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Question:

(MS24E) Please refer to Exhibit ACCT-2(CLP-5A-02)(MS24E), p. 129-144, 157-158. Many of the hotel receipts indicate one adult/guest in the room. Please provide the Company's policy and/or contractual provision with these vendors indicating the provision of individual hotel rooms.

Response:

Referring to Exhibit ACCT-2(CLP-5A-02)(MS24E), Outside Contractors-Vendors, Line 114, vendor D&D Power LLC, invoice total amount of $324,466.

During storm restoration events, the Company initially utilizes hotels with which it maintains contractual lodging agreements and works to secure all available accommodations within those facilities. When sufficient lodging cannot be obtained through these contracted vendors, the Company will secure accommodations at other available hotels within the affected area to ensure personnel have adequate lodging during the event.

Consistent with past practice, the Company generally requests separate hotel rooms for supervisory personnel, separate accommodations for female employees, and double occupancy arrangements for line crews where practical. However, room availability and hotel capacity constraints are often beyond the Company's control, particularly during widespread storm events when lodging demand is elevated. As a result, hotels may be unable to accommodate all rooming preferences requested by the Company.

In circumstances where double occupancy or other preferred lodging arrangements cannot be accommodated, the Company is responsible for the cost of any room assigned by the hotel to an employee at the time of check-in. The Company's primary objective is to ensure that all personnel responding to the storm event are provided with suitable accommodation and the opportunity to obtain adequate rest between shifts.

Providing lodging to restoration personnel is a necessary component of the Company's storm response efforts, as it enables employees to receive proper rest and safely return to work for their subsequent assignments.