

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

2024 Regulatory Reconciliation Adjustment Mechanism Rate

Docket No. DE 24-_____

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN
REGULATORY RECONCILIATION ADJUSTMENT RATE

Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 202.01 and Puc 203.06, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) to establish a revised Regulatory Reconciliation Adjustment (“RRA”) rate for effect on August 1, 2024. In support of this Petition, Eversource states as follows:

1. On December 15, 2020, the Commission issued Order No. 25,433 approving a comprehensive settlement agreement (the “Settlement”) in Docket No. DE 19-057. The Settlement was entered into by all parties in that docket to establish permanent rates for the Company effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2021.
2. The Settlement established the RRA as a means for the Company to request recovery or refund of a limited set of costs identified specifically in the Settlement. The RRA is a component of the Company’s distribution rate and, pursuant to the Settlement, is adjusted annually to account for any over- or under-recoveries occurring in prior years(s). Under the terms of the Settlement, the identified classes of costs included in the RRA are: (1) regulatory Commission annual assessments and consultants hired or retained by the Commission and Office of Consumer Advocate; (2) calendar year over- or under-

collections from the Company's Vegetation Management Program ("VMP"); (3) property tax expenses, as compared to the amount in base rates; (4) lost base distribution revenues associated with net metering; (5) storm cost amortization final reconciliation and annual reconciliation; and (6) DE 19-057 rate case expense amortization recovery over a five year period beginning August 1, 2022. *See* Order No. 26,634 at 7 (May 27, 2022).

3. As described in Section 9.3 of the Settlement, by March 1 of each year, the Company is required to submit a filing containing reports on the Company's reliability statistics and vegetation management activities, and request that the Commission open a new docket to consider the filing and other RRA issues. Thereafter, on or by May 1 of each year, the Company is required to update its RRA filing with information pertaining to all other components of the RRA filing, along with supporting testimony and exhibits for rates effective on August 1st of that year.
4. By this Petition, Eversource is providing the required reports on its reliability statistics and vegetation management activities, consistent with the terms of the Settlement. Included with this Petition are the joint testimony and supporting information of Robert D. Allen, Manager of Coordination, Strategy, and Innovation for Vegetation Management, Ian J. Farley, Supervisor of Vegetation Management, Elli Ntakou, Manager of System Resilience and Reliability Planning, and Adam V. Mierzwa, Director of Distribution Engineering, providing relevant information and explanations regarding the Company's VMP activities and reliability performance in calendar year 2023.
5. The remaining components of the RRA will be filed on or before May 1, 2024, consistent with Section 9.3 of the Settlement. Eversource requests that the Commission undertake its

review of the Company's filing on a schedule that will allow for adjusted rates to be effective as of August 1st, as provided in the Settlement, including a hearing on the merits no later than June 30, 2024. A hearing no later than June 30, 2024 would allow sufficient time for the Commission to issue an order and for the Company to implement the proposed rate change by August 1, 2024.

WHEREFORE, Eversource respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. Open a docket to review and approve Eversource's proposed RRA rate change;
- B. Commence any required review of the components of the RRA to ensure approval for rates effective on August 1, 2024; and
- C. Grant such further relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

Public Service Company of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 **Q. Mr. Allen, please state your full name, position, and business address.**

3 A. My name is Robert D. Allen. I am employed by Eversource Energy Service
4 Company (“ESC”) as Manager of Coordination, Strategy, and Innovation for
5 Vegetation Management across the three state Eversource territory. In that role I
6 provide support to Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource
7 Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”). My business address is 780 N.
8 Commercial Street Manchester, New Hampshire.

9 **Q. Please summarize your educational background.**

10 A. I have an Associate of Science in Arboriculture from Stockbridge School of

1 Agriculture, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.

2 **Q. Please summarize your professional experience.**

3 A. I was promoted to my current position in January 2024 and am responsible for
4 enhancing and driving consistency for our Vegetation Management programs
5 internally, while also representing Vegetation Management in external relations
6 with customers, municipalities, and industry organizations. Previously I was
7 Manager of Vegetation Management from 2013 to January 2024. From 2009 to
8 2013, I held the position of Supervisor of Vegetation Management for the
9 Company. From 1992 to 2009, I was Arborist for the Company's affiliate, The
10 Connecticut Light and Power Company. Overall, I have approximately 40 years of
11 experience in Arboriculture.

12 **Q. Have you previously testified before the New Hampshire Public Utilities**
13 **Commission?**

14 A. Yes, I have testified before the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the
15 "Commission") in Eversource's last Reliability Enhancement Program ("REP")
16 submission in Docket No. DE 18-177, Eversource's most recent rate case in Docket
17 No. DE 19-057, and in support of the Company's Regulatory Reconciliation
18 Adjustment ("RRA") filings in Docket Nos. DE 21-029, DE 22-022, and DE 23-
19 021.

20 **Q. Mr. Farley, please state your full name, position, and business address.**

1 A. My name is Ian J. Farley. I am employed by ESC as Supervisor of Vegetation
2 Management. In that role I provide support to the Company. My business address
3 is 780 N. Commercial Street Manchester, New Hampshire.

4 **Q. Please summarize your educational background.**

5 A. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Operations Science from the
6 University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

7 **Q. Please summarize your professional experience.**

8 A. Since joining the Company, I have worked for over eight years with the Vegetation
9 Management Group and currently hold the title of Supervisor, Vegetation
10 Management.

11 **Q. Have you previously testified before the New Hampshire Public Utilities
12 Commission?**

13 A. No, I have not.

14 **Ms. Ntakou, please state your full name, position, and business address.**

15 A. My name is Elli Ntakou. I am employed by ESC as the Manager of System
16 Resilience and Reliability Planning. My business address is 247 Station Drive,
17 Westwood, Massachusetts.

18 **Q. What are your principal responsibilities in this position relevant to this filing?**

19 A. As the Manager of System Resilience and Reliability Planning, I am responsible
20 for Eversource's reliability and resilience programs for its electrical infrastructure.

1 The Company's efforts focus on assessing a wide portfolio of reliability and
2 resilience solutions, and prioritizing, optimizing, and granularly targeting those
3 solutions to its T&D grid needs based on historical data, data forecasts, and
4 engineering models. Resilience and reliability planning is critical on Eversource's
5 path to a modern and decarbonized grid and to continue to provide reliable electric
6 service to customers in the face of climate change.

7 **Q. Please summarize your professional experience and educational background.**

8 A. I graduated from Boston University College of Engineering with a Master of
9 Science and a PhD, both in Systems Engineering. Subsequently, I worked for ESAI
10 Power LLC, leading their Northeast wholesale power market modeling efforts.
11 From 2018 and until July 2022, I was employed by Quanta Technology, in various
12 positions, the most senior being Senior Advisor. As part of that role, I advised a
13 breadth of clients in the power sector on various topics, including resilience and
14 reliability, non-wires alternatives, storage use-cases and integration, grid
15 modernization, and scenario planning. In July 2022, I joined ESC as the Manager
16 of System Resilience and Reliability Planning.

17 **Q. Have you previously testified before the Commission?**

18 A. Yes, I have. I testified in the Company's most recent RRA docket, DE 23-021.

19 **Q. Mr. Mierzwa, please state your full name, position, and business address.**

20 A. My name is Adam V. Mierzwa. I am employed by ESC as Director-Distribution
21 Engineering. My business address is 780 North Commercial Street, Manchester,

1 New Hampshire.

2 **Q. What are your principal responsibilities in this position?**

3 A. As the Director-Distribution Engineering, I am responsible for optimizing the
4 performance of the distribution system assets in New Hampshire that are operated
5 by the Company and to ensure customer needs for service and reliability are
6 satisfied.

7 **Q. Please summarize your professional experience and educational background.**

8 A. I graduated from Florida Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Electrical
9 Engineering, and received a Masters of Science in Project Management and
10 Operations from Southern New Hampshire University. From 2014-2022, I worked
11 for Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) in multiple Substation and
12 Distribution Engineering and leadership roles. At SMECO I lead multiple
13 Distribution capital enhancement programs, to include Privatization Project
14 Manager for the Department of the Navy. I was also responsible for the Asset
15 Management and Workflow System. In December 2023, I joined Eversource in the
16 role of Distribution Engineering Director for New Hampshire.

17 **Q. Have you previously testified before the Commission?**

18 A. I have not; however, I have previously testified before the Maryland Public Service
19 Commission (PSC).

20 **Q. What is the purpose of your joint testimony?**

1 A. The purpose of our testimony is to present the Company’s reports on its vegetation
2 management and reliability performance for calendar year 2023, as required by
3 Section 9.3 of the comprehensive settlement in the Company’s most recent rate
4 case, Docket No. DE 19-057, which was approved by the Commission in Order No.
5 26,433 issued on December 15, 2020 (the “Settlement”). Specifically, the
6 Settlement set out the requirements for a series of reports and information to be
7 filed by March 1st of each year as the first step in the Company’s annual RRA
8 filing. This testimony accompanies these required reports.

9 **Q. Would you please describe the specific reports that are included?**

10 A. Yes. Section 9.3 of the Settlement states:

11 By March 1 of each year the Company shall submit a filing
12 containing reports on PSNH’s reliability statistics and vegetation
13 management activities, and requesting the Commission open a new
14 docket to consider the filing and other RRA issues. Such reports
15 shall include information on reliability and vegetation management
16 activities similar to information historically included in the
17 Company’s Reliability Enhancement Plan filings. Further detail
18 regarding the report contents is provided in Appendix 4. The
19 Company shall also include as part of this annual filing the proposed
20 adjustment to the August 1 RRA associated with prior calendar year
21 vegetation management activities, as described in Section 9.1(b)
22 above.

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24 In line with that requirement, this testimony includes the reports identified in
25 Appendix 4 to the Settlement.

26 **Q. Are you presenting any attachments in addition to your testimony?**

27 A. Yes, we are presenting the following attachments in support of this testimony:

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Attachment	Description
Attachment RDA/IJF/EN/AVM-1	2023 Vegetation Management Plan and Performance Report
Attachment RDA/IJF/EN/AVM-2	2024 Vegetation Management Plan Proposal
Attachment RDA/IJF/EN/AVM-3	Reliability Report

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We note that Attachment RDA/IJF/EN/AVM-2 includes the Company’s 2024 vegetation management plan proposal, which is not among the reports identified in Appendix 4 to the Settlement. However, the Company provided a 2021 vegetation management plan as part of its 2021 RRA filing (submitted on March 1, 2021 in Docket No. DE 21-029), a 2022 vegetation management plan as part of its 2022 RRA filing (submitted on March 1, 2022 in Docket No. DE 22-010), and a 2023 vegetation management plan as part of its 2023 RRA filing (submitted on March 1, 2023 in Docket No. DE 23-021). In the interest of consistency, and to aid the Commission’s review of the Company’s vegetation management activities, the 2024 Vegetation Management Plan, as filed in Docket No. DE 19-057 on November 15, 2023, is included here.

1 **Q. How is your testimony organized?**

2 A. In addition to this introductory section, our testimony is organized into the
3 following sections:

- 4 • Section II provides an overview of Eversource’s vegetation management
5 program (“VMP”), including its key initiatives, objectives, and
6 performance;
- 7 • Section III discusses the Company’s vegetation management activities and
8 performance in 2023;
- 9 • Section IV discusses the Company’s vegetation management activities plan
10 for 2024;
- 11 • Section V discusses the Company’s reliability performance in 2023; and
12 • Section VI provides the conclusion to our testimony.

13 Mr. Allen and Mr. Farley are primarily responsible for Sections II, III, and IV. Ms.
14 Ntakou and Mr. Mierzwa are primarily responsible for Section V.

15 **II. VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

16 **Q. Mr. Allen and Mr. Farley, what is the overall design of the vegetation**
17 **management work performed under the Eversource VMP?**

18 A. As discussed in the Company’s Settlement and in Docket Nos. DE 21-029,
19 DE 22-010, and DE 23-021, the Eversource VMP is structured as a comprehensive
20 effort involving multiple departments and significant amounts of data analysis. The
21 plan is coordinated on an individual circuit basis with the distribution engineering

1 group and targets specific areas to improve reliability and resiliency. The execution
2 of the actual tree work is managed by Eversource’s Vegetation Management
3 Department utilizing a staff of Company arborists, contract arborists, and tree
4 trimming and removal contractors. The program covers all primary wires, with
5 scheduling developed on the basis of a combination of performance and circuit-
6 specific cycle-based trimming.

7 There are four aspects of the VMP. First, the program includes Scheduled
8 Maintenance Trimming (“SMT”), which follows an established trim cycle to ensure
9 that all circuits, regardless of current performance, are trimmed at least once every
10 four to five years, subject to circuit-specific considerations. Second, the Company
11 performs Enhanced Tree Trimming (“ETT”) to manage vegetation along the main
12 backbone of the circuit. In contrast to SMT, ETT expands the zones of tree pruning
13 activity to create additional clearances between tree growth and electrical facilities.
14 With respect to ETT, the Company employs reliability-based prioritization methods
15 to schedule vegetation management activity on specific circuits. The Company
16 targets up to 100 miles per year on circuits with the worst tree-related reliability
17 experienced in the previous year (i.e., the top 50 list). If the Company determines
18 that a poorly performing circuit is scheduled to be included in the SMT cycle for
19 that year, the Company will consider including the circuit backbone under ETT.

20 Third, the VMP includes hazard tree removal. The hazard tree removal program
21 works in parallel with the SMT cycle. It involves the review of SMT circuits to

1 identify and complete the emergent removal of trees determined to be in ill-health,
2 or that otherwise pose a threat to electrical facilities or public safety, both within
3 and outside standard trimming zones. The Company seeks to remove trees that are
4 identified by trained arborists as a hazard to primary conductors. It is best practice
5 and prudent to remove the dead, diseased and/or dying trees while trimming the
6 SMT circuit and to include those trees in the hazard tree removal program, as the
7 Company typically will not revisit that circuit for another four to five years.

8 Lastly, the fourth component of the VMP is full-width rights-of-way (“ROW”)
9 clearing. The Company researches its easements to confirm the easement
10 boundaries and then works to clear the ROW to the full extent allowed under the
11 easement. More specifically, full-width ROW clearing involves the reclamation of
12 existing ROW by the enhanced clearing of trees and brush to extend the clearances
13 between vegetation and the Company's electrical facilities located in those ROWs.

14 **Q. What are the program specifications for SMT?**

15 A. The SMT is conducted on a four- to five-year cycle and the clearance specifications
16 are 8 feet to the side, 15 feet above, and 10 feet below. This work is competitively
17 bid to ensure it is performed in a cost-effective manner. The Company enters into
18 longer term contracts for SMT work to ensure that contractor crew resources are
19 available to do the work. The SMT is the core of the VMP and there are
20 approximately ninety crews on the Company’s distribution system every day
21 performing this critical baseline clearance work.

1 **Q. What are the specifications for ETT and hazard tree removal?**

2 A. As noted above, the ETT is focused on circuit backbones and the specifications are
3 10 feet to the side from “ground-to-sky,” although there can be equipment
4 limitations that prevent workers from safely achieving the full clearance. This
5 strategic clearance program targets overhanging branches that could break and fall
6 onto the Company’s power lines.

7 The ETT work is released for competitive bid annually and over the past decade
8 this work has been awarded to five different tree contractors. The ETT work is
9 discussed in-person with impacted tree owners before any work is commenced.
10 There are occasions where the ETT clearance work is not or cannot be achieved for
11 reasons that can include, but are not limited to: tree owner refusal of the proposed
12 work, equipment limitations, geographic limitations, logistics, or access.

13 Hazard tree removal is conducted in parallel with scheduled cycle miles and priority
14 is placed on identifying risk and hazard trees along the three-phase primary, or
15 circuit backbone, for removal. The Company may also evaluate single- and two-
16 phase lateral primary for hazard tree removal if the area has been identified as poor
17 performing or during the performance of SMT work.

18 **Q. Does the Company monitor the performance of its vegetation management**
19 **contractors to ensure compliance with the Company’s specifications?**

20 A. Yes. The Company routinely audits all vegetation management work performed
21 on its system and reviews contractor work for adherence to the standards for

1 vegetation management. Arborists conduct field reviews of all work areas and
2 document any areas of non-compliance by location, correlating the locations onto
3 circuit maps. This information is sent to the contractors performing the work and
4 they are required to complete any necessary re-work in accordance with the
5 standards. All SMT miles are audited for quality control annually. In the event
6 proper clearances have not been achieved, the contractor is responsible for re-
7 trimming at no additional cost for a period of 12 months.

8 **III. 2023 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

9 **Q. Mr. Allen and Mr. Farley, please explain the Company’s vegetation**
10 **management activities for 2023 and its performance.**

11 A. As reflected in Attachment RDA/IJF/EN/AVM-1, the Company trimmed 2,475
12 miles of SMT/METT¹ in 2023 at a cost of \$25,689,706. The original budgeted
13 miles were 2,399 miles. Eversource successfully executed its SMT/METT miles
14 to keep the Company on track for meeting the cycle trimming requirements of the
15 Commission.

16 Within Attachment RDA/IJF/EN/AVM-1, the Company has also included
17 information on its ETT, Hazard Tree Removal, and ROW clearing activities,
18 including the 2023 plan budget, as filed on March 1, 2023 in Docket No. DE 23-
19 021 as Attachment RDA/EN/RDJ-2, and the 2023 actual costs incurred for those
20 programs, as well as the amount of work completed.

¹ “METT” is maintenance trimming performed on miles that were previously subject to ETT, with the amount of METT changes each year based on the circuit schedule.

1 **Q. Has the Company noticed an increasing number of hazard trees on its system?**

2 A. Yes. The Company continued to find that trees in New Hampshire have been
3 impacted by many biotic factors over the last several years. These issues primarily
4 include repeated drought years, Emerald Ash Borer, Spongy Moth, Hemlock Woolly
5 Adelgid, Hemlock Looper, Elongate Hemlock Scale, and White Pine Needle
6 Disease, as well as the residual effect of the listed factors. Such issues will mean
7 more trees that are standing dead or in declining health along the roadside forest.
8 The Company believes that adherence to a well-designed maintenance cycle, along
9 with an aggressive hazard tree removal program, are key components to a successful
10 and reliable VMP.

11 **Q. Did Eversource experience any resource constraints during 2023?**

12 A. Yes. As discussed in previous RRA dockets, retaining sufficient resources remains
13 an ongoing challenge. Following the pandemic, there were fewer crews available
14 in New Hampshire. The price points at neighboring New England utilities were
15 higher than the contracted prices on the Company's New Hampshire system. As a
16 result, tree contractors found the work on the Company's system to be less
17 profitable than on other utilities' systems.

18 In addition, while Eversource currently has sufficient experienced professionals
19 managing its VMP, there are longer-term concerns with the trained work force.
20 There continue to be limited existing qualified resources in New England, with very
21 few programs in high school or college that focus on the Arboriculture/Forestry

1 fields. These limitations result in an extremely competitive market with a material
2 impact on costs, and have had a direct impact on the availability of trained
3 individuals the Company can utilize to implement its VMP, as seen in recent
4 competitive bids.

5 **Q. Has the Company taken any steps to address these resource constraints?**

6 A. Yes. In the interest of trying to expand the pool of qualified people to perform this
7 work, Eversource has encouraged its tree contractors to host job fairs and increase
8 their social media presence. The Company has also asked its contractors to explore
9 new and different types of tree clearing/trimming equipment to be used on
10 scheduled work. Currently, however, the new contracts have put significant
11 pressure on the budgets for 2024 and thereafter, and will likely result in significant
12 adjustments to the Company's plans in the future to assure that the SMT continues
13 to meet the Commission's requirements.

14 **Q. Did resource constraints have any impact on the Company's efforts in**
15 **carrying out the 2023 planned activities?**

16 A. The crew resource constraints discussed above that have impacted Vegetation
17 Management ("VM") over the last few years continued to be an issue in 2023.
18 These resource constraints left the Company with fewer crews than originally
19 planned for 2023 work.

20 In addition, the Company began 2023 with a backlog of VM work from 2022. This
21 backlog was the result of storm restoration efforts and severe weather. In 2022,

1 several major storm events resulted in VM crews being deployed for restoration
2 efforts. These are the same crews that perform work under the VMP. As a result,
3 the 2022 restoration efforts created a backlog of VM work for 2023.

4 To address this backlog, the Company's first quarter 2023 strategy was to focus on
5 hazard trees that had the greatest risk of impacting customer reliability that were
6 not addressed in December 2022 due to storm restoration efforts and resource
7 constraints. In addition to addressing this backlog of hazard tree removals, the
8 Company continued to focus on its SMT activities.

9 In order to ensure that adequate mileage would be completed in 2023, the Company
10 transitioned most of its crews to SMT/METT in the second and third quarters of
11 2023. This action reduced the investment on hazard tree removal for several
12 consecutive months. The Company did initially ramp back up its hazard tree
13 removals in the fourth quarter of 2023 with the intent of completing all hazard tree
14 removals by year end. However, the Company did not fulfill its VMP investment
15 strategy for hazard tree removals due to storm restoration efforts in December 2022.

16 As discussed above, the Company did complete all SMT miles.

17 **Q. Have you included an adjustment pursuant to Settlement Section 6.2(c), which**
18 **allows Eversource to include a carryover adjustment to the August 1 RRA**
19 **associated with prior calendar year VM activities?**

20 **A.** Yes. In Docket No. DE 23-021, the Company proposed and the Commission
21 approved the transfer and application of the actual calendar year 2022 VMP over-
22 recovery amount of \$2,126,381 to serve as an offset to the calendar year 2023 VMP

1 activities,² in order to facilitate continued improvement in customer reliability and
2 to meet the 2023 VMP objectives. It is my understanding that the Company's full
3 RRA adjustment for calendar year 2023 will be filed on or around May 1, 2024.
4 As of December 31, 2023, the Company completed the 2023 VMP workplan as
5 scheduled. As of March 1, 2024, the preliminary information available shows no
6 similar carryover adjustment is required in relation to 2023 VMP activities.

7 **IV. 2024 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PLAN**

8 **Q. Mr. Allen and Mr. Farley, please describe the Company's VMP plan for 2024.**

9 A. As reflected in Attachment RDA/IJF/EN/AVM-2, which was filed in Docket No.
10 DE 19-057 on November 15, 2023, the Company anticipates trimming 2,347 miles
11 of SMT/METT in 2024. The 2024 Distribution SMT Total estimated cost is
12 \$21,982,301, which was not adjusted for reimbursements expected to be received
13 from telephone company providers related to SMT activities. This plan reflects the
14 scheduled miles for the Company to maintain a five-year maintenance cycle, in line
15 with the "no more than 5-year cycle" tree-pruning requirements of the
16 Commission's rules under Puc 307.10. The Company is still within the
17 Commission's mandate of a five-year cycle schedule for SMT.

