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Question:

(STORM FLEET) Refer to Response to EOE-177, Att.1. Respond to the following:

a. Explain why the number of storm fleet vehicles has decreased for each state and explain if the Company is expected to sustain the decreases.
b. Referring to the MN26C011 event (i.e., Excel row 103), identify the ES Electric vendor. If this entity is indicative of the Company, explain why it was necessary for the Company to utilize the Storm Fleet and explain how this usage aligns to the Company's response to EOE-031.

Response:

a. Storm Fleet vehicle reductions reflect ongoing fleet optimization and updated storm-response planning, not a reduction in emergency-response capability. Fleet inventories were right-sized based on utilization reviews, readiness assessments, deployment modeling, and increased reliance on contractor support and regional resource sharing. The Company expects these reductions to be sustainable based on current operational requirements and storm-response needs. All critical storm-response equipment remains available, and the Company continues to maintain access to contractor, mutual assistance, and cross-state resources when necessary. Storm fleet levels are continually evaluated and may increase or decrease based on operational requirements, utilization trends, contractor availability, and lessons learned from storm events. Accordingly, fleet inventories are not fixed and are adjusted as necessary to maintain appropriate storm-response capability.

b. Referring to the MN26C011 event, the "ES Electric" vendor on Excel row 103 in EOE-177, Attachment 1, is labeled incorrectly. The Company confirmed the vehicles were used by Eversource-Transmission and aligns with the Company's response to EOE-031[i], which states that Eversource-Transmission are the only Company employees to utilize the vehicles.

Prior Referenced Response:

[i] EOE-031 Question:

(STORM FLEET) Provide details regarding the Company's use of the Storm Fleet including information on the annual costs (2024 through present), the number of available units (i.e., vehicles) per location (i.e., state), the number of hours used per storm event, the total cost allocated to each storm event, and any other relevant details that would assist in

minimizing following interrogatories. To the extent that the Storm Fleet has been used by the Company's affiliates, provide details.

EOE-031 Response:

Please refer to EOE-031, Attachment 1, for the requested details on the Storm Fleet for all storms that occurred from 2024 through June 2026. The only time Company employees use the Storm Fleet vehicles is when Transmission employees are supporting Distribution restoration. Otherwise, the Storm Fleet vehicles are used only by external vendors.