1 English /ʌl/ coalescence

In some English dialects the sequence /ʌl/ is optionally realized as syllabic [l] in certain environments. Here are relevant data.

- dull ['dɑl] or ['dəl]  Culver ['kʌlvə] or ['klvə]
- null ['nʌl] or ['nəl]  Malbolland [malˈbɔlənd] or [mlˈbɔlənd]
- bull ['bɑl] or ['bəl]  bulky ['bʌlki] or ['bIkɪ]
- color only
- Cullen only
- Tuller only

a. Apply the rules given in the readings to syllabify all the underlying forms above.

b. State a rule for /ʌl/ → [l]. To write a rule that is undergone by two segments, merging them into one, use the numerical subscripts shown in fn. 9, p. 101, and let one of the sounds become zero.

c. Give derivations, including the initial syllabification stage, of dull, Culver, and color.