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Request from: Office of Education, Outreach, and Enforcement

Question:

(MS24A-VENDOR-TREE) Refer to Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-1 and Confidential Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-1A-15, pp. 119-121. The Company reported an incremental charge of $9,856 for the Lewis Tree Service Inc vendor. The charge relates to activities from January 9-12, 2024. Explain how the vendor was permitted to bill for nine hours on January 12, 2024 when they recorded work hours between 7am and 3pm (total of eight hours). As part of the response, please identify the impact of billing an extra hour (OT) for each employee.

Response:

The question posed does not match what is shown on the timesheet for these page numbers. January 12th was billed for 5 hours and is correct. Looking at the total invoice amount, it is likely this question was posed about Confidential Exhibit ACCT-2 CLP-1A-15, pages 116-118, so this response will reference the Lewis Tree invoice and timesheet on those pages.

The work locations reflected on the timesheet may not always show the time of travel back to the crew's reporting or parking location during emergency response work. In these situations, a tree crew employee may not update their work location after field operations are complete and before returning to their parking location. The contractor's General Foreman reviews and adjusts the timesheet as necessary to ensure all compensable time, including travel time back to the reporting or parking location, is accurately captured in the billing hours. The Eversource Arborist reviewed the timesheet, verified the crew's work activities and travel timeframe, and confirmed that the total hours billed were correct. As a result, while the final travel segment may not be reflected as a separate work location entry, the associated travel time was included in the approved billing hours and appropriately accounted for.