

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

Versant Power

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Docket No. ER20-2054-000

**RESPONSES OF VERSANT POWER TO THE
FIRST SET OF INFORMATIONAL DATA REQUESTS
OF THE MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

In accordance with Attachment F, Appendix C of the ISO New England Inc. Open Access Transmission Tariff (the “Protocols”), Versant Power hereby submits these Responses to the Information Requests tendered by the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office, the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel, the Maine Office of the Public Advocate, the New Hampshire Office of Consumer Advocate, and the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers on August 9, 2024 (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.

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QUESTION NO. CA-VP-1-1

Refer to Att 3 – Att F – App A (ATTR), WS 7 Transmission Plant, line 1 Regional Service Plant. Please provide an itemized list of projects and the individual costs associated with the Additions, Retirements, Adjustments, and Transfers.

RESPONSE NO. CA-VP-1-1

See CA-VP-1-1 Attachment A.

Response Prepared By: Sarah Hesseltine, Manager, Financial Reporting

List of Attachments: CA-VP-1-1 Attachment A

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QUESTION NO. CA-VP-1-2

Refer to Att 3 – Att F – App A (ATTR), WS 8 T Plant >\$5M. For each project identified, please provide any documentation reflecting management or other internal PTO approval of the project, such as project authorization forms, management approval forms, or other similar documentation. Include any and all supporting materials. To the extent any project(s) received multiple approvals, because, for example, they were reviewed in a multi-step process or were revised or resubmitted for approval, please provide documentation of any such approvals.

RESPONSE NO. CA-VP-1-2

Versant Power did include in its July 2024 Annual Update for 2025 charges any Transmission plant additions greater than \$5M as reflected in schedule WS 8 T Plant > \$5M.

Response Prepared By: Sarah Hesseltine, Manager, Financial Reporting

List of Attachments: None

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QUESTION NO. CA-VP-1-3

Refer to Att 3 – Att F – App A (ATTR), WS 8 T Plant >\$5M. For each project identified, please provide any reports, analyses, evaluations, or other documentation concerning any alternative solutions considered.

RESPONSE NO. CA-VP-1-3

Versant Power did include in its July 2024 Annual Update for 2025 charges any Transmission plant additions greater than \$5M as reflected in schedule WS 8 T Plant > \$5M.

Response Prepared By: Sarah Hesseltine, Manager, Financial Reporting

List of Attachments: None

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QUESTION NO. CA-VP-1-4

Does the 2024 Annual Update include any costs associated with any transmission project(s) that were canceled in 2023? If so, for each canceled project, please provide the total project cost at the time the project was canceled and explain why the costs are included in the 2024 Annual Update..

RESPONSE NO. CA-VP-1-4

Versant Power did not include the costs of any canceled transmission projects in its July 2024 Annual Update for 2025 charges.

Response Prepared By: Sarah Hesseltine, Manager, Financial Reporting

List of Attachments: None

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QUESTION NO. CA-VP-1-5

Please provide a list of any transmission facilities retired prior to the end of the facility's expected service life during 2023, including the undepreciated cost of the facility at the time of the retirement and an explanation of why the facility was retired prior to the end of its expected service life.

OBJECTION NO. CA-VP-1-5

Versant Power objects to this request as unduly burdensome, particularly insofar as providing the data requested would require a special study to determine what transmission facilities, if any, were retired in 2023 prior to end of their expected service lives.

Objection Prepared By: Counsel

List of Attachments: None

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QUESTION NO. CA-VP-1-6

Refer to Att 3 – Att F – App A (ATTR), WS 3 Inv Base Detail, line 5. Please provide a detailed list of Transmission Plant/Land Held for Future Use as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023. Include a description of each asset and identify whether the asset is land or equipment.

RESPONSE NO. CA-VP-1-6

Versant Power did not have any assets recorded as Transmission Plant/Land Held for Future Use at December 31, 2022 or December 31, 2023.

Response Prepared By: Sarah Hesseltine, Manager, Financial Reporting

List of Attachments: None

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QUESTION NO. CA-VP-1-7

Refer to Att 3 – Att F – App A (ATTR), WS 3 Inv Base Detail, line 23 – Unfunded Reserves.
Please provide an itemized list of balances as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023 for
each of the following FERC Accounts: 144, 228.1, 228.2, 228.3, 228.4, 234, 242, 253, and 254.

RESPONSE NO. CA-VP-1-7

See CA-VP-1-7 Attachment A.

Response Prepared By: Jennifer Ireland, Controller

List of Attachments: CA-VP-1-7 Attachment A

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QUESTION NO. CA-VP-1-8

Refer to Att 3 – Att F – App A (ATRR), WS 1 Base and RR, line 24 (Rents Received). Please provide an itemized list of any revenues recorded to FERC Account No. 454 or 456 which are not credited within the calculation of rates, and provide a detailed explanation as to why each item is not reflected as a credit.

RESPONSE NO. CA-VP-1-8

Att 3 – Att F – App A (ATRR), WS 1 Base and RR, line 24 is for credits that are allocated via the RNS/LNS Plant Allocator as calculated in Att 3 – Att F – App B Allocations. All Transmission related revenues recorded to FERC Account Nos. 454 and 456 are properly recorded to the ATRR through the direct assignment as included in Att 3 – Att F – App A (ATRR), ATT 2 Revenue Credits line 2a and 6a cols B through E. These values appropriately are then included in Att 3 – Att F – App B – Att 1 (Regional) and Att 3 – Att F – App B – Att 2 (Local) for inclusion in each respective ATRR calculation.

Response Prepared By: Tim Olesniewicz, Senior Rates and Regulatory Analyst

List of Attachments: None

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QUESTION NO. CA-VP-1-9

Please provide a list of each transmission-related revenue credit reflected in the 2024 Annual Update, and an explanation of why it is appropriate to reflect each revenue credit within the 2024 Annual Update.

OBJECTION NO. CA-VP-1-9

Versant Power objects to this request on the grounds that it calls for a legal conclusion. Notwithstanding and subject to the foregoing objection, Versant Power responds as follows.

RESPONSE NO. CA-VP-1-9

Att 3 – Att F – App A (ATRR), ATT 2 Revenue Credits provides a listing of each revenue credit applied to the Formula and to which section of the Formula (App A, App B-1, App B-2) each credit is allocated.

Objection Prepared By: Counsel

Response Prepared By: Tim Olesniewicz, Senior Rates and Regulatory Analyst

List of Attachments: None