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Question:

(Poles) Please list and describe the duties and obligations of Eversource in its role as "single pole administrator" ("SPA").

Response:

Eversource in its capacity as the Single Pole Administrator ("SPA"), administers the pole attachment process within its Connecticut service territory pursuant to the Authority's establishment of the SPA framework. The SPA provides a centralized point of administration and coordination for pole attachment requests involving communications attachers, municipalities, and other authorized entities, and administers the attachment process in accordance with applicable PURA decisions, regulatory requirements, and Company procedures. SPA function is not to provide any technical review or determination of the electric or communications space.

The SPA's duties and obligations include receiving and administering pole attachment applications; coordinating application review, survey and engineering of the electric space, make-ready activities within the electric space, and licensing activities; facilitating coordination among pole owners, attachers, municipalities, contractors, and other stakeholders throughout the attachment process; administering applicable fees, billing, and licensing associated with pole attachments; maintaining records and reporting related to attachment activities; and monitoring the status of attachment requests, make-ready activities, pole transfers, and other regulatory performance measures.

The SPA's role is administrative and coordinative in nature. The SPA administers and facilitates the pole attachment process from application through licensing. Technical engineering determinations of the electric space, management of the communications gain, field construction activities within the electric space, and other responsibilities established under the Authority's framework remain the responsibility of the appropriate parties. Through this framework, the SPA promotes a consistent, transparent, and efficient pole attachment process while supporting compliance with the Authority's established requirements and timelines.