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Question:

(VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REDESIGN) Refer to Exhibit CLP-VMP-1. Respond to the following:

a. Explain how the Company's historical vegetation management program (VMP) has impacted the Company's vegetation-related storm staffing levels outlined within its Event Level Matrix (ELM).

b. Explain how the Company's proposed redesign to the VMP is expected to impact the Company's vegetation-related storm staffing levels outlined within its ELM.

Response:

a. The Company's Vegetation Management Program ("VMP") has historically enabled the Company to immediately secure local tree crews during a Level 5 event, within the Company's Event Level Matrix ("ELM"), without utilizing non-local tree crews. However, operating under the current approved budget has more recently resulted in a reduction of local tree crews needed to complete the annual VMP workplan, which impacts the availability of local tree crews for storm response activities and the need to secure non-local tree crews for Level 5 events.

b. The Company's proposed VMP will enable the Company to immediately secure the local tree crews to fulfill the requirements for a Level 5 event as outlined within the ELM.