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Question:

(Make Ready Work & Related Costs) Reference Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-1, pp. 44-46. Reconcile the statement that "the Company has not included any pole make-ready costs within base distribution rates in this proceeding…" (p. 46) with PURA's statement in Docket No. 19-01-52RE01 that "EDCs received some level of recovery in base distribution rates to perform non-billable make-ready work…" A complete response will explain the steps taken by the Company to ensure that there is no double-recovery of non-billable make-ready costs in base rates versus in the deferred regulatory asset for non-billable make-ready costs.

Response:

As noted in Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-1 at 44, lines 12 through 15, the Company states "The costs recorded to this deferred asset are associated with the costs of performing non-billable make-ready pole work **not recovered in base distribution rates** [emphasis added] to meet established standards, as approved in Docket No. 19-01-52RE01…" Further, in Late File Exhibit-01 in Docket No. 19-01-52RE01, the Company notes there is $803 thousand recovered in base distribution rates, annually, that are netted against cumulative non-billable make-ready costs. Therefore, providing assurance that the Company is not double-recovering non-billable make-ready costs in base distribution rates. Refer to Exhibit CLP-REVREQ-4 (Make Ready Pole Work), line 7548 in tab "Non-Billable Reason" for the Removal of 2023-2025 Amounts in Distribution Rates totaling $2.4 million.