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Request from: New England Connectivity and Telecommunications Association

Question:

(FERC Accounts) Explain how vegetation management costs are recovered from joint-owners and, separately, attachers. A complete response will explain how such reimbursements are booked to Eversource FERC Accounts and provide supporting documentation of any and all such accounting entries related to such reimbursement.

Response:

Vegetation management costs are recovered from the Company's joint pole owner, Frontier Communications Corporation (now Verizon), pursuant to the June 30, 2015 Settlement and Amendment Agreement between The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and Frontier. Under that agreement, Frontier reimburses the Company annually for an amount equal to the lesser of: (i) 15% of the Company's PURA approved Annual Operations and Maintenance (O&M) vegetation management budget; or (ii) 15% of the Company's actual Annual O&M vegetation management expense. The reimbursement is invoiced through the Company's sundry billing process.

Third-party attachers are not billed through a separate vegetation management mechanism for vegetation-management work. When vegetation management work is required to accommodate a particular attachment request, the work is included in the associated make ready work order and billed, as applicable, in accordance with the Company's standard make ready billing practices.

The accounting treatment for third-party attacher make-ready payments, including any amounts associated with vegetation management work included in make ready projects, is reflected in the Company's FERC accounts as described in the Company's response to NECTA-077[i].

Prior Referenced Response:

[i] NECTA-077 Question:

(FERC Accounts) Provide the total make ready payments by third-party attachers that are captured in the Company's FERC Form 1 for 2025, with a breakdown of the FERC accounts where the payments appear, the associated amounts booked to each account, and the year the amounts were assigned to the accounts upon the closing of work orders.

NECTA-077 Response:

Please refer to the table below for make ready payments by third-party attachers by FERC account for 2025.

Sum of Amount	Column Labels
Row Labels	2025
THIRD PARTY ATTACHMENTS	(3,141,116)
107010	(1,587,642)
108030	(611,484)
583000	7
583280	(73,255)
587000	12
593000	100
593010	(18,717)
593020	(486,395)
593040	(48,468)
593050	(74,889)
594000	41
594010	(562)
594030	(81,211)
594260	(6,613)
595000	(18,468)
596000	(133,573)
Grand Total	(3,141,116)