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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-TRAFFIC) Refer to Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-6 and Confidential Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-6A-3, pp. 132-135. The Company reported two incremental charges in the combined amount of $1,080 for the Certified Utility Services Inc vendor. Explain why both invoices referenced that they only performed standby but were permitted to bill for work zone setup, in addition to the hourly labor rate. Furthermore, cite the contract provisions that permit this billing treatment. If the contract has not yet been provided, please provide. To the extent that the vendor should not have billed for work zone setup during standby, please identify the total impact of this activity throughout all invoices included within Excel Rows 126-142.

Response:

Certified Utility Services was secured to support Central Connecticut Cable Company on the date of the storm event. Because Eversource required Central Connecticut Cable Company to remain available for potential storm restoration activities, Central Connecticut Cable Company likewise retained the flagging resources that had been scheduled to support its work.

Although the invoices identify the activity as "standby," the flagging crews were not cancelled and remained available for potential deployment. Accordingly, Certified Utility Services was paid the applicable four-hour work zone setup minimum. The work zone setup charge reflects the contractual minimum associated with retaining the traffic control resources and does not indicate that an active work zone was physically established during the standby period.

The applicable contract provision is contained in the Special Terms and Conditions provided as EOE-280, Attachment 1 CONFIDENTIAL, Section 12, pp. 12-13.