18 As discussed in Docket Nos. DE 21-029, DE 22-010, and DE 23-021, the last four-
19 year contract for SMT ended in December 2020. The new four-year contract has
20 resulted in a significant increase in the cost per mile for all awarded work. This

² See Order No. 26,863 (July 28, 2023).

1 increase has resulted in a larger budget needed to complete the anticipated tree work
2 than the one that was agreed to in the Settlement. The Company will invest in VM
3 at the necessary level to complete the programs that it believes are foundational to
4 a strong VMP. These programs include SMT, METT, Hazard Tree Removal, ETT,
5 and Full Width Clearing of ROWs. This investment will also consider the current
6 operating procedures with the various telephone companies, along with the 10
7 percent “overage” identified in Section 6.2 of the Settlement.

8 **V. 2023 RELIABILITY PERFORMANCE**

9 **Q. Ms. Ntakou and Mr. Mierzwa, please describe the Company’s reliability**
10 **performance in 2023.**

11 A. For many years as part of the Company’s REP filings, Eversource provided
12 information on numerous reliability statistics and performance metrics. Those
13 reports showed the impact of the REP and the generally improving trends in system-
14 average metrics of Eversource reliability performance that resulted from the REP,
15 as well as other Company initiatives aimed at improving the reliability and
16 resiliency of its distribution system.

17 Included as Attachment RDA/IJF/EN/AVM-3 is the 2023 Annual Reliability
18 Report, which provides information similar to, but more expansive than, what had
19 previously been included in the REP reports. This attachment is consistent with the
20 format used for this report in Docket Nos. DE 21-029, DE 22-010, and DE 23-021.

21 Section 1 of Attachment RDA/IJF/EN/AVM-3 contains various graphs and charts

1 agreed to by the parties to the Settlement to demonstrate the general trends and
2 outcomes regarding reliability over the past five years, using various reliability
3 metrics, such as SAIDI, SAIFI, CAIDI, and CIII, as specified in Appendix 4 of the
4 Settlement, and using IEEE reporting criteria. Metrics are broken down based on
5 the cause type as well as the type of day (i.e., whether or not the day is excludable).

6 Section 2 of Attachment RDA/IJF/EN/AVM-3 explains the various operations and
7 maintenance (“O&M”) activities conducted by the Company in 2023 that were
8 aimed at addressing reliability issues. Those activities included patrols of overhead
9 distribution lines, inspections of underground developments and pad-mounted
10 equipment, inspections of wood distribution poles for decay, and repairs of non-
11 capital items on distribution lines related to the National Electrical Safety Code.
12 Such activities are intended to identify potential problems or failures so that they
13 may be proactively addressed before they impact customers.

14 Section 3 of Attachment RDA/IJF/EN/AVM-3 contains the capital expenditures
15 made by the Company on various reliability-related activities. This report provides
16 information on “routine” capital projects targeting reliability, as well as specific
17 projects, with information on the replacement of wooden distribution poles found
18 to be defective through inspection, replacement of direct buried underground cable
19 with new cable in conduit, and other capital reliability projects with spending
20 greater than \$100,000 during the calendar year. This last category is further broken

1 down into new projects initiated in 2023, and projects with expenditures in 2023
2 over the threshold but which were established in prior years.

3 Lastly, Section 4 of Attachment RDA/IJF/EN/AVM-3 contains the Company's
4 "Worst Performing Circuits" list. This list is adjusted annually to track the 50
5 circuits with the highest contribution to the Company's SAIDI and SAIFI (in two
6 separate lists) during the previous year. This ranking helps to inform the Company's
7 priorities for future reliability work.

8 **VI. CONCLUSION**

9 **Q. Do you have any concluding remarks?**

10 A. The reports and related information included with this filing show that the
11 Company was successful in its vegetation management activities in 2023 and that
12 the Company has demonstrated continuing improvement in customer reliability
13 over time, all of which are beneficial to customers in New Hampshire.

14 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

15 A. Yes, it does.

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As required by Section 9.3 of the Settlement Agreement approved by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) in Docket DE 19-057, Order No. 26,433 (December 15, 2020) (the “Settlement”), Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) provides the following vegetation management report for calendar year 2023.

The Company has included the relevant planned and actual vegetation management work by circuits and miles for 2023 in the supporting tables below.

Scheduled Maintenance Trimming (“SMT”) Program: The Company’s SMT cycle is based on an approximately 12,000-mile distribution overhead system and is performed, in part, by third-party contractors. The Company awards the work through a competitive bid process with a 4-year contract as the main component of the program. As part of the 4-year contract, the Company receives fixed pricing for the first two years of the contract. The Company Procurement team then negotiates year three with the contractors. Year two of the current 4-year contract was 2022, and negotiations for year three (2023) occurred during late 2022. The pricing for year three (2023) was substantially higher than year two (2022). There were protracted negotiations during December 2022, which resulted in additional contractors being awarded work in 2023. Cost increases were caused by the pandemic, inflation, supply chain, rising fuel, health and risk insurance, equipment, and labor costs. Overall, we saw a 20% increase in costs for year three (2023), when compared to year two (2022).

One of the contributing factors to the cost increase is crew availability. This topic has been discussed with the Commission and the Department of Energy Staff for the last few years. Costs associated with police details were also included in the bids received in response to the RFP. Every year, the number of roads that require traffic control increases. It can be difficult for contractors to project which towns and “new” roads will require police details. Contractors are diligent in controlling risk, and as a result, the competitive bid pricing reflects that through increased costs.

The Company awarded work to a new contractor in 2022 for SMT (Nelson Tree), along with the historic contractors Asplundh, Lewis, Lucas, and Northern. The Company’s plan for 2023 was to have tree contractors perform SMT on 2,158 miles and the budgets were developed around that plan. The table below provides the 2023 planned SMT trimming miles per region, as compared to the 2023 actual miles trimmed. The Plan Miles were derived from Docket No. DE 23-021, Attachment RDA/EN/RDJ-2, “2023 Vegetation Management Plan Proposal,” at Page 2 (Bates Page 73), as filed on March 1, 2023.

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Eversource 2023 SMT		
Region	Plan Miles	Actual Miles
Southern	351.71	341.78
Central	314.41	323.88
Western	630.29	608.46
Eastern	334.40	313.83
Northern	527.40	639.28
Total Annual Miles	2,158.21	2,227.23

Maintenance Enhanced Tree Trimming (“METT”) Program: METT is maintenance trimming performed on miles that were previously subject to ETT. The amount of METT changes each year based on the circuit schedule. The Plan Miles were derived from Docket No. DE 23-021, Attachment RDA/EN/RDJ-2, at Page 3 (Bates Page 74), as filed on March 1, 2023. The total METT plan for 2023 was 240.88 miles.

Eversource 2023 METT		
Region	Plan Miles	Actual Miles
Southern	28.67	28.67
Central	23.35	24.50
Western	89.38	89.38
Eastern	44.30	31.69
Northern	55.18	73.96
Total Annual Miles	240.88	248.20

Mid-cycle work is additional work completed on a circuit in between the standard cycle under the SMT. This can include vine removal, tree trimming, and tree removal. This program is an emergent one and the budget is minimal as the Company is prioritizing the SMT cycle work with the funding available. If the need arises to address circuit miles with this application, the Company will utilize funds from the allocated budget. The Plan Miles were derived from Docket No. DE 23-021, Attachment RDA/EN/RDJ-2, at Page 3 (Bates Page 74), as filed on March 1, 2023.

Eversource 2023 Mid Cycle		
Region	Plan Miles	Actual Miles
Southern	0.00	0.00
Central	0.00	0.00
Western	0.00	0.00
Eastern	0.00	0.00
Northern	0.00	1.00
Total Annual Miles	0.00	1.00

Customer Request work is work that is generated or initiated to address an issue identified by a customer rather than as part of the scheduled or planned circuit miles. Most often, these are service

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from customers. The work needed to mitigate the issues posed by these trees is often performed by Company contractors. The Plan Spend was derived from Docket No. DE 23-021, Attachment RDA/EN/RDJ-2, at Page 4 (Bates Page 75), as filed on March 1, 2023. The Plan Spend is not available by region as the work is emergent and dependent on developments in the field.

Eversource 2023 Customer Request Work		
Region	Plan Spend	Actual Spend
Southern	0.00	\$85,429
Central	0.00	\$117,379
Western	0.00	\$142,689
Eastern	0.00	\$115,894
Northern	0.00	\$23,776
Total Annual Spend	0.00	\$485,167

The Hot Spot Program addresses tree growth in between cycles. If there is a reliability concern that is caused by a tree prior to its next scheduled trim, we will assess and mitigate if needed. The Plan Miles were derived from Docket No. DE 23-021, Attachment RDA/EN/RDJ-2, at Page 4 (Bates Page 75), as filed on March 1, 2023.

Eversource 2023 Hot Spot		
Region	Plan Miles	Actual Miles
Southern	0.00	1.74
Central	0.00	0.31
Western	0.00	0.00
Eastern	0.00	0.09
Northern	0.00	0.26
Total Annual Miles	0.00	2.40

The rights of way (“ROW”) maintenance program includes mowing and side trimming. The acres listed were mowed, and during the quality control inspection of the mowing, any tree limbs that were within 20 feet of the line were noted and a crew was sent to trim the limbs. The Plan Acres were derived from Docket No. DE 23-021, Attachment RDA/EN/RDJ-2, at Page 5 (Bates Page 76), as filed on March 1, 2023.

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Eversource 2023 ROW Maintenance				
Region	Plan Side Trim Miles	Actual Side Trim Miles	Plan Acres (Mowing)	Actual Acres (Mowing)
Southern	3.30	0.00	13.33	0.00
Central	5.20	9.77	118.29	118.29
Western	12.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eastern	8.60	14.60	258.39	176.95
Northern	20.16	21.60	680.04	261.79
Total Annual Miles/Acres	49.36	45.97	1,070.05	557.03

The Full Width Clearing of ROW identifies ROWs where enhanced clearing will benefit customers and workers. This work is competitively bid. The tree contractor clears brush and trees to the full easement width. At the edge of the easement, the bordering trees are trimmed from ground to sky. The Company’s arborists work closely with abutting property owners to communicate the work needed and the final product. The Plan Miles were derived from Docket No. DE 23-021, Attachment RDA/EN/RDJ-2, at Page 5 (Bates Page 76), as filed on March 1, 2023.

Eversource 2023 Full Width Clearing		
Region	Plan Miles	Actual Miles
Southern	0.00	0.00
Central	4.40	1.00
Western	0.00	2.40
Eastern	0.00	0.00
Northern	2.80	2.20
Total Annual Miles	7.20	5.60

For the ETT Program, the Company identified 43.91 miles of planned three phase circuits in 2023. These miles were competitively bid. Actual miles completed totaled 25.75 miles. The Plan Miles were derived from Docket No. DE 23-021, Attachment RDA/EN/RDJ-2, at Page 6 (Bates Page 77), as filed on March 1, 2023.

Eversource 2023 ETT		
Region	Plan Miles	Actual Miles
Southern	9.07	9.07
Central	10.14	5.32
Western	6.85	2.72
Eastern	10.12	4.72
Northern	7.73	3.92
Total Annual Miles	43.91	25.75

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The Company profiles the SMT circuits for hazard trees. Hazard trees are trees that are diseased or damaged and should be removed rather than trimmed due to their potential to impact the electric system. It is best practice to remove the troublesome trees while trimming the circuit. The customers on whose property the hazard trees grow, and who, therefore, own the hazard trees, are engaged in one conversation for both programs. The total number of trees removed are compiled monthly. The Company’s 2023 plan included SMT and METT of 2,158.21 and 240.88 miles, respectively, as compared to the 2023 actuals for SMT and METT of 2,227.23 and 248.2 miles, respectively.

Eversource 2023 Total Number of Hazard Trees		
Region	Plan Trees	Actual Trees
Southern	0	1,702
Central	0	3,999
Western	0	5,696
Eastern	0	2,591
Northern	0	3,408
Total Trees Removed	0	17,396

While Eversource has experienced professionals managing its Vegetation Management Program, there are longer-term concerns with the work force. There are very few programs in high school or college to attract students to Arboriculture/Forestry. It is a difficult job performed in all types of weather, usually aloft. This has had a direct impact on the work the Company does and the availability of trained individuals to do it, and, as has been seen in recent bids, has had a material impact on costs. However, the roster of contractors working on our system increased in 2023. Enviro Arbor Solutions (EAS) from Florida was awarded a circuit through competitive bid in the Tilton AWC, and they also were awarded work in Massachusetts. Subsequently, they have established an office in NH and hope to be involved in our work annually. Wright Tree from Iowa has worked on our system for the past 2 years and have been awarded work in the Bedford and Epping AWC’s for 2024. Wright Tree Supervision has made a commitment to our work as they built a house in NH and recently moved in.

These two anecdotes are noteworthy as an indicator of more crew resources becoming available to our industry in NH.

Additionally, we continue to participate in new or innovative equipment being utilized on our system. In 2023, we brought in a contractor with a knuckle boom crane. Among the perceived benefits for this type of crane; a smaller, narrower, “footprint” when setting up the work zone, a grapple which locks on to the tree trunk and controls it through the cut, and the ability to be more versatile in accessing locations.

Table 1. Summary of Eversource's 2023 Planned vs. Actual Vegetation Management Program Costs														
Line	(a) VMP Activity	(b) 2023 Plan			(d) (b) + (c)	(e) 2023 Actual			(g) (e) + (f)	(h) (b) - (e)	(i) Variance		(j) (h) + (i)	Reference
		Gross Cost	Reimbursements	Net Cost		Gross Cost	Reimbursements	Net Cost			Gross Cost	Reimbursements		
1	Scheduled Maintenance Trim (SMT)	\$ 20,874,282	\$ (1,391,619)	\$ 19,482,663	\$ 20,014,088	\$ (2,032,935)	\$ 17,981,153	\$ 860,194	\$ 641,316	\$ 1,501,510		Tables 2-6 (part)		
2	METT	2,250,977	(150,065)	2,100,912	1,520,077	-	1,520,077	730,900	(150,065)	580,834		Tables 2-6 (part)		
3	Mid Cycle Review	200,000	-	200,000	7,692	-	7,692	192,308	-	192,308		Table 7		
4	Customer Work	200,000	-	200,000	485,167	-	485,167	(285,167)	-	(285,167)		Table 9		
5	Hot Spot Work	400,000	-	400,000	24,828	-	24,828	375,172	-	375,172		Table 8		
6	Make Safe	-	-	-	10,377	-	10,377	(10,377)	-	(10,377)		(10,377)		
7	Sub Transmission (Mowing/Side Trim)	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	1,806,318	-	1,806,318	(806,318)	-	(806,318)		Table 10		
8	Distribution SMT Total	\$ 24,925,259	\$ (1,541,684)	\$ 23,383,575	\$ 23,868,547	\$ (2,032,935)	\$ 21,835,612	\$ 1,056,712	\$ 491,251	\$ 1,547,963		Sum of Line 1 to Line 7		
9	Full Width Clearing	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ 346,237	\$ -	\$ 346,237	\$ 253,763	\$ -	\$ 253,763		Table 11		
10	Hazard Tree Removal (HTR)	11,000,000	(1,833,333)	9,166,667	8,809,752	(1,197,136)	7,612,616	2,190,248	(636,197)	1,554,051		Table 13 (part)		
11	Enhanced Tree Trimming	900,000	(20,827)	879,173	632,789	-	632,789	267,211	(20,827)	246,384		Table 12		
12	NH Reliability	-	-	-	579,538	-	579,538	(579,538)	-	(579,538)		(579,538)		
13	Distribution Reliability Total	\$ 12,500,000	\$ (1,854,160)	\$ 10,645,840	\$ 10,368,316	\$ (1,197,136)	\$ 9,171,181	\$ 2,131,684	\$ (657,024)	\$ 1,474,659		Sum of Line 9 to Line 12		
14	RRA VMP Cost - Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,236,864	\$ (3,230,071)	\$ 31,006,793	\$ 3,188,395	\$ (165,773)	\$ 3,022,622		Line 8 + Line 13		
15	RRA Carryover - 2022 VMP Over Recovery	-	-	-	(2,126,381)	-	(2,126,381)	2,126,381	-	2,126,381		DE 23-021		
16	RRA VMP Cost - Net	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,110,483	\$ (3,230,071)	\$ 28,880,412	\$ 5,314,776	\$ (165,773)	\$ 5,149,003		Line 14 + Line 15		
17	PPAM VMP Cost - SMT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,155,540	\$ 1,347,165	\$ 5,502,705	\$ (4,155,540)	\$ (1,347,165)	\$ (5,502,705)		Tables 2-6 (part)		
18	PPAM VMP Cost - HTR	-	-	-	5,041,854	779,397	5,821,251	(5,041,854)	(779,397)	(5,821,251)		Table 13 (part)		
19	PPAM VMP Cost - Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,197,394	\$ 2,126,562	\$ 11,323,956	\$ (9,197,394)	\$ (2,126,562)	\$ (11,323,956)		Line 17 + Line 18		
20	Vegetation Management Program Total	\$ 37,425,259	\$ (3,395,844)	\$ 34,029,415	\$ 41,307,877	\$ (1,103,509)	\$ 40,204,367	\$ (3,882,618)	\$ (2,292,335)	\$ (6,174,952)		Line 16 + Line 19		
21	2023 Miles (SMT/METT)	2,399			2,475			(76)						
22	2023 Total VMP Cost	\$ 37,425,259	\$ (3,395,844)	\$ 34,029,415	\$ 41,307,877	\$ (1,103,509)	\$ 40,204,367	\$ (3,882,618)	\$ (2,292,335)	\$ (6,174,952)		Line 20		

**Table 2. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Scheduled Maintenance Trimming (SMT) and
Maintenance Enhanced Tree Trimming (METT)
Eastern Region (Epping, Portsmouth and Rochester Area Work Centers)**

Trim Year	Circuit	SMT Plan	SMT Actual	METT Plan	METT Actual	Primary Town	AWC	Plan Total Circuit Miles	Actual Total Circuit Miles
2023	3103X	18.57	18.57	5.3	5.3	Brentwood	Epping	23.87	23.87
2023	3103X1	38.3	38.3	5.41	5.41	Fremont	Epping	43.71	43.71
2023	63w1	60.55	60.55	0.74	0.74	Strafford	Epping	61.29	61.29
2023	3102X8	0.04	0.04	0	0	Portsmouth	Portsmouth	0.04	0.04
2023	3102x6	1.18	1.18	0	0	Portsmouth	Portsmouth	1.18	1.18
2023	3148x4	3.5	3.5	0	0	Dover	Rochester	3.5	3.5
2023	32X3	9.73	9.73	5.75	5.75	Dover	Rochester	15.48	15.48
2023	3174X3	1.41	1.41	0	0	Farmington	Rochester	1.41	1.41
2023	362	8.09	8.09	10.82	10.82	Farmington	Rochester	18.91	18.91
2023	362x2	44.13	44.13	0	0	New Durham	Rochester	44.13	44.13
2023	3157X2	0.76	0.76	0	0	Milton	Rochester	0.76	0.76
2023	28H1	0	0	1.63	1.63	Rochester	Rochester	1.63	1.63
2023	28H2	2.77	2.77	0	0	Rochester	Rochester	2.77	2.77
2023	32X6	2.71	2.71	1.16	1.16	Rochester	Rochester	3.87	3.87
2023	340X2	0.29	0.29	0	0	Rochester	Rochester	0.29	0.29
2023	34w4	14.66	14.66	0	0	Rochester	Rochester	14.66	14.66
2023	392x3	0.43	0.43	0	0	Rochester	Rochester	0.43	0.43
2023	392x9	0.14	0.14	0	0	Rochester	Rochester	0.14	0.14
2023	53W2	7.58	7.58	0	0	Rochester	Rochester	7.58	7.58
2023	39w2	31.5	31.5	0.88	0.88	Rochester	Rochester	32.38	32.38
2023	53w1	3.04	3.04	0	0	Rochester	Rochester	3.04	3.04
2023	39w1	10.29	10.29	0	0	Rochester	Rochester	10.29	10.29
2023	392x2	8.96	8.96	0	0	Rochester	Rochester	8.96	8.96
2023	34w2	12.29	12.29	0	0	Rochester	Rochester	12.29	12.29
2023	32X98	0.22	0.22	0	0	Somersworth	Rochester	0.22	0.22
2023	371X1	29.27	29.27	0	0	Somersworth	Rochester	29.27	29.27
2023	371X22	3.13	3.13	0	0	Somersworth	Rochester	3.13	3.13
2023	371X3	0.29	0.29	0	0	Somersworth	Rochester	0.29	0.29
Total		313.83	313.83	31.69	31.69			345.52	345.52

**Table 3. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Scheduled Maintenance Trimming (SMT) and Maintenance Enhanced Tree Trimming (METT)
Southern Region (Nashua and Derry Area Work Centers)**

Trim Year	Circuit	SMT Plan	SMT Actual	METT Plan	METT Actual	Primary Town	AWC	Plan Total Circuit Miles	Actual Total Circuit Miles
2023	32W1	20.1	20.1	0	0	Derry	Derry	20.1	20.1
2023	32W3	4.21	4.21	0	0	Derry	Derry	4.21	4.21
2023	32W4	15.1	15.1	0	0	Derry	Derry	15.1	15.1
2023	32W5	26.53	26.53	0	0	Derry	Derry	26.53	26.53
2023	365X	16.18	16.18	0	0	Derry	Derry	16.18	16.18
2023	3818	67.75	67.75	0	0	Hampstead	Derry	69.4	69.4
2023	3128X	66.14	66.14	0	0	Londonderry	Derry	66.14	66.14
2023	3184X	24.95	24.95	0	0	Londonderry	Derry	24.95	24.95
2023	24W1	20.98	20.98	7.03	7.03	Hollis	Nashua	28.01	28.01
2023	389X3	2.12	2.12	0	0	Hudson	Nashua	4.87	4.87
2023	72W1	10.8	10.8	0.03	0.03	Hudson	Nashua	10.99	10.99
2023	314X54	6	6	4.4	4.4	Milford	Nashua	10.71	10.71
2023	3143X	3.45	3.45	0	0	Milford	Nashua	4.7	4.7
2023	23W7	5.46	5.46	2.02	2.02	Milford	Nashua	7.5	7.5
2023	23H3	1.96	1.96	1.09	1.09	Milford	Nashua	3.06	3.06
2023	3144X1	12.53	12.53	4.3	4.3	Nashua	Nashua	16.84	16.84
2023	3177XA	18.04	18.04	1.78	1.78	Nashua	Nashua	19.82	19.82
2023	3177X	10.37	10.37	8.02	8.02	Nashua	Nashua	18.39	18.39
2023	3144	7.3	7.3	0	0	Nashua	Nashua	8.38	8.38
2023	3223	1.81	1.81	0	0	Nashua	Nashua	2.63	2.63
Total		341.78	341.78	28.67	28.67			378.51	378.51

