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August 23, 2012

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
Ms. Luly Massaro
Commission Clerk
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: RIPUC Docket No. 4341
Division Data Request 3

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of Pascoag Utility District Electric Department (Pascoag or the District), we herewith file an original and nine copies of Pascoag's responses to Division's Third Set of Data Requests.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Judith R. Allaire
Assistant General Manager

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DIV 3-1. Please state whether the District has a written policy with regard to the eligibility of employees, Board members and legal counsel for medical, dental and other insurance benefits. If yes, please provide.

RESPONSE: For the employees, the District maintains and provides an "Employee Handbook" which is a document describing the District's policies, procedures, benefits, etc. This handbook includes the availability of Healthcare, Dental and other insurance benefit coverage for the employees as part of the benefit package. For the Board members and legal counsel there is no written policy, however it has been past practice of the District to provide healthcare as one of the forms of compensation as the Board members and legal counsel carry out their duties. Board members and legal counsel pay the same co-pays and direct contributions as employees.

RESPONDENT: Michael R. Kirkwood

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DIV 3-2. To the extent not identified in the response to the prior request, please indicate why all Board members do not receive medical and dental coverage. (For example, is it by policy or member choice?)

RESPONSE: Each Board member chooses whether or not he/she wishes to accept the Healthcare coverage provided by the District. One member gets his coverage through the military, and the other through his spouse (see response to DIV 3-4).

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DIV 3-3. Please explain why the Health Care-Others amount identified in response to DIV 1-28 does not match the amount shown on Schedule DGB-3, page 1 of 3 for the Adjusted Rate Year.

RESPONSE: In preparing the response to DIV 1-28, a rate of 10% was used to increase the rates from the interim year FY 2012 to the rate year. The rate of 10% is consistent with the recommendations from the District's consultant. Furthermore, the 10% rate is the same percentage increase used to increase the rate year employee's health insurance as presented on DGB-5. It appears when the Health Care-Others was calculated on DGB-3, before ultimately the percentage was finalized by the consultant, using a percentage increase of 12%. The amount listed on DIV 1-28 is the correct balance.

RESPONDENT: David G. Bebyn, CPA

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DIV 3-4. Referring to the response to DIV 1-31, please state whether any of the retired Board members are eligible for Medicare. If yes, identify which members.

RESPONSE: Three Board members are over 65 years of age and thus are eligible for Medicare. They are Albert Palmisciano, Ann Polacek and Wallace Lees. Of the two Board members under 65 years, one, Richard Jenks gets his healthcare through the military and his dental care through the District. The other Board member under 65 years, Michael Kogut, receives his healthcare through his spouse.

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DIV 3-5. To the extent any of the Board members that are retired are Medicare eligible, please indicate whether the medical premiums being included for the rate year are for full coverage or Medicare supplemental insurance.

a. If full coverage, explain why and identify the premiums for Medicare supplemental insurance.

RESPONSE: The medical premiums included in the rate year for the Board members taking healthcare are for the District's health and dental plans only.

RESPONDENT Michael R. Kirkwood