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Question:

Arbor Day Celebration. Refer to the response to OCC-100. Provide the amount of Arbor Day Celebration costs included for recovery in the rate year by category.

Response:

The Company included $11,500 for the Arbor Day Foundation Energy Saving Trees program and $8,000 for Arbor Day Celebrations (school seedlings) in the Rate Year. Both costs are included in the Other category of Schedule C-3.31 in cost of service. As noted in Exhibit CLP-VMP-3 at page 1 (Electric Power Systems Research by the Department of Civil Environmental Engineering, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA), "urban forests change microclimate conditions, by decreasing the temperature during hot summer days and improving air quality, and also provide a more pleasant and comfortable living environment." As such, the Company's investment into programs such as the Arbor Day celebration and Arbor Day Foundation Energy Saving Trees program provide a direct benefit to customers and are appropriately included in the Company's cost of service.