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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

RE: Docket No. 3690, Earnings Sharing Mechanism and Distribution Adjustment Charge Filing

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed please find an original and nine (9) copies of New England Gas Company's ("Company") responses to the following data requests issued by the George Wiley Center in the above captioned docket: Wiley 3-01; Wiley 3-02, Wiley 3-03. The Company will provide its responses to Wiley 3-04 and Wiley 3-05 as soon as they become available.

Thank you for your attention to this filing.

Sincerely,

Cheryl M. Kimball (left)
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(R.I. Bar #6458)

Enclosure

cc: Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk (nine copies)
Service List, Docket No. 3690

**New England Gas Company
Docket No. 3690**

Data Request and Response

Requestor: George Wiley Center

Respondent: Peter Czekanski

Issue Date: December 9, 2005

Q. Wiley 3-01 The economic situation for low-income Rhode Islanders is dire in light of recent rate increases. Ratepayers contribute assistance through New England Gas Company's (NEGC) Low Income Assistance program (LIAP). The public contributes assistance through taxpayer funded programs such as LIHEAP and through voluntary charitable contributions. Both the United States Congress and the Rhode Island General Assembly are considering increasing taxpayer assistance.

Would NEGC's management and shareholders consider making a contribution as well?

A. Wiley 3-01 New England Gas Company has a strong track record of providing financial and informational assistance to our "special protection" customers. The Company works closely with a wide range of state and local organizations (the State Energy Office, the Salvation Army and community action agencies) to ensure our customers take advantage of the assistance that is available to them. New England Gas Company is a major supporter of Good Neighbor Energy Fund and this year, the Company's president, Mr. Robillard, is serving as honorary Chairman. Over and above these and other efforts, the Company has committed to actively working with the State Legislature and others as they develop and implement plans to address the economic conditions that are adversely affecting low-income Rhode Islanders.

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Q. Wiley 3-02 Would NEGC's management and shareholders be willing to meet the contribution proposed by National Grid, which stands at \$2 million per year?

A. Wiley 3-02 The Company's understanding is that the referenced \$2 million contribution proposed by National Grid is ratepayer funded. Please see the Company's reply to data request Wiley 3-01.

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Q. Wiley 3-03 Please describe any other contribution that NEGC's management and shareholders would be willing to make in this regard.

A. Wiley 3-03 Please see the Company's reply to data request Wiley 3-01.