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Question:

(Poles) From the perspective of the Single Pole Administrator, please describe the responsibilities of Verizon/Frontier in its role as custodian of the communications gain on poles?

Response:

From the perspective of the Single Pole Administrator ("SPA"), the incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC"), Frontier/Verizon, serves as the custodian of the communication space on jointly owned utility poles. Eversource does not manage or serve as the custodian of the communication space; rather, Eversource coordinates with Frontier/Verizon in its role as SPA in accordance with the applicable regulatory framework.

As communications space custodian, Frontier/Verizon is responsible for administering activities within the communication space, including participating in engineering reviews and make-ready determinations, performing or coordinating communication space work associated with new attachments, transfers, and double pole removal, coordinating activities with communications attachers, and completing its responsibilities within applicable regulatory timeframes. Frontier/Verizon also coordinates with Eversource in its role as SPA, throughout the attachment and make-ready process to facilitate the timely completion of work and the administration of third-party attachment activities.