

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Versant Power

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Docket No. ER20-1977-000

**FOURTH RESPONSES OF VERSANT POWER TO THE
FIRST SET OF INFORMATION DATA REQUESTS
OF THE MAINE CUSTOMER GROUP**

In accordance with the Protocols for Implementing and Reviewing Charges Established by the Attachment J Rate Formulas (the “Protocols”) of the Versant Power Open Access Transmission Tariff for Maine Public District (“MPD OATT”), Versant Power hereby submits these Fourth Responses to the First Information Data Requests tendered by the Maine Customer Group (“MCG”) on May 25, 2021 (hereinafter, the “Data Requests”).

Versant Power’s responses are based upon the best available information known to it as of the date of this response. While a good faith attempt has been made to identify all applicable objections, it may later be determined that further objections are relevant and appropriate. Accordingly, Versant Power expressly reserves the right to raise any such additional objections, concerning both general and specific matters, at any time that they may later be identified.

Versant Power objects to the Data Requests to the extent that they seek information not in the possession or control of Versant Power, seek information in a form other than that in which Versant Power’s files and records are maintained, seek information or documents protected by an applicable privilege, doctrine, law, or rule, and/or require Versant Power to undertake new studies or analyses. Versant Power further objects to the Data Requests as unduly burdensome to the extent that they request “any” or “all” materials.

Versant Power provides its attached responses to the Data Requests subject to and without waiver of the foregoing objections.

VERSANT POWER'S RESPONSES TO
DATA/INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1
OF THE MAINE CUSTOMER GROUP
REGARDING 2021 MAINE PUBLIC DISTRICT OATT
FERC DOCKET NO. ER20-1977-000
RESPONSES PROVIDED JUNE 23, 2021

QUESTION NO. MCG-1-11

Please refer to Page 426 of Form 1. All substations, except Orrington, Maine Transformer T2 Substation and Ellsworth Falls, Maine Substation, listed as "Transmission" have secondary voltage less than 69 KV.

- i. Did MPD include the entire cost of these transformers as transmission plant?
- ii. If the response to Part (i) above is no, please provide the total cost, cost allocated to transmission; and the details of the allocation.
- iii. If yes, please explain the reasons for not allocating any cost to Distribution. Also, provide the total costs and loads served at the Primary and Secondary levels.

RESPONSE NO. MCG-1-11

i./iii. Yes, these were included in transmission plant. Transformers for use at transmission substations with transmission primary voltage are included in transmission plant per FERC guidelines which states that assets should be classified in the appropriate account according to the asset's primary function. See attachment MCG-1-11 Attachment A for loads served at primary and secondary voltages.

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List of Attachments: MCG-1-11 Attachment A

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QUESTION NO. MCG-1-13

Please refer to Page 321 of Form 1. Please explain the reasons for the increase in Account 571, Maintenance of Overhead Line Expenses from \$1.58 million in 2019 to \$2.31 million in 2020.

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The increase in Account 571 expenses from 2019 to 2020 was primarily the result of more aggressive vegetation management efforts.

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List of Attachments: None