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Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

(Poles) Please reference Exhibit CLP-RATES-2.14 concerning the "Telecom Pole Attachment Formula". For purposes of this and other related interrogatories, the term "telecom" refers to providers of communications services other than those billed the cable attachment rate.

a. Do all telecom companies in Connecticut pay Eversource the maximum attachment rate of $25.07 for a pole fully owned by Eversource in an urban area and a maximum attachment rate of $12.53 for a pole jointly owned (co-owned) by Eversource and the ILEC in an urban area?
b. Please provide an explanation as to how "urban" is defined when setting urban rates.
c. Do any telecom attachers pay Eversource less than the maximum attachment rate for either fully owned or jointly owned poles? If yes, how many and why?

Response:

a. The "current" rates listed above are the urban Telecom rates that would be in effect beginning January 1, 2027. The current rates (effective beginning January 1, 2026) are $24.44 for a Telecom attachment to an Eversource solely-owned pole located in an urban area and $12.22 for a Telecom attachment to an Eversource jointly-owned pole in an urban area. All attachers identified as Telecom are billed the urban Telecom rate stated in the PURA-approved Wire-Based Telecom pole attachment tariff for all third-party pole attachments to Eversource owned poles in urban areas.

b. Urban is defined by the Federal Communications Commission in paragraph 72 of FCC 01-170 as an "area that is more densely populated (50,000 or higher population), more developed commercially than a non-urbanized area". Eversource used population figures from the Connecticut Department of Public Health ("DPH") to identify towns as either Urban or Non-Urban based on population.

c. No. All attachers identified as Telecom are billed the urban Telecom rate stated in the PURA-approved Wire-Based Telecom pole attachment tariff for all third-party pole attachments to Eversource owned poles in urban areas.