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Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

(Poles) In its role as Single Pole Administrator:

a. Please provide data explaining whether and how much pole attachment fees collected offset the cost of pole management, by year, in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.
b. Please also specify how much cost of pole management was not offset by attachment fees for each of those years, and why the whole cost was not fully offset, as applicable.

Response:

a.

	2021	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
Annual SPA Costs	$ 4,413,900	$ 5,495,014	$ 7,835,668	$ 7,765,348	$ 5,573,314
Annual SPA Survey and application fees	$(1,357,377)	$(4,794,254)	$(5,215,802)	$(6,810,455)	$(1,337,125)
Total Net SPA Costs	**$ 3,056,523**	**$ 700,760**	**$ 2,619,866**	**$ 954,893**	**$ 4,236,189**

b. As PURA has previously stated, application and survey fees are not designed to offset all SPA costs. See Docket No. 19-01-52RE01, May 11, 2022, Final Decision ("Docket No. 19-01-52RE01 Decision") at 34. PURA last increased pole owner survey fees in the Docket No. 19-01-52RE01 Decision. See id. at 38 (PURA "reviewed the record evidence and will direct the pole owners to increase the per pole survey fee from $50 to $125."). PURA declined to increase the application fee at that time. See id. PURA set the new $125 survey fee amount based on data provided by The United Illuminating Company ("UI"). See id. The record evidence in Docket No. 19-01-52RE01 demonstrates that this increased survey fee amount was not enough to offset Eversource's SPA costs. See id. at 36, Table 11. Eversource and UI jointly filed a motion to re-open Docket No. 19-01-52RE01 to reevaluate, among other things, survey fees. See Docket No. 19-01-52RE01, Motion No. 044, at 2 (Apr. 22, 2026).