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Question:

(MS24E) Please refer to Exhibit ACCT-2(CLP-5A-01)(MS24E) p. 52. Please explain why standby work performed at the Torrington WC on March 28, 2024, was charged to the MS24E event.

Response:

MS24E brought widespread heavy rain that saturated the soil and was immediately followed by strong northwest wind gusts, causing trees to uproot and damage to occur across the Company's service territory. The specific work performed by this vendor was a post-storm patrol tasked with identifying and repairing any remaining storm-related damage. The tasks performed by this contractor in furtherance of this objective included replacing multiple severed crossarms, removing large limbs off of the power lines, replacing lightning arrestors and re-hanging primary that was floated to temporarily restore power.

The contractor was engaged and dispatched by the Company to perform these specific tasks and should have billed the Company at the applicable working rate. Instead, the contractor inadvertently billed the Company at the standby rate.