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Witness: Brendan J. O'Brien and Garrett J. Murray
Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

Lobbying/Public Advocacy Costs/Government Relations/Public Relations Expenses.

a. Please identify all lobbying/public advocacy costs/government and/or public relations expenses (direct and allocated) by category included in above-the line accounts in each of the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and the amount included in the rate year.
b. Provide a list of all employees (direct and allocated) that participate in lobbying/public advocacy costs/government/public relations activities. For each employee, provide:
    i. Job title
    ii. Total fully loaded compensation and the amounts charged to CL&P (direct and allocated) for each of the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and included in the rate year and the accounts charged.
    iii. Provide the percent of time spent on lobbying/public advocacy/government relations activities in each of the years in subpart a, the test year and expected in the rate year.
    iv. All company-paid or reimbursed expenses or allowances (direct and allocated) for each of the years in subpart a and included in the test year and rate year and the accounts charged.

Response:

a. All lobbying costs, including public advocacy costs, government relations expenses, and/or public relations expenses (including amounts allocated from Eversource Energy Service Company) are charged to FERC accounts that are recorded below-the-line. Therefore, there are no costs in the Test Year and Rate Year.

b. Please refer to the response to part (a), above.