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Witness: Mark P. Baldwin, Clifford G. Williams, Leanne M. Landry and John G. Griffin
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. 11-23. The Company reported an incremental charge of $756,614 for the Michels Power vendor. Respond to the following:

a. Referring to pp. 13-14, explain why the billed equipment rates exceed the contractual rates included within OCC-044, Att.2 (Confidential), pp. 4391-4395. As part of the response, provide an unlocked Excel spreadsheet detailing the equipment billed via the invoice to equipment rates provided within the contract and identify the amount of overbill.
b. Referring to pp. 17, 19, 21, and 23, explain if the Eversource Contractor Storm Daily Time & Work Report was 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 information within boxes 24 (Event Start Time) and 25 (Event End Time) prior to the Company's approval.

Response:

a. The equipment rates billed on the referenced invoice differ from the rates provided in OCC-044, Attachment 2 CONFIDENTIAL, pp. 4391-4395 because the resources associated with this invoice were not provided under the external line crew rate schedule reflected in those pages.

   To provide Eversource access to a broader pool of Michels resources across Eversource's service territory, the Company permitted Michels to submit a separate schedule of labor and equipment rates applicable to those resources. This supplemental rate schedule is associated with the same underlying contract provided in the Company's response to OCC-044[i]; however, it was inadvertently omitted from the OCC-044 production.

   The applicable supplemental rate schedule is now provided as EOE-313, Attachment 1 CONFIDENTIAL.

b. Although Boxes 24 (Event Start Time) and 25 (Event End Time) were not completed by the vendor, the absence of this information did not prevent the Company from validating

and approving the timesheets. Part of the Company's review process is to verify the accuracy and reasonableness of contractor labor charges using the total hours worked, dates of service, event assignments, crew information, and consultation with personnel responsible for overseeing the contractor's work, as necessary. The review confirmed that sufficient information was available to validate the hours billed and their association with the applicable event or activity. In this instance, the Company confirmed the validity of the labor charges through its established review controls and therefore, the omission of the Event Start Time and Event End Time fields did not impact the Company's ability to verify or approve the charges. This review process serves as a key control to ensure that contractor invoices are reasonable, supported, and accurately associated with the applicable event.

Prior Referenced Response:

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[i] OCC-044 Question:

(Contracts) For all external line crews and vegetation contractors whose costs are reflected in the storms in this docket and for all current external line crews, please provide all contracts and addendums thereto in effect from January 1, 2024, to the present.

OCC-044 Response:

Please refer to OCC-044, Attachment 1, for a listing of external line crew and vegetation contractors whose services were utilized in the storms under review in this docket and all current external line crews. Attachment 1 includes page number references to the associated contracts, which are provided as OCC-044, Attachment 2 CONFIDENTIAL.