PURA-004 Q:

Provide in detail all facts and circumstances that caused or led to the decision to change the determination regarding the Subject Tree from recommending or directing that the Subject Tree be removed to recommending or directing that the Subject Tree be trimmed instead. In answering, identify and provide all documents, photographs, reports, evaluations, or other materials taken into consideration to make the change; and state each reason or basis for the change.

PURA-004 A:

The tree was initially proposed for removal in accordance with UI's Utility Protection Zone. The Utility Protection Zone extends 8 feet horizontally from the pole-to-pole electrical wire from ground to sky. Trees or limbs growing from within or encroaching on this zone may be removed, following applicable notification, permitting and consent laws. The customer authorized the removal of the subject tree. With the tree located in the Town's right-of-way, the contractor submitted the consented removal to the tree warden for review. Upon review, the tree warden determined that removal was not warranted and modified the scope of work to pruning consistent with UI's 8x10x15 clearance specification. Please refer to PURA-003 UI Attachment 1 for the tree wardens' decision.

Connecticut General Statutes § 16-234 states:

> *In conducting vegetation management, no utility shall prune or remove any tree or shrub within the utility protection zone, or on or overhanging any public road, public highway or public ground, without delivering notice of the proposed vegetation management to the abutting property owner or private property owner. Such notice shall include the option for the abutting property owner or private property owner to consent, in writing, to such proposed pruning or removal, object to such proposed pruning or removal or modify such proposed pruning or removal. The notice shall include instructions regarding how the recipient may object in accordance with subdivision (3) of this subsection. Such notice shall also include a statement that if a person objects to the proposed pruning or removal, and such tree falls on any utility infrastructure, such person shall not be billed by the utility for any resulting damage. If requested by an owner of private property, the utility, municipality or the Commissioner of Transportation, as appropriate, shall provide such owner with information regarding whether a tree or shrub to be pruned or removed is in the public right-of-way or whether such tree or shrub is on such owner's private property.*

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Connecticut General Statutes § 23-60 states:

> *Provides that shrubs and trees planted under the provisions of this section shall be deemed public shrubs and trees and shall be under the care and control of the tree warden, city forester or other similar officer and may be removed only upon a written permit from him.*

UI did not identify a basis for appealing the Tree Warden's decision. Please refer to PURA-004 UI Attachment 1.