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Witness: John P. DiPaola-Tromba, Sean D. Redding and Jenna Turner
Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

(VMP/Budget) Page 12, lines 9-17, of Exhibit CLP-VMP-1, notes that the cost of the VMP is increasing, due to inflationary impacts on labor and equipment.

a. Please provide current costs of labor associated w/ VMP and anticipated costs of labor for the VMP over next 5 years, as aligned with the Targeted system performance plan.
b. Please provide current costs of equipment associated w/ VMP and anticipated costs of equipment VMP over next 5 years, as aligned with the Targeted system performance plan.
c. Lines 14-17 note that another key driver of costs for the VMP is a PURA notification process. Please provide actual costs spent, indicating for each cost the docket number/required notification process.

Supplemental Response:

Please refer to OCC-101-SP01, Attachment 1 CONFIDENTIAL, for the standard equipment and labor rates for 2027-2030.

The Company has determined that, in the event that PURA were to approve the Company's request to notify customers in accordance with CT G.S. § 16-234, the cost of the proposed VMP could be reduced by $11.19M during the multi-year contract period from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2030.

Original Response:

a. Please refer to OCC-101, Attachment 1 CONFIDENTIAL, for the Test Year (2025) and 2026 standard labor rates. In addition, the VMP includes unit price tree removals and unit price maintenance tree work. However, the labor rates are embedded in the unit price and not separated. The Company is currently under the final year of a four-year contract covering the term 2023-2026. In May 2026, the Company commenced the RFP process for the next multi-year contract for the term starting January 1, 2027, and has requested the itemization of unit prices, including labor, equipment, and documented notification costs. Vendors are currently preparing their bid submissions. The Company anticipates finalizing its VMP contract by November 2026.

b. Please refer to OCC-101, Attachment 1 CONFIDENTIAL, for the Test Year (2025) and 2026 standard equipment rates. In addition, the VMP includes unit price tree removals and unit price maintenance tree work. However, the equipment rates are embedded in the unit price and not separated.

c. The Scheduled Maintenance Trimming is contracted by unit price per mile per Area Work Center per year and the documented notification costs are embedded within the unit price per mile and not separated. Please refer to Exhibit CLP-VMP-1, on page 45, at line 12-15, for the estimated documented notification costs associated with PURA's order in Docket No. 12-01-10.