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Request from: New England Connectivity and Telecommunications Association

Question:

(Pole Management & SPA) Provide annual expenses paid to the Single Pole Administration ("SPA") organization for purposes of joint use utility pole management (as is described at p.66 of Exhibit CLP-ADDITIONS-1) for each year from 2017 through 2025 and provide supporting documentation, including journal entries and invoices. Please also describe where such expenses are booked and from which rates they are recovered.

Response:

Single Pole Administration (SPA) is an internal Company organization and is not a separate entity to which the Company makes payments. The Company understands this request as seeking the annual costs incurred by the Company to perform its designated SPA functions described at p.66 of Exhibit CLP-ADDITIONS-1.

Pursuant to Order No. 10 in Docket No. 11-03-07, the Company reports its annual SPA costs to PURA. The annual SPA costs incurred from 2017 through 2025 are summarized in NECTA-034, Attachment 1 – Docket 11-03-07 Filing Summary and are supported by copies of the Annual Filings in NECTA-034, Attachment 2 through NECTA-034, Attachment 10.

The annual SPA cost schedules separately identify the applicable operation and maintenance (O&M) and capital cost components, including contractor labor, survey and design costs, SPA services, software costs, internal labor, overhead costs and other applicable costs. The schedules also identify reimbursements (application and survey fees) collected, which are reflected as offsets in determining the applicable net annual SPA costs. Accordingly, such reimbursements are not expenses paid to SPA, rather, they reduce the costs attributable to the administration of the SPA function.

Refer to the Company's response to NECTA-030[i] for where the costs are reflected in the cost of service.

Prior Referenced Response:

[i] NECTA-030 Question:

(Pole Management & SPA) Provide a full breakdown of all costs associated with Eversource's status as a single pole administrator, including the date(s) the costs were incurred, and all workpapers. Is the Company seeking recovery of these costs in Docket No. 26-05-10? If so, identify the relevant schedules/work papers.

NECTA-030 Response:

Pursuant to Order No. 10 in Docket 11-03-07, the Company is required to file its annual Single Pole Administration (SPA) costs with PURA on an annual basis. Specifically, Order No. 10 requires the SPA to report its annual SPA costs and any annual SPA costs proposed to be recovered in a future rate case.

The Company's most recent filing submitted March 31, 2026, reports SPA costs incurred during calendar year 2025. The filing identifies the total net annual SPA costs of $4,236,189 and includes a breakdown of those costs by category, including contractor labor, software, internal labor, overhead, reimbursables, and other costs. Please refer to NECTA-030 Attachment 1.

The annual SPA O&M costs are recovered in the Company's Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-2, Schedule C-3.16, with the exception of internal labor costs which is recovered in Schedule C-3.5 of Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-2.