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Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

(Poles) Please reference Exhibit CLP-RATES-2.14.

a. Do all telecom companies in Connecticut pay Eversource the maximum attachment rate of $25.20 for a pole fully owned by Eversource in a non-urban area, and a maximum attachment rate of $12.60 for a pole jointly owned (co-owned) by Eversource and the ILEC in a non-urban area?
b. Please provide an explanation as to how "non-urban" is defined when setting non-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 non-urban Telecom rates that would be in effect beginning January 1, 2027. The actual current rate (effective beginning January 1, 2026) is $24.57 for a Telecom attachment to an Eversource solely-owned pole located in a non-urban area and $12.29 for a Telecom attachment to an Eversource jointly-owned pole in a non-urban area. All attachers identified as Telecom are billed the non-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 non-urban areas.

b. Non-Urban is defined by the Federal Communications Commission in paragraph 71 of FCC 01-170 as an area with "less than 50,000 population". 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 non-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 non-urban areas.