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Request from: Office of Education, Outreach, and Enforcement

Question:

(MS24F-VENDOR-LINE) Refer to Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-6, and Confidential Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-6A-9, pp. 187-201. The Company reported two incremental charges in the combined amount of $45,869 for the Riggs Distler & Company Inc vendor. Respond to the following:

a. Referring to p. 189, confirm that the vendor was used in a Dock crew capacity and explain why the vendor was utilized to perform services on May 29, 2024, in lieu of Company personnel. Additionally, provide contemporaneous documentation supporting that the crossarm on pole 2264 was damaged by the MS24F event.
b. Comparing p. 199 with p. 200, explain why the vendor billed for equipment during standby. As part of the response, provide an unlocked Excel spreadsheet calculating the total incremental charge for the equipment billed during standby.
c. Referring to pp. 200-201, explain if the Eversource Contractor Storm Daily Time & Work Reports were completed in accordance with the Eversource Contractor Storm Daily Time & Work Report Procedure provided at EOE-022, Att. 5. As part of the response, explain why the vendor was not required to enter the required information prior to the Company's approval.

Response:

Referring to Exhibit ACCT-2 (CLP-6) (MS24F), Outside Line Contractors, at Lines 350-351, Riggs Distler & Company Inc, in the amount of $45,869.

a. The contractor was used as a Dock crew by the company during this time period. Dock crews are assigned their work in the same manner that internal line crews are assigned work, through local area supervision. Other than the discretion of management, there is no specific reason to assign work to dock crews in lieu of internal line crews. The post-storm patrols on April 5, 2024 identified pole 2264 as having "Broken middle pin. Floating primary causing cutout and bracket for transformer to bend. Crossarm burned also."

b. The contractor was performing regularly scheduled blue-sky work for Eversource when the storm event began. As the crews had already mobilized and commenced their workday, Eversource proactively transitioned them from their scheduled assignments to storm

restoration readiness. The crews remained mobilized, available, and prepared to perform restoration activities at Eversource's direction.

Accordingly, these resources were compensated at the applicable working rates rather than contractual standby rates. The equipment charges were therefore associated with mobilized working crews and not equipment placed on contractual standby. As such, the Company does not consider these charges to be associated with standby costs.

c. The Contractor Storm Daily Time & Work Reports substantially document the required information, including personnel, labor classifications, hours, equipment, work locations, OMS event numbers, and descriptions of restoration activities. Both reports were reviewed and signed by authorized Eversource representatives.

While certain administrative fields were not completed, the information provided was sufficient to validate the resources deployed, hours reported, and restoration work performed. Accordingly, the Company signed and approved the timesheets based on the documented activities and verification by its authorized representatives. The administrative omissions did not independently indicate improper billing or result in additional charges.