**Table 4. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Scheduled Maintenance Trimming (SMT) and
Maintenance Enhanced Tree Trimming (METT)
Central Region (Bedford and Hooksett Area Work Centers)**

Trim Year	Circuit	SMT Plan	SMT Actual	METT Plan	METT Actual	Primary Town	AWC	Plan Total Circuit Miles	Actual Total Circuit Miles
2023	3W2	18.73	18.73	3.76	3.76	Bedford	Bedford	22.49	22.49
2023	324X2	0.2	0.2	0	0	Bedford	Bedford	0.2	0.2
2023	3W1	19.61	19.61	1.7	1.7	Bedford	Bedford	21.31	21.31
2023	3173X1	66.9	66.9	1.39	1.39	Deering	Bedford	68.29	68.29
2023	3271X5	10.44	10.44	0	0	Goffstown	Bedford	10.44	10.44
2023	328	0.25	0.25	0	0	Goffstown	Bedford	0.25	0.25
2023	328X11	0.33	0.33	0	0	Goffstown	Bedford	0.33	0.33
2023	328X2	2.55	2.55	0	0	Goffstown	Bedford	2.55	2.55
2023	328X6	0.22	0.22	0	0	Goffstown	Bedford	0.22	0.22
2023	328X7	0.67	0.67	0	0	Goffstown	Bedford	0.67	0.67
2023	360X6	0.13	0.13	0	0	Goffstown	Bedford	0.13	0.13
2023	360X8	0.23	0.23	0	0	Goffstown	Bedford	0.23	0.23
2023	360X9	3.72	3.72	0	0	Goffstown	Bedford	3.72	3.72
2023	27W2	12.23	12.23	0	0	Goffstown	Bedford	12.23	12.23
2023	335X3	1.69	1.69	2.62	2.62	Hooksett	Bedford	4.31	4.31
2023	335X56	0.62	0.62	0	0	Hooksett	Bedford	0.62	0.62
2023	335X2_12	15.29	15.42	1.15	1.15	Hooksett	Bedford	16.57	16.57
2023	3138X	10.16	10.16	0	0	Manchester	Bedford	10.16	10.16
2023	12W2	3.63	3.63	0.67	0.67	Manchester	Bedford	4.3	4.3
2023	12W3	4.24	4.24	0.53	0.53	Manchester	Bedford	4.77	4.77
2023	387X4_12	0.1	0.1			Manchester	Bedford	0.1	0.1
2023	323X5	34.08	34.08	1.44	1.44	Merrimack	Bedford	35.52	35.52
2023	3164	0.1	0.1	0	0	Merrimack	Bedford	0.1	0.1
2023	3197X	13.68	13.68	0.95	0.95	Merrimack	Bedford	14.63	14.63
2023	5W1	0.2	0.2	0	0	Merrimack	Bedford	0.2	0.2
2023	5W2	11.96	11.96	4.5	4.5	Merrimack	Bedford	16.46	16.46
2023	33H1	46.52	46.52	0.85	0.85	Warner	Bedford	47.37	47.37
2023	3271	1.85	1.85	0	0	Weare	Bedford	1.85	1.85
2023	3673	8.01	8.01	0	0	Manchester	Hooksett	8.01	8.01
2023	14W1	6.73	6.73	0	0	Manchester	Hooksett	6.73	6.73
2023	23W1	0.82	0.82	0	0	Manchester	Hooksett	0.82	0.82
2023	23W3	6.8	6.8	0	0	Manchester	Hooksett	6.8	6.8
2023	23W4	4.84	4.84	0	0	Manchester	Hooksett	4.84	4.84
2023	24H1	1.29	1.53	0	0	Manchester	Hooksett	1.53	1.53
2023	24H2	0.76	0.76	0	0	Manchester	Hooksett	0.76	0.76
2023	321X11	3.31	3.31	1.85	1.85	Manchester	Hooksett	5.16	5.16
2023	393X1	1.08	1.08	0	0	Manchester	Hooksett	1.08	1.08
2023	393X2	2.48	2.48	0.88	0.88	Manchester	Hooksett	3.36	3.36
2023	7W1	7.06	7.06	2.21	2.21	Manchester	Hooksett	9.27	9.27
Total		323.51	323.88	24.50	24.50			348.38	348.38

**Table 5. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Scheduled Maintenance Trimming (SMT) and Maintenance Enhanced Tree Trimming (METT)
Western Region (Keene and Newport Area Work Centers)**

Trim Year	Circuit	SMT Plan	SMT Actual	METT Plan	METT Actual	Primary Town	AWC	Plan Total Circuit Miles	Actual Total Circuit Miles
2023	3178	43.38	43.38	1.55	1.55	Hinsdale	Keene	44.93	44.93
2023	3178x3	20.75	20.75	0.00	0.00	Hinsdale	Keene	20.75	20.75
2023	w110	35.11	35.6	2.39	2.39	Keene	Keene	37.5	37.5
2023	76w5	20.8	20.8	10.30	10.30	Keene	Keene	31.1	31.1
2023	w175	26.23	26.23	0.00	0.00	Keene	Keene	26.23	26.23
2023	w9	10.41	10.41	0.00	0.00	Keene	Keene	10.41	10.41
2023	76w1	19.3	19.88	1.79	1.79	Keene	Keene	21.09	21.09
2023	w2	12.28	12.45	0.00	0.00	Keene	Keene	12.28	12.28
2023	w1	1.8	1.8	0.50	0.50	Keene	Keene	2.3	2.3
2023	313x1	87.83	87.83	12.09	12.09	Peterborough	Keene	99.92	99.92
2023	3120	48.96	48.96	14.82	14.82	Troy	Keene	63.78	63.78
2023	3120x1	17.83	17.83	1.50	1.50	Troy	Keene	19.33	19.33
2023	55w2	21.1	21.1	3.94	3.94	Claremont	Newport	25.04	25.04
2023	75w2	41.69	41.69	9.97	9.97	Claremont	Newport	51.66	51.66
2023	60w1	28.36	28.82	3.00	3.00	Claremont	Newport	31.36	31.36
2023	74w1	18.45	18.45	0.00	0.00	Claremont	Newport	18.45	18.45
2023	54w1	6.88	6.88	3.09	3.09	Claremont	Newport	9.97	9.97
2023	316x1	117.07	117.07	13.44	13.44	Grantham	Newport	130.51	130.51
2023	44H1	28.53	28.53	11.00	11.00	Newport	Newport	39.53	39.53
Total		606.76	608.46	89.38	89.38			696.14	696.14

Table 6. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Scheduled Maintenance Trimming (SMT) and Maintenance Enhanced Tree Trimming (METT)

Northern Region (Berlin, Lancaster, Chocorua and Tilton Area Work Centers)

Trim Year	Circuit	SMT Plan	SMT Actual	METT Plan	METT Actual	Primary Town	AWC	Plan Total Circuit Miles	Actual Total Circuit Miles
2023	21H1	6.03	6.03	0	0	Lancaster	Berlin	6.03	6.03
2023	21H2	5.74	5.74	0	0	Lancaster	Berlin	5.74	5.74
2023	21H4	6.08	6.08	0	0	Colebrook	Berlin	6.08	6.08
2023	21H5	10.21	20.21	0	0	Colebrook	Berlin	10.21	20.21
2023	351X9	2.63	2.63	0	0	Haverhill	Berlin	2.63	2.63
2023	333X	29.49	29.49	7.11	7.11	Conway	Chocorua	36.6	36.6
2023	3218	38.81	38.81	3.04	3.04	Madison	Chocorua	41.85	41.85
2023	5H1	14.68	14.68	5.4	5.4	Colebrook	Lancaster	20.08	20.08
2023	5H2	12.59	12.59	3.59	3.59	Colebrook	Lancaster	16.18	16.18
2023	12w1	67.32	67.32	4.28	4.28	Haverhill	Lancaster	71.6	71.6
2023	59W1	32.17	32.17	3.37	3.37	Lancaster	Lancaster	35.54	35.54
2023	59W2	36.55	36.55	3.11	3.11	Lancaster	Lancaster	39.66	39.66
2023	319X1	100.85	100.85	9.31	9.31	Barnstead	Tilton	100.22	100.22
2023	398X3	26.98	26.98	8.62	8.62	Belmont	Tilton	38.94	38.94
2023	3114	0	3.38	0	0	Danbury	Tilton	0	3.38
2023	337x21	0.03	0.03	0	0	Franklin	Tilton	0.03	0.03
2023	337X3	0.03	0.03	0	0	Franklin	Tilton	0.03	0.03
2023	337X5	0.03	0.03	0	0	Franklin	Tilton	0.03	0.03
2023	1X4	27.59	27.59	3.81	3.81	Franklin	Tilton	26.11	26.11
2023	337x4	0.13	0.13	0	0	Franklin	Tilton	0.13	0.13
2023	3222X	42.02	42.02	10.03	10.03	Guilford	Tilton	52.05	52.05
2023	29X1	11.99	11.99	2.38	2.38	Laconia	Tilton	15.27	15.27
2023	398X1	0.08	0.08	0	0	Laconia	Tilton	0.08	0.08
2023	310X2	0.71	0.71	0	0	Laconia	Tilton	0.71	0.71
2023	310X6	0.12	0.12	0	0	Laconia	Tilton	0.12	0.12
2023	31W2	37.12	37.12	1.28	1.28	Loudon	Tilton	38.4	38.4
2023	30W2	33.45	33.45	2.57	2.57	Loudon	Tilton	36.02	47.52
2023	31W1	57.46	57.46	6.06	6.06	Loudon	Tilton	63.52	63.52
2023	345	0	13.8	0	0	New Hampton	Tilton	0	13.8
2023	3798X1	0.62	0.62	0	0	Northfield	Tilton	0.62	0.62
2023	3137X2	8.69	8.69	0	0	Pittsfield	Tilton	8.65	8.65
2023	390	0	1.9	0	0	Tuftonboro	Tilton	0	1.9
Total		610.20	639.28	73.96	73.96			673.13	713.71

Table 7. 2023 Vegetation Program Actual vs. Plan - Mid Cycle		
Region	Plan Miles	Actual Miles
Southern	-	-
Central	-	-
Western	-	-
Eastern	-	-
Northern	-	1.00
Total Annual Miles	-	1.00

**Table 8. 2023 Vegetation Program Actual
vs. Plan - Hot Spot**

<u>Region</u>	<u>Plan Miles</u>	<u>Actual Miles</u>
Southern	-	1.74
Central	-	0.31
Western	-	-
Eastern	-	0.09
Northern	-	0.26
Total Annual Miles	-	2.40

**Table 9. 2023 Vegetation Program Actual vs.
Plan - Customer Request Work**

<u>Region</u>	<u>Plan Spend</u>	<u>Actual Spend</u>
Southern	\$ -	\$ 85,429
Central	-	117,379
Western	-	142,689
Eastern	-	115,894
Northern	-	23,776
Total Annual Spend	\$ -	\$ 485,167

Table 10. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Right of Way (ROW) Maintenance

Division	AWC	Town(s)	ROW Number	ROW Name/Circuit	Planned Acreage	Actual Acreage	Plan Side Trimming (miles)	Actual Side Trimming (miles)	Voltage (KV)	ROW Width (Feet)	Maint. In Transmission (%)
Central	Bedford	Goffstown Bedford	328	328	53.57	53.57	4.43	4.43	34.5KV	100	0%
Central	Hooksett	Bow Concord Pembroke Allenstown	334G	334G	64.72	64.72	5.34	5.34	34.5KV	100	0%
Central	Subtotal				118.29	118.29	9.77	9.77			
Eastern	Epping	Chichester Pittsfield Epsom Northwood	3137	3137	176.95	176.95	14.60	14.60	34.5KV	100	0%
Eastern	Portsmouth	Greenland	3105	3105	38.05	-	3.14	-	34.5KV	100	0%
Eastern	Portsmouth	North Hampton	3106	3106	11.88	-	0.98	-	34.5KV	100	0%
Eastern	Portsmouth	Portsmouth	3111	3111	31.51	-	2.60	-	34.5KV	100	0%
Eastern	Subtotal				258.39	176.95	21.32	14.60			
Northern	Lancaster	North Umberland	384 Lost Nation S/S - Groveton Paper	384 Lost Nation S/S - Groveton Paper	9.81	-	0.81	-	34.5KV	100	0%
Northern	Lancaster	Stewartstown, Colebrook, Columbia, Stratford, North Umberland	355 Canaan VT S/S - Lost Nation S/S	355 Canaan VT S/S - Lost Nation S/S	408.44	-	33.70	-	34.5KV	100	0%
Northern	Tilton	Ashland, New Hampton, Center Harbor, Meredith, Moultonborough	338 Ashland S/S - pole 338/424	338 Ashland S/S - pole 338/424	261.79	261.79	21.60	21.60	34.5KV	100	0%
Northern	Subtotal				680.04	261.79	56.11	21.60			
Southern	Nashua	Milford	314X12	314X12	13.33	-	1.10	-	34.5KV	100	0%
Southern	Subtotal				13.33	-	1.10	-			
Total					1,070.05	557.03	88.30	45.97			

Table 11. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Right of Way (ROW) Full Width Clearing

Division	AWC	Feeder/Circuit	Scheduled Miles	Actual Miles	Total ROW Miles	ROW Width (Feet)	Primary Town	VOLTAGE (KV)	Percent Distribution
Central	Bedford	323	1.10	1.00	5.28	100'	Merrimack	34.5KV	100%
Central/Western	Bedford/ Keene	317	3.30	2.40	23.46	100'	Warner	34.5KV	100%
Northern	Tilton	319	2.80	2.20	11.37	100'	Pittsfield	34.5KV	100%
Total FWC			7.20	5.60	40.11				

Table 12. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Plan - Enhanced Tree Trimming (ETT)

Division	AWC	Circuit	Planned Miles	Actual Miles	Town	Total Circuit Miles	Circuit Rank
Central	Bedford	3138X_12	1.18	-	Bedford	11.34	384
Central	Bedford	323X10_12	0.02	-	Bedford	0.02	NA
Central	Bedford	3271X5_12	1.47	-	Goffstown	11.91	372
Central	Bedford	3271_12	0.19	-	Goffstown Weare	10.29	350
Central	Bedford	311X1_12	-	2.75	Henniker	35.8	74
Central	Bedford	335X56_12	0.66	-	Hooksett	2.98	NA
Central	Bedford	3164X1_12	0.16	-	Merrimack	0.16	NA
Central	Bedford	3164X4_12	0.04	0.04	Merrimack	0.04	NA
Central	Bedford	3164X6_12	0.03	-	Merrimack	0.03	NA
Central	Bedford	323X6_12	0.24	-	Merrimack	0.24	NA
Central	Bedford	323X9_12	0.04	-	Merrimack	0.04	NA
Central	Bedford	5W1_12	0.17	-	Merrimack	0.37	NA
Central	Bedford	360X9_12	0.21	-	New Boston	5.4	327
Central	Hooksett	3673_11	1.39	-	Manchester	9.4	428
Central	Hooksett	14W1_11	0.65	0.65	Manchester	7.38	136
Central	Hooksett	23W1_11	0.77	-	Manchester	1.59	NA
Central	Hooksett	23W3_11	0.44	-	Manchester	7.24	441
Central	Hooksett	23W4_11	0.30	0.30	Manchester	5.14	NA
Central	Hooksett	24H1_11	0.60	-	Manchester	1.89	NA
Central	Hooksett	24H2_11	0.66	0.66	Manchester	1.42	NA
Central	Hooksett	3119_11	0.14	0.14	Manchester	0.14	NA
Central	Hooksett	393X1_11	0.78	0.78	Manchester	1.86	435
Central	Subtotal			5.32			
Eastern	Portsmouth	3102X6_63	1.41	-	Portsmouth	2.59	NA
Eastern	Rochester	3148X4_61	0.77	0.77	Dover	4.27	159
Eastern	Rochester	3157X4_61	0.40	0.40	Milton	0.4	NA
Eastern	Rochester	28H1_61	0.66	-	Rochester	1.98	NA
Eastern	Rochester	32X5_61	0.04	-	Rochester	0.04	NA
Eastern	Rochester	34W4_61	1.16	-	Rochester	15.82	158
Eastern	Rochester	392X3_61	0.39	-	Rochester	0.82	NA
Eastern	Rochester	392X9_61	1.07	1.07	Rochester	1.21	NA
Eastern	Rochester	53W1_61	1.74	-	Rochester	4.78	NA
Eastern	Rochester	371X1_61	2.48	2.48	Rochester Somersworth	31.75	71
Eastern	Subtotal			4.72			
Northern	Berlin	21H1	0.91	0.91	Berlin	6.94	NA
Northern	Berlin	21H2	0.66	0.66	Berlin	6.4	NA
Northern	Berlin	21H4	0.80	0.80	Berlin	6.32	NA
Northern	Berlin	21H5	0.70	0.70	Berlin	10.91	NA
Northern	Berlin	351X9	0.73	0.73	Gorham	2.71	NA
Northern	Chocorua	3218_45	3.13	-	Silver Lake	48.67	237
Northern	Tilton	337X4_22	0.13	-	Franklin	0.13	NA
Northern	Tilton	310x6	0.12	0.12	Guilford	0.12	NA
Northern	Tilton	398X1_41	0.08	-	Laconia	0.08	NA
Northern	Tilton	310X2_41	0.02	-	Laconia	0.71	NA
Northern	Tilton	3798X1_41	0.45	-	Tilton	0.62	NA
Northern	Subtotal			3.92			
Southern	Derry	3818_23	1.65	1.65	Danville	69.4	50
Southern	Derry	3128X_23	1.14	1.14	Londonderry	68.62	109
Southern	Nashua	3143X_22	1.25	1.25	Amherst	4.7	315
Southern	Nashua	389X3_21	2.75	2.75	Hudson	4.87	NA
Southern	Nashua	3144_21	1.08	1.08	Hudson Nashua	8.38	242
Southern	Nashua	9H1_21	0.38	0.38	Nashua	0.4	NA
Southern	Nashua	3223_21	0.82	0.82	Nashua	2.63	NA
Southern	Subtotal			9.07			
Western	Keene	3178X3_31	4.13	-	Hinsdale	20.75	316
Western	Keene	3178	0.64	0.64	Hinsdale	12.28	62
Western	Keene	W2	0.44	0.44	Keene	44.93	307
Western	Keene	W9	0.75	0.75	Keene	26.23	178

Table 12. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Plan - Enhanced Tree Trimming (ETT)

Division	AWC	Circuit	Planned Miles	Actual Miles	Town	Total Circuit Miles	Circuit Rank
Western	Keene	W175	0.15	0.15	Keene	10.41	155
Western	Newport	74W1	0.74	0.74	Claremont	18.45	264
Western	Subtotal			2.72			
	Total		43.91	25.75			

Table 13. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Hazard Tree Removal

Division	AWC	Circuit	Plan Number of Trees	Actual Number of Trees	Town
Central	Bedford	23X2	0	4	Amherst
Central	Bedford	322X10	0	44	Bedford
Central	Bedford	3W2	0	81	Bedford
Central	Bedford	3138X	0	11	Bedford
Central	Bedford	3W1	0	12	Bedford
Central	Bedford	3197X2	0	4	Bedford
Central	Bedford	3197X	0	4	Bedford
Central	Bedford	3151X9	0	2	Bedford
Central	Bedford	322X12	0	6	Bedford
Central	Bedford	3151	0	24	Bedford
Central	Bedford	3138	0	4	Bedford
Central	Bedford	324	0	3	Bedford
Central	Bedford	3173X1	0	532	Deering
Central	Bedford	328X9	0	9	Deering
Central	Bedford	3271X1	0	454	Dunbarton
Central	Bedford	27W2	0	59	Goffstown
Central	Bedford	360X2	0	14	Goffstown
Central	Bedford	3271X1	0	14	Goffstown
Central	Bedford	3151X2	0	5	Goffstown
Central	Bedford	335X2	0	6	Goffstown
Central	Bedford	328X1	0	12	Goffstown
Central	Bedford	328X9	0	3	Goffstown
Central	Bedford	27W2	0	5	Goffstown
Central	Bedford	328X2	0	5	Goffstown
Central	Bedford	311X1	0	143	Henniker
Central	Bedford	311X5	0	217	Henniker
Central	Bedford	311X2	0	126	Henniker
Central	Bedford	311X3	0	13	Henniker
Central	Bedford	3173X1	0	59	Hillsboro
Central	Bedford	37W1	0	210	Hopkinton
Central	Bedford	37W2	0	51	Hopkinton
Central	Bedford	317X2	0	25	Hopkinton
Central	Bedford	5W2	0	6	Litchfield
Central	Bedford	334X2	0	1	Manchester
Central	Bedford	387	0	2	Manchester
Central	Bedford	3142	0	7	Manchester
Central	Bedford	23X5	0	29	Merrimack
Central	Bedford	3197X	0	11	Merrimack
Central	Bedford	323X5	0	14	Merrimack
Central	Bedford	323	0	28	Merrimack
Central	Bedford	23X6	0	10	Milford
Central	Bedford	23X6	0	44	Mont Vernon
Central	Bedford	85W1	0	93	New Boston
Central	Bedford	360X7	0	36	New Boston

Table 13. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Hazard Tree Removal

Division	AWC	Circuit	Plan Number of Trees	Actual Number of Trees	Town
Central	Bedford	3108X1	0	17	New Boston
Central	Bedford	334	0	153	Pembroke
Central	Bedford	317X1	0	1	Warner
Central	Bedford	33H1	0	70	Warner
Central	Bedford	317X3	0	30	Warner
Central	Bedford	311X5	0	37	Warner
Central	Bedford	3108X1	0	16	Weare
Central	Bedford	3271X2	0	79	Weare
Central	Bedford	3108-	0	11	Weare
Central	Bedford	311X1	0	243	Weare
Central	Bedford	3173X1	0	1	Weare
Central	Hooksett	44W2	0	17	Allenstown
Central	Hooksett	34W18	0	20	Allenstown
Central	Hooksett	44W2	0	11	Auburn
Central	Hooksett	14W7	0	20	Auburn
Central	Hooksett	44W7	0	23	Auburn
Central	Hooksett	16W3	0	8	Auburn
Central	Hooksett	14W7	0	16	Auburn/Hooksett
Central	Hooksett	3615X1	0	667	Candia
Central	Hooksett	34W18	0	1	EPSOM
Central	Hooksett	3615X3	0	21	Hooksett
Central	Hooksett	3613	0	3	Hooksett
Central	Hooksett	324X8	0	12	Londonderry
Central	Hooksett	16W1	0	1	Manchester
Central	Hooksett	372	0	1	Manchester
Central	Hooksett	393	0	22	Manchester
Central	Hooksett	370	0	9	Manchester
Central	Hooksett	34W18	0	20	Pembroke
Central	Hooksett	44W2	0	5	Pembroke
Central	Hooksett	334X17	0	22	Pembroke
Central	Subtotal			3,999	Subtotal
Eastern	Epping	3137x1	0	30	Barrington
Eastern	Epping	3103x1	0	29	Brentwood
Eastern	Epping	377x7	0	26	Brentwood
Eastern	Epping	3103	0	66	Brentwood
Eastern	Epping	3115x	0	14	Chester
Eastern	Epping	3115x12	0	197	Deerfield
Eastern	Epping	3137X1	0	167	Deering
Eastern	Epping	3115x	0	1	Derry
Eastern	Epping	3152x	0	62	Durham
Eastern	Epping	3162x	0	5	Durham
Eastern	Epping	380	0	5	Durham
Eastern	Epping	377x11	0	2	Epping
Eastern	Epping	377x10	0	12	Epping

