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Question:

(MS24A-VENDOR-LINE; WIRE GUARDS) Refer to Response to EOE-236 and Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-1 and Confidential Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-1A-16, pp. 214-225. Specific to subsection 'd', provide the requested "documentation to support the specific efforts performed by the Company to obtain local wire down guard crews in lieu of those throughout the northeast." If documentation (i.e., emails) does not exist, explain why.

Response:

Eversource first contacts local wire guard resources, including contractors already working on-system prior to the storm event. Eversource reaches out directly to these resources to determine availability and secure staffing for storm wire guard assignments.

If local and on-system resources are exhausted or are unavailable to meet operational needs, the Company then secures additional wire guard resources based on established Tiered contractor rankings. Additional vendors are then engaged using the Company's tiered contractor selection approach, with rankings established through the competitive RFP process and overall vendor evaluation. Resources are secured based on the next best available qualified vendor in accordance with those established rankings.

The Company does not maintain documentation that tracks efforts to obtain local wire guard crews versus crews located outside the service territory. Resource availability is typically confirmed through real-time storm response coordination, including direct phone calls.