

The Narragansett Electric Company
d/b/a National Grid
R.I.P.U.C. Docket No. 4323
Responses to Commission's Fifth Set of Data Requests
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Request:

The response to COMM 2-41-ELEC indicates that the Company spent \$214,000 in CY 2011 on stray/contact voltage monitoring. Given that the Company expects to recover these costs going forward via a fully reconciling funding mechanism that will be part of the annual ISR program, has the Company included in this docket a normalizing adjustment to remove these costs from the test year? If yes, please identify where the adjustment can be found. If no, why not?

Response:

The \$214,000 of stray/contact voltage monitoring costs in CY 2011 are costs associated with the monitoring of overhead facilities, and are not the same type of stray/contact voltage monitoring costs that will be incurred pursuant to R.I.G.L. Section 39-2-25, which will be monitoring costs associated with underground facilities. If it is determined that all stray/contact voltage monitoring costs, including the monitoring of both overhead and underground facilities, will be reconciled through the ISR mechanism or some other mechanism outside of base rates, then the Company will exclude the \$214,000 that is being recovered in base rates as a reconciling item when it makes its annual filings for recovery of these costs.

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