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Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888

In Re: Docket No. 4290

Dear Ms. Massaro,

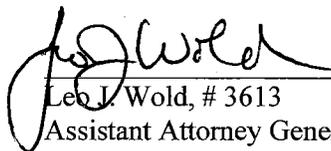
The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) writes to provide the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) with its comments regarding the “Enhancement Plan Rates” filed by the Department of Human Services (“DHS”) on October 8, 2014 and the LIHEAP Enhancement Plan Reconciliation filed by The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (the “Company”) on October 29, 2014. G.L. § 39-1-27.12(c)(1) & (2) imposes a LIHEAP Enhancement Charge (referred to hereinafter as the “Charge”) of no more than \$10.00 per year for each electric and natural gas customer or a maximum charge of 83¢ per month per customer.

The DHS filing provides that “the LIHEAP Enhancement Charge shall be seventy-three cents per month for each customer for the calendar year ending for 2015.” NGrid’s reconciliation filing “estimates the ending balance of December 2014 at \$6.2 Million.” This balance, the Company proceeds to state, “does not reflect any additional LIHEAP Enhancement credits that may be provided to customers through the remainder of 2014.” Total estimated revenue for 2015 based on forecasted customer accounts and the proposed LIHEAP surcharge of \$.73 is \$6,710,265. NGrid Data Response to PUC Req. 1-4. Total Credits issued for electric and gas for the period November 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 were \$9,871,950. See NGrid Data Response to PUC 1-6.

Based on the estimated revenue for 2015 and the estimated balance at the end of CY 2014, the Division believes maintaining the proposed LIHEAP Enhancement Charge at \$.73 is reasonable. Therefore, the Division recommends Commission approval of both filings as filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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