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Request from: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Staff

Witness: Douglas P. Horton, Erica L. Menard

Request:

Reference Horton and Menard Testimony, Bates 47. Please describe and explain in detail any difference in pole attachment fees currently paid to Consolidated as compared to pole attachment fees paid to Eversource. Provide at least three examples of the difference in fees for third parties which currently have attachments on poles and pay fees to Consolidated and also pay fees to Eversource.

Response:

Consolidated's third party pole attachment rates were inherited as part of the acquisition of FairPoint Communications in 2017. In 2009, the rates FairPoint charged were \$9.67 per pole, per year for an attachment on a solely owned pole and \$4.84 per pole, per year for an attachment on a jointly owned pole. Sometime between 2009 and 2011, both the solely owned rate and jointly owned rate were increased by \$2.00 per pole, per year to the current rates of \$11.67 per pole, per year for an attachment on a solely owned pole and \$6.84 per pole, per year for an attachment on a jointly owned pole. The rates Consolidated currently charges are not calculated using a specific formula. Therefore, a detailed comparison of the differences in how each company's rates are calculated cannot be performed.