

To: NEPOOL Reliability Committee

From: Amy Crowley, Acting Chair and Bob Stein, Vice-Chair

Date: February 22, 2023

Subject: Motion for Eversource Laminated Wood Structure Replacement Program Phase II Projects Transmission Cost Allocations

At the February 22, 2023 Reliability Committee meeting, members will be asked to support a related set of six (6) Transmission Cost Allocation applications (TCAs) from Eversource. More specifically, the committee will be asked to recommend that ISO New England approve, as consistent with the criteria set forth in Section 12C of the ISO New England Open Access Transmission Tariff for receiving regional support and inclusion in Pool-Supported PTF Rates, the requested costs associated with these TCAs as eligible for Pool-Supported PTF cost recovery and with none of the costs associated with such upgrades being considered Localized Costs.

These six (6) TCAs from Eversource are for work associated with 115 and 345 kV laminated wood structures replacement projects located in Connecticut and New Hampshire that will replace laminated wood structures with weathering steelpole structures to mitigate deficiencies such as: woodpecker and insect damage, rot, cracks and deteriorated steel mechanical connections. The requested Pool-Supported PTF costs associated with these TCAs range from \$6.024 million to \$17.476 million respectively and in total the requested Pool-Supported PTF cost recovery of these TCAs is \$60.588 million (2021 and 2022 Estimated Costs).

In the interest of conducting an efficient and productive meeting, and consistent with past committee practice, a single combined motion can be used for the vote of the Reliability Committee on this item, which is provided below. At the meeting, we will be prepared to modify the combined motion to remove individual TCA(s) and have ready individual motions for individual TCA(s) should a committee member wish, such that we can record feedback that may only apply to an individual TCA.

*Resolved*, the Reliability Committee has reviewed the requested \$60.588 million (2021 and 2022 Estimated Costs) of Transmission Upgrade costs for work associated with the Eversource Laminated Wood Structure Replacement Program Phase II, as described in TCA Applications ES-21-TCA-47 ( \$6.024M), ES-21-TCA-56 (\$7.342M), ES-21-TCA-59 (\$7.541M), ES-22-TCA-05 (\$17.476M), ES-22-TCA-14 (\$10.114M), and ES-22-TCA-34 (\$12.091M) submitted to ISO New England on October 20, 2021, October 28, 2021, December 16, 2021, February 11, 2022, March 14, 2022, and October 6, 2022 by Eversource Energy; and the Reliability Committee recommends that ISO New England approve, as consistent with the criteria set forth in Section 12C of the ISO New England Open Access Transmission Tariff for receiving regional support and inclusion in Pool-Supported PTF Rates, the requested \$60.588 million as eligible for Pool-Supported PTF cost recovery and with none of the costs associated with such upgrades being considered Localized Costs.