Table 13. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Hazard Tree Removal

Division	AWC	Circuit	Plan Number of Trees	Actual Number of Trees	Town
Eastern	Epping	377x7	0	4	Epping
Eastern	Epping	3103x1	0	192	Fremont
Eastern	Epping	3103	0	82	Fremont
Eastern	Epping	377x11	0	13	Fremont
Eastern	Epping	377x29	0	7	Fremont
Eastern	Epping	3103x	0	1	Fremont
Eastern	Epping	3137x1	0	11	Lee
Eastern	Epping	3137x10	0	76	Madbury
Eastern	Epping	377x2	0	6	Newmarket
Eastern	Epping	3137x8	0	1	Northwood
Eastern	Epping	3137x80	0	6	Northwood
Eastern	Epping	3137	0	91	Northwood
Eastern	Epping	63w1	0	47	Nottingham
Eastern	Epping	3137x1	0	9	Nottingham
Eastern	Epping	49W1	0	208	Pittsfield
Eastern	Epping	3115	0	9	Raymond
Eastern	Epping	3115x12	0	12	Raymond
Eastern	Epping	63w1	0	20	Strafford
Eastern	Epping	3137x5	0	1	Stratford
Eastern	Portsmouth	38w1	0	8	Dover
Eastern	Portsmouth	399x15	0	1	Dover
Eastern	Portsmouth	54h1	0	1	Dover
Eastern	Portsmouth	3172x2	0	1	Greenland
Eastern	Portsmouth	3172x1	0	2	Hampton
Eastern	Portsmouth	2w5	0	2	New Castle
Eastern	Portsmouth	3191x3	0	26	Newington
Eastern	Portsmouth	3153x	0	16	Newington
Eastern	Portsmouth	367x2	0	5	Newington
Eastern	Portsmouth	3850x1	0	11	Newington
Eastern	Portsmouth	3850	0	23	Newington
Eastern	Portsmouth	3153	0	5	Newington
Eastern	Portsmouth	3172x1	0	5	North Hampton
Eastern	Portsmouth	3172x2	0	1	North Hampton
Eastern	Portsmouth	3850x7	0	3	Portsmouth
Eastern	Portsmouth	3102x6	0	8	Portsmouth
Eastern	Portsmouth	3105x1	0	2	Portsmouth
Eastern	Portsmouth	3191x9	0	5	Portsmouth
Eastern	Portsmouth	3191x3	0	7	Portsmouth
Eastern	Portsmouth	2w5	0	1	Portsmouth
Eastern	Portsmouth	71w1	0	1	Portsmouth
Eastern	Portsmouth	367x2	0	1	Portsmouth
Eastern	Portsmouth	48h2	0	1	Rye
Eastern	Portsmouth	48h1	0	1	Rye
Eastern	Rochester	392x7	0	8	Barrington

Table 13. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Hazard Tree Removal

Division	AWC	Circuit	Plan Number of Trees	Actual Number of Trees	Town
Eastern	Rochester	38w2	0	3	Barrington
Eastern	Rochester	392x1	0	53	Barrington
Eastern	Rochester	73w1	0	89	Brookfield
Eastern	Rochester	36x2	0	6	Brookfield
Eastern	Rochester	56h1_61	0	1	Dover
Eastern	Rochester	54h2	0	1	Dover
Eastern	Rochester	3148x4	0	15	Dover
Eastern	Rochester	399	0	1	Dover
Eastern	Rochester	3425	0	5	Dover
Eastern	Rochester	380x2	0	19	Durham
Eastern	Rochester	392x1	0	55	Farmington
Eastern	Rochester	362x2	0	86	Farmington
Eastern	Rochester	3174x4	0	32	Farmington
Eastern	Rochester	362x2	0	50	Middleton
Eastern	Rochester	57w1	0	36	Milton
Eastern	Rochester	362x2	0	28	Milton
Eastern	Rochester	3157x1	0	3	Milton
Eastern	Rochester	39w2	0	95	Milton
Eastern	Rochester	3157x4	0	25	Milton
Eastern	Rochester	3157	0	76	Milton
Eastern	Rochester	362x2	0	18	New Durham
Eastern	Rochester	3174x4	0	12	New Durham
Eastern	Rochester	371x1	0	26	Rochester
Eastern	Rochester	392x1	0	35	Rochester
Eastern	Rochester	34w4	0	22	Rochester
Eastern	Rochester	392x5	0	1	Rochester
Eastern	Rochester	392x2	0	6	Rochester
Eastern	Rochester	3148X3	0	6	Rollinsford
Eastern	Rochester	51H1_61	0	1	Rollinsford
Eastern	Rochester	371/345	0	15	Somersworth
Eastern	Rochester	392x1	0	139	Strafford
Eastern	Rochester	3157x	0	6	Wakefield
Eastern	Rochester	73w1	0	55	Wakefield
Eastern	Rochester	57w1	0	7	Wakefield
Eastern	Rochester	3157x1	0	3	Wakefield
Eastern	Rochester	73w2	0	3	Wakefield
Eastern	Subtotal			2,591	
Northern	Berlin	3525X5	0	27	Errol
Northern	Berlin	352	0	12	Gorham
Northern	Berlin	25W1	0	9	Milan
Northern	Berlin	3525X2	0	12	Milan
Northern	Berlin	25W1	0	12	Stark
Northern	Chocorua	336X1	0	17	Albany
Northern	Chocorua	347X1	0	29	Albany

Table 13. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Hazard Tree Removal

Division	AWC	Circuit	Plan Number of Trees	Actual Number of Trees	Town
Northern	Chocorua	347-	0	17	Albany
Northern	Chocorua	336X1	0	15	Chatham
Northern	Chocorua	347X1	0	59	Conway
Northern	Chocorua	19W2	0	89	Effingham
Northern	Chocorua	19W1	0	6	Effingham
Northern	Chocorua	3116X1	0	87	Sandwich
Northern	Chocorua	347	0	12	Silverlake
Northern	Lancaster	355X10	0	28	Clarksville
Northern	Lancaster	59W2	0	19	Lancaster
Northern	Lancaster	348X19	0	10	Lisbon
Northern	Lancaster	355X5	0	9	N.Stratford
Northern	Lancaster	355X10	0	103	Pittsburg
Northern	Lancaster	355X10	0	3	Stewartstown
Northern	Tilton	319X1	0	404	Barnstead
Northern	Tilton	49w1	0	15	Barnstead
Northern	Tilton	398X3	0	57	Belmont
Northern	Tilton	398X2	0	18	Belmont
Northern	Tilton	30W2	0	7	Belmont
Northern	Tilton	2W2	0	19	Belmont
Northern	Tilton	31W1	0	330	Canterbury
Northern	Tilton	30W2	0	27	Chichester
Northern	Tilton	3025	0	10	Concord
Northern	Tilton	334g	0	25	Concord
Northern	Tilton	317	0	5	Concord
Northern	Tilton	1X4	0	48	Franklin
Northern	Tilton	337X8	0	3	Franklin
Northern	Tilton	39H2	0	1	Franklin
Northern	Tilton	37H1	0	5	Franklin
Northern	Tilton	3222X	0	270	Gilford
Northern	Tilton	310	0	6	Guilford
Northern	Tilton	20W2	0	1	Hebron
Northern	Tilton	29X1	0	11	Laconia
Northern	Tilton	345	0	21	Laconia
Northern	Tilton	30W2	0	156	Loudon
Northern	Tilton	31W2	0	77	Loudon
Northern	Tilton	319X1	0	4	Loudon
Northern	Tilton	31W1	0	763	Loudon
Northern	Tilton	345	0	10	Meredith
Northern	Tilton	338	0	1	Meredith
Northern	Tilton	346	0	15	Moultonboro
Northern	Tilton	345	0	66	New Hampton
Northern	Tilton	3798X2	0	7	Northfield
Northern	Tilton	3798X4	0	18	Northfield
Northern	Tilton	39H2	0	2	Northfield

Table 13. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Hazard Tree Removal

Division	AWC	Circuit	Plan Number of Trees	Actual Number of Trees	Town
Northern	Tilton	319X1	0	204	Pittsfield
Northern	Tilton	319	0	105	Pittsfield
Northern	Tilton	3196	0	15	Plymouth
Northern	Tilton	3798X4	0	10	Sanbornton
Northern	Tilton	319X1	0	60	Strafford
Northern	Tilton	390	0	37	Tuftonboro
Northern	Subtotal			3,408	
Southern	Derry	3818	0	5	Atkinson
Southern	Derry	3141	0	11	Danville
Southern	Derry	3141x	0	153	Derry
Southern	Derry	32w1	0	28	Derry
Southern	Derry	32w	0	12	Derry
Southern	Derry	26w1	0	2	Derry
Southern	Derry	32w3	0	9	Derry
Southern	Derry	3128x	0	1	Derry
Southern	Derry	32w5	0	98	Derry
Southern	Derry	32w4	0	38	Derry
Southern	Derry	3818	0	247	Hampstead
Southern	Derry	3141x	0	1	Hampstead
Southern	Derry	3750	0	29	Litchfield
Southern	Derry	3184X	0	3	Londonderry
Southern	Derry	3128x	0	128	Londonderry
Southern	Derry	365x	0	31	Londonderry
Southern	Derry	3141x	0	1	Sandown
Southern	Derry	3818	0	61	Sandown
Southern	Derry	3141	0	9	Sandown
Southern	Derry	3128x	0	17	Windham
Southern	Derry	32w5	0	11	Windham
Southern	Derry	3133x	0	3	Windham
Southern	Nashua	3159x	0	12	Amherst
Southern	Nashua	3155x2	0	92	Brookline
Southern	Nashua	314x23	0	17	Derry
Southern	Nashua	3217x	0	19	Hollis
Southern	Nashua	329	0	28	Hollis
Southern	Nashua	314x4	0	117	Lyndeborough
Southern	Nashua	314x22	0	14	Lyndeborough
Southern	Nashua	3155x2	0	154	Mason
Southern	Nashua	314x15	0	2	Mason
Southern	Nashua	3155x7	0	1	Mason
Southern	Nashua	3159x	0	40	Merrimack
Southern	Nashua	3155x2	0	34	Milford
Southern	Nashua	314x12	0	2	Milford
Southern	Nashua	23w7	0	1	Milford
Southern	Nashua	3177	0	9	Nashua

Table 13. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Hazard Tree Removal

Division	AWC	Circuit	Plan Number of Trees	Actual Number of Trees	Town
Southern	Nashua	3891	0	12	Nashua
Southern	Nashua	3020	0	95	Nashua
Southern	Nashua	3217x	0	56	Nashua
Southern	Nashua	3h1	0	1	Nashua
Southern	Nashua	3445x21	0	8	Nashua
Southern	Nashua	3020x	0	2	Nashua
Southern	Nashua	314x23	0	9	Temple
Southern	Nashua	314x46	0	15	Wilton
Southern	Nashua	314x	0	30	Wilton
Southern	Nashua	314x23	0	31	Wilton
Southern	Nashua	314x4	0	2	Wilton
Southern	Pembroke	3615X1	0	1	Pembroke
Southern	Subtotal			1,702	
Western	Keene	3140-	0	18	Antrim
Western	Keene	313	0	15	Antrim
Western	Keene	313X7	0	9	Bennington
Western	Keene	24X1	0	113	Bennington
Western	Keene	3140X2	0	16	Bradford
Western	Keene	W110	0	10	Chesterfield
Western	Keene	3139X	0	65	Chesterfield
Western	Keene	53H2	0	10	Dublin
Western	Keene	313x4	0	14	Dublin
Western	Keene	3120-	0	3	Fitzwilliam
Western	Keene	24X1	0	224	Francestown
Western	Keene	24X1	0	17	Greenfield
Western	Keene	313X1	0	33	Greenfield
Western	Keene	33W1	0	179	Hancock
Western	Keene	313	0	5	Hancock
Western	Keene	W15	0	3	Harrisville
Western	Keene	53H1	0	20	Harrisville
Western	Keene	3140X2	0	41	Hillsboro
Western	Keene	313	0	12	Hillsborough
Western	Keene	3178-	0	7	Hinsdale
Western	Keene	382X3	0	33	Jaffrey
Western	Keene	3235	0	1	Jaffrey
Western	Keene	W175	0	10	Keene
Western	Keene	4W1	0	7	Keene
Western	Keene	W110	0	16	Keene
Western	Keene	4W2	0	7	Keene
Western	Keene	W2	0	9	Keene
Western	Keene	76W5	0	9	Keene
Western	Keene	76w7	0	129	Keene
Western	Keene	76W4	0	182	Keene
Western	Keene	W185	0	10	Keene

Table 13. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Hazard Tree Removal

Division	AWC	Circuit	Plan Number of Trees	Actual Number of Trees	Town
Western	Keene	76w1	0	21	Keene
Western	Keene	76W7	0	1	Marlow
Western	Keene	3155X4	0	6	New Ipswich
Western	Keene	313X1	0	45	Peterboro
Western	Keene	4W1	0	4	Richmond
Western	Keene	3120	0	14	Rindge
Western	Keene	3120-	0	8	Rindge
Western	Keene	382X2	0	6	Rindge
Western	Keene	76W7	0	11	Sullivan
Western	Keene	316	0	35	Sunapee
Western	Keene	4W1	0	22	Swanzy
Western	Keene	W185	0	22	Swanzy
Western	Keene	4W1	0	131	Swanzy
Western	Keene	317	0	427	Warner
Western	Keene	3140X2	0	32	Washington
Western	Newport	316-	0	1	Bradford
Western	Newport	316	0	548	Bradford
Western	Newport	3410	0	24	Bradford
Western	Newport	75W2	0	39	Claremont
Western	Newport	55W2	0	123	Claremont
Western	Newport	74W1	0	21	Claremont
Western	Newport	54W1	0	2	Claremont
Western	Newport	60W1	0	28	Claremont
Western	Newport	47W1	0	81	Cornish
Western	Newport	75W2	0	128	Cornish
Western	Newport	44H1	0	1	Croydon
Western	Newport	42X4	0	1	Goshen
Western	Newport	316X1	0	403	Grantham
Western	Newport	17W1	0	6	Lyme
Western	Newport	316	0	4	New London
Western	Newport	316X2	0	443	New London
Western	Newport	48W1	0	217	New London
Western	Newport	3410	0	62	Newbury
Western	Newport	316X2	0	162	Newbury
Western	Newport	315x2	0	140	Newport
Western	Newport	3410	0	10	Newport
Western	Newport	42x3	0	111	Newport
Western	Newport	42x1	0	18	Newport
Western	Newport	44H1	0	9	Newport
Western	Newport	315	0	45	Newport
Western	Newport	316X1	0	256	Springfield
Western	Newport	3410-	0	82	Sunapee
Western	Newport	316	0	22	Sunapee
Western	Newport	316X1	0	29	Sunapee

Table 13. 2023 Vegetation Management Program Actual vs. Plan - Hazard Tree Removal

Division	AWC	Circuit	Plan Number of Trees	Actual Number of Trees	Town
Western	Newport	3410	0	211	Sunapee
Western	Newport	316	0	136	Sunapee
Western	Newport	316	0	12	Sutton
Western	Newport	316	0	106	Sutton
Western	Newport	316X2	0	163	Sutton
Western	Newport	3410	0	21	Sutton
Western	Newport	60W1	0	3	Unity
Western	Newport	316	0	1	Warner
Western	Newport	3410	0	15	Warner
Western	Subtotal			5,696	
	Total			17,396	



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RE: Docket No. DE 19-057, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy 2024 Vegetation Management Annual Filing

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Settlement Agreement approved in the above-referenced proceeding, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (the "Company") is required to file a proposed vegetation management plan in November of each year setting out the proposed vegetation management work for the subsequent calendar year. Accordingly, enclosed please find information regarding the Company's 2024 vegetation management program plan.

Consistent with current Commission policy this filing is being made electronically only, and paper copies will not follow. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ David Wiesner

David K. Wiesner
Senior Counsel

Attachment
cc: DE 19-057 Service List

**Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
2024 Vegetation Management Plan for review by the Department of Energy**

November 15, 2023

Consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement in Docket No. DE 19-057, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) Is providing the vegetation management plan for calendar year 2024 for review by and discussion with the Department of Energy (DOE) staff.¹

As required by Section 6.2 of the Settlement Agreement, in November of each year Eversource is to file a proposed vegetation management plan setting out the proposed vegetation management work for the coming calendar year. That plan filing shall include the following:

- A. A summary of budgeted costs by program (i.e. ETT/Hazard Tree Removal, SMT and Full-Width ROW Clearing).
- B. Detailed information on each program as follows:
 - i. ETT/Hazard Tree Removal: Town; Circuit Number; Total Circuit Miles; Scheduled Circuit Miles; and Circuit Ranking by SAIDI and SAIFI (Tree Related only).
 - ii. SMT (Scheduled Maintenance Trimming, Mid-Cycle Trimming, Side Trimming and Customer Request , Hot Spot , and Maintenance ETT):Town; Circuit Number; Total Circuit Miles; and Scheduled Circuit Miles.
 - iii. SMT (ROW Maintenance Mowing and Side Trimming): ROW Number; ROW Name; Voltage; and Total Acreage; and the percentage of the clearing attributable to distribution if transmission ROW.
 - iv. ROW Clearing: ROW Number; ROW Name; Voltage; and Total Miles; ROW Width; and the percentage of the clearing attributable to distribution if transmission ROW.

Included in the narrative below is a presentation of the proposed plan and estimated budgets using information known at this time. The detailed information on each program is provided at the end of the narrative and reflects the scheduled miles for the Company to maintain a 5-year maintenance cycle, in line with the 5-year cycle pruning requirements of the Commission’s rule Puc 307.10. This plan is based on the negotiated 2024 pricing with Eversource’s vendors.

Additionally, in the detailed plan at the end of this report the Company has included the relevant circuits and miles planned for 2024. The Company looks forward to discussing this plan with the Department of Energy.

2024 Projected Budget:

The table below provides a summary of the 2024 planned vegetation management program. The \$39.9 million budget is a gross budget and does not include any reimbursements received from telephone company providers related to scheduled maintenance trim and hazard tree removal activities.

¹In light of the transfer of the much of the Commission’s personnel and responsibilities to the DOE as of July 1, 2021, Eversource is providing to this plan to the DOE Staff instead of the Commission’s staff.

Eversource 2024 Planned Vegetation Management Activities	
<u>VM Activity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Scheduled Maintenance Trim	\$19,292,598
METT	\$2,689,703
Mid Cycle	\$300,000
Customer Request	\$200,000
Hot Spot	\$200,000
Sub Transmission (Mowing/Side Trim)	\$2,000,000
<u>Distribution SMT Total</u>	<u>\$24,682,301</u>
Full Width Clearing	\$1,200,000
Hazard Tree Removal	\$12,000,000
Enhanced Tree Trimming	\$2,000,000
<u>Vegetation Management Program Total</u>	<u>\$39,882,301</u>

Scheduled Maintenance Trimming (“SMT”) Program

The Company’s SMT cycle is based on a 12,000-mile distribution overhead system. The Company’s plan for 2024 is to have tree contractors perform maintenance (SMT and METT) on 2,344 miles. The budgets were constructed around that plan. The table immediately below shows the proposed SMT trimming dollars and miles. The other programs will also each have a respective table.

<u>Eversource SMT Miles</u>		
Total Miles = 2,047.84	<u>Region</u>	<u>2024 Miles</u>
Budget \$19,292,598	SOUTHERN	152.08
	CENTRAL	348.77
	WESTERN	451.03
	EASTERN	453.43
	NORTHERN	642.53
	<u>Total Annual Miles</u>	<u>2,047.84</u>

Maintenance Enhanced Tree Trimming (“METT”) Program

METT is maintenance trimming performed on miles that were previously subject to Enhanced Tree Trimming (“ETT”). The amount of METT changes each year based on the circuit schedule. As with the SMT, this work was also part of the 4-year contract that was put out to bid in 2020 and the budget and miles reflect the current pricing.

<u>Eversource METT Miles</u>		
<u>Total Miles = 295.76</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>2024 Miles</u>
Budget \$2,689,703	SOUTHERN	33.77
	CENTRAL	61.84
	WESTERN	41.93
	EASTERN	60.72
	NORTHERN	97.50
	<u>Total Annual Miles</u>	<u>295.76</u>

Mid-Cycle

Mid-cycle refers to additional trimming that may be completed on a circuit in between the standard cycle under the SMT. This can include vine removal and hazard trees. This program is an emergent one. If the need arises to address circuit miles with this application, the Company will work within the allocated budget to redistribute these funds. In 2024, the Company plans on utilizing analytics such as Power BI to assist with this program. Circuit patrols will be performed by company Arborists to determine vegetative growth since last trim, along with a windshield survey of tree health.

<u>Eversource Mid-cycle Miles</u>		
<u>Total Miles = TBD</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>2024 Miles</u>
Budget \$300,000	SOUTHERN	
	CENTRAL	
	WESTERN	
	EASTERN	
	NORTHERN	
	<u>Total Annual Miles</u>	<u>TBD</u>

Customer Requests

Customer Requests are generated or instigated to address an issue identified by a customer rather than as part of the scheduled or planned circuit miles. Most often, these are service trimming requests. The amount of Customer Request work changes every year. Eversource has encouraged customers through social media and the Company’s website to consider hiring professionals to handle their tree concerns. However, due to the prevalence of invasive insects and diseases in New Hampshire, the Company sometimes learns about problematic trees, or groups of trees from customers. The work needed to mitigate the issues posed by these trees is often performed by Eversource’s contractors. Eversource has estimated \$200,000 of expense related to customer work for 2024.

