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Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

Lobbying/Advertising. Refer to the response to OCC-276, Attachment 1.

a. For each Eversource employee that serves on the committees listed, state whether their work on the committees are done during working hours. If so, provide the total fully loaded salary included in the rate year and the percentage of time spent on the committees.
b. Also identify which committees have lobbying and advertising activities and the percentage of the committees' time spent on those activities.

Response:

a. As described in OCC-276[i], one of the most important benefits of membership in EEI committees and communities is access to industry collaboration and benchmarking opportunities. EEI brings utilities together to share operational best practices, lessons learned, and emerging strategies in areas such as storm restoration, safety performance, wildfire mitigation, distribution automation, asset management, customer service, and grid modernization. Additionally, corporate service areas such as Insurance, Risk Management, Accounting, Finance, Supply Chain and Information Technology can access benchmarking information and best practices to ensure efficient, cost-effective service delivery. These forums allow companies to learn from one another's experiences and accelerate adoption of proven practices.

   It is important to note that EEI committees and communities are designed to enhance the services employees provide to the regulated utilities in their normal course of work. For example, the employees shown as members of the Accounting Standards Committee on OCC-276, Attachment 1, are Eversource Energy Service Company ("EESCO") Accounting professionals who utilize their membership to support the accounting services rendered to the regulated utilities. The Accounting Standards Committee's focus includes: accounting standards and reporting requirements, including Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"), technical guidance on financial reporting, regulatory compliance and industry-specific accounting issues and collaboration with professional bodies, such as the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and FERC to address emerging standards and regulatory changes. As such, this committee is a beneficial resource group and tool utilized by the accountants during work hours. The

time spent as a member of the Committee helps to ensure the accounting services are rendered in an efficient, effective and cost-effective manner. As such, the time "served" on this Committee is not tracked separately and labor is charged consistently with their typical labor charging in support of core accounting responsibilities and services rendered.

b. Employee time spent on lobbying activities is recorded in FERC Account 426.4 and is not included in the cost of service. EEI committee members do not engage in any direct lobbying as part of their participation in EEI committees, communities or task forces. Please refer to OCC-693, Attachment 1, for a description of relevant EEI committees and communities.

Prior Referenced Response:

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[i] OCC-276 Question:

(Edison Electric Institute Dues) Identify all Company employees (CL&P, Service Company, Eversource) that serve on EEI's Board of Directors as well as all committees.

OCC-276 Response:

Please refer to OCC-276, Attachment 1 CONFIDENTIAL, for a list of Company employees (CL&P, Service Company, Eversource) that serve on Edison Electric Institute's ("EEI") Board of Directors and the committees they serve on.

For an investor-owned electric utility such as Eversource, membership in EEI provides significant operational, regulatory, and strategic value. While EEI delivers benefits across advocacy, safety, industry collaboration, and policy development, its most important contribution for a company responsible for emergency preparedness and storm restoration is its leadership of the electric industry's mutual assistance network.

EEI administers and supports the national mutual assistance framework that enables utilities to request and provide restoration crews, equipment, and management resources during major emergencies. This framework is built on formal mutual assistance agreements, Regional Mutual Assistance Groups ("RMAGs"), including the North American Mutual Assistance Group ("NAMAG"), National Response Event ("NRE") activation processes, and standardized resource coordination and reimbursement protocols.

As described in Eversource's EEI-related mutual assistance documentation, the program operates as a voluntary national partnership that allows affected utilities to rapidly supplement their workforce by obtaining skilled personnel and equipment from utilities across North America. For Eversource, this capability is critical during hurricanes, nor'easters, ice storms, and other large-scale events. It provides access to thousands of additional line workers and support personnel, streamline mobilization and reimbursement processes, and enables national coordination when regional resources become constrained.

Beyond emergency response, EEI serves as the primary trade association for U.S. investor-owned electric companies. It represents the industry's interests before Congress, federal agencies, FERC, DOE, FEMA, NERC-related policy forums, and other key stakeholders. Through this collective representation, member companies benefit from a stronger and more unified voice on issues such as electric reliability, cybersecurity, permitting reform, energy policy, grid

modernization, and infrastructure investment. EEI also provides valuable intelligence regarding emerging federal policies and regulatory developments, helping utilities anticipate and prepare for future requirements.

Another important benefit of membership is access to industry collaboration and benchmarking opportunities. EEI brings utilities together to share operational best practices, lessons learned, and emerging strategies in areas such as storm restoration, safety performance, wildfire mitigation, distribution automation, asset management, customer service, and grid modernization. Additionally, corporate service areas such as Insurance, Risk Management, Accounting, Finance, Supply Chain and Information Technology can access benchmarking information and best practices to ensure efficient, cost-effective service delivery. These forums allow companies to learn from one another's experiences and accelerate adoption of proven practices.

EEI also maintains a strong focus on safety and workforce excellence. Through conferences, committees, and working groups, member companies collaborate on occupational safety, storm response safety, transmission and distribution operations, workforce development, and labor-management relations. These forums promote continuous improvement in employee and contractor safety while helping utilities strengthen operational performance and workforce readiness.

From an Emergency Preparedness perspective, the greatest value of EEI membership remains access to the national mutual assistance and emergency response network, including NRE activation processes, RMAG coordination, and executive-level industry support during major events. The additional benefits of federal advocacy, regulatory support, industry benchmarking, safety leadership, and access to a nationwide network of utility executives and operational experts further enhance the value of membership and help position Eversource to respond effectively to both current and emerging industry challenges.

For the EEI Member List please refer to OCC-276, Attachment 2.