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Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

(STORM CARRYING COSTS) Please refer to the Decision in Docket No. 25-12-13, which provided the Company carrying costs on a prospective basis.

a. Please provide the total monthly carrying costs associated with the approved storm costs in the Decision in Docket No. 25-12-13.
b. Please confirm that ratepayers either are or will be paying the total amount indicated in subpart (a) multiplied by the number of months until securitization.

Response:

For purposes of this response the Company has assumed that securitization of the storm costs deemed prudent in Docket No. 25-12-13, will be approved by PURA and the financing will be complete by July 1, 2027. To the extent securitization is not approved by PURA in Docket No. 26-04-04, the prudently incurred storm costs will need to be included in the Company's base distribution rates as determined by PURA in this proceeding, subject to the recovery of carrying charges. Assuming these facts, the Company's response is as follows:

a. Please refer to OCC-395, Attachment 1, for the calculation of monthly carrying charges associated with the approved storm costs in the Final Decision in Docket No. 25-12-13. As shown in OCC-395, Attachment 1, the monthly carrying charges are increasing from $3.6 million monthly as of July 2026 to $3.8 million monthly as of July 2027.

b. Confirmed. In the Final Decision in Docket No. 25-12-13, PURA determined that "carrying charges will apply at the Company's authorized WACC, from the date of this decision through the date when Eversource recovers the costs found to be prudently incurred herein." The date when Eversource recovers the costs found to be prudently incurred will be the date the Company receives the funds through securitization.