<u>Eversource Customer Request</u>		
<u>Total Miles = TBD</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>2024 Miles</u>
Budget \$200,000	SOUTHERN	
	CENTRAL	
	WESTERN	
	EASTERN	
	NORTHERN	
	Total Annual Miles	TBD

Hot Spot Program

The Hot Spot program addresses tree growth in between cycles. The Company has not allocated funds for this program, and any proposed circuit miles have not yet been identified. This type of program can also be called “just in time” trimming. The Company will utilize Power BI, as well as the ESRI platform applications that are used to track tree related outages. These two programs will help us to strategize and plan hot spot trimming when needed on impacted circuits.

<u>Eversource Hot Spot</u>		
<u>Total Miles = TBD</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>2024 Miles</u>
Budget \$200,000	SOUTHERN	
	CENTRAL	
	WESTERN	
	EASTERN	
	NORTHERN	
	Total Annual Miles	TBD

ROW Maintenance

The ROW maintenance program includes mowing and side trimming. The acres listed will be mowed. During the Quality Control inspection of the mowing, any tree limbs that are within 20 feet of the line will be noted and a crew will be sent to remove the limb(s).

<u>Eversource ROW Maintenance</u>		
<u>Total Acres = 1,723</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>2024 Acres</u>
Budget \$2,000,000	SOUTHERN	24
	CENTRAL	15
	WESTERN	413
	EASTERN	240
	NORTHERN	1,031
	Total Annual Acres	<u>1,723</u>

Full Width Clearing of ROW

This program identifies ROWs where enhanced clearing will benefit customer reliability and increase safety for our workers. This work is competitively bid annually. The tree contractor clears brush and trees to the full easement width. At the edge of the easement, the bordering trees are trimmed from ground to sky. The Company’s arborists work closely with abutting property owners to communicate the work needed.

<u>Eversource Full Width ROW</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>2024 Miles</u>
<u>Total Miles = 2.19</u>	SOUTHERN	
Budget \$1,200,000	CENTRAL	1.55
	WESTERN	0.64
	EASTERN	
	NORTHERN	
	Total Annual Miles	2.19

ETT Program

The Company has identified miles of three phase circuits for ETT in 2024. These miles will be competitively bid annually. If the pricing allows for additional miles to be done, the Company will review the circuit list and identify more miles.

<u>Eversource ETT Miles</u>		
	<u>Region</u>	<u>2024 Miles</u>
<u>Total Miles = 23.87</u>	SOUTHERN	0
Budget \$2,000,000	CENTRAL	6.8
	WESTERN	7.86
	EASTERN	5.4
	NORTHERN	3.81
	Total Annual Miles	23.87

Hazard Tree Program

The Company profiles the SMT circuits for hazard trees. Hazard trees are trees that should be removed rather than trimmed due to their potential to impact the electric system. It is a best practice to remove the dead, diseased and dying trees while trimming the circuit. The customers on whose property the hazard trees grow, and who, therefore, own the hazard trees, are engaged in a conversation for both programs. The total number of trees removed will be compiled monthly.

Additionally, the trees of New Hampshire have been impacted by many biotic factors over the last several years. These issues include repeated drought years, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), Spongy Moth, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Hemlock Looper, Elongate Hemlock Scale, White Pine Needle Disease (WPND), Beech Bark Disease, and Beech Leaf Disease the residual effect of the listed factors, plus other, at this time; lesser impact issues, will mean more trees that are standing dead or in declining health along the roadside forest. The company believes that adherence to a maintenance cycle, along with an aggressive hazard tree removal program are the key components to a successful and reliable Vegetation Management program. In 2022 the company collaborated with the state of New Hampshire Forests and Lands to share mapping data. Forest health personnel shared aerial photography of Spongy Moth, and EAB infestations. The maps that included the data were overlayed on our circuit maps which we then used to target the affected trees that would impact our lines. This is an innovation that Eversource vetted last year and is now included into our maintenance program. We expect to have similar 2023 data from the New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands in December.

<u>Eversource Hazard Tree Miles</u>		
<u>Total Miles = 2,343.6</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>2024 Miles</u>
Budget \$12,000,000	SOUTHERN	185.85
	CENTRAL	410.61
	WESTERN	492.96
	EASTERN	514.15
	NORTHERN	740.03
	<u>Total Annual Miles</u>	<u>2,343.6</u>

2024 plan overview

There are several topics that we will address in this update. They are the contracted workforce, the 4 year contract (which expires on 12/31/24), the cost drivers, technology, and strategy

Eversource has experienced professionals managing its Vegetation Management programs. However, there are some longer-term concerns with the work force. There are very few programs in high school or college to attract students to Arboriculture/Forestry. This has had a direct impact on the work the Company does and the availability of trained individuals to do it, as has been seen in recent bids, has had a material impact on costs.

It is a difficult job performed in all types of weather, usually aloft. The salary for tree trimmers is

not commensurate with many other professions. The tree worker contingent in both New Hampshire and New England has shrunk, which oftentimes requires the larger contractors to bring in outside workers to complete their assigned work. There are additional costs associated with “travel crews”. Another issue, which is hard to quantify monetarily is the speed in which the travel crews get acclimated to New Hampshire trees, terrain, and weather. The workplan for 2024 includes eight tree contractors which should provide a workforce large enough to complete the work.

As noted above, the Company commenced a 4-year contract for SMT in NH and the pricing was dramatically higher than expected. Eversource’s procurement agents worked diligently with the tree contractors to refine their bid prices. However, the final pricing in this competitive process required the Company to adjust the budget for SMT and METT. The first two years of that contract (2021, 2022) the prices were “locked in.”

The contract was designed to include negotiated prices in 2023 and 2024. The tree contractors requested increases for contracted tree work have been again much higher this year than anticipated. We have seen such exorbitant increases by incumbent contractors that in one case, we have reduced their market share of the maintenance work due to the cost. One of the benefits of a multi year contract is thought to be workforce stability. Whether it has been the pandemic, inflation, or other pressures that have caused the contractors to struggle with obtaining a loyal roster of crews, the fact remains it is more expensive to contract vegetation management than ever before.

Our Procurement team along with the Eversource Vegetation Management leadership across Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire met with each tree contractor individually to discuss pricing. Inflation is currently a fact of life in our region, which means the cost of most goods and services have risen.

Each contractor listed the same items for cost increase justification: labor, fuel, equipment, supply chain, and the biggest driver; police traffic control. The “police detail” work is the largest risk for the contractor when bidding- every town is different. Factors include how many officers on each road, for what duration, do they require a cruiser, the hourly rate increases annually, and in some communities can approach \$125/hour per officer. One of our contractors suggested that they estimate over \$3000/mile for police details in some towns.

These cost increases will result in significant budget pressure. The cost of performing traditional tree maintenance on 20% of the miles in 2024 will impact the funding of other important Vegetation Management programs. Our team is brainstorming solutions to this by reviewing analytics, technology, equipment, and processes.

The New Hampshire team has utilized the ESRI platform to create mobile applications which streamline our work. ESRI tools are easy to use and modify. We are confident that our Arborists and contractor personnel will adapt to this technology quickly.

Power BI is a program that our Arborist team uses every week. The data about circuit performance is available both historically and real time. The tree reliability issues for each circuit are analyzed prior to sending crews out to trim and/or remove trees.

Both of the above programs will be part of the redefining of workloads and crew resources for our team is necessary to achieve cost containment where possible. Included in this adjustment, will be a

strategy to implement circuit patrols to identify areas of immediate need for maintenance. These patrols will focus on the backbones of the circuits first, as a tree related outage on backbone would impact more customers. Arborists will also patrol the laterals of each circuit starting with devices that have a high customer count. Maintenance will be performed on the proper miles to comply with the 5-year cycle mandate, however, due to these unprecedented cost/mile increase requests from the contractor; we will utilize our internal field personnel, our vendor Arborists, and technology in concert to maintain the system.

Eversource continued to look for solutions with different types of equipment in 2023. Three separate contractors brought mechanical trimmers (aka Jaraff, or SkyTrim) onto the system which were utilized for selected miles of SMT. These units consist of a hydraulic boom mounted on a large tractor. At the end of the boom is an articulating circular saw. This tool works well in the right application, but it will probably not replace human occupied bucket trucks. Another new tool was a Rotor Blade helicopter unit. The helicopter has 10 saws attached to the helicopter and the unit can be used to “hedge/side trim” difficult- to- access ROW lines. We also contracted with tree companies for “grapple saw boom trucks” and “knuckle boom cranes” All of these units have a future in New Hampshire as “work force multipliers” and the Company will continue to explore other tools/innovations as they become available to improve vegetation management in New Hampshire.

Eversource 2024 Planned Vegetation Management Activities Detail

Eversource 2024 Vegetation Management Activities Budget Summary	
<u>VM Activity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Scheduled Maintenance Trim	\$19,292,598
METT	\$2,689,703
Mid Cycle	\$300,000
Customer Work	\$200,000
Hot Spot Work	\$200,000
Sub Transmission (Mowing/Side Trim)	\$2,000,000
<u>Distribution SMT Total</u>	<u>\$24,682,301</u>
Full Width Clearing	\$1,200,000
Hazard Tree Removal	\$12,000,000
Enhanced Tree Trimming	\$2,000,000
<u>Vegetation Management Program Total</u>	<u>\$39,882,301</u>

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Executive Summary

This report has been prepared in accordance with the terms of the October 9, 2020 Settlement Agreement approved by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission” or “PUC”) in Docket No. DE 19-057 (the “Settlement Agreement”) including Appendix 4 of the Settlement Agreement. It provides information on Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy’s (“Eversource”, ES, or the “Company”) distribution system reliability and activities undertaken by the Company in calendar year 2023 focused on reliability.

Section 1 provides graphs of various reliability indices as specified in Appendix 4 of the Settlement Agreement. All graphs are based on ES IEEE reporting criteria.

Section 2 provides a summary of specific operations and maintenance (“O&M”) activities undertaken in 2023 which are generally targeted at maintaining or improving reliability. These activities include patrols of overhead distribution lines, inspections of underground developments and pad mounted equipment, inspections of wood distribution poles for decay, and repairs of non-capital items on distribution lines related to the National Electrical Safety Code.

Section 3 provides information on capital projects targeting reliability, with information on the replacement of wooden distribution poles found to be defective through inspection, and other capital reliability projects with spending greater than \$100,000 in the calendar year. This last category is further broken down into new projects initiated in 2023, and projects with spending in 2023 over the threshold but which were established in prior years. Projects established in 2023 also have project descriptions included. Projects included in Section 3 include any locations where reliability was listed as an objective of the project, even if the project had other justifications such as replacing obsolete assets or safety concerns. Spending in 2023 on defective pole replacements totaled \$2,345K. Spending on new reliability projects totaled \$68,318K, and on continued projects from prior years amounted to \$31,443K.

The various capital and O&M programs aim at preventing outages from occurring and reducing the number of customers impacted by those outages. These include the Company’s work in areas such as tree trimming, the installation of covered wire, pole top distribution automation and TripSavers, CAIDI was 113 which was four minutes lower than 2022.

Section 4 contains the Company’s annual report on the 50 worst performing circuits for the previous year.

The Company’s reliability has improved over time, with reductions in the overall frequency of outages (SAIFI), the duration of outages (SAIDI), and the number of customers impacted when outages do occur (CIIC). While in an overall declining trend in the recent past, 2023 SAIDI and SAIFI show a slight increase compared to 2022 values, primarily due to the impact of minor storms (storms that do not qualify as Major Event Days). Summary charts are provided in Section 1.1 followed by breakdowns by cause type (tree, equipment failure, substation etc.).

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Section 1

Distribution System Reliability

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The following is a brief description of the reliability graphs contained in this section. All graphs represent data for the time frame 2019 through 2023 and reflect ES IEEE criteria.

Section 1.1 shows Eversource NH SAIFI, CAIDI, SAIDI, and CIII. All graphs are based on ES IEEE criteria. The Company SAIFI and SAIDI have shown overall stable improvement since 2019. 2023 SAIDI ended slightly higher than 2022 SAIDI, at 84 minutes, in part due to minor storm activity outlined in the next paragraph.

Blue-sky reliability metrics like SAIDI, SAIFI and CAIDI are exclusive of MEDs (Major Exclusion Days). Minor storms, which do not qualify as MEDs, are still stochastic and a critical driver of the year-to-year values of the reliability metrics. Eversource NH tracks metrics on minor storm days that do not qualify as an MED. The reliability metrics provided are calculated using ES Reportable criteria, which is ES IEEE criteria but excluding planned interruptions and select events. The impact of minor storms is included in all presented ES IEEE criteria reliability metrics. In 2023, Eversource experienced a total of 38 minor storm days, the same as in 2022, 47 in 2021, 37 in 2020, and 23 in 2019. These storms contributed 40 minutes to Eversource's SAIDI performance in 2023, compared to 39 minutes in 2022, 51 minutes in 2021, 46 minutes in 2020, and 27 minutes in 2019. Trees during minor storms contributed 12.6 minutes to YE CAIDI compared to 12.5 in 2022 and an average of 12.9 minutes between 2019-2022.

Section 1.2 depicts CAIFI and CTAIDI over the 2019 through 2023 timeframe. These new indices have only been reported on since 2020. CAIFI is designed to show trends in customers interrupted and shows the number of customers affected out of the whole customer base. It is calculated by dividing the total number of customer interruptions by the number of distinct customers interrupted. CTAIDI is the average total duration of interruption for customers who had at least one interruption during the period of analysis and is calculated by dividing the total number of customer minutes of interruptions in the period by the number of distinct customers interrupted. Therefore, both CAIFI and CTAIDI indices refer only to customers who have experienced a service interruption in the period. For 2019 through 2023, CAIFI was in the range of 1.68 to 1.90 and CTAIDI has been in the range of 3.13 to 3.61 with 2023 reflecting roughly the average for the 5-year period.

Section 1.3 depicts Eversource tree related statistics (trees, limbs and vines), which is the largest cause group for outages. Roughly half of all tree-related outages included in the reporting metrics occur during minor storm events and, therefore, tend to be longer duration outages. In 2023 NH experienced 224 more tree related parent events than in 2022 and 384 more than the average between 2019-2023, causing a slight uptick in SAIDI & SAIFI. CIII remained stable and CAIDI was reduced by 3 minutes. We notice that the slight uptick in SAIDI and SAIFI is at a large part due to higher contributions of tree-related events to outages. Weather, as exhibited by minor (and major) storms, is often appearing in outage data as tree-related events, since vegetation is highly susceptible to weather phenomena.

Section 1.4 shows Eversource equipment related statistics on the distribution system. These statistics exclude substation equipment, which are presented separately in Section 1.5. Equipment failures were between the second and fourth leading cause contributors for SAIDI and SAIFI over the presented time frame. SAIDI showed an uptick in 2023 but ended a minute less than the average SAIDI between 2019-2022. CAIDI ended 6 minutes less than the average CAIDI between 2019-2022.

Section 1.5 shows results for distribution substation equipment failures. Power outages caused by equipment failures inside substations typically affect many customers and can be long in duration. That said, the reliability impact from substation outages has been minimal over the presented time frame. There were no distribution substation equipment failure events in 2022, so the two failure events that occurred in 2023 show an uptick in all indices. However, the SAIDI impact of these type of events have greatly reduced since the 2017-2019 timeframe, in which the average yearly SAIDI was 0.66 minutes.

Section 1.6 shows total SAIDI and Equipment Failure SAIDI that occurred during IEEE MEDs. The reliability impact of these major storms is not included in Eversource statistics presented elsewhere.

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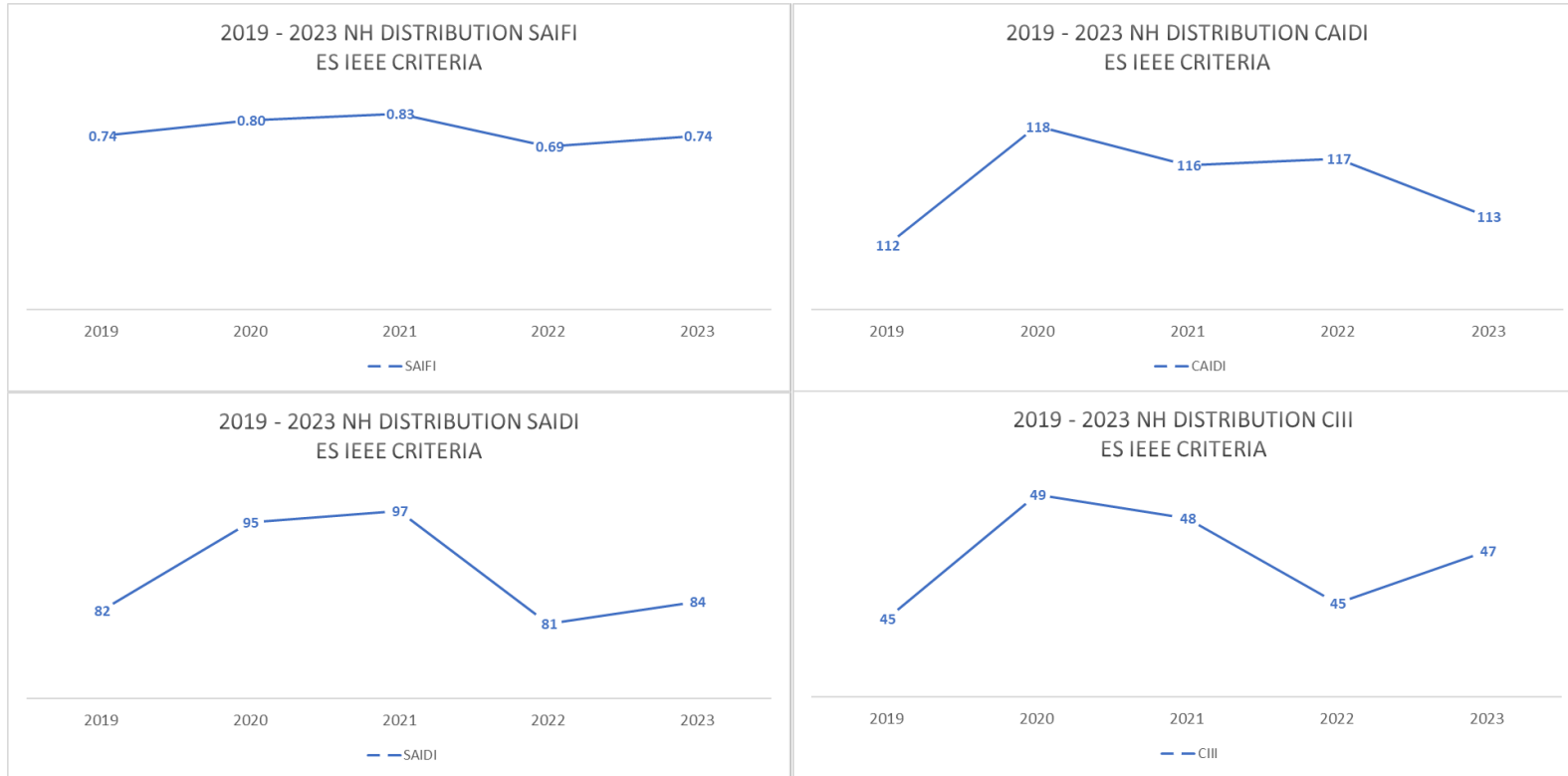
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Section 1.7 shows SAIDI and SAIFI broken down by cause for each year 2019 through 2023. Tree related outages is the top driver of both metrics for the entire period, averaging 53.4 SAIDI minutes per year over the reporting period with 2023 ending at 53.5 SAIDI minutes and the second lowest over the reporting period. Second, third and fourth places include Equipment Related, Action By Others and Other related outages. Outages due to equipment related causes averaged 8.7 SAIDI minutes per year, with 2023 being the lowest at 7.4 SAIDI minutes. Action by Others, which includes causes such as motor vehicle accidents, customers and contractors digging into underground cables or falling trees on lines or vandalism, etc., averaged 8.8 SAIDI minutes per year with 2023 ending at 7.7 SAIDI minutes and second lowest SAIDI over the reporting period. The "Other" category includes Public Safety Intentional Outages, Load Shedding, Planned Interruptions and Miscellaneous and averaged 11.2 SAIDI minutes per year over the reporting period with 2023 ending at 9.5 SAIDI minutes, also the second lowest SAIDI over the reporting period.

