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Witness: Craig Dikeman and Matthew J. Correia
Request from: Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Question:

(EXPENSES) Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-2, Schedule WP C-3.17. Regarding the Test Year Field Operations – Underground Lines O&M expense:

a. Provide contract agreements between contractors and CL&P for underground line maintenance operations that were in place during the test year.

b. Provide contract agreements between vendors and CL&P for underground line maintenance operations that are currently in place or that will be in place in the rate year.

c. State whether competitive bidding was utilized for selecting the contractors.

d. If competitive bidding was utilized, provide a copy of the Company's competitive solicitation, all bids received, and any internal bid review and selection documentation.

e. If competitive bidding was not utilized, explain why the Company did not utilize competitive bidding for purposes of making contracting decisions.

Response:

a. Please refer to RSR-049, Attachment 1, for a listing of contracts between CL&P and contractors for underground line maintenance operations that were in place during the Test Year. Due to the magnitude of this request, the Company has provided the subset of contracts associated with the highest level of Test Year expense. This contract subset represents approximately 90% of the test-year expense. If PURA needs additional contracts, the Company will provide additional contracts upon request.

b. Please refer to RSR-049, Attachment 1 for a listing of contracts between CL&P and contractors for underground line maintenance operations. The column labeled "End Date" contains the end date of each agreement and indicates whether the agreement is currently in place or is expected to remain in place during the Rate Year.

c. Please refer to the "Contract Category" column in RSR-049, Attachment 1, which indicates whether competitive bidding was utilized in selecting each contractor.

d. Please refer to RSR-049, Attachment 1. The columns "RSR-049 Attachment" and "RSR-049 Page Number" identify the location of the applicable competitive solicitation and accompanying bid evaluation. Please refer to RSR-049, Attachment 2 CONFIDENTIAL, for

the competitive solicitations and bid evaluations associated with the contracts listed in Attachment 1.

Certain competitive solicitations generated a significant volume of supplier proposals and supporting bid documentation. To provide a reasonable documentation submission, RSR-049 Attachment 2 does not include all supplier proposals and supporting bid documentation associated with those solicitations. The Company will provide the supplier proposals and other supporting bid documentation associated with the solicitations identified in RSR-049 Attachment 1, upon request.

e. All contracts included in RSR-049 Attachment 1, which collectively represent approximately 90% of the Test Year expense, were awarded through a competitive bidding process. Accordingly, no Sole Source Justifications are applicable to the contracts included in this production.