

December 16, 2014

Ms. Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

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Re: Docket No. 4393

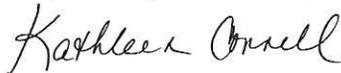
Dear Ms. Massaro,

AARP Rhode Island writes to urge the RI Public Utilities Commission to reject the 24% National Grid increase. This outrageous increase would disproportionately hurt older Rhode Islanders this winter.

If the Public Utilities Commission approves the proposal, the new electric rates would go into effect on January 1, 2015, and remain in place until June 30. The average Rhode Islander would see their bill skyrocket from \$88 to a whopping \$109 per month.

AARP Rhode Island believes that protecting this vulnerable population is critical. We cannot neglect the dilemma faced by those whose means have been exceeded by the ever-rising cost of fuel and electricity.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Connell
State Director
AARP Rhode Island