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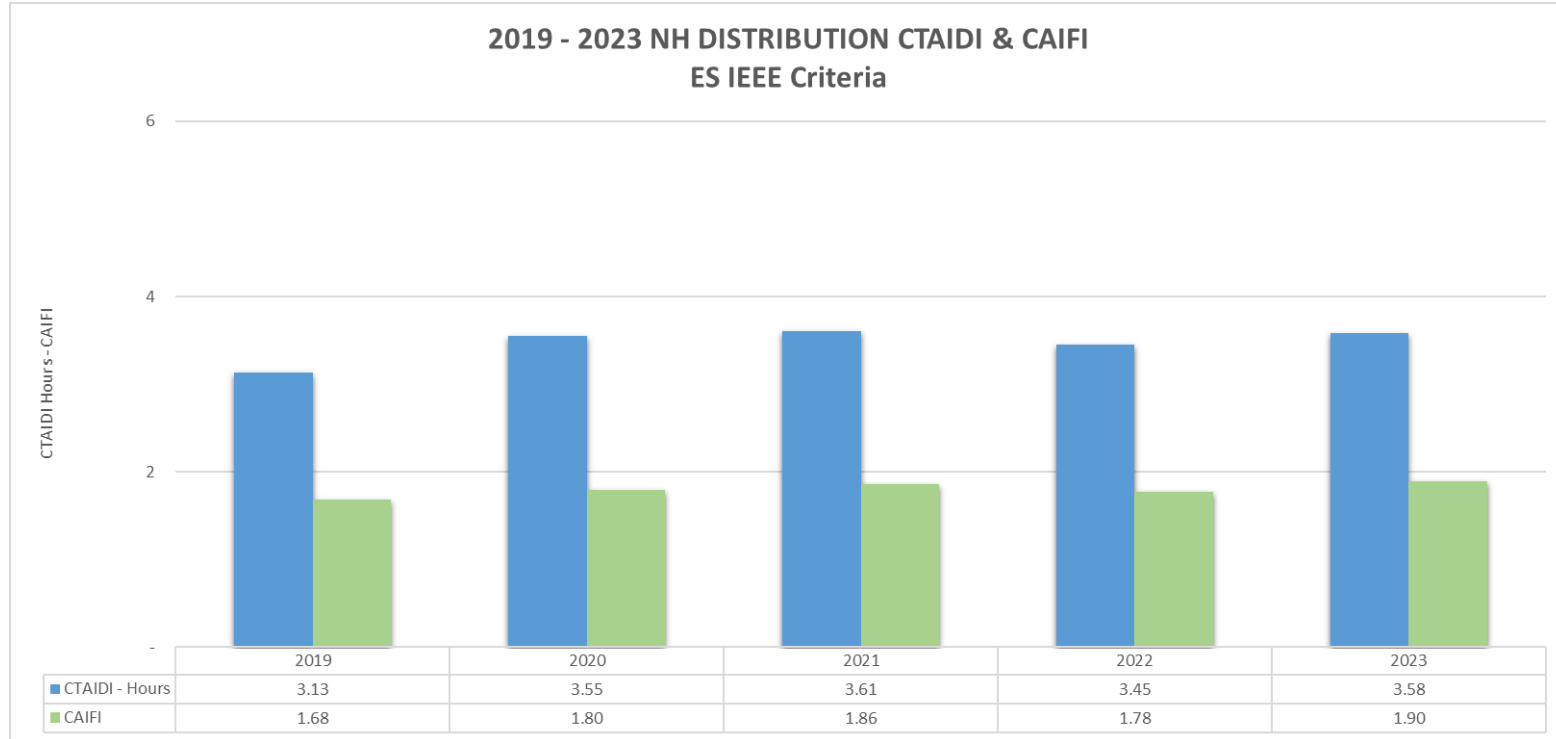
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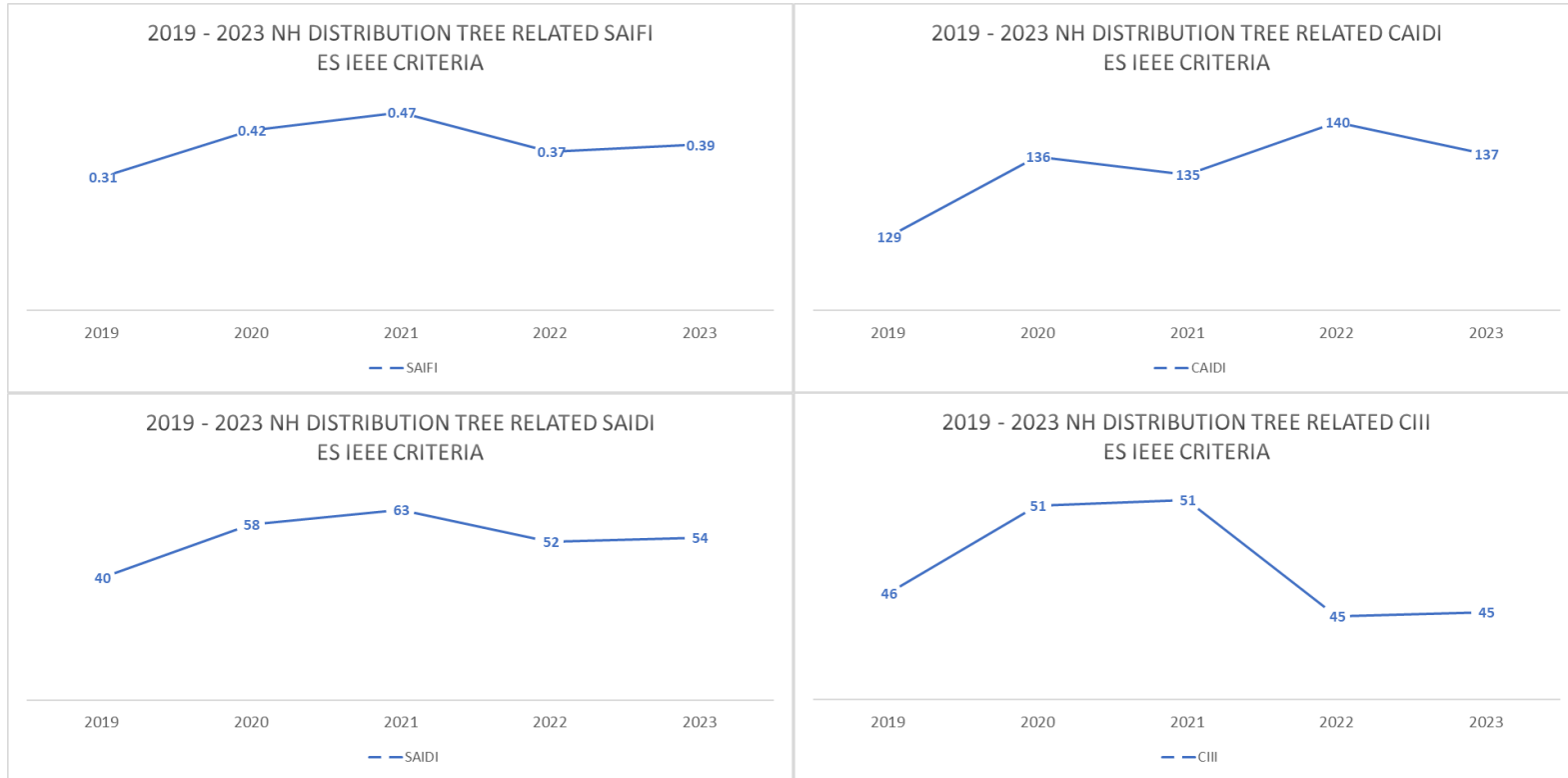
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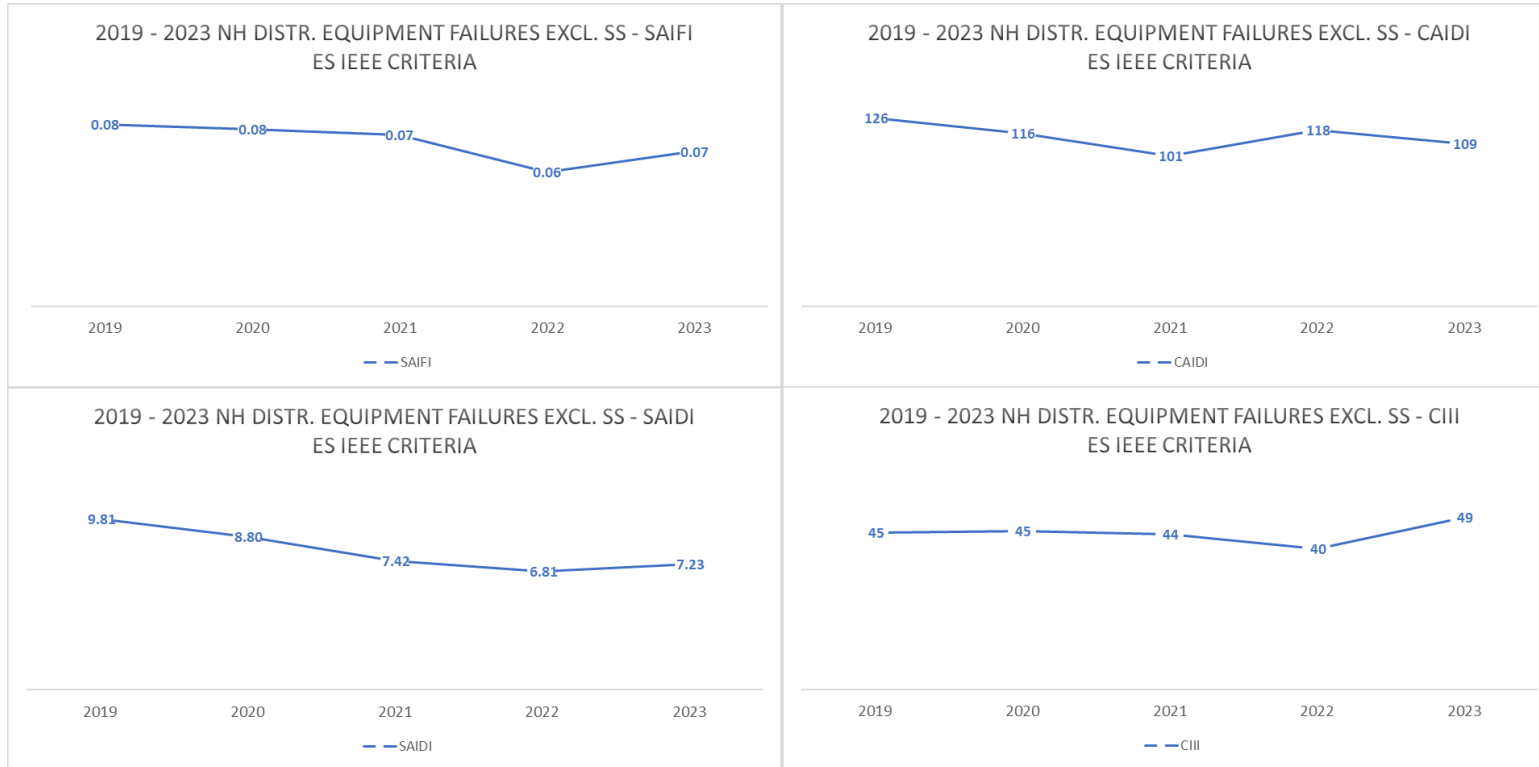
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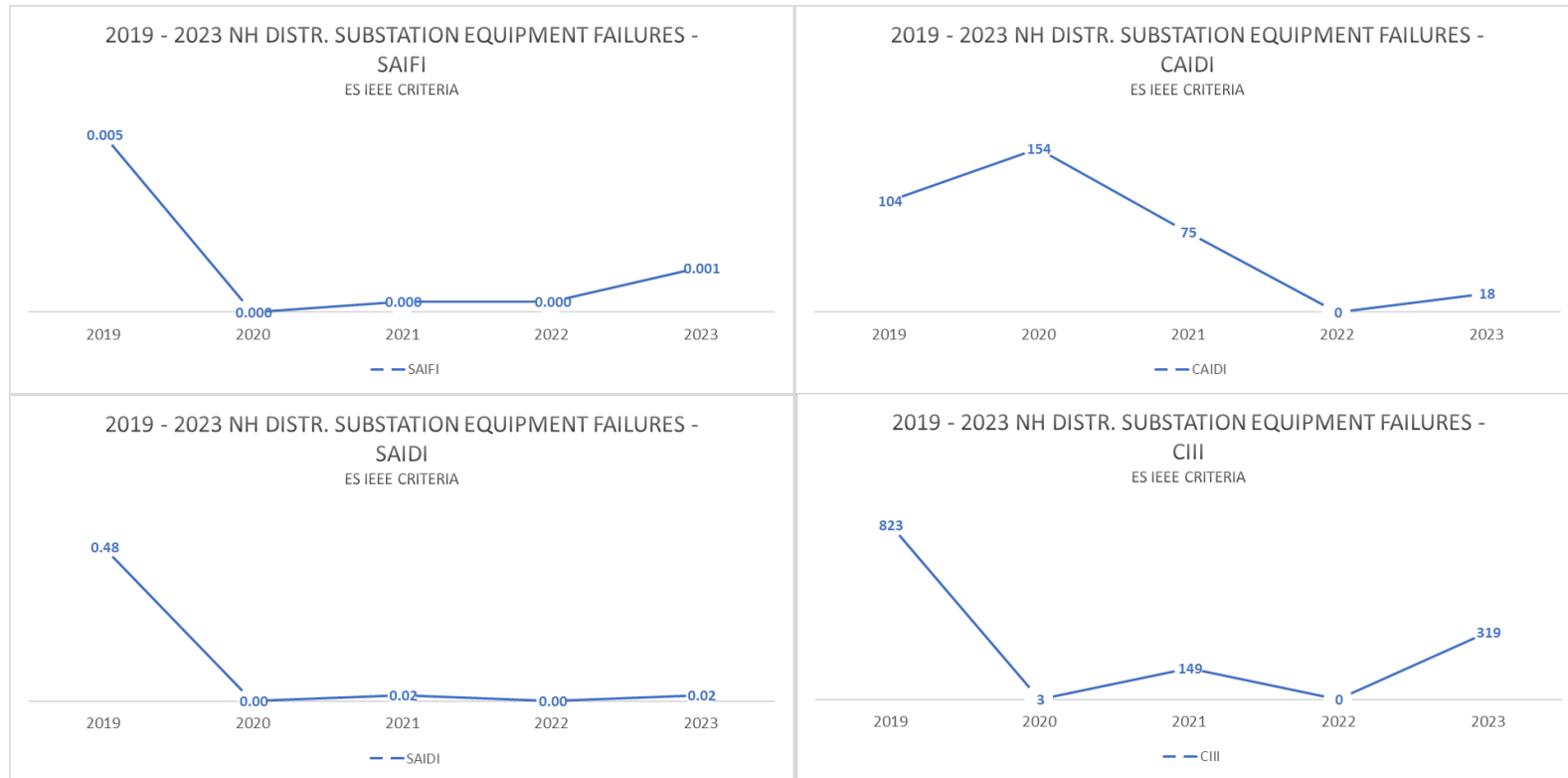
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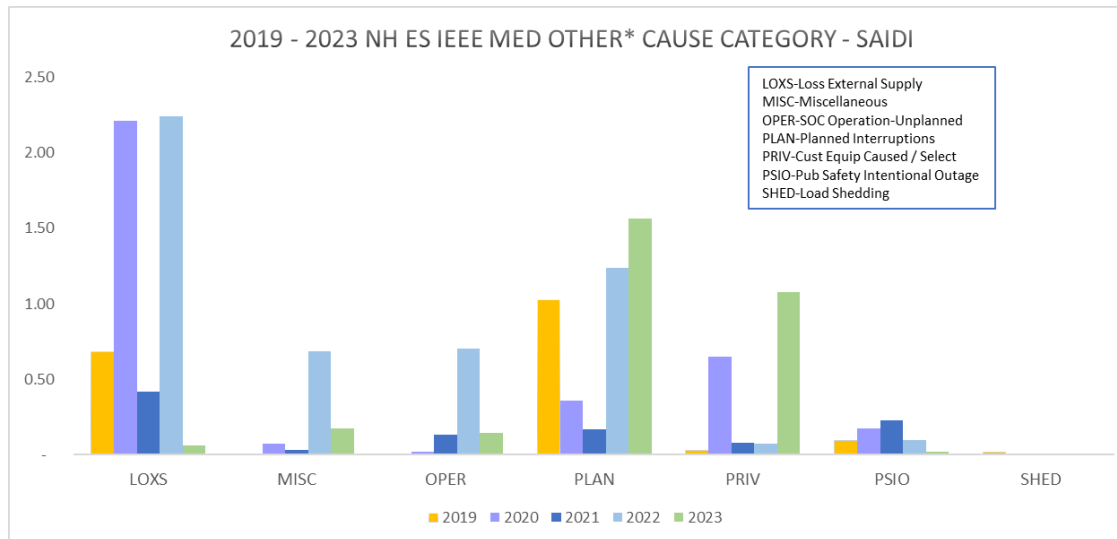
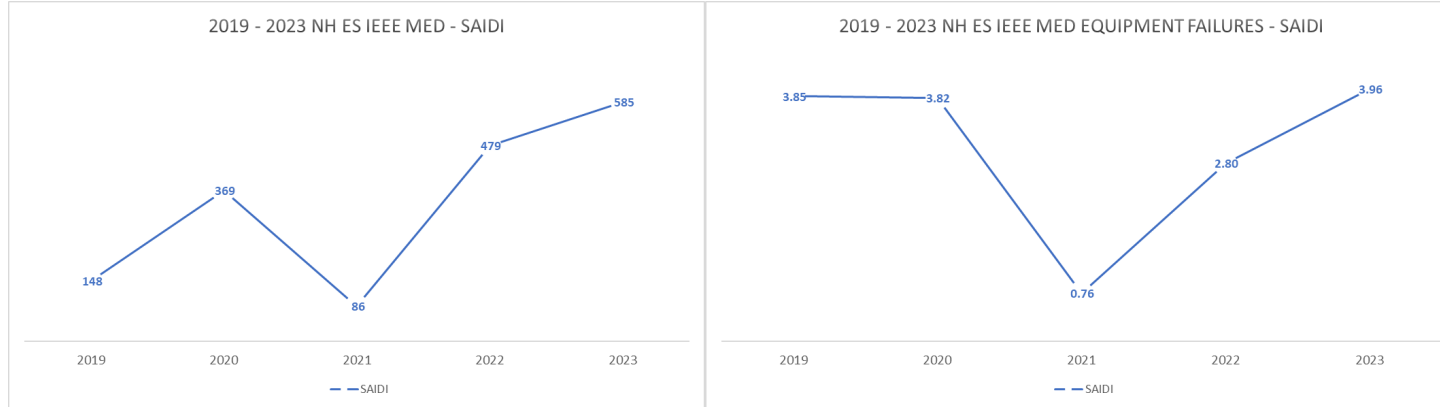
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Section 1.6 SAIDI (ES IEEE MED) – Storm MED; Equipment Failure MED- Total System

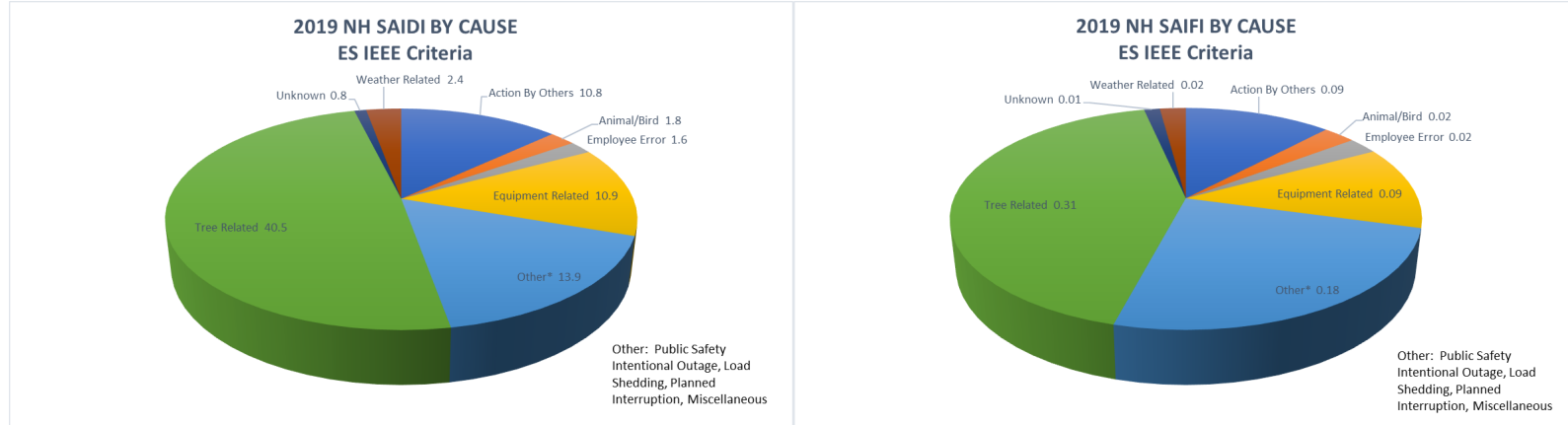


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Section 1.7 SAIDI and SAIFI by Cause – Total System

2019:



Cause	SAIDI
Tree Related	40.5
Other	13.9
Equipment Related	10.9
Action By Others	10.8
Weather Related	2.4
Animal/Bird	1.8
Employee Error	1.6
Unknown	0.8

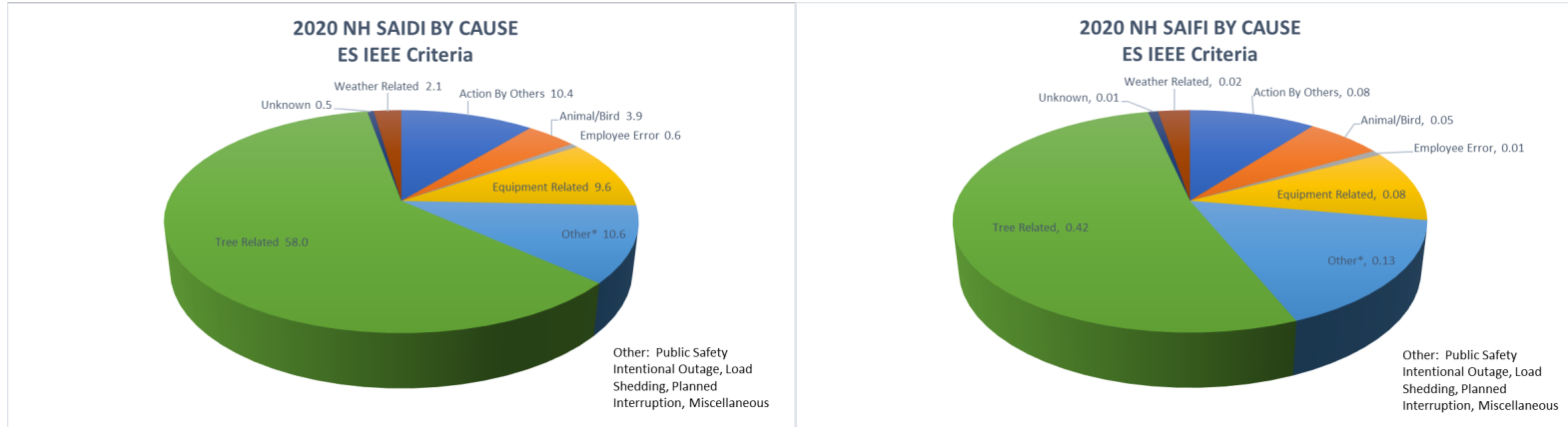
Cause	SAIFI
Tree Related	0.31
Other	0.18
Action By Others	0.09
Equipment Related	0.09
Animal/Bird	0.02
Employee Error	0.02
Weather Related	0.02
Unknown	0.01

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Section 1.7 cont'd SAIDI and SAIFI by Cause – Total System

2020:



Cause	SAIDI
Tree Related	58.0
Other	10.6
Action By Others	10.4
Equipment Related	9.6
Animal/Bird	3.9
Weather Related	2.1
Employee Error	0.6
Unknown	0.5

