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Request from: New England Connectivity and Telecommunications Association

Question:

(Pole Data) Regarding the last field inventory of Company distribution poles conducted by or on behalf of the Company, provide a complete copy of the results of the field inventory, including:

a. The date the field inventory was conducted;
b. The universe of poles surveyed;
c. The percentage of total poles;
d. The type of information collected about each pole;
e. The height of each surveyed pole;
f. The average height of all surveyed poles;
g. Age of each pole;
h. The number of attachments, other than Eversource facilities, on each pole.

Response:

The Company is providing a copy of the results of its 2025 pole inspection program. The field inventory includes inspection results for approximately 32,894 custodial poles located across 9 of Connecticut's 157 towns, based on a 15-year inspection cycle. Effectively in 2026, the Company transitioned to a 10-year inspection cycle to evaluate each pole every 10 years, allowing issues to be identified earlier and addressing them more proactively. The Company expects to evaluate 40,000 to 42,000 poles, or 10% of its custodial wooden pole population.

a. Please refer to NECTA-009, Attachment 1, tab named "Results", showing the dates that the inventory was conducted. Usually, the Pole inspection process starts in mid-April and ends towards the end of October.

b. In 2025, the Company inspected 32,894 custodial poles.

c. In 2025, the Company inspected 7.8% of the Company's wooden pole population based on a 15 year-inspection cycle.

d. Please refer to NECTA-009, Attachment 1, tab named "results" showing all the information collected from each pole inspected in 2025.

e. Please refer to NECTA-009, Attachment 2, for the height and age of each pole inspected in 2025. The height is shown in column “u”, and the age of each pole is shown in column “T “of each town where custodial poles were inspected.

f. Please refer to NECTA-009, Attachment 2, tab “2025 Pole Inspection General Information”, showing the average height for all custodial poles inspected in 2025. The average height is 37.7 ft.

g. Please refer to subpart (e), above.

h. Please refer to NECTA-008, Attachment 1, for the number of attachments on each custodial pole. NECTA-008, Attachment 1 will be provided on September 30, 2026, due to an extension being requested. The Company does not collect attachment information during the pole inspection process.