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Question:

(Storm MN25K – Approval) Refer to Exhibit ACCT-2 (CLP-13A-17) (MN25K). The following pertains to Invoice #EV2025-0216-R (p. 176-185). Per review of the documentation, it was noted that the approval by the Eversource Representative was on 5/7/25. Given the invoice was provided as of 2/19/25 and the invoice due date was 3/21/2025, explain how the Eversource reviewer was comfortable with the invoice if the work was not yet approved by the Eversource Representative.

Response:

Referring to Exhibit ACCT-2 (CLP-13A-17) (MN25K), Outside Contractor-Vendor, line 568, vendor Orion Utility Contractors LLC, total invoice amount $66,360.

Invoice EV2025-0216-R is a revised invoice submitted by the contractor following the Company's review of the supporting documentation. The original invoice was submitted on March 31, 2025, and subsequently resubmitted on April 16, 2025, and May 7, 2025, to incorporate revisions and reflect the final approved timesheets. The revisions were necessary to remove lodging charges and replace those costs with the applicable per diem amounts in accordance with the agreed-upon contract agreements.

All invoice submissions were accompanied by signed timesheets. During its review, the Company identified discrepancies within the contractor's timesheet documentation and engaged in discussions with the contractor to resolve those issues. As a result of those discussions, revised timesheets were prepared and re-executed to accurately reflect related charges. The Company did not approve and execute the revised timesheets until May 7, 2025, after it was satisfied that the identified discrepancies had been addressed and that the supporting documentation accurately substantiated the invoiced costs. Accordingly, Invoice EV2025-0216-R reflects the final reconciled charges supported by the revised and signed timesheets.