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**Request from: Office of Education, Outreach, and Enforcement**

**Question:**

(MS24F-VENDOR-SERVICE) Refer to Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-6, and Confidential Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-6A-9, pp. 132-169. The Company reported an incremental charge of $96,464 for the Pasquariello Electric Corp vendor. Respond to the following:

a. Comparing p. 132, with pp. 133-142, explain why the vendor billed all activity at DT rates when each of the Eversource Contractor Storm Daily Time & Work Reports reported both standby and travel time. As part of the response, provide an unlocked Excel spreadsheet calculating the excess amount billed using the Travel/Standby response rate included in the pricing schedule provided at Confidential EOE-014, Att. 2, p. 2094.
b. Comparing p. 132, with pp. 133-142, explain why the vendor billed for equipment during standby. As part of the response, provide an unlocked Excel spreadsheet calculating the total incremental charge for the equipment billed during standby.
c. Referring to pp. 133-142, explain if the Eversource Contractor Storm Daily Time & Work Reports were 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 the required information prior to the Company's approval.

**Response:**

Referring to Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-6 (MS24F), Outside Contractors, line 345, vendor Pasquariello Electric Corp, total invoice amount of $96,464.

a. The vendor's use of the Double Time ("DT") rate reflects the applicable emergency-response compensation classification associated with the crews' storm deployment and their underlying union requirements. The references to "travel" and "standby" on the Eversource Contractor Storm Daily Time & Work Reports identify the activity being performed by the crews during portions of the deployment; they do not, in this instance, indicate that the crews were released from storm assignment or otherwise no longer committed to Eversource. Please refer to EOE-316, Attachment 1, for an unlocked excel spreadsheet which provides the total incremental charge for labor hours which were billed to the Company according to contractual provisions.

b. For purposes of contractor timekeeping, a "standby" designation may reflect the operational status of the crew at a particular point in time and does not necessarily indicate that the crew or associated equipment was inactive or demobilized. During these periods, contractor resources may remain fully mobilized at the designated work or staging location, with personnel and equipment committed to Company operations and prepared to immediately perform assigned work. For example, resources may be awaiting the next ticket or work assignment, awaiting further direction from the Company, or transitioning between assignments while remaining available to support ongoing operations. Although the contractor may categorize this time as "standby" on its timesheet, the resources remain deployed and unavailable for other work. In this case, the crews had already been activated and deployed for storm restoration and, throughout the periods identified, remained committed to Eversource and unavailable for other work.

   For the same reason, the associated equipment remained committed to the deployed crews and available for Eversource restoration activities. Accordingly, the Company does not consider the equipment charges associated with those periods to constitute equipment billed during contractual standby.

c. The Eversource Contractor Storm Daily Time & Work Reports were not completed in all respects in accordance with the Eversource Contractor Storm Daily Time & Work Report Procedure provided at EOE-022, Attachment 5, because certain required information was not entered prior to Company approval. The vendor was not exempt from the requirement to complete the applicable fields. Rather, the omission was an administrative oversight during the storm invoicing and approval process.

   The Company's approval of the reports should not be interpreted as a waiver or modification of the reporting requirements. The reports were reviewed in the context of the overall storm deployment and the supporting information available to the Company at the time. The time reports and invoices were reviewed and determined that the charges were accurate. Therefore, the Company representative approved the invoice. The required information could have been more fully documented on the reports prior to approval. The Company has addressed the response based on the underlying activity reflected in the other, available supporting records.