

VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INTERROGATORY #19

INTERROGATORY

Is it Wirebury's position that the applicant would bear the costs associated with the service area amendment application? If not please explain why and include the application costs it would pay.

RESPONSE

Wirebury does not believe that the applicant distributor should automatically bear the full cost of every service area amendment. Where the applicant has followed the Board's approved amendment process dealing with new customer attachments via embedded distribution and the incumbent distributor wishes to oppose the application, the incumbent distributor should be required to pay all of its own costs. Where the service area amendment is disputed, Wirebury would be willing to pay its own costs but where there is frequent or frivolous opposition to acceptable connection proposals, the Board should require the opposing party to pay the applicant's costs.

