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Request from: Office of Education, Outreach, and Enforcement

Question:

(STORM-EXTERNAL VENDORS) Refer to Response to EOE-176. The Company identified that "[t]he contract currently allows for two hours pre/post mob/de-mob to complete activities related to travel, which include but are not limited to safety briefings, meals, and hotel room assignments." The Company further provided an excerpt from the "current" Exhibit C Pricing Schedule which referenced an applicable Rate. Respond to the following:

a. Identify the specific dates for which the "current Exhibit C Pricing Schedule" was included within the various external vendor contracts. To the extent that the schedule was updated for vendors for storm events included in the current docket, provide a listing of the applicable vendors and identify the corresponding effective dates.
b. Identify if the pricing schedules have also been modified to define specific rates that are applicable to the "Travel Pre/Post" activity.
c. Explain why de-mobilization would require an additional two hours of billable treatment for "safety training/site or storm specific trainings or briefings and hotel assignments".
d. Provide a complete copy of the "current Exhibit C Pricing Schedule" template.

Response:

a. Please refer to EOE-384, Attachment 1, for a listing of all current storm contractors and the corresponding effective dates for the Exhibit C Pricing Schedule.

   In certain instances, a contractor may have entered into a newer agreement while an existing purchase order continued to be governed by an earlier agreement or Pricing Schedule. In those instances, the terms applicable to a particular charge were determined by the agreement and Pricing Schedule supporting the purchase order under which the services were authorized and performed. Accordingly, the date of a contractor's newer agreement may not, by itself, determine the terms applicable to every charge incurred after that date.

b. The current Exhibit C - Pricing Schedule defines the Travel Pre/Post (Mob/De-Mob) provision in EOE-384 Attachment 2, page 4. This rate classification is specific to the "Travel Pre/Post" activity as defined. A copy of the current Exhibit C – Pricing Schedule is provided as EOE-384, Attachment 2.

The two-hour pre/post mobilization and demobilization travel provision was introduced in the current Exhibit C Pricing Schedule, implemented May 31, 2025. This provision did not previously exist within Exhibit A of the prior Line Crew Emergency Response agreement.

The current Exhibit C Pricing Schedule expressly defines the allowance for activities associated with mobilization and demobilization, including, but not limited to, safety briefings, meals, and hotel room assignments. Refer to EOE-384, Attachment 2, page 4, for the applicable contractual provisions.

c. The two-hour pre/post mobilization and demobilization provision is intended to accommodate the operational, administrative, safety-related, and logistical activities associated with the arrival and release of external contractor resources during storm restoration events.

   As outlined on page 4 of Exhibit C, demobilization involves more than the physical return travel of contractor resources. The process includes formal release authorization by the Company, debriefing by the Company's field representative, unloading of materials, and coordination of the contractor's departure or reassignment to another utility.

   The two-hour provision recognizes that activities associated with concluding a storm assignment may continue following the contractor's official release from restoration work and prior to departure. Certain activities, such as initial safety briefings and hotel room assignments, are typically associated with mobilization. However, the examples identified in Exhibit C were not intended to be tied to either mobilization or demobilization, nor to represent an exhaustive list of activities applicable to either of those phases.

   The provision establishes a defined contractual period for these transitional activities, separate from the travel time associated with returning contractor resources to their point of origin.

d. A complete copy of the current Exhibit C - Pricing Schedule template is provided as EOE-384, Attachment 2.