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Request from: Office of Education, Outreach, and Enforcement

Question:

(MS24A-VENDOR-TREE) Refer to Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-1 and Confidential Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-1A-16, pp. 185-187. The Company reported an incremental charge of $599 for the Lucas Tree Experts vendor. The charge was related to hotels for the evening of January 7, 2024, several days prior to the MS24A event. Explain how the charges relate to the MS24A event and provide documentation to support the applicability of the charges.

Response:

The contractor tree crews were mobilized from South Carolina to support the anticipated storm event beginning on January 9, 2024. Due to the distance involved, multiple days of travel were required for the crews to reach Connecticut. The hotel charges incurred on January 7, 2024, reflect an overnight stop in Virginia to satisfy required rest periods during transit. The crews traveled on January 7 and January 8 to ensure they arrived in Connecticut rested and prepared to begin restoration work on January 9. The Eversource Arborist's approval of the timesheet confirmed that this travel was necessary to support and was appropriately charged to the MS24A event.