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Question:

For each pole that was replaced for which non-billable O&M costs have been recorded to the deferred asset for Third Party Pole Make Ready Work, please (a) indicate the age of the pole and whether it was fully depreciated, (b) for the subset of poles that were overloaded, discuss whether Eversource reviewed the loading for specific communications strands and, if it did, identify the overloaded strands and the associated pole.

Response:

a. Please refer to Table 1, below, for the number of poles retired annually for which non-billable O&M costs have been recorded to the deferred asset for Third Party Pole Make Ready Work.

Table 1

	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
# of Poles Retired	1802	1136	345	422	3705

CL&P utilizes the Broad Group Procedure to depreciate poles. Under the Broad Group Procedure, homogenous assets are grouped together and depreciated under a single average service life. The Company does not track the age of each individual pole retired under the Third Party Pole Make Ready program in the fixed asset module; therefore, the Company does not have information that would provide the vintage year of a pole retired in Table 1 or whether that pole was fully depreciated.

b. For poles identified as overloaded, The Company's loading analysis evaluated the aggregate loading contributed by including communications attachments on the pole. The Company does not own, operate, engineer or maintain the communications facilities and does not perform loading analysis for individual communications strands or attribute loading impacts to individual strands. Accordingly, The Company did not identify or track overloaded conditions at the individual communications strand level and is unable to identify specific overloaded communications strands associated with particular poles.