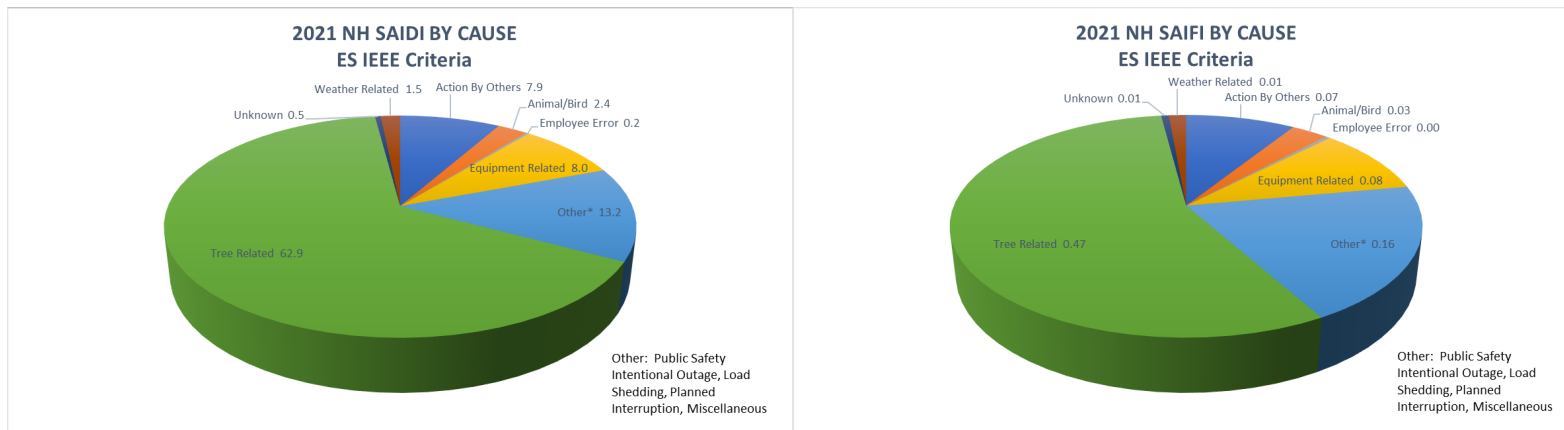
Cause	SAIFI
Tree Related	0.42
Other	0.13
Action By Others	0.08
Equipment Related	0.08
Animal/Bird	0.05
Weather Related	0.02
Employee Error	0.01
Unknown	0.01

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Section 1.7 cont'd SAIDI and SAIFI by Cause – Total System

2021:



Cause	SAIDI
Tree Related	62.9
Other	13.2
Equipment Related	8.0
Action By Others	7.9
Animal/Bird	2.4
Weather Related	1.5
Unknown	0.5
Employee Error	0.2

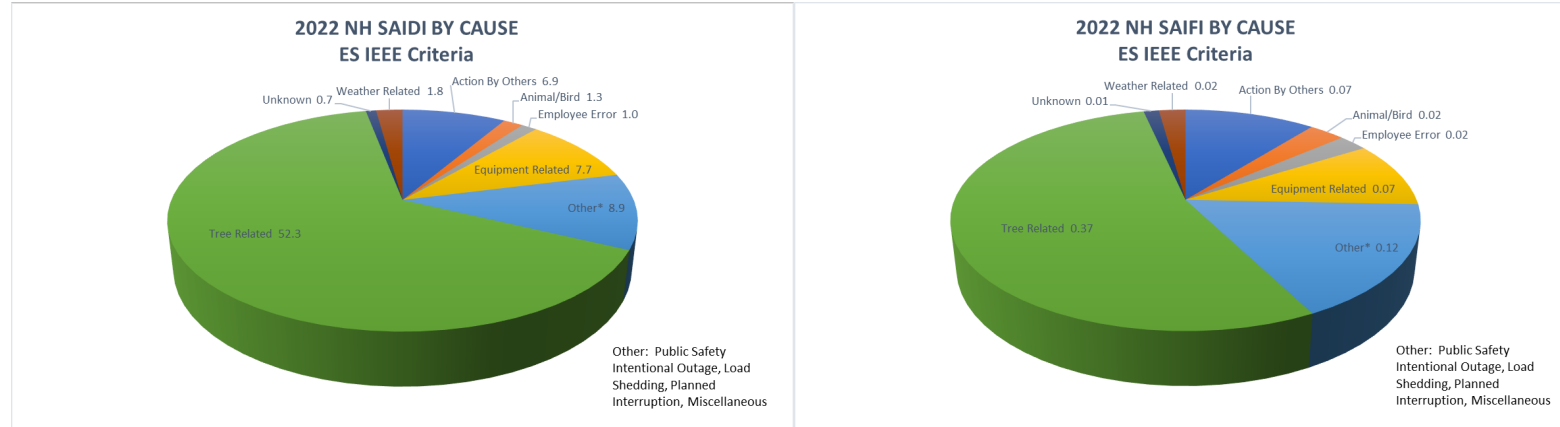
Cause	SAIFI
Tree Related	0.47
Other	0.16
Equipment Related	0.08
Action By Others	0.07
Animal/Bird	0.03
Weather Related	0.01
Unknown	0.01
Employee Error	0.00

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Section 1.7 cont'd SAIDI and SAIFI by Cause – Total System

2022:



Cause	SAIDI
Tree Related	52.0
Equipment Related	7.4
Other	7.2
Action By Others	6.9
Weather Related	1.8
Animal/Bird	1.3
Employee Error	1.1
Unknown	1.0

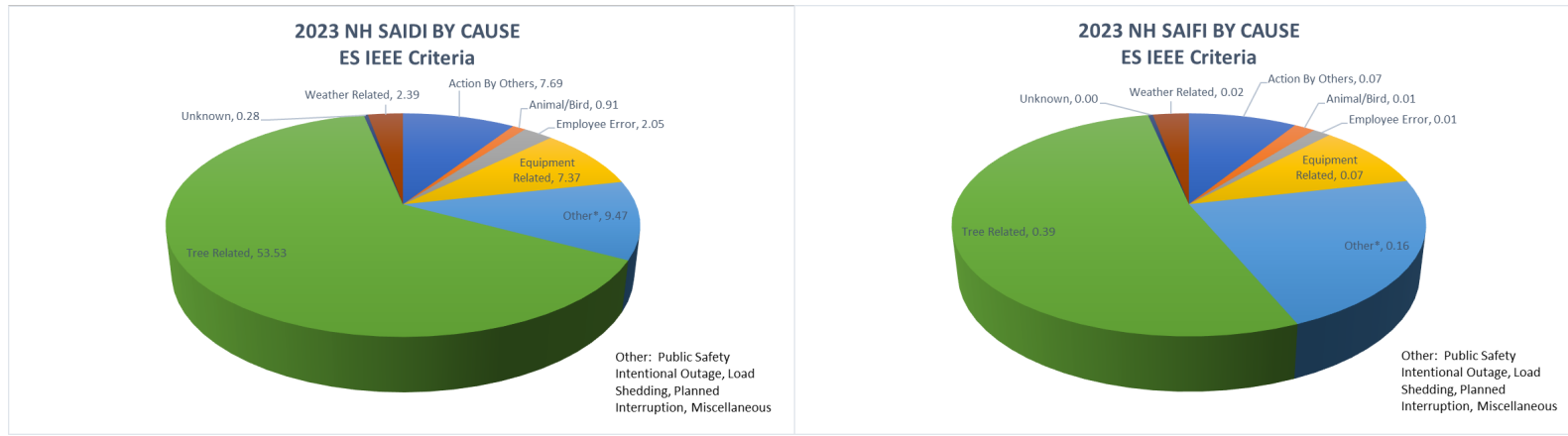
Cause	SAIFI
Tree Related	0.37
Other	0.12
Action By Others	0.07
Equipment Related	0.07
Animal/Bird	0.02
Employee Error	0.02
Weather Related	0.02
Unknown	0.01

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Section 1.7 cont'd SAIDI and SAIFI by Cause – Total System

2023:



Cause	SAIDI
Tree Related	53.5
Other	9.5
Action By Others	7.7
Equipment Related	7.4
Weather Related	2.4
Employee Error	2.1
Animal/Bird	0.9
Unknown	0.3

Cause	SAIFI
Tree Related	0.39
Other	0.16
Equipment Related	0.07
Action By Others	0.07
Weather Related	0.02
Animal/Bird	0.01
Employee Error	0.01
Unknown	0.00

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Section 2

O&M Activity Summary

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

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Section 2.1 Pole Inspections

- Program Description:** Inspect for decayed or damaged poles to ensure reliable and safe use of this asset.
- Total Unit Population:** Eversource is responsible for ground line inspection of approximately 250,000 poles. Eversource performs ground line inspection of poles in Eversource set areas only. A visual overhead inspection is performed on all poles to which the Company is attached.
- Maintenance Cycle:** Wood poles are inspected on a 10-year cycle in accordance with Eversource Maintenance Plan Chapter 5.61 and Intracompany Operating Procedures in place with joint owners in the State of NH.
- Reliability Benefit:** Replacement of decayed poles results in a more reliable and resilient distribution system.
- Results:** Pole inspection plans are developed based on the total number of poles in the towns to be inspected. Copper, Chrome, Arsenic (“CCA”) treated poles less than 20 years old, and those treated with other preservatives and less than 10 years old, are not checked for ground line decay. In 2023, 23,713 poles were ground line inspected.

\$ Plan	\$ Actual	\$ Variance
\$689,000	\$488,649.30	(\$200,350)

Expenses were lower than anticipated due to the number of newer poles which did not require inspection, based on age, in the towns inspected in 2023.

Section 2.2 National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) Repairs

- Program Description:** Repair non-capital items documented as part of circuit inspections or other NESC compliance surveys such as during surveys for third party attachments.
- Total Unit Population:** Eversource has approximately 12,200 miles of overhead distribution line and approximately 2,000 miles of underground distribution line.
- Results:** In 2023, 12 NESC repair maintenance orders were completed and 0 corrective maintenance orders are outstanding. Extensive repairs were completed as part of make-ready work for CATV expansion into the Lakes Region area as well as other areas of concentrated third-party activity.

\$ Plan	\$ Actual	\$ Variance
n/a*	n/a*	n/a*

*Budgets are not developed or tracked at this level or for this activity. Work is completed under a variety of Field Work Orders (“FWOs”)

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Section 2.3 Underground Circuit Inspections

- Program Description:** Inspect Direct Buried facilities including cable in conduit installations. Periodic inspections of Direct Buried and associated equipment at the specified interval allows preventative and corrective actions to be performed prior to situations becoming hazardous to the public or resulting in equipment failure.
- Total Unit Population:** Eversource is responsible for approximately 28,800 assets which are located in underground developments or are underground facilities providing service from the company's overhead system totaling approximately 2,000 miles of underground line.
- Maintenance Cycle:** Direct buried (including cable in conduit) facilities are inspected on a 10-year cycle, in accordance with Eversource Maintenance Plan chapter 5.11. As needed, replace fault indicators on a scheduled basis at the time of inspection.
- Reliability Benefit:** Proactively inspect underground developments, padmounted transformers, and associated equipment to identify potential issues and to ensure they function when needed.
- Results:** In 2023, 2,701 assets were inspected.

\$ Plan	\$ Actual	\$ Variance
n/a*	n/a*	n/a*

*Budgets are not developed or tracked at this level or for this activity. Inspection work is completed under a variety of Field Work Orders (FWOs).

Section 2.4 Overhead Circuit Patrols

- Program Description:** Patrol overhead distribution lines. Patrols may be done for a variety of reasons including infrared patrols, post-storm patrols, or other reasons. Each reason for patrolling has different criteria regarding how far into the circuit the patrol is performed. For example, infrared patrols cover only the backbone while post-storm patrols may include all circuitry out to a certain size protective device.
- Total Unit Population:** Eversource has approximately 12,200 miles of overhead distribution line.
- Maintenance Cycle:** Overhead roadside distribution line backbones are inspected with infrared imaging equipment at least once annually in accordance with Eversource Maintenance Plan chapter 5.22. Aerial patrols of lines in rights-of-way (ROW) are completed at least once per year in accordance with the Eversource Maintenance Plan chapter 5.45
- Reliability Benefit:** Infrared patrols are intended to identify overheated equipment which may cause an outage or damage other equipment. Post-storm patrols are intended to find leftover damage not repaired during the storm or imminent dangers, either of which may cause an outage in the future. Aerial ROW patrols are intended to identify items needing repair which may cause an outage in the future.
- Results:** Patrols completed in 2023:
- ROW aerial patrols: All ROW lines or line segments were patrolled in February, and August of 2023, with additional patrols of certain lines over the course of the year associated with project work, in response to momentary events, or following storm events. A list of lines patrolled is included in Section 2.4(a) below.

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Patrols of poor performing roadside circuits were conducted in 2023 to identify unfused transformers and laterals. A project was approved to add fusing to these locations to improve the reliability for these customers by preventing isolated events from affecting larger numbers of customers.

In addition, focused post storm circuit sweeps were conducted following multiple weather events throughout the year. Circuits with moderate or higher impacts were patrolled. Three phase backbone and large single and three phase laterals were patrolled. These patrols were conducted to identify anything which might cause an imminent outage, a danger to public safety, Eversource debris left beside the road, limbs on or over the primary, and broken or uprooted trees leaning on or over the primary conductors. All items were addressed immediately by entry and tracking in the Outage Management System.

The vegetation management (“VM”) organization performs post event assessments following all tree related events that result in a permanent outage affecting 100 or more customers as well as when “three or more” outages occur in a circuit segment within 90 days to ensure no additional VM follow up is required. Additionally, VM performs a “reliability” assessment of the system during the 100% quality control inspection of the trimming that is completed annually. Arborists record locations where they observe electrical hardware issues and report them into the System Operations Center.

Infrared (“IR”) patrols were reinstated in 2023 (they were paused in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19 precautions). The surveys are performed on substation equipment and circuit three phase backbones to identify situations which could lead to equipment failure due to heating from poor connections or failing equipment.

The roadside circuits patrolled are listed below in Section 2.4(b).

\$ Plan	\$ Actual	\$ Variance
n/a*	n/a*	n/a*

*Budgets are not developed or tracked at this level or for this activity.

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Section 2.4(a) ROW Patrols

Area Work Center	Circuit				
Bedford	312	Chocorua	346	Keene	76W3
Bedford	314	Chocorua	347	Keene	76W4
Bedford	322	Chocorua	390	Keene	76W7
Bedford	323	Chocorua	395	Keene	W110
Bedford	324	Chocorua	3218	Keene	W15
Bedford	328	Chocorua	3218	Keene	W15
Bedford	354	Chocorua	336X	Keene	W15
Bedford	358	Chocorua	346X2	Keene	W185
Bedford	359	Derry	3184X	Keene	W2
Bedford	378	Derry	3184X10	Keene	W9
Bedford	3108	Derry	32W1	Keene	313
Bedford	3138	Derry	32W4	Keene/Newport	311
Bedford	3143	Derry	32W5	Lancaster	348
Bedford	3151	Derry	365X	Lancaster	355X10
Bedford	3155	Epping	377	Lancaster	355
Bedford	3164	Epping	380	Lancaster	384
Bedford	3194	Epping	3103	Lancaster	348X3
Bedford	3212	Epping	3162	Lancaster	376L
Bedford	3392	Epping	3229	Lancaster	376W
Bedford	3467	Epping	3152X	Lancaster	384X1
Bedford	314X12	Epplng	49W1	Lancaster/Berlin	351
Bedford	3194X1	Hooksett	318	Lancaster/Tilton	348X2
Bedford	3194X2	Hooksett	321	Nashua	353
Bedford	3271	Hooksett	335	Nashua	383
Bedford/Hooksett	325	Hooksett	356	Nashua	389
Bedford/Hooksett	334	Hooksett	370	Nashua	3110
Bedford/Hooksett	357	Hooksett	393	Nashua	3136
Bedford/Hooksett	3142	Hooksett	3182	Nashua	3144
Bedford/Hooksett	334R	Hooksett	3613	Nashua	3146
Bedford/Hooksett	335X56	Hooksett	3614	Nashua	3147
Bedford/Hooksett	387	Hooksett	334G	Nashua	3154
Bedford/Nashua	329	Hooksett	372 A&B	Nashua	3159
Bedford/Nashua	3217	Keene	382	Nashua	3175
Berlin	352	Keene	3178	Nashua	3177
Berlin	3521	Keene	3235	Nashua	3445
Berlin	350X	Keene	313X4	Nashua	3445
Berlin	350X2	Keene	3140X1	Nashua	3750
Berlin	350X2	Keene	382X2	Nashua	3020X
Berlin	350X2	Keene	4W1	Nashua	3110X
Berlin	3525X	Keene	76W1	Nashua	3168X

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Nashua	3891X	Portsmouth	3172	Tilton	310
Newport	315	Portsmouth	3214	Tilton	319
Newport	316	Portsmouth	3850	Tilton	337
Newport	3410	Portsmouth	3153X	Tilton	338
Newport	311 Tap	Rochester	32	Tilton	343
Newport	317 Tap	Rochester	340	Tilton	345
Newport	4181	Rochester	362	Tilton	368
Newport	4435	Rochester	371	Tilton	398
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Section 3

Capital Activity Summary January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023



CAPITAL - 2023

REJECT POLE REPLACEMENT:

Program Description:

Replace poles determined to be defective during the annual inspection cycle.

Eversource maintains approximately 250,000 poles on its system. These are inspected every 10 years or an average of 25,000 poles per year.

Pole inspection plans are developed based on the total number of poles in the towns to be inspected. Copper, Chrome, Arsenic (“CCA”) treated poles less than 20 years old, and those treated with other preservatives and less than 10 years old, are not checked for ground line decay (sound and bore and/or ground line excavation).

Joint owned poles maintained by others are visually inspected for overhead issues.

Total Unit Population:

Depending upon inspection results, Eversource estimates 500 poles to replace each year which corresponds to a 2% failure rate.

Results:

: Replacement of decayed poles results in a more reliable and resilient distribution system.

Results

In 2023, 23,713 poles were ground line inspected. Nearly, 310 poles were found to be defective requiring replacement. Eversource actively replaces all reject poles in Eversource territory.

\$ Plan	\$ Actual	\$ Variance
\$2,052,000	\$2,345,621	(\$293,621)



OTHER CAPITAL RELIABILITY/CAPACITY PROJECTS:

Category Description: This category includes all projects with spending in 2023 in excess of \$100,000 which were at least justified based on reliability or capacity.

There were 28 improvement projects established in 2023 with spending greater than \$100,000. These projects are listed below. Project descriptions are included in Section 3.1.

Project Number	Project Description	Authorized Amount (K)	2023 Spend (K)	Status
A23E14	Epping 377X20 Pleasant St Conversion	\$ 1,830	\$ 1,117	Construction
A23S19	Nashua 2H2 extension	\$ 1,160	\$ 1,203	Construction
A23S20	Brookline 3155X2 - Quimby Rd Conversion	\$ 2,676	\$ 2,007	Construction
A23W17	Grantham 42X3 to 316X1 Circuit Tie	\$ 3,461	\$ 2,734	Construction
A23E15	North Hampton 3112X1 Reconductor Exeter Rd	\$ 1,678	\$ 1,413	Construction
A23E12	Strafford 392X1 Circuit Tie with 392X2	\$ 2,674	\$ 533	Construction
A23N07	Barnstead 319X1 Conversion South Barnstead Rd, Barnstead	\$ 499	\$ 372	In-Service
A23N09	Danbury 3114W1 Conversion of Ragged Mountain Hwy	\$ 2,796	\$ -	Initiated
A23E44	Porthsmouth Commercial Alley	\$ 814	\$ 642	In-Service
A23N03	Comcast Non-Billable Belmont	\$ 744	\$ 773	Construction
A23N04	Comcast Billable Belmont**	\$ 1,700	\$ 156	Construction
A23N05	Comcast Non-Billable Tilton	\$ 510	\$ 12	Construction
A23N06	Comcast Billable Tilton**	\$ 940	\$ -213	Construction
A23E25	North Dover 4kV Conversion	\$ 1532	\$ 426	Construction
A23C60	Smart Inspect Reliability - Central	\$ 820	\$ 247	Construction
A23CCI	CCI Reject Pole Replacement	\$ 7,348	\$ 2,878	Construction
A23N59	Smart Inspect Reliability - Northern	\$ 1,533	\$ 200	Construction
A23W55	Smart Inspect Reliability - Western	\$ 10,830	\$ 7,409	In-Service



A23X28	2023 Wood Pole Treatment	\$ 471	\$ 296	In-Service
A23X45	2023 Tripsaver Program Phase 1	\$ 3,196	\$ 2,319	In-Service
A23X51	2023 Tripsaver Program Phase 2	\$ 6,794	\$ 7,501	In-Service
A23X41	2023 Semi-Annual Circuit Patrol Program	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,430	In-Service
A23N49	Concord 3025 Line Structure Replacement	\$ 1,479	\$ 1,287	In-Service
A23N52	Loudon 319 Line Structure Replacement	\$ 1,698	\$ 1,489	In-Service
A23S21	Hudson 3211X Kimball Hill Rd Conversion	\$ 530	\$ 406	Construction
A23DA	2023 Pole Top Distribution Automation	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,254	Construction
A23LS	2023 Distribution Line Sensors	\$ 300	\$ 189	Construction
Total		\$ 68,318	\$ 43,341	

*Note: A Supplement Authorization was approved at NHPAC prior to exceeding the authorized amount.

**Note: Reimbursable Jobs working through final construction and True-Up Billing



In addition, there were 43 reliability projects established in prior years with spending in 2023 in excess of \$100,000. The large amount of these projects are carried over due to Supply Chain delays. Project descriptions for these projects are included in Section 3.2.

