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**Request from: Office of Education, Outreach, and Enforcement**

**Question:**

(VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM) Refer to Exhibit CLP-VMP-1, p. 32. Respond to the following:

a. Does the Company track each instance where there are "limitations imposed during the scheduled maintenance trim"?

b. If response to subsection 'a' is yes, provide a current listing of these limitations.

c. If response to subsection 'a' is yes, provide details regarding the historical (i.e., 2018-present) instances where the referenced vegetation caused outages or damage to the Company's infrastructure.

d. For each occurrence identified within subsection 'c', identify if the Company attempted to recover damages from the property owner. If damages were not pursued, explain why.

**Response:**

a. The Company tracks instances where there are limitations imposed during Scheduled Maintenance Trimming.

b. The limitations imposed during Scheduled Maintenance Trimming include:

    1. No Contact - Contact could not be made with the Property Owner ("PO") to obtain documented written consent.

    2. Modification - The PO requested modifications to the tree work resulting in clearances that are less than the applied specification.

    3. Objection - The PO refused the tree work to be conducted at the property.

c. The PO limitations are specific to the property address whereas the outage event information is specific to the electric distribution system operating device.

d. The Company is prohibited from recovering damages from a PO when vegetation causes an outage or damages the electric distribution system, per CT G.S. § 16-234 subsection (c)(1), which states (emphasis added):

> "In conducting vegetation management, no utility shall prune or remove any tree or shrub within the utility protection zone, or on or overhanging any public road, public highway or public ground, without delivering notice of the proposed vegetation management to the abutting property owner or private property owner. Such notice shall include the option for the abutting property owner or private property owner to consent, in writing, to such proposed pruning or removal, object to such proposed pruning or removal or modify such proposed pruning or removal. The notice shall include instructions regarding how the recipient may object in accordance with subdivision (3) of this subsection. Such notice **shall also include a statement that if a person objects to the proposed pruning or removal, and such tree falls on any utility infrastructure, such person shall not be billed by the utility for any resulting damage**. If requested by an owner of private property, the utility, municipality or the Commissioner of Transportation, as appropriate, shall provide such owner with information regarding whether a tree or shrub to be pruned or removed is in the public right-of-way or whether such tree or shrub is on such owner's private property."