost associated with the incremental 41 positions proposed in this rate proceeding. The Company notes the incentive compensation is not reflected because the employee levels for the incremental FTEs that relate to the target incentive percentage is known at the time the position is posted. The Company is providing the attachment in this response to revise the attachment included in the Company's response to OCC-833[i].

Prior Referenced Response:

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[i] OCC-833 Question:

Payroll. Refer to the response to OCC-333.

a. Provide the total cost included in the Rate Year associated with the 58 new FTEs broken down by payroll, benefits, payroll taxes.
b. Provide the Rate Year amount associated with the 41 new FTEs broken down by payroll, benefits, payroll taxes.

OCC-833 Response:

a. As noted in the Company's response to OCC-333, the original filing had inadvertently proposed a preliminary 58 FTEs based on the Advancing the Grid plan that is above and beyond the Targeted System Plan requested for review and approval in this Application. The updated number of incremental FTEs to be included in the Rate Year cost of service is 41 FTEs.

b. Please refer to OCC-833, Attachment 1, for the payroll, benefit and payroll taxes associated with the proposed 41 incremental FTEs.

Date Filed: October 14, 2026

Witness: Brendan J. O'Brien, Garrett J. Murray and Denise Cosentino
Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

Payroll. Refer to Attachments 1, and 2, of the response to OCC-704. Provide a reconciliation of total payroll shown on the two documents (i.e., what amounts on Attachment 2, are not included on Attachement 1?)

Response:

The budget in OCC-704, Attachment 1, doesn't include Line 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, from the actuals in OCC-704, Attachment 2.