

**Public Service of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Docket No. DE 21-029**

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Witness: Robert D. Allen

Request:

With reference to Bates page 68 (in red) of Exhibit 1 of the July 16, 2021 hearing. Please provide a schedule of the same information for calendar year 2019.

Response:

Please refer to Attachment RR 1-002 containing a table of the calendar year 2019 planned versus actual vegetation management program costs in a format similar to what was provided in Bates page 68 (in red) of Exhibit 1 of the July 16, 2021 hearing.

The plan for the July 2019 through December 2019 time period for the Enhanced Tree Trimming, Right of Way Clearing and Hazard Tree removal components of the Vegetation Management Program are consistent with the \$7.7 million level established in the Temporary Rate Settlement Agreement at 13 filed on June 13, 2019 in Docket No. DE 19-057. The reconciliation of the actual costs for that time period are incorporated into the Company's recoupment calculation as shown on Bates page 44, line 19 as filed in the Rate Case Settlement Agreement of Docket No. DE 19-057 on October 9, 2020.

Table 1. Summary of Eversource's 2019 Planned vs Actual Vegetation Management Program Costs

VMP Activity	Net Costs (Including Reimbursements Billed to Telephone Companies)			Reimbursements Billed to Telephone Companies		
	2019 Plan	2019 Actual	Variance	2019 Plan	2019 Actual	Variance
Scheduled Maintenance Trim	12,979,577	13,003,957	24,380	(2,000,000)	(2,799,268)	(799,268)
METT	1,000,000	837,917	(162,083)			-
Mid Cycle Review			-			-
Customer Work	200,000	244,499	44,499			-
Hot Spot Work			-			-
Police/Flagging			-			-
Sub Transmission (Mowing/Side Trim)	1,000,000	768,856	(231,144)			-
Distribution SMT Total	15,179,577	14,855,229	(324,348)	(2,000,000)	(2,799,268)	(799,268)
	2019 Plan (Jan-Jun)	2019 Actual (Jan-Jun)	Variance (Jan-Jun)	2019 Plan (Jan-Jun)	2019 Actual (Jan-Jun)	Variance (Jan-Jun)
Full Width Clearing	780,000	1,048,510	268,510	-	-	-
Hazard Tree Removal	6,240,000	4,914,384	(1,325,616)	(3,000,000)	(1,573,245)	1,426,755
Enhanced Tree Trimming	2,080,000	1,760,582	(319,418)	-	-	-
Jan-Jun Subtotal	9,100,000	7,723,476	(1,376,524)	(3,000,000)	(1,573,245)	1,426,755
	2019 Plan (Jul-Dec)	2019 Actual (Jul-Dec)	Variance (Jul-Dec)	2019 Plan (Jul-Dec)	2019 Actual (Jul-Dec)	Variance (Jul-Dec)
Full Width Clearing	660,000	713,196	53,196	-	-	-
Hazard Tree Removal	5,280,000	5,054,254	(225,746)	(3,000,000)	(2,849,916)	150,084
Enhanced Tree Trimming	1,760,000	1,921,126	161,126	-	-	-
Jul-Dec Subtotal	7,700,000	7,688,575	(11,425)	(3,000,000)	(2,849,916)	150,084
Vegetation Management Program Total	31,979,577	30,267,279	(1,712,298)	(8,000,000)	(7,222,430)	777,570

	2019 Plan	2019 Actual	Variance
2019 Miles (SMT/METT/ETT)	2,600	2,399	201
2019 Total VMP Cost	31,979,577	30,267,279	1,712,298