

Public Service of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
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Request from: New England Cable and Telecommunications

Witness: Douglas P. Horton, Erica L. Menard

Request:

Referencing page 7, lines 6-11 of the Direct Testimony of Horton/Menard, please:

- (a) State the Eversource and Consolidated pole attachment rates currently in effect for attachments on jointly and solely owned poles.
- (b) For a pole jointly owned by Eversource and Consolidated, please confirm that each pole owner currently invoices at its respective jointly owned rate;
- (c) State the rate that Eversource will invoice after the transaction closes for (i) Transferred Poles that were previously jointly owned; (ii) Transferred Poles that were previously solely owned by Consolidated; and (iii) Transferred Poles listed as JU on Consolidated's invoices.
- (d) For the rates identified in response to (c), above, please explain how the rates were computed.

Response:

- (a) Eversource's current 2021 pole attachment rates are \$13.50 for a solely owned pole and \$6.75 for a jointly owned pole. Consolidated's current 2021 pole attachment rates are \$11.67 for a solely owned pole and \$6.84 for a jointly owned pole.
- (b) All jointly owned pole attachments are invoiced at each company's respective jointly owned pole attachment rate.
- (c) Please see the response to NECTA 1-026. Attachments on poles that were previously jointly owned with Consolidated will be billed the Eversource jointly owned rate and the Consolidated jointly owned rate. Attachments on poles that were previously solely owned by Consolidated will continue to be billed the Consolidated solely owned pole attachment rate. Attachments on poles listed as JU on Consolidated's invoices will continue to be billed the \$6.84 rate. This is consistent with the method and manner in which rates are charged to attachers today. As described in testimony at the referenced location, the pole attachment agreements currently in effect will transfer to Eversource upon closing of the transaction, including the rates currently authorized under those agreements. Rates would only change under those agreements in the manner in which those agreements prescribe. Any change to rates would occur in the future and follow the terms of the contracts in effect, as is the case today.
- (d) Eversource's rates were calculated using the Unified Pole Rent formula which can be located in docket DT 12-084. Please see the Company's response to STAFF-028 for an explanation of how Consolidated's pole attachment rates were calculated.