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Request from: New England Cable and Telecommunications

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Request:

Please explain the term "Joint Use" or "JU" as reflected on Consolidated's pole invoices, and identify who owns JU poles.

Response:

Joint use is where Eversource or Consolidated Communications fully owns the pole and the other company has equipment on the pole, but is not a joint owner. Since both Eversource and Consolidated own a number of JU poles, billing is done on a net basis where the company owning more of the JU poles bills the other for the net difference. Since Eversource has owned a greater number of JU poles since at least 2009, Consolidated has paid Eversource for the net difference in JU poles. Most JU situations came about when Eversource or Consolidated acquired another company's assets, as in the case of Eversource acquiring the assets of CVEC in the early 2000's. Since the IOP re-negotiation in 2012, when a Joint Use pole is replaced, it is converted to a Joint Owned pole so JU billing changes from year to year.