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Request from: Office of Consumer Counsel

Question:

(STORM) Please refer to the Response to OCC-554. Please clarify:

a. Does every contract with every vendor require that the Company pay the vendor a "four-hour minimum for reporting in support of anticipated restoration activities"? If no, please identify which contracts do not require this.

b. Is the four-hour minimum in addition to travel/mobilization time?

Response:

a. No. Not every contract with every vendor requires a "four-hour minimum." That said, every vendor providing services pursuant to the "ERP Overhead Distribution Contract" is eligible for a four-hour minimum billed at standby-rate. The language was updated and took effect December 1, 2025. This provision was required to be in alignment with local IBEW collective bargaining agreement. Because the Company has to make staffing decisions before it knows exactly how circumstances will roll out, there are instances where the Company must ask vendors to arrive at their show-up and then has to release them because the weather did not materialize as expected. Pursuant to the IBEW contract, contractors are obligated to pay their employees a four-hour minimum for showing up to work and the Company's terms also follow that requirement.

b. The four-hour minimum is not in addition to travel/ mobilization or demobilization. This contract provision aligns with the requirements of local contractors that are not mobilizing from far distances and, instead, arrive at their local work area ready to work and, if released are subject to the terms of the IBEW contract and therefore need to be reimbursed by the Company.