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Question:

(Poles) What percentage of the overall cost of pole management does the ILEC bear versus the electric ratepayer in Connecticut?

Response:

Eversource is not aware of any fixed percentage allocations of overall pole management costs between the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier ("ILEC") and electric customers in Connecticut. Pole management costs are not allocated on a statewide percentage basis.

Each pole owner is responsible for costs associated with the poles for which it serves as custodian and for carrying out its respective responsibilities under applicable joint ownership agreements, pole attachment agreements, and regulatory requirements. Accordingly, Eversource does not allocate or track those costs on a percentage basis between the ILEC and electric operations, and Eversource does not know the overall cost of pole management that the ILEC bears to be able to perform such an analysis.

To the extent this question is intended to address Single Pole Administration ("SPA") costs, PURA recognized in Docket No. 19-01-52RE01 that application-related reimbursements were not intended to recover all SPA administrative costs. Consistent with PURA's order, Eversource seeks recovery of reasonable and prudently incurred costs through its general distribution rate proceedings.