Project Number	Project Description	2023 Spent (K)	Status
A21C04	Goffstown Substation Conversion	\$ 111.46	In Service
A22E41	Resistance Substation Retirement	\$ 1,449.08	Initiated
A22E56	32 Line Pole Replacement	\$ 2,916.28	In service
A22E57	371 Line Pole Replacements	\$ 3,300.37	In service
A22W20	42X3/44H1 Extend 34.5KV	\$ 869.52	Construction
A22W26	317/3410 reconstruction Roby Rd to Warner	\$ 2,149.07	In Service
A22C03	Goffstown Substation Elim Phase 2 27W2 Conversion	\$ 1,364.70	Construction
A22N71	355 Line Pole Replacement	\$ 862.00	Construction
A22X48	Substation Station Service Transformer Replacement Program	\$ 7.13	Initiated
A21X29	Substation Remote Terminal Unit Upgrade/Replacement Program	\$ -	Initiated
A19S40	Amherst Substation – PLC Automation Replacement	\$ 142.06	In service
A20W37	River Road Substation Upgrades	\$ 1,767.72	In service
A18W06	Monadnock Substation Transformer Replacement TB40	\$ 303.12	Initiated
A19W49	Distribution Line Work for Monadnock Substation Replacement	\$ 0.35	Construction
A22X38	Substation Battery Replacement Program	\$ 61.48	Initiated
A22C01	Manchester Network Cable Replacement Ph 2	\$ 168.00	In Service
A22C83	Manchester Network Cable Replacement Ph 3	\$ 1,335.00	In Service
A20X26	Spare 345-34.5kV Transformer	\$ 3,578.25	In service
A21X15	Replace five ABB TPU-2000R Relays	\$ 64.07	Engineering
A18N03	White Lake Substation Rebuild	\$ 474.00	Engineering
A21N77	Saco Valley 34.5kV Circuit Breaker Replacement	\$ -	Initiated
A21S17	34.5kV Capacitor Bank Replacement Broad St.	\$ 781.00	In Service



A19X36	34.5kV Circuit Breaker Replacement	\$	66.00	Initiated
A21C14	Garvin Substation Circuit Breaker Replacement	\$	4,066.46	In service
A22E76	Tasker Farm Substation Relay Replacement	\$	18.85	Initiated
A16C08	Brook St Substation – Transformer Replacement	\$	2,011.44	Engineering
A17C10	Brook St. G&W Switchgear Replacement	\$	14.43	Engineering
A17S03	Millyard Substation Replacement	\$	1,213.00	In Service
A18C07	Eddy Substation Control House	\$	46.35	In Service
A20S02	Millyard Substation Distribution Line Work	\$	325.92	In Service
A21E16	Replace Rochester Substation Bus Tie Breaker	\$	41.17	In service
A21N55	Ashland Reliability Substation Work	\$	20.67	Initiated
A21N86	Ashland Substation Line Work	\$	73.81	Initiated
A18E04	Dover Substation Rebuild	\$	53.17	Approval
A21E70	Portsmouth 12kV Reliability Project	\$	28.91	Construction
A21E70L	Portsmouth 12kV Capacity (D Line)	\$	59.09	Construction
A21E71L	Salmon Falls Substation Capacity (D-Line)	\$	0.43	Construction
A21W69	North Road SS Reliability	\$	23.86	Initiated
A20S19	South Milford Substation	\$	69.61	Initiated
A21S85	South Milford Substation Distribution Line Work	\$	26.31	Initiated
A21N63	Laconia Substation Reliability Project	\$	30.60	Initiated
A21W80	Sugar River Substation GMP Auto-Transfer	\$	349.68	In service
A21N45	Ashland Substation Protection and Control Upgrade	\$	1,262.73	In service
Total		\$	31,443.77	



Section 3.1

2023 Projects

A23E14 Epping Circuit 377X20 Pleasant St Conversion - Under Construction

The 377X20 circuit has three 19.9-4.8kV step transformers that will become overloaded due to an underground residential development (URD) which will add 1,400 kVA of connected load in the spring of 2023. As a result, the 500 kVA C phase step transformer will reach a projected 168% of nameplate rating. After phase balancing, the A phase step will be loaded at 353 kVA (71%), B phase at 470 kVA (94%), and C phase at 840 kVA (168%). In addition, the A phase 500 kVA step on the 377X16 reached 115% of its nameplate rating in 2022. Relocating the 377X20 500 kVA step-down bank beyond the new URD will provide capacity to shift load from the overloaded 377X16 step transformers onto the 377X20 circuit and will create an 8.32kV circuit tie to increase reliability during step transformer contingencies.

A23S19 Nashua Circuit 2H2 Extension- Under Construction

Construct a new 4.16 kV line along Broad Street and Sullivan Street in Nashua for approximately 2,800ft out of which 1600 ft will be double circuit construction on Broad Street. Install three 219 Amps regulators on Sullivan Street.

A23S20 Brookline Circuit 315X2 Quimby Rd. Conversion - Under Construction

Upgrade 7.2kV to 19.9 kV along Route 13 and Main Street in Brookline for approximately 2000 ft up to new steps locations. Install three 500 kVA Step transformers on Main Street and three 500 kVA Step transformers on Route 13.

A23W17 Grantham Circuit 42X3 to 316X1 Circuit Tie - Under Construction

The 316X1 line is a radial 34.5 kV circuit serving 3,447 customers that taps the 316 Line which originates at North Road Substation. The largest portion of the circuit feeds Grantham via a radial feed along Stoneybrook Road and there are no other 34.5 kV substation sources for this line to tie to.

A23E15 North Hampton Circuit 3112X1 Reconductor Exeter Rd - Under Construction

The 3112X1 feeds numerous large industrial and commercial customers. This project replaces most poles, storm hardening the backbone by installing 477 SPCA, and removes all porcelain pole top hardware. This project also addresses concerns of the existing 1/0 ACSR primary conductor exceeding its ampacity ratings due to load growth in the area.

**A23E12 Strafford Circuit 392X1 Circuit Tie with 392X2 - Under Construction**

The 392X1 is fed radially along Walnut St, Rochester. This project includes reconductoring a portion of Washington St as well as reconductoring and converting Estes Rd to create a new circuit tie between the 392X2 and the 392X1 circuits. This tie will improve reliability for 1635 customers on the 392X1 Circuit and 499 customers on the 392X2 Circuit for a total impact to 2134 customers.

A23N07 Barnstead Circuit 319X1 Conversion South Barnstead Rd, Barnstead - Under Construction

Convert approximately 8,920' of the 319X1 circuit along South Barnstead Rd and Bow Lake Rd in Barnstead. Parallel 333kVA step-transformers supply the single-phase section and have been loaded to 108% of the nameplate rating.

A23N09 Danbury Circuit 3114W1 Conversion of Ragged Mountain Hwy - Under Construction

This project is to rebuild and convert approximately 12,500 ft of three phase, and 6,200 ft of single phase. The circuit begins at 34.5 kV and is stepped down to 12.47 kV with three 500 kVA step transformers.

A23E44 Portsmouth Commercial Alley - Under Construction

Install underground infrastructure (conduits, secondary handholes, and associated secondary conductors/meters) in Commercial Alley, Portsmouth NH. The infrastructure is needed to eliminate existing overhead back-alley construction on or over private property without easements. Currently the overhead pole and secondary conductors are located inside a restaurant patio and the customer has requested it be removed.

A23N03 Comcast Non-Billable Belmont – Under Construction

This work is required in accordance with the NHPUC 1300 Rules and will provide proper National Electrical Safety Code clearances for Comcast to attach to utility poles within their expansion area in the Lakes Region. Comcast has ongoing expansion in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. This project is part of a recent Comcast submittal of 5,489 poles in four towns (Belmont, Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton). This project is proposed to cover the cost of work on poles in the Towns of Belmont and Sanbornton which are not in compliance with the NESC and is, therefore, non-reimbursable work.

A23N03 Comcast Billable Belmont – Under Construction

This work is required in accordance with the NHPUC 1300 Rules and will provide proper National Electrical Safety Code clearances for Comcast to attach to utility poles within their expansion area in the Lakes Region. Comcast has ongoing expansion in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. This project is part of a recent Comcast submittal of 5,489 poles in four towns (Belmont, Northfield,



Sanbornton and Tilton). This project is proposed to cover the cost of work on poles in the Towns of Belmont and Sanbornton which are in compliance with the NESC and is, therefore, reimbursable work.

A23N03 Comcast Non-Billable Tilton – Under Construction

This work is required in accordance with the NHPUC 1300 Rules and will provide proper National Electrical Safety Code clearances for Comcast to attach to utility poles within their expansion area in the Lakes Region. Comcast has ongoing expansion in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. This project is part of a recent Comcast submittal of 5,489 poles in four towns (Belmont, Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton). This project is proposed to cover the cost of work on poles in the Towns of Belmont and Sanbornton which are not in compliance with the NESC and is, therefore, non-reimbursable work.

A23N03 Comcast Billable Tilton – Under Construction

This work is required in accordance with the NHPUC 1300 Rules and will provide proper National Electrical Safety Code clearances for Comcast to attach to utility poles within their expansion area in the Lakes Region. Comcast has ongoing expansion in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. This project is part of a recent Comcast submittal of 5,489 poles in four towns (Belmont, Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton). This project is proposed to cover the cost of work on poles in the Towns of Belmont and Sanbornton which are in compliance with the NESC and is, therefore, reimbursable work.

A23E25 North Dover 4kV Conversion – Under Construction

Create a new circuit tie between the 3148X4 and 32X3 by converting the 41H1 circuit along Glenwood Avenue from 4.16kV to 34.5kV. This project eliminates an off-road shunt through a heavily wooded area and replaces an existing non-Scada oil filled recloser with new automated Nova recloser. The existing off road shunt feeds 287 customers which experiences at least 1 outage per year. In 2023, this off-road section has already experienced 3 outages due to storms. The new circuit tie will also create a backup for 169 radial fed 4kV customers and eliminate the 41H1 circuit out of North Dover Substation.

A23C60 Smart Inspect Reliability - Central – Under Construction

Add cutouts to unfused transformers to improve system reliability. Focus for this project will be to address the unfused transformers identified during the survey, that if a fault should occur, would affect 50 or more customers.

A23CCI CCI Reject Pole Replacement – Under Construction

As a result of the acquisition of the CCI interest in joint owned poles effective May 1, 2023, Eversource will inspect and replace all acquired poles, following the same reject pole replacement guidelines established for our annual reject pole replacement program. This survey and resulting work consists of approximately 182,000 poles acquired from CCI.



A23N59 Smart Inspect Reliability - Northern – Under Construction

Add cutouts to unfused transformers to improve system reliability. Focus for this project will be to address the unfused transformers identified during the survey, that if a fault should occur, would affect 50 or more customers.

A23W55 Smart Inspect Reliability - Western – In-Service

Add cutouts to unfused transformers to improve system reliability. Focus for this project will be to address the unfused transformers identified during the survey. This initiative is different from the other regions, in that it involves all locations due to Western having the worst overall reliability compared to the other regions.

A23X28 2023 Wood Pole Treatment – In-Service

Wood pole treatment of approximately 1,383 structures located on distribution Right of Way lines in the state of New Hampshire. The treatment is designed to provide a “booster shot” of preservatives to improve the expected performance of the wood poles through the application of a new preservative product that provides additional protection against decay and extends the useful life of the pole.

A23X45 2023 Tripsaver Program Phase 1 – In-Service

Install approximately 345 trip savers across the Eversource NH service territory. This project is intended to replace existing cut outs with TripSavers. The installation of these TripSavers will increase reliability by allowing temporary outages to clear and avoid permanent outages to our customers.

A23X51 2023 Tripsaver Program Phase 2 – In-Service

With Phase 1 (A23X45) being a success, being under budget, on schedule and seeing expected reliability improvements, decision was made to continue this program. Install approximately 1000 trip savers across the Eversource NH service territory. This project is intended to replace existing cut outs with TripSavers. The installation of these TripSavers will increase reliability by allowing temporary outages to clear and avoid permanent outages to our customers.

A23X41 2023 Semi-Annual Circuit Patrol Program – In-Service

The project supports the patrol of the entire distribution system. The patrol is followed by the completion of corrective actions of those findings determined to be prudent. The objective is to maintain the reliable performance of the Eversource distribution system by promptly finding and addressing issues that present a risk to that performance.

A23N49 Concord 3025 Line Structure Replacement – In-Service

The project supports structure replacement on the 3025 Line in the right of way between Shaker Rd and Appleton St. in Concord NH. Twenty-seven (27) aged wooden poles and crossarms will be replaced with new steel structures. Of the twenty-seven (27) locations this



replacement project will address ten (10) poles that are in wetland conditions. This project takes advantage of matting, permitting and access installed for a transmission P145 structure project.

A23N52 Loudon 319 Line Structure Replacement – In-Service

The project supports eight (8) structure replacements on the 319 Line in the right of way between Bee Hole Road and Bear Hill Road in Loudon, NH. The eight (8) wooden structures are located on existing farmland with restricted access by rock walls, pasture fencing, and a swamp wetland of unknown depth. Of the eight structures, four (4) poles are in a swamp and will require matting for access within our authorized construction window provided by the NH Fish & Game Department (NHFG) of April to October 15 due to hibernating endangered turtles.

A23S21 Hudson 3211X Kimball Hill Rd Conversion – Construction

Replace 5500 feet of #6 copper with 1/0 AAC covered wire (CW) and increase voltage to 19.9kV on the 3211X circuit in town of Hudson. The 19.9-2.4kV 250 kVA step transformer on Clement Road is 127% loaded and currently exceeds the summer ampacity rating of #6 copper during peak load. Additionally, there is a 2.4-19.9kV step up transformer on Hawkview Drive serving as a back-feed for the new Eagles Nest underground development. Currently, this back feed to Eagles Nest cannot be utilized due to the limitations of the #6 copper. Converting to 19.9kV also improves aging infrastructure and storm hardening.

A23DA 2023 Pole Top Distribution Automation – Construction

This project supports the installation of approximately 75 pole top SCADA controlled devices in 2023. These devices provide indication of circuit conditions and allow for remote operation to sectionalize the system and restore power remotely. Installation of these devices over the last five years have resulted in significant savings in the impact and duration of outages on the distribution system.

A23LS 2023– Distribution Line Sensors - In-Service

The project is a part of Eversource's NH Distribution Automation strategy. Install Tollgrade® line sensors at various locations on the distribution system throughout the state. The sensors will monitor current at the installation location and communicate via exception notifications as well as the vendor portal. Future efforts will enable these devices to communicate with the Eversource NH SCADA. This increases visibility into the Distribution system resulting in projects to improve reliability on circuits, reveal load balancing or low voltage situations that need to be resolved, or monitor step transformer loading.



Section 3.2

Prior Years Projects

A22C01 Manchester Network Cable Replacement (Phase 2) - Under Construction

Phase 2 of the Manchester Network Cable Replacement project will re-conductor the 13B and 13D cables from just outside Brook Street Substation to Hampshire Plaza on Elm Street in Manchester, NH. The work in 2023 involves 5 of the 33 transformer vaults. Re-conductoring the entire network will take place over four years.

A22C03 Goffstown Substation Elim Phase 2 27W2 Conversion - Under Construction

Phase 2 will convert the 27W2 12.47 kV circuit to 34.5 kV. Phase 1 converted the 45H1 circuit to 34.5 kV and was completed in February 2023. Implementing both phases of these projects eliminate a 64-year-old, islanded substation and non-standard 3.74 kV circuit, optimizing Distribution Automation and improving system reliability in Goffstown.

A22C77 Londonderry Mammoth Rd SS TPU Relay Replacement - Under Construction

Replace one (1) TPU2000R ABB relay in service at Mammoth Road Station with one (1) SEL-387E protection relay. The replacement of this obsolete relay is required as ABB has classified the relays as obsolete and replacement parts are no longer available. Failure could result in a transformer outage, a decrease in system reliability, and unnecessary relay replacement work under emergency conditions.

A22E41 Portsmouth Resistance Substation Retirement - Under Construction

Provide partial funding for engineering support and environmental analysis for the Solution Design Committee Review of the Resistance Substation retirement. The Resistance SS has a single 1971 vintage, 44.8MVA transformer, and there are concerns with the aging infrastructure, deteriorating foundations, structures, and broken bushings in the substation. Due to the proximity and recent increased capacity at the Portsmouth SS, it is recommended that Resistance SS be retired.



A22E56 32 Line Pole Replacement - Under Construction

Replace 71 wooden poles on the 32 line identified as requiring replacement during a line inspection completed in March 2023. The wood poles will be replaced with self-weathering steel poles, retaining the existing conductor. The wooden poles have experienced advanced deterioration below groundline that is attributable to the surrounding wet land areas. The objective of the project is to prevent long term unexpected failure of wood structures in wetland areas with difficult access with the least cost solution.

A22E57 Dover 371 Line Pole Replacements - Under Construction

Replace 69 wooden poles on the 371 line identified as requiring replacement during a line inspection completed in March 2023. The wood poles will be replaced with self-weathering steel poles, retaining the existing conductor. The wooden poles have experienced advanced deterioration below groundline that is attributable to the surrounding wet land areas. The objective of the project is to prevent long term unexpected failure of wood structures in wetland areas with difficult access with the least cost solution. The line inspection was completed in conjunction with the 32 line (A22E56), which shares a right of way.

A22N71 Northern NH 355 Line Pole Replacement - Under Construction

Helicopter ROW inspection on all 35 miles of the 355 line identified leaning and or damaged structures. The follow up field investigation of those structures showed pole deterioration for upland poles and those below the groundwater surface, rotted crossarms, broken or missing storm guys and crossarm brace(s). This project authorization approves partial funding to perform a full drone inspection, review alternatives, and finalize the scope, engineering design, and environmental controls.

A16C08 Manchester Brook Street Substation 13TR1 Replacement – Under Construction

The 13TR1 switchgear at Brook St S/S is 65 years old and has experienced multiple equipment failures over the last ten years causing the network system to completely lose power. This project will replace the old 13TR1 switchgear with a new 6 bay 15kV metal clad switchgear to provide a reliable power source to the network system.

A17S03 Nashua Millyard Substation Replacement – Under Construction

This multi-year project rebuilds the Millyard Substation at a new site in Nashua, NH. The existing substation transformers are 68 and 71 years old and the switchgear is of the same vintage. Additionally, over the last few years 3 of the 6 circuit feeders have failed. The substation currently serves 2,700 customers.

A18C07 Manchester Eddy Substation Control House – Completed

This project is to build a control house in the Eddy Substation yard. The existing control house is in the



Public Service Company of New Hampshire Amoskeag Powerhouse adjacent to the Eddy Substation. The Amoskeag generation facilities were sold in 2019 as a result of the generation divestiture in NH. The new control house was needed to house transmission and distribution protection and control systems in a secure building under Eversource access and control.

A18N03 Tamworth White Lake Substation Rebuild – Completed

White Lake Substation in Tamworth, NH became a two (2) transformer 115-34.5 kV substation in the mid-1950s when a 115 kV line (B-112) was constructed as a source to the area. A combustion turbine (CT) generator was added to the substation in 1968 to provide black start capability to the system. The White Lake CT was sold in 2019. This project rebuilt the White Lake SS to address, capacity deficiency, aging equipment, and generation divestiture issues.

A18W06 Troy Monadnock Substation transformer replacement TB40 – Under Construction

Full rebuild of Monadnock Substation to address the asset condition of transformer TB40 and the design deficiencies of the existing substation (there are no transformer breakers nor high-side circuit switchers). The rebuild will prevent an outage to the 12,900 customers served by the substation.

A19S40 Amherst Substation – PLC Automation Replace - Completed

This project engineers and replaces the PLC designed automation scheme at Amherst Substation. The PLC designed automation scheme is outdated and a challenge to update and maintain. There are numerous software, firmware, design, and equipment issues with this legacy system.

A20S02 Nashua Millyard Substation Distribution Line Work – Under Construction

This project is the distribution line work associated with the Millyard Substation rebuild project. The substation project added a pole top SCADA controlled device at Front Street Substation, installed a manhole, and replaced of a section of direct buried cable to a new riser to support the new pole top device.

A20W37 Claremont River Road Substation Upgrades – Completed

In 2004, Eversource NH purchased the assets and customers from the Connecticut Valley Electric Company (CVEC) including the Sugar River SS in Claremont, NH. The substation has equipment that has been defined as obsolete and replacement parts are no longer available according to the manufacturer. This substation was targeted for upgrades by installing new equipment to improve reliability and to allow the installation of Distribution Automation equipment.

A20X26 Spare 345-34.5 kV Transformer – Under Construction

This is a full funding request to procure a spare 140 MVA 345-34.5 kV transformer, to be designed and installed at Timber Swamp Substation in Hampton, NH. The design and installation will



include a new foundation, oil containment, AC power, and alarm inputs to the transformer. In order to provide reliable and timely support to the 34.5kV distribution system transformers at Amherst, Lawrence Road, and Timber substations, an installed spare transformer is necessary.

A21E16 Replace Rochester Substation Bus Tie Auto-close – Completed

This project replaced the inoperable GE FANUC 9030 programmable logic controller (PLC) - based auto close scheme at the Rochester substation 34.5kV bus tie breaker BT32 with an updated scheme using a SEL-2411 programmable automatic controller.

A21N45 Ashland Substation – PLC Replacement & P&C Upgrade – Under Construction

This project replaces the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) based automation scheme at Ashland Substation in Ashland, NH. The PLC based automation scheme is obsolete (approximately 16 years old) and has been difficult to update and maintain.

A21S17 Manchester 34.5 kV Capacitor Bank Switch Replacement Broad Street – Under Construction

21 vacuum switches were identified as needing replacement in 2008. These switches were prioritized based on age, condition, operating problems, and uniqueness. Seven (7) of these capacitor switches are to be replaced with a vacuum circuit breaker as part of this program.

A22W26 Warner line 317/3410 Reconstruction Phase 2 - Under Construction

The 317/3410 line is in poor condition and in a very difficult area due to rugged topography and extensive wetlands. A roadside solution along Route 103 from Bradford to Exit 9 on Interstate 89 in Warner has been approved to improve access to the line at lower cost than rebuilding in the ROW. Phase 1 of this project was completed under project number A20W18. The scope included reconstructing 2.5 miles of the line, from Bradford to Melvin Mills. Phase 2 of this project is to complete the 4.5 miles of roadside construction from Melvin Mills to Warner Exit 9 and to remove the ROW line from Bradford to Warner. Upon completion of Phase 2, the roadside circuit will be fully operational, and the removal of the ROW line can commence.



Section 4

Worst Performing Circuit Lists



2023 Circuit Hit List - Ranked By Circuit SAIFI - ES IEEE Criteria

Table with columns: Circuit SAIFI Rank, CoSAIDI Rank, Circuit, CoSAIDI, CAIDI, Circuit MBI, CIII, # Outages, Customers Affected, Customer Minutes, Customers Served By Circuit, Total Miles, Customers Affected Per Mile, Outages Per Mile, Circuit SAIDI, Circuit SAIFI, # Cust_3 Or More, #Cust >4Hr Outage, Customer Weighting, Region, AWC. Rows 1-50.



Definition of Reliability Indices and Terms

SAIDI / COSAIDI: System Average Interruption Duration Index

This index measures the average number of minutes the typical customer is without power.

Calculation: **SAIDI** = $\frac{\text{Customer Minutes Out}}{\text{Customers Served}}$

CAIDI: Customer Average Interruption Duration Index

This index measures the average time required to restore service to the typical customer.

Calculation: **CAIDI** = $\frac{\text{Customer Minutes Out}}{\text{Customer Interruptions}}$

SAIFI: System Average Interruption Frequency Index

This index measures the average number of times the typical customer is without power.

Calculation: **SAIFI** = $\frac{\text{Customer Interruptions}}{\text{Customers Served}}$

CIII: Customer Interruption Per Interruption Index

This index measures the average number of customers without power per interruption.

Calculation: **CIII** = $\frac{\text{Customer Interruptions}}{\text{Interruptions}}$

CELID-6: Customers Experiencing Long Interruption Duration >6 Hours (Steps)

Total System Indices:

The Total System Reliability Indices include Distribution data described above as well as transmission line and transmission class substation outages.

The company statistics exclude MEDs (Major Event Days), customer, power supplier and select outages.

Customer Interruptions (CI): The number of customers affected by an interruption.

Customer Minutes Out (CMI): The number of customer Interruptions multiplied by the number of minutes they were without power.

Interruptions: An event in which an outage to customers occurs.